

SAMMAMISH NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Sammamish's Volunteers Of The Year

Volunteerism is ingrained in our community. We appreciate the tremendous work our community volunteers do for our City.



Joyce Bottenberg

Joyce has been a resident of Sammamish since 1986. Joyce is a member of Sammamish Rotary since 2006, holding numerous roles including President and Club Secretary. She is also a CERT trained volunteer.

Joyce is a founding member of the Sammamish Seniors group and has played a vital role in its success – putting together newsletters, doing outreach and programming – her dedication is shown

by the 1,416 volunteer hours in 2021. Joyce was part of the Human Services Task Force in 2015 and transitioned to a member of the Human Services Commission when created in 2018, where she is currently the Chair. Joyce is also receiving The President's Lifetime Achievement Award for her lifelong commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service.



Steve Marple

Steve is the volunteer manager for the City's Native Plant Nursery. The nursery provides plants for all volunteer planting events, the Washington Native Plants Society's stewardship program, and all Sammamish steward sites. He organizes and participates in plant salvage to ensure trees and native shrubs can be transplanted to an area where they will not be disturbed. Steve also designed and created pollinator gardens in the city.

Steve participates in habitat restoration projects at all Sammamish parks. He is a very helpful leader at these events - sharing knowledge from his long career of managing a fish hatchery to his passion for botany. Always going above and beyond, Steve frequently develops a planting plan showing each species' niche zone as well as organizing the plant giveaway for Earth Day.

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Kokanee are Using the Newly Completed Culvert at Ebright Creek

The Ebright Creek Fish Passage Project was prioritized by Sammamish City Council to support the important recovery of native Kokanee Salmon.

Coordination with King County and the Kokanee Work Group led to securing funds for the project which was awarded over \$400,000 in grants through the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board and the King County Flood Control District's Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program.

About Ebright Creek Fish Passage Project

Construction started in July 2021 and, although the team encountered some challenges, like delivery delays and costly soil contamination from old road work, the project was successfully finished on October 15, 2021. The project includes a fully fish passable box culvert, 19 pieces of large woody material and over 40 boulders to create pools and habitat for spawning fish, and more than 500 native plants to restore the floodplain and create shade.

Learn more about the project here: connect.sammamish.us/ebright-creek.



From left to right: Scott MacColl, Deputy City Manager; Stephanie Sullivan, Senior Stormwater Engineer, Toby Coenen, Senior Stormwater Program Manager; Karen Moran, City of Sammamish Mayor; Nagwan Al-Janabi, KBA, Inc.

Thank You and Special Acknowledgments

A BIG thank you to the residents of Sammamish for your continued support while we work to recover the native Kokanee Salmon through the restoration of Zackuse (finished 2018), Ebright (finished 2021), and soon George Davis (anticipated 2023) Creeks.

In addition, the City would like to acknowledge the following organizations and individuals for their contribution to the success of this project:

Partner Organizations

- Kokanee Work Group
- Muckleshoot Tribe
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- Johansen Construction Company
- KBA, Inc.
- Osborn Consulting, Inc.
- Sammamish Plateau Water

Funding Organizations

- Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board
- King County Flood Control District – Cooperative Watershed Management Grant

Property owner

- Wally Pereyra

City Staff

- Jeff Elekes, Director of Public Works
- Toby Coenen, Senior Stormwater Program Manager
- Stephanie Sullivan, Senior Stormwater Engineer

Driving Safety Tips with Sammamish Police

We recently launched a new video series, *Driving Safety Tips with Sammamish Police*, to help keep residents safe on Sammamish roads. To view the video series, visit the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/c/Sammamish.

All About Roundabouts

Roundabouts are designed to make intersections safer and more efficient for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. There are two basic types of roundabouts: single-lane and multi-lane.

There are a few key things to remember about driving through roundabouts:

- Yield to drivers already in the roundabout
- Enter the roundabout to the right
- Stay in your lane; do not change lanes
- Do not stop in the roundabout
- Avoid driving next to oversize vehicles



Winter Driving Preparation and Tips

Driving in the winter can be harrowing, especially in snowstorms and icy conditions. By getting your car ready for winter and using some simple tips to drive safely, you can face almost any weather Mother Nature decides to send your way.

Preparing Your Vehicle for Winter Driving

- Check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- Before Driving
- Remove snow from vehicle
- Don't leave your vehicle idling unlocked and alone
- If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible

When Driving

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- Use extra caution on hills and bridges
- Don't abandon your car in the roadway

Thank you to Sammamish Police Officer Derek Jones for providing these helpful tips to keep everyone safe on our roads. Up next is a video about vehicle lights – what types of lights are legal and when do use your lights? Make sure to check the City's YouTube channel for the latest Driving Safety Tips.

Sammamish Police Department is Doing the Polar Plunge

This is a great fundraising event in support of more than 19,500 Special Olympics Washington participants. This year, SPD is facing off in a friendly East vs. West competition to see which side of the state can raise the most funds.

