

SAMMAMISH NEWSLETTER

The official publication of the City of Sammamish



Happy Holidays, Neighbors and Friends

This is the time of year where we all pause to reflect on the many things around us to show gratitude. Thank you to all residents who turned out to vote and provided input on the direction of our City. Your participation in the election process is appreciated.

Community Visioning Project

The City's Community Visioning project is in full swing and many residents have already shared their vision for the future of Sammamish. We appreciate this input and encourage you to continue following the Community Visioning Project at connect.sammamish.us/community-visioning.

Serve the Community on a Board or Commission

The City is currently seeking applicants to serve on the City's boards and commissions. This is a rewarding experience and a tangible way to give back and serve the community. Keep reading on page 3 about the open positions and how to apply.

As always keep sharing your thoughts and ideas.

Mayor Karen Moran



Distinguished Resident Award Presented to Mary Pigott

On November 1, Mary Pigott was presented with the Distinguished Resident Award for her many years of service and generous donation of 51 acres of land to the City that makes up Big Rock Park North, Central, and future South.

Kudos from Residents

Read more about this honor and share your appreciation for Mary Pigott's gift to the City using the Kudoboard at www.sammamish.us.

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City of Sammamish Communication Channels

Stay connected and in the know with your City using the City's official communication channels.

The City of Sammamish Communications serves as the primary liaison between the City and the public. Using a variety of multimedia outlets, Communications works to develop and amplify communications that positively promote civic engagement, and municipal transparency through the delivery of accurate, consistent, and timely information about the City of Sammamish.

Main Website at www.sammamish.us

This is where you can find Community News and Events, along with Department Pages and Contact Information.

Connect Sammamish at connect.sammamish.us

This is the City's engagement website where you can connect with the City. Connect Sammamish is the home to the City's:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion page
- Weather Events for updates when a major weather event impacts the City's infrastructure
- Cone Zone for traffic news
- Ask Sammamish where you can ask questions of the City
- COVID updates page
- Mobility Hub for transit options for getting around Sammamish
- Current Projects such as Community Visioning

Weekly eNews

Sign up for eNews delivered every Friday to your inbox. To sign up, go to www.sammamish.us and select "Join our mailing list" in the page footer and start receiving:

- Community Bulletins
- Calendar of Events
- News of the Week



Print Newsletter

This newsletter is delivered to all residents' mailboxes without having to sign up.

Special Bulletins

You can sign up to receive bulletins on topics that you can customize. To sign up, go to www.sammamish.us and select "Join our mailing list" in the page footer.

- Public Notices
- Transportation
- Stormwater
- And, more

Social Media Channels

We aim to provide a welcoming community with civil discourse across our social media channels. We encourage all residents to search City of Sammamish and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and NextDoor.

Civic Web Portal

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

Looking for a Great Way to Get Involved and Help Your Community?

Serving on one of Sammamish's boards or commissions can be a fascinating and rewarding experience.

Why Serve?

Sammamish's Boards and Commissions are designed to give residents and business owners a voice in their government and allow them to help with the decisions that shape the quality of life for our community. Participation on a board or commission is one of the most effective steps an individual can take in becoming an active voice in their government.

In addition, the skills, commitment, talent, knowledge, and enthusiasm of our community board and commission volunteers enhance those of our elected officials and help ensure that our local government is truly addressing the needs of the Sammamish community through the services, planning, and decision making provided by each board.

Applications are due by December 15, 2021.

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, visit:

www.sammamishwa.civicweb.net/Portal/CitizenEngagement.aspx. For more information, please contact Krista Kielsmeier at kkielsmeier@sammamish.us.

Note: Shorter-term lengths reflect current vacancies to be filled.

Where Can I Serve?

The City has openings for volunteer positions on the following Commissions:

Arts Commission (four-year terms)

Position 3 (1/31/26)

Position 4 (1/31/26)

Position 7 (1/31/24)

Position 9 (1/31/24)

Beaver Lake Management District Advisory Board (five-year terms)

Five vacancies, all for terms through 12/31/26

Human Services Commission (four-year terms)

Position 4 (1/31/24)

Position 7 (1/31/26)

Parks and Recreation Commission (four-year terms)

Position 4 (1/31/26)

Position 5 (1/31/26)

Position 6 (1/31/23)

Position 7 (1/31/23)

Planning Commission (four-year terms)

Position 6 (1/31/26)

Position 7 (1/31/26)



Are You Prepared for Winter Weather?

PROVIDED BY EMERGENCY MANAGER, ANDREW STEVENS

As temperatures drop and the days get shorter, it's important to begin preparing for colder months and the threats they present.

Winter storms in Sammamish can bring below-freezing temperatures, heavy rain, snow, icy roads, high winds, and localized flooding. These conditions can create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, carbon monoxide poisoning, and even heart attacks from overexertion.

Winter storms can last a few hours or several days. They can knock out heat, power, and communication services. Older adults, young children, and sick individuals are typically at greater risk during this time. Disruptions to utilities can also greatly impact one's ability to telework or attend virtual education.

Taking preparedness actions, such as winterizing your car and keeping an emergency supply kit in it, can make a big difference in protecting you and your family.

During a winter storm, you can also stay safe by doing the following:

- Stay off the roads if possible. City roads will be plowed and deiced in pre-established priority order.
- Use the MySammamish app to report storm-related damages (abandoned vehicles in roadways, downed trees, flooding, etc.). Do not report that your street has not been plowed.
- Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.
- Check on your neighbors, while staying safe from COVID-19, by texting, emailing, or calling them.

Take action to effectively prepare for winter conditions.

- Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.
- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Follow the City of Sammamish on social media, bookmark the City's Weather Events webpage on your home browser, and register for King County Alerts.
- Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days with or without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not wait until the storm has impacted the region to stock up on emergency supplies. Disruptions to the supply chain due to COVID-19 will only be exacerbated by the severe weather.
- Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas and, if possible, have a professional check your battery, anti-freeze, and cooling system. Purchase snow chains for your vehicle and know how to put them on.

Visit Winter Storm Readiness at www.sammamish.us for more information on how to stay safe in winter weather.

How to Prepare Your Home for Winter

Winter hazards can damage your home if not properly mitigated. Save yourself time, stress, and money by taking these steps.

Plumbing

Insulate exposed piping: Any exposed water pipes in uninsulated spaces like a crawlspace, attic, etc., should be insulated to a minimum using foam insulating sleeves.

Insulate exterior faucets: Turn off the water supply of the exterior faucets inside the house, then drain water from them by opening the faucets till it drains completely. You can also decide to get an insulated cover for the hose bibb. Finally, disconnect your garden hoses from the outside faucets and drain them.

Keep Your Pipes Warm: Frozen pipes are susceptible to damage and can cause a severe problem if care is not taken. Hence, you shouldn't turn off your heat completely when you leave the house. Keeping the temperature at around 55°F is enough to ensure that pipes stay warm enough.

Heating System

Furnace maintenance: Conduct a routine maintenance check of your furnace by yourself or employ a service technician to help you do it.

Inspect and clean heating vents: Remove all obstacles around the heating vents to make sure air flows freely.

Replace the air filter: Remove the old one replace it with a new and clean air filter. Doing this is generally easy, and ensures that there's free airflow, and the environment is clean.

Check fuel supply: If you're using a fuel or propane furnace, ensure that you have the fuel tank topped off, and you'll be good to go.

Check out for carbon monoxide leaks: Carbon monoxide is a silent killer and must not be exposed. However, it can be easily detected with either a test badge or a battery-operated alarm.

Outside the Home

Check the Shingles: Check for missing or damaged shingles and replace them if necessary.

Check the chimney flashings: The flashings around chimneys and other roof projections are usually the sources of leaks. Repair them if necessary.

Wooden deck: Seal up your wooden deck if needed, before winter. This way, it will have more resistance to winter damage.

Clear Gutters: Clear rain gutters of debris and fallen leaves to ensure they operate properly and do not result in water pooling on roofs.

Drain water: Drain any water accessories or fountains, unplug the pumps.

Winterize sprinkler systems: Drain the system and shut it down according to the type of irrigation system you have installed (Manual, Automatic, or Blowout).

Does Higher Assessed Value Necessarily Mean Higher Property Taxes?

Provided by King County Assessor's Office

You may have received a notice from the King County Assessor that the value of your property has increased. What does this mean for your property tax? It's important to know that an increase in property value does not represent a dollar-to-dollar increase in property taxes.

How is your property tax calculated?

Your individual property tax is calculated based on the assessed value of your property, the total taxable property value in your community, voter-approved measures, and the budgets adopted by your local governments. Taxing districts are limited to a 1% annual increase in property tax revenue regardless of changes in property values.

What determines how much property tax you pay?

The amount you pay depends on the cost of state and local government, including schools, roads, parks, libraries, hospitals, city and county government, as well as your local taxing districts such as port district, fire districts, and sewer districts. A large part of each property tax dollar goes to pay off construction bonds for school buildings and other public projects.

Question about the value of your property?

Contact King County Assessor's office at **206-296-7300** or email **assessor.info@kingcounty.gov** to address questions you have about your property.



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



NOV 26 - DEC 19
 Christmas Tree Lot at
 Pine Lake Park
 Wednesday-Friday 5-8 PM
 Saturday & Sunday 12-8 PM
 Closed Mon & Tues

Rewarding Exceptional Service to Our Community

Andrew Stevens and Glenn Huffman of Eastside Fire and Rescue

Deputy Matt Martin, School Resource Officer at Eastlake High School

The King County Fire Chief’s Association recently recognized Emergency Manager Andrew Stevens and Battalion Chief Glenn Huffman with a Letter of Commendation for exceeding the duty requirements expected of their positions and for demonstrating a distinct pattern of community service.

On the morning of September 2, 2021, Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R), along with Bellevue Medics, responded to a medical aid call at Eastlake High School.

Andrew and Glenn received the Letter of Commendation for their exceptional and sustained performance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, they planned, advocated, and brought to the community a fully functional mobile vaccination operation, targeting homebound residents and a stand-alone drive-through vaccination site at Lake Sammamish State Park.

School Resource Officer Matt Martin's actions that day led to him receiving a letter of appreciation from Eastside Fire and Rescue. There was no doubt from the EF&R crews involved, that Martin's response with Eastlake staff and assistance to a student experiencing a medical emergency, had potentially life-saving effects. Deputy Martin's actions absolutely aided in the rapid treatment and transportation of the student to the hospital.

They partnered with the Snoqualmie Tribe, City of Issaquah, City of Sammamish, King County Parks, Eastside Fire & Rescue, and an army of volunteers. All of this resulted in over 20,000 vaccinated community members, and the City of Sammamish leading the region for vaccination rates.

Deputy Martin demonstrated a high level of professionalism in an unusual situation. The care he provided the student was exceptional and deserving of the letter of appreciation.

Thank you for serving our community with professionalism and dedication. You are appreciated and valued.



VIRTUAL SAMMAMISH *Holiday Contests*

★ Prizes given out to the winners in each category - Contest runs all month of December ★



Most Festive Pet



Best Holiday Treat



Best Holiday Outfit



Best Holiday Display

More information at <https://connect.sammamish.us/>



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Eastside Fire & Rescue
(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

Sammamish Permit Center
(425) 295-0531

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(425) 392-6256

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Community Van
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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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