

# SAMMAMISH NEWSLETTER

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## Neighbors and Friends,

Summer came in hot this year with temperatures reaching 100+ degrees. The extreme temperatures threatened the comfort and health of many residents. For this reason, we opened City Hall as a Cooling Center for residents needing refuge from the heat. I would like to thank City Staff for volunteering at the Cooling Center so that we could offer extended hours of relief.

With the warmer weather, many of us are starting to enjoy the free summer events around Sammamish. We are happy to have live concerts returning this summer and the family favorite KidsFirst! Series – both are at Beaver Lake Park this year. There are also fun virtual events for all ages. Find a complete list of events on page 2.

Thank you, Sammamish, for getting vaccinated! Over 95% of residents aged 12 and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and roughly 85% of the same population has completed their entire series. Sammamish is the highest vaccinated population in King County; this is a remarkable achievement that Sammamish residents should be proud of reaching. Thank you to the Snoqualmie Tribe Vaccine Partnership for making this achievement possible by delivering over 15,200 doses at the drive-through vaccination site that was located at Lake Sammamish State Park.

Also, I would like to bring a couple dates to your attention:

1. The appeal hearing for the STCA filing to reverse the City's decision denying STCA's Phase 1, SW Quadrant Unified Zone Development Plan (UZDP) application started on July 12 and continues to July 21. For specific details, visit [www.sammamish.us/event?id=57481](http://www.sammamish.us/event?id=57481).
2. On page 7, you'll find an informative explanation and timeline for the Balanced Land Use and Mobility Analysis Environmental Impact Statement that City Staff has been working to prepare. Public comment for this opens August 26.

To conclude, I would like to provide an update on the City's budget. City Council voted 7-0 to amend the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget for carryforwards, adjustments related to prior Council direction and new federal funding.

As always, keep sharing your thoughts and suggestions.  
Mayor Karen Moran



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# Free Summer Events and Activities in Sammamish

Sammamish Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of activities and events for the community for FREE this summer. With the county moving through COVID-19, all of these events will require pre-registration. For more information and to register, please visit [www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/special-events](http://www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/special-events).



## Shakespeare Play

July 24 - *Comedy of Errors*

Classic plays at Klahanie Park performed by the Seattle Shakespeare Company at 7:00 p.m.

## Silly Summer Virtual Series

July 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Ventriloquist Vikki Gasko Green

## Outdoor Movies

Movies at Beaver Lake Park at 8:30 p.m.

August 2: *Secret Life of Pets 2*

August 16: *Karate Kid*

## Scavenger Hunt

August 21 and 22

Test your sleuthing skills and teamwork abilities in a city-wide, outdoor scavenger hunt.

## Virtual Programs

*BINGO* for people of all ages and abilities

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

August 18

Origami Classes are TBA for August

## Concerts in the Park

Live music at Beaver Lake Park

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

July 22: EveryLeaf, Classic Country

July 29: 3 Trick Pony, Variety Hits

August 5: Moon Daddy, Santana Tribute

August 12: Rear View Mirror, 60s Rock

August 19: Electric Boots, Elton John Tribute

August 26: ABBAgraphs, ABBA tribute

## KidsFirst! Performances

Live Performances for Children

1:00 p.m. at Beaver Lake Park on Thursdays

July 22: Ruth and Emilia, Classical and Global Music

July 29: Eric Herman and The Puppy Dogs, Cool Tunes

August 5: Tonks & The Aurors, Wizard Rock

August 12: Alex Zerbe, Comedy, Juggling, and Magic

August 19: Dani & The Bee, Songs for Kids

August 26: Debbie Goodrich, Parrot Lady

**Please visit: [www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/special-events](http://www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation-facilities/special-events)**



# Recognizing Police-Community Partnerships on National Night Out

*Together, we are making communities safer and more caring places to live. Organized events for National Night Out on August 3, 2021 have been cancelled in Sammamish while COVID-19 restrictions are evaluated; however, we are using this time to recognize and promote police-community partnerships.*

National Night Out was created to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together to celebrate everything positive about our community.

