



NEWSLETTER

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**2023 VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR**

**SAMMAMISH 25TH
ANNIVERSARY**

**SUMMER JOBS
AVAILABLE!**

April 2024

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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 am 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 cafe. We hope to see you there!

coffee w/council



First Saturday of Every Month
9:30am
Metropolitan Market

Sustainable Sammamish

Energy Efficiency at Home

Buildings and energy usage comprise many emissions globally and within the City of Sammamish.

Did you know that approximately 82% of emissions in Sammamish are attributable to energy use?

Energy use from residential buildings makes up approximately 88% of these emissions because most homes in Sammamish are more energy-intensive single-family units.

Do your part! The spring season is the perfect time to reassess energy usage at home and consciously reduce your environmental footprint.

Energy efficiency not only benefits the planet, it can also help save money on utility bills. There are many simple yet effective tips to maximize energy efficiency in your home:



Heating and Cooling

Seal Those Leaks – Check for drafts around windows, doors, and any other openings in your home. Sealing leaks with weatherstripping or similar can prevent cold air from entering during spring evenings and keep your home cooler in the summer, reducing the need for excessive heating and air conditioning.

Adjust Thermostat Settings – Manually set your thermostat to lower temperatures as the weather gets warmer. Consider using a smart or programmable thermostat to manage your heating and cooling systems effectively. These devices can adjust the temperature based on when you're home and awake to save energy and cut costs.

Let the Air Flow – Use natural ventilation by opening your windows and doors when outdoor temperatures are mild. Cross ventilation can help cool your home on warmer days without air conditioning.



Lighting and Appliances

Upgrade to LED lighting – Consider replacing old incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient ones. These bulbs use significantly less energy and last much longer, providing cost and emission reductions over time and reducing the need for replacement bulbs.

Take Advantage of Natural Light – Longer daylight allows one to use natural daylight by opening curtains and blinds during the day. This not only reduces the need for artificial lighting but also enhances the ambiance of your living space and lowers your electricity usage, which means lower utility bills.

Unplug unused electronics – Many electronics and appliances consume energy even when turned off but plugged in. This is known as standby power consumption. You can eliminate this extra energy usage by unplugging devices such as chargers, computers, and entertainment systems.

2023 Volunteer of the Year

On Saturday, January 27, 2024, the City hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event to celebrate the numerous volunteer programs and individual volunteer accomplishments. In total, 35 members from the Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, Human Services Commission, Planning Commission, Stewardship Programs (Stormwater, Plant & Lake), Heritage Society, Sammamish Botanical Garden Society, and Community Van Drivers attended the event. Volunteers collectively reported over 10,000 volunteer hours for the City in 2023.

Abby Arroyo, a senior at Skyline High School, was awarded 2023 Volunteer of the Year for her exemplary work on the Sammamish Youth Board and as a Community Service Liaison.

Abby joined the Sammamish Youth Board in 2022 and has actively organized community service opportunities, such as a food drive in partnership with the Issaquah Food Bank that produced 100 nut-free and gluten-free Power Packs for students in need. Abby also worked with other Youth Board members to gather over 1,200 supplies for infants and children donated to KidVantage. She is working on even more volunteer opportunities, including two more fundraiser drives and a hands-on event to sort donations.

As Community Service Liaison for the Youth Board, she has brought these great opportunities forward for other members to participate, elevating the Youth Board experience for her peers. Janie Walzer, the staff liaison to the Youth Board, said of Abby, "She is an amazing representative for our City. I truly believe that she embodies everything a volunteer should be: compassionate, hardworking, and someone who works to better the lives of others in our community. It is great that we could recognize her with this award."



Others awarded:

The City presented 14 Presidential Service Awards to those who met the Bronze, Silver and Gold award thresholds, based on reported volunteer hours.

