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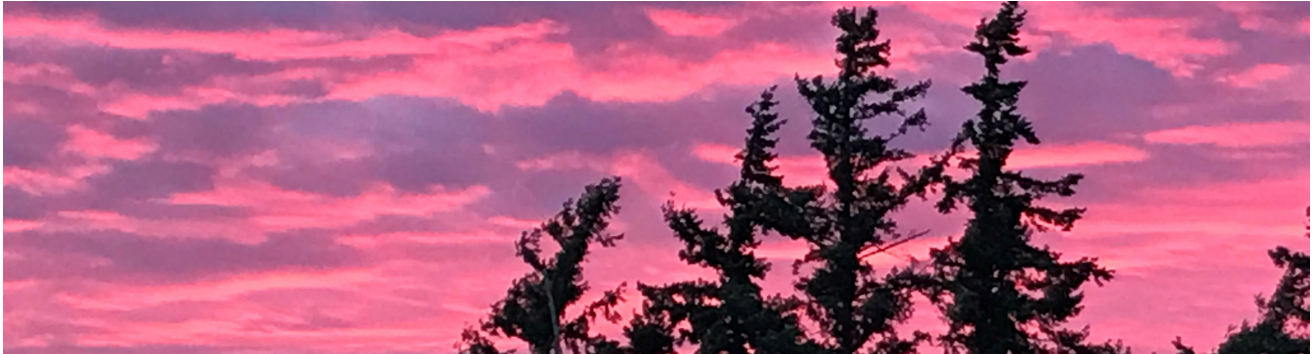


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Welcome Spring, Sammamish

This month we welcome the start of longer days and warmer weather. Spring is the time of year many of us start to enjoy more outdoor activities, and the City's Park and Recreation Department has several fun family-friendly events for all ages coming up this spring. Keep reading on pages six and seven for a list of opportunities, and make sure to view the City's complete Events Calendar at www.sammamish.us.

Sammamish Community Visioning

The Community Visioning Project's survey to residents kicked off last fall and aimed to reach residents and stakeholders throughout the City to better understand the vision for Sammamish's future. As a result of the community outreach, a presentation was given to residents in January outlining the big picture findings, common community values, and planning priorities. The "What We Heard" presentation can be viewed at connect.sammamish.us/community-visioning.

Stay Connected With Your City

The City offers several channels of communication to help residents stay connected with the latest news and alerts:

- **sammamish.us** - Find community news and events, department pages, and contact information.
- **sammamish.civicweb.net** - Stay informed on city government. See City meeting schedules, get meeting agendas, and supporting documents.
- **eNews** - Get City news delivered every Friday to your inbox. To sign up, go to www.sammamish.us and select "Join our mailing list" in the footer.
- **Special Bulletins** - Sign up to receive email bulletins on topics of your choice; from stormwater to volunteering and much more. To sign up, go to www.sammamish.us and select "Join our mailing list" in the footer.
- **Text and Email Alerts** - Get timely emergency communications and updates when you sign up for alerts. To sign up, go to www.sammamish.us and select "Join our mailing list" in the footer.
- **Social Media** - We aim to provide a welcoming community with civil discourse across our social media channels. Like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, Instagram, and YouTube – search City of Sammamish.

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City of Sammamish Awarded a Housing Action Plan and Implementation Grant

In partnership with A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), the City of Sammamish was recently awarded a \$99,975 grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to develop and adopt a Housing Action Plan.

Grant funds will primarily cover the cost of a qualified consultant to assist with data and strategy analysis and limited outreach expenses.

The grant builds on the work of Sammamish Home Grown, the City's Housing Strategy adopted by City Council in 2019, by taking an in-depth look at the Sammamish Home Grown housing themes of Housing Supply and Variety and Housing Affordability (Regulatory). Housing supply and variety and housing affordability are a central focus of statewide and regional planning requirements, including House Bill 1220, the Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2050 Multicounty Planning Policies, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies. Creating a Housing Action Plan will help the City proactively address the needs for a wider variety of housing types and more affordable housing within the City of Sammamish.

The grant work started at the beginning of this year and will continue through June 2023.

The project will be done in three phases: community outreach and data analysis to inform a housing needs assessment; strategy development based on the needs identified; and creation and adoption of a Housing Action Plan that includes an implementation schedule and metrics to monitor progress.