## Gather with Neighbors on August 3

Even though organized events for National Night Out have been cancelled in Sammamish this year while COVID-19 restrictions are evaluated, we encourage you to gather safely with your neighbors for an evening of fun while rediscovering your own community. Games and BBQs are great ways to strengthen the bond between those you live alongside, and help to make your homes safer.

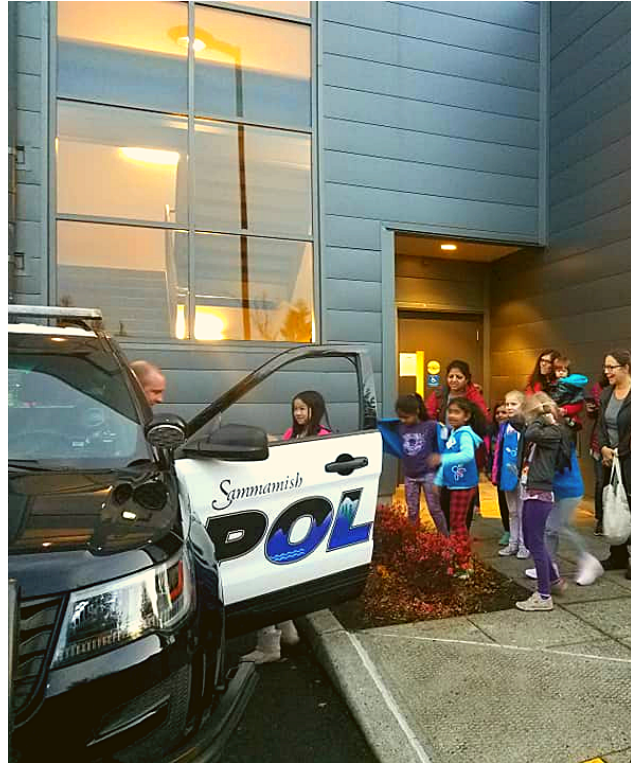
## Purpose

National Night out is designed to do the following:

- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Send a message that neighborhoods are organized and actively deterring crime
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships



*New patch designed by Audrey Chandler, graphic designer and wife of Sammamish Police Officer, Ryan Chandler.*



## Thank you to the Sammamish Police Department

During National Police Week in May, law enforcement officers around the country were recognized and honored. In Sammamish, we celebrate the contributions of our law enforcement, acknowledging their hard work, dedication, loyalty, and commitment to keeping our community safe.

In July, the Sammamish City Council recognized the Sammamish Police Department with a proclamation, and, in August, the City will profile the good people of the Sammamish Police Department and the work they do on duty and off duty. The proclamation and profiles can be found at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us) in August.

# Sammamish's Newest Park is Open Big Rock Park Central

*In 2010, Sammamish resident, Mary Pigott, gifted three parcels totaling 51 acres to the City of Sammamish as part of a phased land donation agreement. The first parcel, Big Rock Park North, opened in 2016. Big Rock Park Central, the second of three parcels, opened to the community in June.*

Big Rock Park Central is located just south of Big Rock Park North's 15 acres which opened in 2016. The addition of Big Rock Park Central provides 20 acres of land covered with dense forest, open meadows, and a stream in the north section. The park is enhanced by 1.5 miles of meandering trails navigating through the property and connecting to Big Rock Park North. The two parks now boast 3 miles of trails to explore! Big Rock Park Central also hosts several unique features such as the historic Reard House, the Heritage Garden and The Treehouse.

