

NEWSLETTER

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**CITY RECEIVES NEW
STREET SWEEPER**

**DON'T MISS
TRUNK-OR-TREAT**

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COUNTY**

October 2025

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Coffee with Council

Join us for a cup of coffee and conversation. Coffee with Council happens the first Saturday of every month with rotating councilmember attendance. Meet them at 9:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Market in Sammamish. The councilmembers may be in the outdoor seating area depending on the weather conditions. Otherwise, you will find them in the upstairs seating area near the café. We hope to see you there!

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First Saturday of Every Month
9:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Market

On Mezzanine Level (upstairs from the Cafe)



Sammamish 101: Learn more about our Stormwater Division

Do you know how your local government works? The City has shared a lot of information about the role and responsibilities of various positions in local government. Now, we want to highlight some of the departments within the city and the work that they do.

Stormwater is the rain or snowmelt that flows over hard surfaces like roads, rooftops, and sidewalks. It might seem simple, but managing it is essential to keeping the community safe and the environment healthy.

The City's Stormwater Division works behind the scenes every day to: Prevent flooding, protect water quality, and maintain natural systems like streams, wetlands, and habitats.

From culverts and drains to storm ponds and waterways, we plan, build, and maintain the infrastructure that keeps stormwater moving safely through our community.

Stormwater capital projects start with an identified need, such as maintenance issues, drainage complaints, or basin studies. Each project goes through an assessment to estimate time, cost, and priority. Approved projects are added to the 6-year Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan and scheduled into the Stormwater Division's two-year budget and work plan.

To learn more about our Stormwater Division, visit:

www.sammamish.us/government/public-works/stormwater/

To view the The 2025 - 2030 6-year Stormwater Improvement Plan visit:

www.sammamish.us/government/public-works/stormwater/storm-and-surface-water-projects/



Preparing for an Earthquake

Sammamish is located in an area known as the Pacific Ring of Fire, a distinctive zone marked by the prevalence of earthquakes and volcanic activity. Earthquakes strike without warning, making preparation crucial for protecting yourself and your family. By taking proactive steps now, you can significantly reduce injury risk and improve your chances of weathering the aftermath safely.



Sign up for ALERT King County

Make sure you're signed up for ALERT King County. This messaging system will be used by first responders to notify the public about an emergency and any possible evacuations.

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/executive-services/health-safety/safety-injury-prevention/emergency-preparedness/alert-king-county>



Master the drop, cover, and hold on technique

When shaking begins, immediately drop to your hands and knees, cover your head and neck with your arms, and crawl under a sturdy table if possible. If no shelter is available, move to an interior wall away from windows. Hold your position until shaking stops, protecting your head and neck throughout.

Secure your living space

Identify potential hazards like televisions, mirrors, bookcases, and water heaters that could fall during shaking. Use straps, hooks, and latches to anchor these items securely.

Prepare emergency supplies

Include at least three days of food, water, and medications for portability, plus two weeks' worth for home storage. Create a bedside emergency kit with sturdy shoes, flashlight, glasses, and a whistle for nighttime earthquakes.

Develop a communication plan

Ensure you have backup phone charging methods and battery-powered radios. Learn first aid, CPR, and how to shut off home utilities. Consider earthquake insurance, as standard policies typically don't cover seismic damage.

Regular practice and preparation today can save lives tomorrow.



Switch Your Trips

The summer is over, students are back in school, and it's the perfect time to try a new way to get around.

Switch Your Trips is a campaign happening in Sammamish during the month of October that challenges people who live, study, or work in Washington to replace drive alone trips with sustainable travel options such as walking, biking, rideshare, and transit.

Switch Your Trips is for commutes, errands, and social outings. Eligible modes include carpool, vanpool, bus, light rail, bicycle, walking, rolling, skateboarding, or a combination of these.

How to Participate

Most importantly, use sustainable travel options throughout October. Complete and log at least ten trips during the month and you will be automatically entered in a prize drawing. There are two bus routes to try in the City – route 269 and 554. If those routes don't reach your home, Sammamish also has flexible public transportation options like Community Van and Metro Flex with vans that get you where you need to go for the same cost as a bus ride.

By participating, you have a chance to win \$1,500, an electric bike, or numerous other gift card prizes!

Scan QR Code to Sign Up:

<https://switchyourtrips.icarpool.com/en/Login.aspx>



Track your trips daily, weekly, or all at once the end of the campaign. All trips must be logged by Thursday, Nov. 7.