Additional information will be available later this month on connect.sammamish.us.

Q1

2022
Grant planning, consultant selection, and creation of an outreach plan and related materials.

Q2

2022
Community outreach, data analysis, and drafting of the housing needs assessment.

Q3

2022
Identification of strategies, policies, and tools to address the issues identified in the housing needs assessment.

Q4

2022
Evaluation, refinement, and finalization of strategies, policies, and tools.

Q1

2023
Drafting of the Housing Action Plan with the implementation schedule and related metrics.

Q2

2023
Planning Commission and City Council review and adoption of the Housing Action Plan.

Spring Recycling Events for Sammamish Residents

Ready for spring cleaning? The City is hosting two recycling events next month to help you with your spring cleaning. Cash only is accepted for the items with a charge. For specific details, visit www.sammamish.us.

Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Eastside Catholic School	Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Eastside Catholic School
<p style="text-align: center;">Tires</p> <p>Limit 6 passenger tires per household (18 inches and below) free of charge. No oversized tires accepted. \$1.50 for extra tires off rim. \$3.00 for passenger tire on rim. \$9 for large truck tire. \$18 for truck tire on rim.</p> <p>Electronic and Computer Equipment DVD players, VCRs, stereo equipment, printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, cellular phones, computers, monitors, mouse, keyboards, tablet computers, and e-readers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Televisions</p> <p>TVs encased in plastic and wood, and big-screen TVs accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lead Acid Batteries</p> <p>Car, truck, marine, motorcycle, and sealed lead-acid batteries accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alkaline Batteries</p> <p>AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D cell alkaline batteries No rechargeable, cell phone, nicad batteries, or lithium-ion batteries accepted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confidential Document Shredding</p> <p>Limit 4 file-size boxes</p> <p>Styrofoam Blocks and Packing Peanuts White styrofoam blocks. Packing peanuts (any color).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cardboard</p> <p>Please flatten. No wax coating.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mattresses and Box Springs</p> <p>No furniture or frames. <i>\$15 per mattress and \$15 per box spring cash only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Propane Tanks</p> <p>Residential five-gallon tanks only. <i>\$5 cash only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Porcelain Toilets and Sinks</p> <p>Toilet seats, hardware, and base wax rings must be removed. <i>\$15 cash only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refrigerators and Freezers</p> <p><i>\$30 for each - cash only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bulky Wood</p> <p>Includes tree branches, logs, clean wood, plywood, pallets, and other untreated and unpainted wood.</p>

What Was Discussed at the Winter Town Hall with Sammamish Police Chief Dan Pingrey?

Last month, Sammamish Police Chief Dan Pingrey, hosted a virtual town hall to answer residents' questions about public safety in Sammamish. Chief Pingrey provided an update on crime trends in Sammamish and actions to take to prevent crime. View the recording of the town hall on the City's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/c/Sammamish/videos.

Here are a few questions by residents answered by Chief Pingrey:

Question: I see a lot of reports on social media about car prowling and burglaries. Are these reports increasing?

Answer: We need to know when something happens as soon as possible so it's important to call 9-1-1 first to report a crime or suspicious activity, not social media. If residents see postings on social media about a crime or suspicious activity, encourage the poster to call 9-1-1 to report so we can properly investigate.

Question: Is it okay to take a picture of my vehicle registration instead of keeping the actual registration in my vehicle? In case it is stolen, I don't want the criminal to have my home address.

Answer: Yes, you may have electronic vehicle registration; however, we do prefer original for scanning purposes at collisions. A digital driver's license is not allowed by RCW at this time, though it is better than nothing.

Questions: Is crime on the rise in Sammamish?

Answer: Crime in Sammamish is lower compared to other areas in the region. We have had crime spurts which may give the impression crime is on the rise. What we are really experiencing are crimes of convenience. That's why we remind residents to lock doors and not to leave valuables in vehicles. While crime is lower in Sammamish, any crime is impactful, especially to the victim.

Question: Should neighborhoods and businesses hire extra security?

Answer: An extra set of eyes is always helpful; however, it is important to not engage and to call 9-1-1 if you witness a crime or suspicious activity. The best thing to do is to be a good witness. Try to get a good description or catch the suspect on camera.