Bronze –

Mike Bresko (Planning Commission)
Sudeshna Dixit (Arts Commission)
Todd Alexander (Heritage Society)
Karen Herring, (Plant Steward)
Kiyam Kamran, (Sammamish Youth Board)
Akshara Reddyshetty (Police Explorers)
Dhriti Bhatt (Police Explorers)
Gabriel Cook (Police Explorers)

Silver –

Nancy Way (Parks & Rec Commission)
Steve Marple (Plant Steward)
Lena Alexander (Heritage Society)

Gold –

Stan Gunno (Human Services)
Elijah Cook (Police Explorers)
Ben Bonenko, (Police Explorers)



Critical Areas Ordinance Update

The City of Sammamish is updating the Critical Areas Ordinance to ensure that regulations meet state and local requirements and sufficiently protect ecologically sensitive areas. These include critical aquifer recharge areas (CARAs), frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, habitat conservation areas, migration corridors, streams, and wetlands. Protecting critical areas is crucial to preserve natural resources and the health of local ecosystems. This update is a collaborative effort between the City, environmental experts, and community stakeholders and is set to be completed by the end of the year.

Public input is invaluable in shaping the future of the community. Attend upcoming public meetings to share your insights on the Critical Areas Ordinance Update process, or visit the Critical Areas Ordinance booth at the Sammamish Farmer's Market on May 15. It is important for stakeholders, including property owners, developers, and local businesses, to familiarize themselves with Critical Areas Ordinance. The community's compliance with these ordinances is vital to fostering sustainable growth in Sammamish.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, March 2:

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 7:

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 15:

Booth at the Sammamish
Farmer's Market

Thursday, June 6:

Planning Commission Meeting

**Learn more about the Critical Areas Ordinance Update by visiting the project page at:
www.sammamish.us/projects/critical-areas-ordinance-cao-update**



Call for Artists

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Proposals due 4/12

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**Visit the Arts Commission's webpage for more information:
sammamish.us/government/commissions/arts**

Life in Sammamish: What's Your Favorite Memory?



What is your favorite memory or experience of Sammamish?



How has Sammamish shaped or influenced your life, and what makes it a unique place to live?



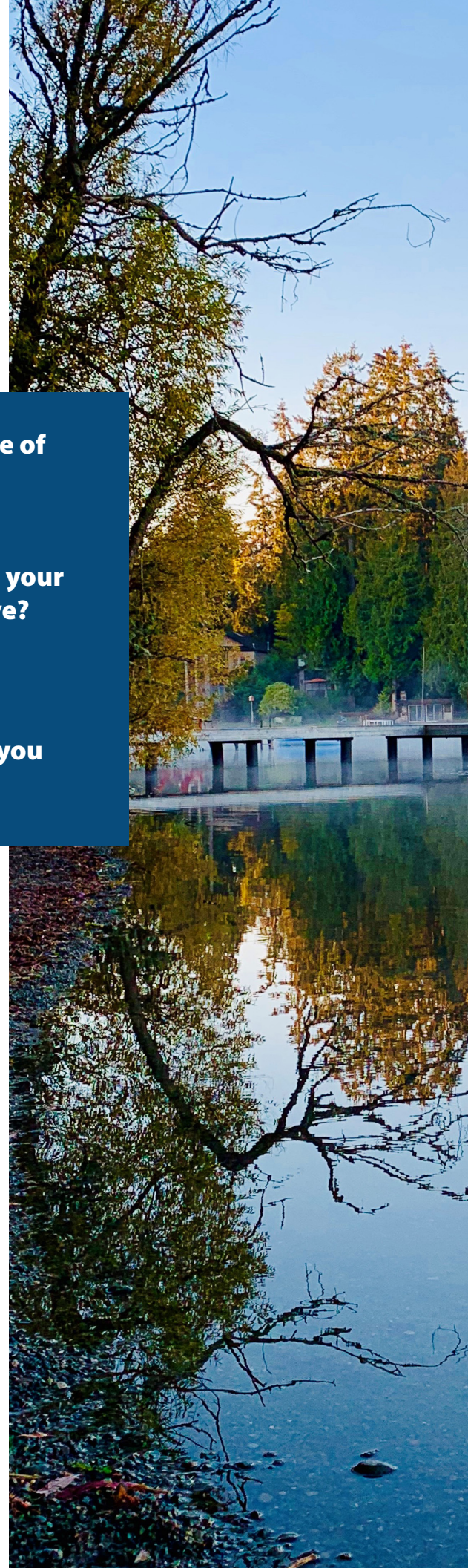
If you could send a message to future generations, what advice or insight would you share about life in Sammamish in 2024?