For more information on how to get around in Sammamish, visit www.sammamish.us/our-community/getting-around/

Metro Flex & Community Van

Try these transit services for the same cost as a bus trip! Free for youth 18 and under, \$1.00 for seniors, and \$3.00 for adults.



<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/travel-options/metro-flex>

- **On-Demand:** Rides can be booked same day through a mobile app for near-immediate service.
- **App-Based:** A dedicated app is used for booking and payment, similar to other ride-share services.
- **Local & Curb-to-Curb:** Provides rides within a specific service area and hours, offering door-to-door service.



<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/travel-options/community-van>

- **Scheduled Trips:** Requires booking at least two business days in advance.
- **Group-Oriented:** Designed to transport groups rather than individual riders, with vans accommodating a minimum of 2 up to 12 passengers.
- **Customized & Long-Distance:** Trained and vetted volunteer drivers facilitate trips up to two hours away, focusing on community needs and outdoor access. You can sign up to be a driver and complete your own trip requests.



New Street Sweeper – **First in the Fleet**

The City of Sammamish is adding a high-efficiency regenerative air street sweeper to the fleet. This new equipment will help the City keep streets cleaner, reduce pollutants entering local streams and lakes, and improve overall stormwater quality.

The purchase was made possible with support from the Washington State Department of Ecology through the Stormwater Financial Assistance Program, which covers approximately 75% of eligible costs. The City will provide the remaining 25% match and cover the balance of the sweeper's cost.

Street sweeping plays an important role in protecting water quality and preventing flooding by removing debris, leaves, and other pollutants before they reach storm drains and waterways. This is especially important for protecting salmon against emerging contaminants like 6PPD-Q that are deadly to salmon.

Street sweeping can remove these harmful by-products before they reach our streams and lakes and harm salmon. Adding this sweeper to the fleet will also allow the City to increase the frequency of sweeping, respond more quickly to storm events, and provide a higher level of service for the community.

This investment reflects Sammamish's ongoing commitment to environmental protection and responsible infrastructure management because runs on alternative diesel, which has less GHG emissions.. The new sweeper is expected to arrive in the fall, marking an important milestone in the City's efforts to improve stormwater management.

George Davis Creek Fish Passage Project – Project Update

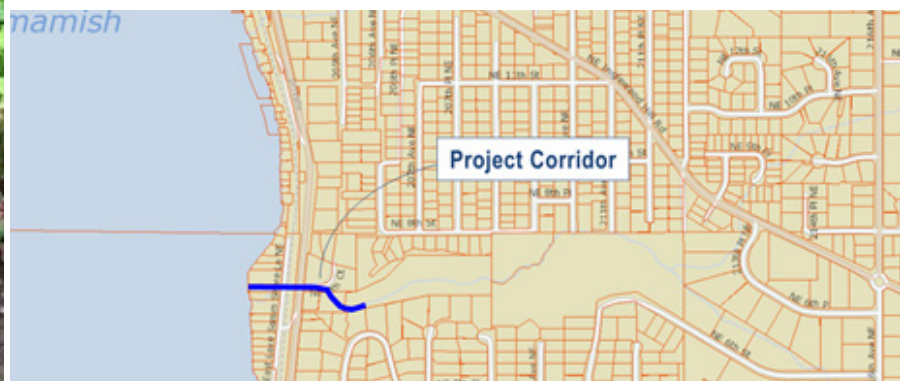
Design for the George Davis Creek Fish Passage Project resumed this year and the City expects to construct improvements during the summer of 2026. The project will restore salmon and riparian habitat for the lower 1000-feet of George Davis Creek.

This work will include the removal of several culvert pipes and a high-flow bypass system that are not currently fish passable. The design includes a short-span bridge with a new 17-foot span box culvert where the stream crosses beneath East Lake Sammamish Parkway near Northeast 7th Court. In conjunction with King County, this project will also remove and replace the culverts going under the East Lake Sammamish Trail.

The project will also reduce flooding and sedimentation caused by the high flow bypass (built by King County in 1996). This bypass system helps prevent flooding of residential parcels and East Lake Sammamish trail but necessitates costly maintenance for the City to remove excess sediment buildup at the outfall of Lake Sammamish each year.