Question: What can be done about habitual speeding on our streets?

Answer: To report speeding, parking, or other non-emergency incidents, call our 24-hour communications center at (206)-296-3311 or report online at www.kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/on-line-reporting.aspx. Those reports go immediately to our traffic officers for investigation. For problem areas, we may use equipment to gather speeding data to gauge the problem.

Question: Do speed bumps slow down emergency response?

Answer: From a law enforcement perspective, we need to make sure that we can get to a location safely and in a timely manner, but not endanger ourselves or the public. Speed bumps might cause us to slow down but do not have much overall impact.

Next Town Hall

The City hosts quarterly town hall meetings for residents to ask questions. Check the City's website for the date of the Spring Town Hall in April.

Home Safety Tips with Sammamish Police

It's important to feel safe in your home and community. If you suspect suspicious activity or you have been the victim of a crime, please call 9-1-1 first.

We encourage all residents to take steps to help prevent a crime:

- Make your home look occupied by leaving a light on
- Keep your garage door closed and locked
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Consider installing a security camera and alarm system
- If you have a home alarm system, use it! Activate your alarm system – alarm systems are only useful when you remember to activate them.
- Turn off geo-tagging on your cell phone camera if you sell anything online to avoid a criminal with a free geo-tag reader from coming to your home
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail or newspapers to build up while you are away – arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly
- Don't share your vacation plans on social media
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicles
- Make sure to lock your vehicle
- Don't leave your vehicle idling unoccupied
- Sliding doors are vulnerable – secure sliding door with a bar in the tracks, or install a security pin
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for criminals

Don't Tempt a Thief

- Lawnmowers, barbecues, and bicycles are best stored out of sight
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows

Additional Precautions to Take

1. Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes, or other "secret" hiding places—criminals know where to look for hidden keys.
2. Mark your valuables with your driver's license number. Marked items are harder for a criminal to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
3. Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home – this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms, and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
4. Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.



Watch Home Safety Tips with Sammamish Police Officer Matt Martin on the City's YouTube Channel

What Are Your Plans This Spring?

The City's Parks and Recreation Department has many fun activities for all ages planned for this spring. For complete details, make sure to view the City's Event Calendar at www.sammamish.us. Also, make sure to like and follow Sammamish Parks and Recreation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SammamishParks.



Let's Celebrate Earth Day

Friday, April 22 4pm - 6pm East Sammamish Park	Saturday, April 23 11am - 2pm Lodge at Beaver Lake	Sunday, April 24 10am - 1pm Various Sites
Volunteer to removal invasive plants. Give back to your community, learn about native plants and enhance wildlife habitat!	This event will feature crafts, activities, informational booths, petting zoo, scavenger hunt and many more!	Docent tours on actively worked sites at Evans Creek Preserve, Ebright Park, East Sammamish Park and much more!

<https://sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/special-events/earth-day/>



Want to Visit the Treehouse this Spring?

Register now for 2022 Treehouse Open Houses

www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/parks-trails/big-rock-park-central/the-treehouse



Would you like to view and visit the TREEHOUSE?

REGISTER NOW
for 2022 Treehouse Open Houses



Volunteer Restoration Opportunities this Spring

Join the City and Sammamish Stewards to help remove invasive plants and mulch. Give back to your community, learn about native plants, and enhance wildlife habitat. More details at sammamish.galaxydigital.com.



Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Become an Event Sponsor Now! Putting together a community event or program is a lot of work and takes a lot of resources. The City manages several events and programs that are perfect ways to get your business in front of potential and existing customers and show your support for the community: www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/sponsorship-opportunities.

Event Rental Space

Looking for a place to have an event, activity, or meeting? Check out available pavilion, lodge, and shelters for rent at our local parks: www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/rentals-reservations.



Outdoor Story Times at Sammamish Commons

March through May, in partnership with the Sammamish Library, Join Librarian Sara for stories and songs outdoors under the pergola at Sammamish Commons on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.



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(425) 313-3200

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(206) 263-9133

WA State COVID Call Center
1 (800) 525-0127

King County Animal Control
(206) 296-7387

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(425) 646-2400

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City Notices

Have an issue or concern?
Use the *My Sammamish* app
on your smartphone.

Have an emergency?
Dial 911

Receive Email and Text Alerts
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