Show your support. Visit impact.sowa.org/team/397223

2021 Wrap-Up with Public Works and the Department of Community Development

Congratulations to City Staff for an accomplished 2021. Here are two pages of noteworthy projects and statistics from the year.

Adopt-a-Drain

The Adopt-a-Drain Project has had great success in our community with keeping drains clear to prevent flooding and to stop pollutants from entering our waterways.

Sammamish has 142 drains adopted with 85 adopters, and 600 pounds of total debris removed. Sammamish residents have been very creative with the naming of their adopted drains. Here are a few of our favorites;

- Somewhere Over the Drainbow
- The Rain In Spain Stays Mainly in the Drain
- Sir Drains-a-Lot
- Raining Cats and DAWGs
- Take Me Home Country Drains
- Singing in the Drain

Learn more about the Adopt-a-Drain project and adopt a drain in your neighborhood:
www.adopt-a-drain.org.



Louis Thompson Road Tightline Project

The Louis Thompson Road (LTR) Tightline Project is a flood and landslide mitigation project that also addresses water quality in storm runoff between 205th Ave NE and 210th Ave NE.

Currently, water flows undetained and untreated into Zackuse Creek, but this project would upgrade the street to include curb, gutters, and a storm sewer. The initial phase of the design contract was approved by City Council in December. The project anticipates completing design in 2022-2023 with construction following in 2023-2024.

Project Funding

The project has received \$3 million as part of a state appropriation from the infrastructure funding within the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) as well as a \$400K Flood Reduction Grant through the King County Flood Control District for the design phase. The project will also utilize over \$192,000 from the King County Flood Control District's Sub-Regional Opportunity Fund.

Community Support

The project scored the highest during the Zackuse Basin Plan study and was one of the highest state legislative priority projects for the City Council in 2021. It also has a great story behind it – several members of our community have advocated for this project and their support letters helped the City with our grant applications!

INSPECTIONS

Building Inspections



5,107

Avg. per Inspector
1,021

Electrical Inspections



6,099

Avg. per Inspector
3,049

Mechanical Inspections



806

Avg. per Inspector
403

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER

Project
Guidances Issued



735

Permits
Issued



5,565

740 of which were tree permits



Projects
Completed



193

CODE COMPLIANCE

Cases Opened



202

Cases Closed



156

Avg. Days Cases Open



55

Avg. caseload per Code Officer
30-50



King County Growth Management Council to Revisit Sammamish's Housing Units Growth Target

Provided by the Department of Community Development

The King County Growth Management Council (GMPC) indicated that it would review the City of Sammamish's housing units growth target at its December 1, 2021 meeting.

What will be reviewed?

With the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District (SPWSD) sewer service area moratorium now lifted, the GMPC will study if there is more capacity created. The review will study the SPWSD service plans with interim capacity improvements, and King County's long-term plan to build the regional sewer service north diversion that will connect the north basins of SPWSD's system to the Brightwater facility.

The currently approved housing growth target for Sammamish spanning the years 2006 – 2035 is 4,849. The housing unit growth target being reviewed by the GMPC will be the City's housing unit growth target spanning the years 2019 – 2044.

What's Next?

The City of Sammamish's Department of Community Development staff will be meeting with King County staff in January to further evaluate the Land Capacity Analysis and the Growth Target Setting processes. A briefing on progress to the GMPC by King County staff is due on April 27, 2022. The completion of the study and determination of the housing units growth target for Sammamish will be finalized by June 1, 2022.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Community Van is seeking volunteers at lower risk for COVID

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE OR CALL 425-200-8568



Please Note

Republic Services' rates will increase January 1, 2022. The average increase per Sammamish household is \$1.87 - \$3.71 per month.



Congratulations to the Recipients of the City's 2021 Employees of the Year Awards



*Usha Rao, IT Support Technician
Employee of the Year*



*Dan Pingrey, Chief of Police
Police Services Employee of
the Year*



*Andrew Stevens, Emergency Manager
and Glenn Huffman, Battalion Chief
Fire Services Employee of the Year*

Save the Date

Deadline for 2022 Arts Grant applications is Sunday, February 6, 2022. Get more details at www.sammamish.us/government/commissions-boards/arts-commission/grants.

**Accepting Applications for
2022 Sammamish Arts Grant Program**

Supporting projects and programs that celebrate Sammamish's creative and cultural heritage, invite mutual respect for differing beliefs and values and enrich humanity.

Sammamish LUNAR New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 5, 2022
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sammamish Commons Plaza
801 228th Ave SE
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

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Police Non-Emergency
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(425) 313-3200

King County Sheriff
(206) 263-9133

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

King County Animal Control
(206) 296-7387

Garbage - Republic Services
(425) 646-2400

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(425) 295-0531

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(425) 392-6256

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Community Van
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Dial 911

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