## The Historic Reard House

The Sammamish Heritage Society has led restoration work on the Reard House, a local 19th century farmhouse and is in the final stages of interior renovation work. The goal is to open this historic house to the public and engage the community in local history while allowing a glimpse into the past through exhibits and displays. For more information on the history of this house, please visit the Sammamish Heritage Society website here: [www.sammamishheritage.org/about](http://www.sammamishheritage.org/about)

## The Heritage Garden

The Heritage Garden was built in partnership with the Sammamish Botanical Garden Society (SBGS) and will be open during regular park hours. The 6,000 square foot garden was built by the City; the SBGS led the design and planting of the garden and will also lead volunteer efforts to maintain the garden. The garden showcases heirloom plants collected by the SBGS. For more information about the garden, please visit the SBGS website here: [www.sammamishbotanical.org/projects](http://www.sammamishbotanical.org/projects).

## The Treehouse

The Treehouse was built by Mary Pigott for her grandkids who enjoyed many hours in the scenic perch above the meadow. It was constructed around four existing landmark western red cedars and showcases some unique repurposed materials, like ski rope handrails and windows from Mary's old barn. To protect the health of the trees and to preserve the integrity of The Treehouse, it will be opened for visitors four times per month from March to October. Dates and times for reservations are posted at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us) - search *Big Rock Park Central Treehouse*.





# Welcome to Big Rock Park Central

Video of the ribbon cutting with guest speakers and special acknowledgements can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/c/sammamish](http://www.youtube.com/c/sammamish). Below are pictures of (left to right) Sammamish Heritage Society, Sammamish Botanical Gardens Society and the Treehouse.





# How to Enjoy Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands in a Mindful Way

*It is through education and awareness that individuals can integrate land acknowledgement and respect for the Snoqualmie Tribe into their recreational practices and experiences. Learn more - use QR Code.*



*"The Snoqualmie Tribe is excited to announce the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement which provides the public the opportunity to stand in support with the Tribe in helping to protect, respect, and restore, these important lands. Everyone has a part they can play in helping take care of Snoqualmie Tribe's Ancestral Lands, and we hope you will consider the various ways in which you, as City of Sammamish residents, can participate."*

**Jaime Martin, MPA , Snoqualmie Tribe Exec. Director of Governmental Affairs & Special Projects**



The Ancestral Lands Movement seeks to spread awareness of the Snoqualmie people who have lived in the southern Salish Sea region since time immemorial and share the significance of these lands and provide information on how people can help the Tribe in respecting, restoring, and protecting these lands.

### **Communities on Ancestral Lands**

"I acknowledge that I am on the Indigenous Land of Coast Salish peoples who have reserved treaty rights to this land, specifically the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe (sduk<sup>w</sup>albix<sup>w</sup>). I thank these caretakers of this land who have lived and continue to live here since time immemorial."

### **Recreational Impacts on Tribal Lands**

As the Salish Sea region has grown in population, the Snoqualmie Tribe's ancestral lands have been heavily impacted by recreation. This impact is especially apparent at the popular trails in the Snoqualmie corridor, where increased visitation has resulted in a degradation of the land.



### **How You Can Help?**

Here are simple steps everyone can take while recreating on Snoqualmie ancestral lands to practice respect and help the Tribe in protecting and restoring these lands for generations to come:

1. Treat the lands with the respect they deserve, by picking up your own trash, and that of others that you see, properly disposing of pet waste, and staying on designated trails.
2. Experience the lands in a way that is centered in mindfulness, rather than conquest.
3. Learn more about the Snoqualmie Tribe and its history and deep connection to these lands, and support the work the Tribe does today to continue stewarding these lands.
4. Acknowledge that you are recreating on Snoqualmie ancestral lands through both written acknowledgement and practice.
5. Help the Tribe spread its message by encouraging others to learn more and practice land acknowledgement both on and off the trails.



# Balanced Land Use and Mobility Analysis Environmental Impact Statement

*City Staff are working to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and have provided this explanation and estimated project timeline for the community.*

## Why is the City of Sammamish preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

The City is preparing a Balanced Land Use and Mobility Analysis Environmental Impact Statement (BLUMA EIS) pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to analyze growth and infrastructure needs in Sammamish.

The BLUMA EIS is being prepared because the City has determined that the proposed changes to road segments and corridor level of service as adopted in May 2019 have the potential to result in significant adverse impacts to the environment. An EIS is required under Chapter RCW 43.21C.