This project is partially funded by grants from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board, Department of Commerce Direct Appropriation grant, and King County Flood Reduction grant. The City is collaborating with King County and our Tribal partners to ensure the project meets design requirements to improve fish habitat and flood control.

To learn more visit our website:
www.sammamish.us/projects/george-davis-creek-fish-passage-culvert/



Town Center: Shaping the look and feel of our future

The next phase of the Town Center planning process is here—and it's all about bringing the vision to life. Staff have spent the past several months developing a list of things the City wants to get right in the Town Center, and the fall will be about activating those ideas in the Town Center Subarea Plan.

This includes creating vibrant community gathering spaces that are connected with walkable and bikeable trails and provide access to retail and entertainment opportunities, and providing more diverse housing opportunities supported by transit, a more robust road network, and adequate services. It will also include designing open spaces that capture the northwest feel of Sammamish. On top of ensuring the Plan reflects that shared vision, the City is working to define what Sammamish's future Town Center will look and feel like. This is an exciting opportunity to help create a vibrant, connected, and distinctly Sammamish space for generations to enjoy.

What's coming up?

With this next phase focused on shaping Town Center, it will be important for the community to see an idea of what the new buildings, commercial spaces, streets, and amenities, including the dedicated bike-and-pedestrian trails that connect the district, could look like. A consultant is creating a 3D model of the future Town Center, complete with a short fly-through video expected to be completed next spring. This immersive experience will help people envision what Town Center could look like when fully built out.

The consultant will create fresh, vibrant design illustrations that showcase key elements of the Town Center Plan and Code. What should Sammamish's future Town Square look like? We'll be exploring options for layout, programming, and accessibility. These visuals will make it easier to understand and weigh in on the designs.

To learn more about the work being done, visit our website:

www.sammamish.us/projects/tcamendment/ and don't forget to sign up for email updates about the project to learn more in real time.



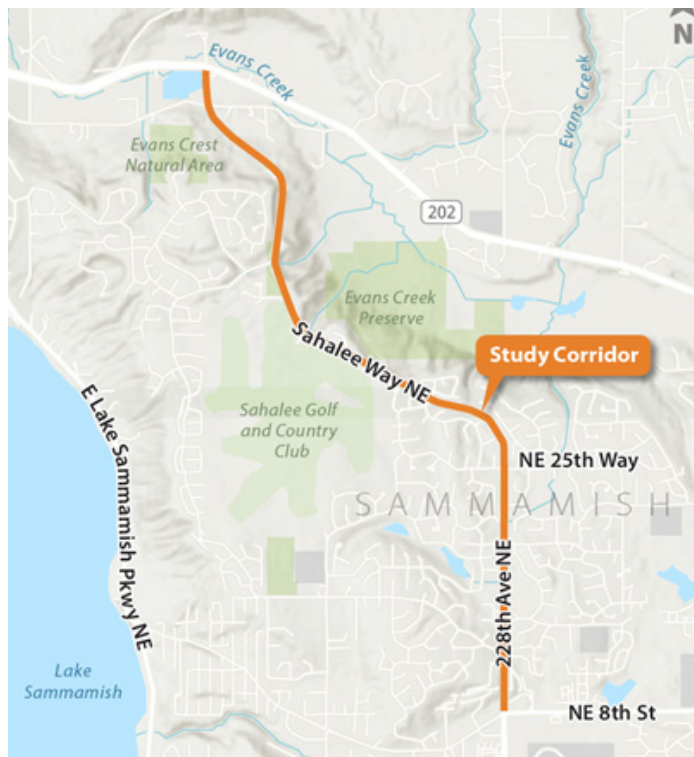
Sahalee Way Corridor Improvements

The City is continuing to study options for improving Sahalee Way. Earlier this year, the community provided input at a second open house held on April 24, 2025. After the open house, the City Council was presented with the alternatives and community feedback.

City Council has been discussing refinements to the alternatives—particularly how to improve safety and add bike lanes while keeping costs manageable. All proposed alternatives improve access to transit with features that include improved road crossings and access, and bus stop optimization.

Over the coming months, Council will continue reviewing the alternatives and provide direction toward selecting a preferred approach. Once completed, the Corridor Plan will serve as a long-range framework to guide near-term and future improvements along Sahalee Way / 228th Avenue NE between NE 8th Street and NE 37th Way.