As the City of Sammamish gears up to celebrate its 25th anniversary, community members are invited to participate in a unique project that will capture life in Sammamish. The city is launching a Video Time Capsule initiative to document the diverse experiences and cherished memories of those who call Sammamish home.

The Video Time Capsule project presents an exciting opportunity for community members to contribute their stories, reflections, and aspirations for our future. Whether you've been a longtime neighbor or recently joined the Sammamish family, your voice and perspective are valued and welcomed.

The project is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all. Participants can share their stories by recording short videos at designated booths during key city events or submitting videos online or via email. The booths will be available at various events throughout the year, including Lunar New Year, Earth Day, Rig-A-Palooza, and the 4th on the Plateau celebration.

Selected video submissions will be compiled and edited into a longer video showcased online and at a special event on August 16, 2024, commemorating Sammamish's 25th anniversary. The video will serve as a testament to Sammamish's collective identity and spirit, celebrating its past, present, and future.





Community members who choose to participate will be required to complete photo authorizations, granting the City permission to use their content not only for the time capsule project but also for social media, newsletters, and other web content.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Sammamish to connect, celebrate, and preserve our unique stories and experiences for generations. By contributing to the Video Time Capsule, you play an integral role in shaping the narrative of our vibrant community.

Along with the Video Time Capsule, there's also a chance to showcase photography skills in the 25th Anniversary Photo Contest. Please note that the contest closes April 15, 2024.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of Sammamish's history! Share your story, inspire others, and help create a lasting legacy for our city's 25th anniversary. Let's make this Video Time Capsule a reflection of the diverse and vibrant community we call home.



For more information about the Video Time Capsule and photo contest, visit:
sammamish.us/celebratesammamish



Recycling Events

As the days grow longer and spring blooms around us, it's the perfect time to declutter and give back to our community! The City of Sammamish is excited to announce our upcoming Spring Recycling Events, scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, and Saturday, April 13.

Bring your old electronics, appliances, and other household items for responsible disposal or recycling. Clean out those closets, garages, and basements to make space for the new season ahead. Rain barrels, compost, and worm bins will be available for purchase. Let's reduce waste and contribute to a cleaner, greener Sammamish! Please note that some items may require a fee for recycling. As always, these events are cash only.

Visit our website by scanning QR code below for a detailed list of accepted items and associated fees.



City of Sammamish and Issaquah RECYCLING Collection Event and Bin Sale

Saturday, April 6, 2024
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

No vehicles may enter after 3 pm. No Exceptions.
Eastside Catholic school
232 228th Ave SE • Sammamish, WA 98074

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Private Stormwater System Inspection Program

The City's private stormwater system inspection program started before Sammamish became a city! King County inspected privately owned stormwater systems on the City's behalf until the City hired staff in 2010 to perform these inspections. The program ensures private stormwater systems comply with local requirements and function properly. City staff inspects nearly 200 privately owned systems every year.

Stormwater systems collect stormwater runoff before it flows into our streams and lakes, lakes, and Lake Sammamish. Private stormwater systems often include stormwater ponds, swales, ditches, pipes, and catch basins. Stormwater systems protect property and buildings from flooding and improve water quality.

Property owners must clean and maintain their stormwater system. It is important for system owners to know that failing to maintain their stormwater system could result in penalties.

For more information on these requirements, please visit sammamish.us/government/public-works/stormwater-stormwaterutility. You can also reach out to the Stormwater Division by emailing stormwateradmin@sammamish.us.