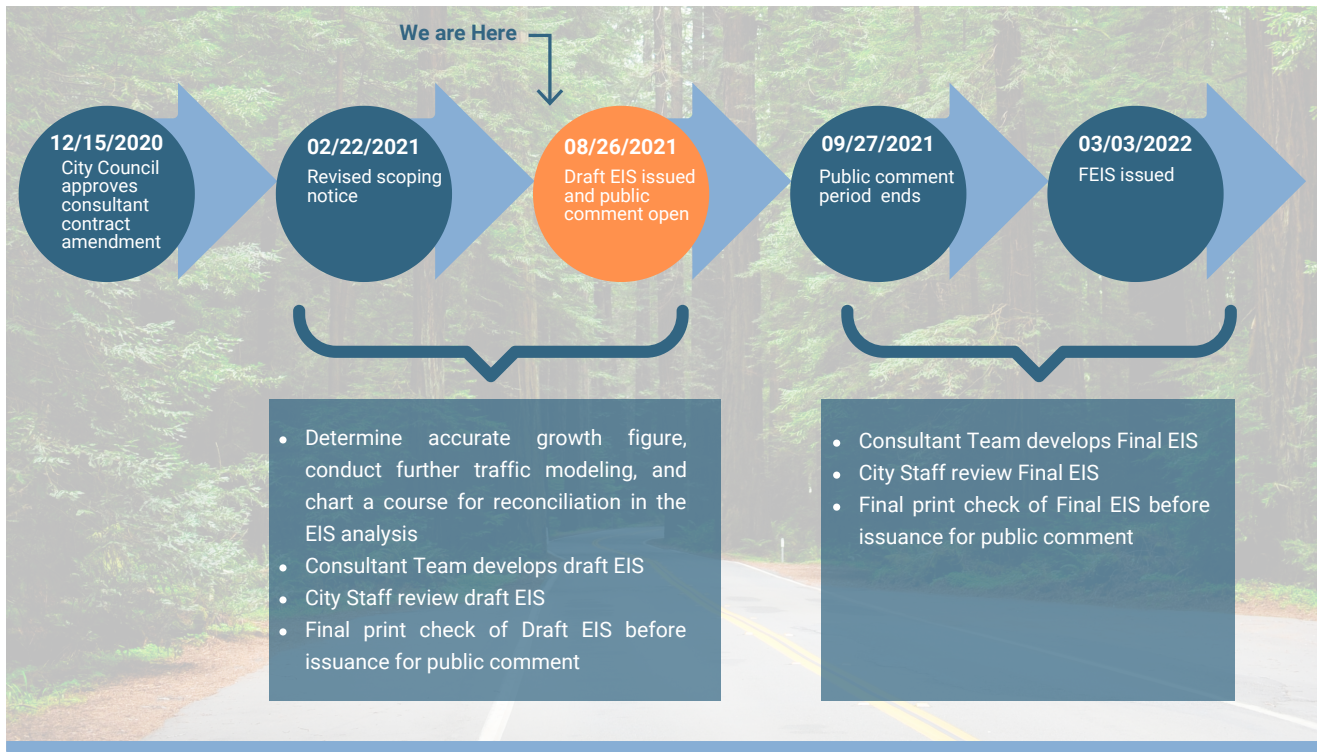
The goal is to provide the City Council with tangible Growth Management Act (GMA)-compliant options that will result in the ability to more comprehensively address these issues in Sammamish.

To ensure GMA compliance, the process will also consider the need for possible amendments in various Comprehensive Plan elements. Comprehensive Plan amendments could also include updated policy guidance and updated background information.

## What is an EIS?

An EIS is a document intended to assist decisionmakers by providing an impartial discussion of potential significant adverse environment impacts, and mitigation measures that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts associated with a proposed action.

A public comment period will commence following issuance of the Draft EIS (see timeline below). The Draft EIS is circulated so that the public and agencies can comment on the accuracy and content of the EIS before it is finalized.





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