To learn more about the project, please visit our website: www.sammamish.us/projects/sahalee-way-corridor-improvements/



Louis Thompson Road Tightline Project work continues

Construction is moving into the final phase. Crews are finishing work on retaining walls and installing finishing touches on new curbs, gutters, and sidewalk installation, including placing conduits for future fiber-optic lines.

Through October, crews will be grading and paving driveways and side street connections, followed by paving the main road. The one-way traffic detour—allowing only uphill traffic—will remain in place through the end of the month. This detour keeps vehicles safely away from edge-of-road work and provides space for temporary parking while driveways are being paved.

To learn more about the project, visit our website: www.sammamish.us/projects/louis-thompson-tightline/

Report a Spill

The number one cause of pollution in Washington waters is stormwater runoff.

As rainwater flows into the nearest grated storm drain, it picks up pollutants such as fertilizers, dirt and leaves, pet waste, soaps, vehicle fluids, and litter. This now polluted stormwater then empties directly into the nearest stream, wetland, or swimming beach without any treatment. This is different than water in our toilets and sinks, which goes to a treatment plant before being discharged to Puget Sound.

The City of Sammamish works hard to keep our streams, wetlands, and swimming beaches clean of pollutants by responding to spills.

Report spills using the Spill Hotline:

- **Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
call (425) 295-0500
- **After hours: call (425) 295-0700**
- **www.sammamish.us/i-want-to/my-sammamish/**
- **"My Sammamish" cell phone app**

The City of Sammamish responds to spills 24/7. The number of spills we respond to each year has grown from three in 2012 to 62 in 2024. That doesn't necessarily mean more spills are happening, but it does mean our community has become more informed and has notified us of more spills, which means we're able to respond to and clean up more pollution.

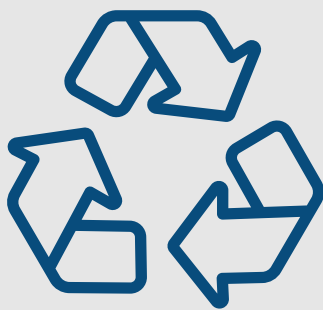
When in doubt, call it in.

Recycling event

Nov. 1, 2025

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Eastlake High School



**[www.sammamish.us/news/
events/events/recycling-
event/november-1-2025-
recycling-event/](http://www.sammamish.us/news/events/events/recycling-event/november-1-2025-recycling-event/)**



TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct. 30  4-7 p.m.

City Hall Plaza in Town Center

801 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075



National Night Out includes 19 local gatherings

On Aug. 5, Sammamish Police officers, members of the City Council, and City staff, joined residents across the city to celebrate National Night Out—a nationwide event dedicated to strengthening community bonds and fostering positive connections between neighbors and law enforcement.

This year, 19 neighborhood block parties registered for the celebration, with each hosting their own activities, food, and opportunities to connect. Mayor Karen Howe, Deputy Mayor Amy Lam, and Councilmembers Sid Gupta, Roisin O’Farrell, and Kent Treen attended several gatherings, meeting residents and enjoying the lively, welcoming atmosphere.

National Night Out is more than just a summer tradition—it’s a community-building campaign that encourages neighborhood camaraderie, enhances trust between police and residents, and promotes safer, more caring places to live. By bringing police, City representatives and neighbors together in positive circumstances, the event helps strengthen the very foundation of community life in Sammamish.

The City extends a heartfelt thank-you to the amazing hosts and residents who made this year’s National Night Out a success. Events like these highlight the unique spirit of Sammamish—and why it’s such a great place to call home.

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Sammamish Planning Commission

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Additional Public Meeting Information

Stay informed on city government with CivicWeb Portal. See a schedule of meetings, get meeting agendas, and view past meetings at sammamishwa.civicweb.net

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City Newsletter

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RESOURCES FOR SAMMAMISH RESIDENTS

Police/Fire Emergency 911

Police Non-Emergency (206) 296-3311

Eastside Fire & Rescue (425) 313-3200

King County Sheriff (206) 263-9133

King County Animal Control (206) 296-7387

Garbage - Republic Services (425) 646-2400

Sammamish Permit Center (425) 295-0531

Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer (425) 392-6256

NE Sammamish Water and Sewer (425) 868-1144



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Fall/Winter Closures

City Hall and other publicly owned facilities will be closed

Nov. 11

Veterans Day

Nov. 27 & 28

Thanksgiving

Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Dec. 25

Christmas Day

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

Jan. 1

New Year's Day