Town Center Plan and Development Code Revision for Enhanced Affordable Housing

The City is amending its Town Center Plan and Development Code in alignment with the ongoing Comprehensive Plan Periodic update process. This initiative aims to increase the availability of affordable housing in the Town Center subarea, focusing on creating a more diverse and accessible range of housing options for our community.

Essential elements of this work include conducting a thorough audit of existing Town Center-related documents to identify necessary amendments, preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to explore the addition of up to 2,000 residential units and an expansion of commercial space by 200,000 square feet, both linked to promotion of diverse and affordable housing types; and updating the Town Center Subarea Plan and development regulations. These updates will consider changes since the original plan's adoption in 2008, past development and current development proposals, and the need for improved infrastructure and transportation planning to support the area's growth.

This initiative aims to broaden the availability of affordable and diverse housing options in the City. By adding incentives and reducing barriers, this work seeks practical routes to expand the diversity of housing types and price ranges available within our community that are broadly recognized needs.



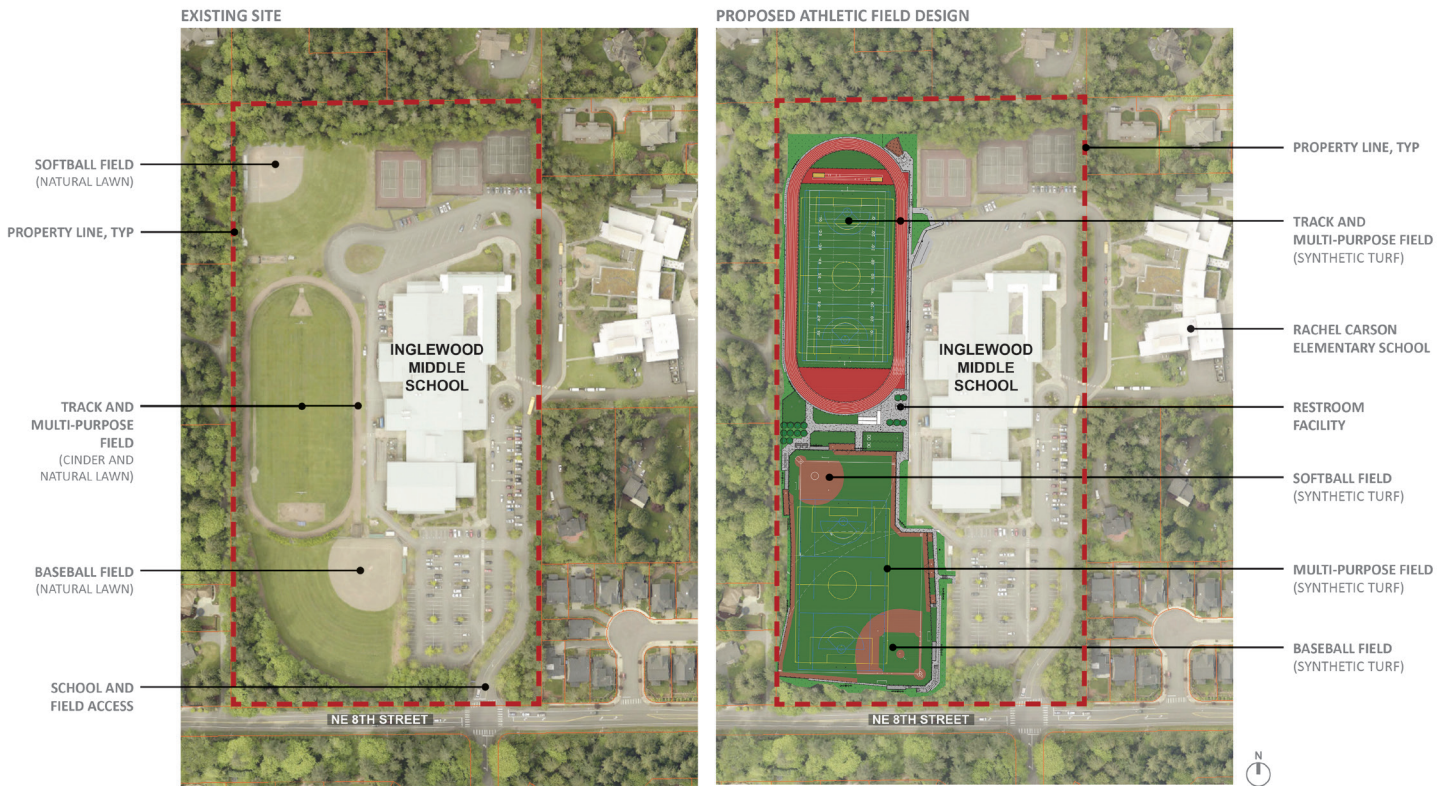
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For more information on this project, visit www.sammamish.us/projects/tcamendment

2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

The project team is working closely with its internal partners and consultant team to finalize a complete first draft of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan for the Planning Commission's review this spring. The Planning Commission was introduced to the draft plan on March 7 and will conduct its review on April 4, April 18, and May 2. We encourage interested community members to attend those meetings in person or online and provide verbal or written feedback to the Commission. We look forward to hearing from you as the Comprehensive Plan approaches adoption in December.

Be sure to follow this project and more at www.sammamish.us/our-community/bigideas



Inglewood Middle School Athletic Field Improvement Construction will begin soon!

Timeline

- **Feasibility Study:** April 2021 – February 2022 (Complete)
- **Feasibility Approved as Complete by City Council:** Feb 15, 2022 (Complete)
- **Design, Construction Documents, and Permitting:** Summer 2022 - Spring 2023 (Complete)
- **Bidding and Award:** Summer / Fall 2023 (Complete)
- **Construction:** Spring 2024 - Summer 2024
- **Field Opening:** Fall 2024

Inglewood Middle School’s athletic fields and track will be undergoing significant upgrades soon, marking the first major renovation since the school’s initial construction in 1991. Construction is slated to begin in early April, with anticipated completion by the end of the summer.

This project is the latest in a 20-year partnership between the Lake Washington School District and the City of Sammamish to give the community access to District-owned fields outside of school hours.

The project focuses on eight acres on the west side of the school property. Currently, uneven natural grass fields, deteriorated cinder track, lack of lighting, and poor surface conditions make these facilities challenging to use in the winter. By repurposing the site, the fields will be available year-round.

Key improvements include the installation of synthetic turf and lights, an 8-lane rubberized track, new accessible parking stalls, and a gender-neutral restroom building. The proposed design will create space for two synthetic multi-purpose football, soccer, and lacrosse fields. To the south, a 200-foot softball field and a 300-foot baseball field, complete with batting cages, bullpens, and dugouts, will enhance the facility.

The renovations aim to provide a more inclusive and vibrant athletic environment for the school and community.

Stay Informed!

To stay current on where we are in the process, please visit the project website at www.sammamish.us/inglewood.

SUMMER JOBS AT



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES!

COMPETITIVE WAGES!

THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Our 19-acre wooded wonder, Pine Lake Park, is a popular recreation and fishing spot offering trails, sports fields, climbing walls, a swimming beach and a boat launch. The Park draws families across the region for outdoor community events such as Shakespeare in the Park and the music concert series Summer Nights in the Park.

Help keep Sammamish parks safe for visitors in one of our seasonal roles.

Hiring now!



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We make fun happen! Join us at our public parks for classes, activities, and events!

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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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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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Celebrate Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day with us at the City of Sammamish Earth Day celebration on April 20, from 11 am to 2 pm at Beaver Lake Lodge! Dive into a day filled with eco-friendly, fun, and educational activities for the whole family. Explore interactive crafts, engage with informational booths, and participate in exciting activities to learn about sustainability and our planet's precious resources. Win fabulous prizes, indulge in delicious treats from food trucks, and enjoy captivating performances throughout the event. Don't miss getting close to fascinating creatures at the petting zoo and exploring the bug/reptile interactive booth. Join us in honoring Earth Day and discover how you can make a difference in preserving our environment!

More information at: sammamish.us/earthday2024