

SAMMAMISH NEWSLETTER

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City to Begin Planning on Two New Parks: Beaton Hill Park and Big Rock Park South

Ever wonder how a new park is planned? The Parks, Recreation & Facilities team is beginning work on not one, but two new parks in Sammamish.

The New Parks

Beaton Hill Park is located in the heart of the City, approximately half a mile west of City Hall. The park is made up of two parcels that were purchased by the City in an effort to preserve open space in a rapidly densely developing area in the City; it is named for the family that owned the farmstead for over 80 years. The vacant land totals 9.36 acres and has mature trees, rolling topography, open meadows, and sensitive areas.

Big Rock Park South is the third and final property of a 51-acre phased land donation by Mary Pigott. The first two parcels, Big Rock Park North and Central, opened to the public in 2016 and 2021. Like the conditions placed on the previous two parcels, this park will facilitate a variety of low-impact active and passive activities that may include nature trails, open space, and passive sports meadows. The 15 acres that make up this property include dense forest cover, meandering trails, sensitive areas, open meadows, a single-family home, detached garages, and a barn.

Master Plan Process

Prior to commencing development or improvement on parkland, a master plan is completed by following the City's master plan process. This process looks at the parkland in a comprehensive manner that involves the entire community. A goal is to integrate the new parks with Big Rock Park North and Central, providing a cohesive group of parks within the City's core.

A twelve to eighteen-month effort is anticipated for the master plan process which will include participation from the community at large, City staff, the Parks & Recreation Commission, City Council, and community stakeholders.

Individual master plan reports will be prepared for each park. The master plan process will consist of three phases. Continue reading on page two for information on the phases, timeline, and how to get involved.

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Phase 1

Site Investigation and Analysis

Evaluate existing site conditions, identify sensitive areas, complete site studies, and develop an overall understanding of the site. During this initial phase, a community survey will be prepared to assist with the development of initial park concepts.

Phase 2

Park Program

The first public meeting will be held to present site analysis and provide the community an opportunity to share their hopes, dreams and concerns for the park. Following the first public meeting, a community survey will be published. Based upon the results of site analysis, community survey, City staff input, technical input and initial public input, a preliminary park design program will be developed that details proposed uses, design character and criteria.

The final deliverable will be a Master Plan Report for each park. Funds for implementing the master plans may be budgeted for in the future following adoption and improvements to the parks may be completed in phases over time.

Phase 3

Master Plan Discussion

Two to three Master Plan alternatives will be prepared for each park, based upon the approved design. This will include a narrative that summarizes the existing conditions, design alternatives, cost implications, and regulatory criteria, and identifies issues that will require further study at the next stage of project development.

Based upon feedback from the community, Parks & Recreation Commission, and City Council, the alternatives will be revised to one preferred Master Plan alternative with a cost preliminary estimate.

Get Involved

There are multiple opportunities to share your hopes, dreams, and concerns for the master plans.

- Stop by our booth at the upcoming Earth Day event on Saturday, April 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Join us for an open house at the future Big Rock Park South on Saturday, April 23 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tune in to our first virtual public workshop on Thursday, April 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stay informed on these events, future public meetings, and the overall process at www.sammamish.us/brbh.

Timeline

- Consultant Selection and Project Kickoff: Fall 2021 - Winter 2022
- Site Investigation and Analysis: Winter 2022
- Park Program: Spring-Summer 2022
- Master Plan Development: Summer-Fall 2022
- SEPA (State Environmental Protection Act) Review: Winter 2023
- Master Plan Adoption: Spring-Summer 2023



City of Sammamish Seeks Applicants for 2023-2024 Human Services Grant Funding

The City of Sammamish is seeking applications from eligible non-profit agencies for 2023/2024 Human Services grant funding.

This funding is available for a variety of human service programs, such as food security, housing and homelessness prevention, health, mental health, youth services, and more.

The Human Service Funders Collaborative, representing eighteen participating King County municipalities including the City of Sammamish, began accepting applications for the 2023/2024 funding process on March 14, 2022. Organizations may apply online at share1app.org. Applications must be submitted by April 28, 2022.

Human Services Funders Collaborative Workshop

Agencies interested in applying are encouraged to view a recording of the Human Services Funders Collaborative Workshop held in March. The workshop covers application content, technical details, and city-specific information.

Details can be found here:
www.redmond.gov/1000/Application-Process

The City welcomes applications from agencies that provide services to Sammamish residents and:

- Meet minimum insurance requirements
- Are a State-approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Are willing and able to accept reimbursement for funds
- Regularly track and submit required reports regarding services and demographics

The City of Sammamish Human Services Commission will review the submitted applications and present a funding recommendation to the City Council in the fall of 2022. Final allocation amounts will be approved and adopted as part of the 2023/2024 City budget. Awarded funds will be available beginning January 1, 2023. The Human Services Needs Assessment will help guide the Human Services Commission in developing its funding recommendation. Please refer to the Needs Assessment, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/SammamishNeeds>.

Questions?

Contact Rita Badh, Senior Human Services Coordinator, at rbadh@sammamish.us or (425) 295-0579.

Snoqualmie Tribe's Gift to the City of Sammamish

The City of Sammamish is honored that Snoqualmie Tribe Chairman Robert de los Angeles presented the City with a Snoqualmie design Eighth Generation blanket for display at City Hall for our partnership in distributing much-needed COVID-19 vaccines to the community.



Ebright Creek Fish Passage Receives Award from American Society of Civil Engineers

The Ebright Creek Fish Passage has won an award for Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Part of the evaluation criteria for the award included the project's contribution to public welfare and safety, and compatibility with the environment and sustainability. The Ebright Creek Fish Passage removed a barrier to allow fish, especially the native Lake Sammamish Kokanee salmon, to swim upstream through a fully fish passable box culvert.

The Ebright Creek Fish Passage project featured creative design approaches, including:

- A steel casing penetrates the culvert walls to protect an existing sewer line
- Engineered meander bars and stream boulders within the culvert itself
- Collaboration with King County for the project to be compatible with their upcoming adjacent culvert replacement
- The project concept, feasibility, and design were developed by identifying the key metrics by which project success would be measured, including minimizing impacts to the environment and private property, providing benefits to the stream channel and wetland habitat, and minimizing utility conflicts

Issaquah Fall City Road Project Receives Honor Award in ACEC 2022 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition

The Issaquah Fall City Road Project, 242nd Avenue to Klahanie Drive, has been selected to receive an Honor Award in the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) 2022 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition—the “Academy Awards of the engineering industry.”

The Honor Award is a prestigious distinction for exceptional engineering achievement. This project was selected in the transportation category and was judged on several qualities including unique or innovative engineering solutions, future value to the public, complexity, and social, economic, and sustainable development considerations.

Why does the Issaquah Fall City Road Project stand out?

The technical decision-making process to construct a bridge versus box culvert across North Fork Issaquah Creek, which opened a wildlife and fish migration corridor and improved corridor safety by eliminating steep road grades sets this project apart from others. Roundabouts were used strategically to both improve safety and traffic flow and to reduce road width by eliminating the need for two-way left-turn pockets. A Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon, a first in Sammamish, improves crossing safety at Pacific Cascade Elementary School.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS TEAM FOR THESE TWO GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Keeping Lake Sammamish Healthy from Pollutants

Residents of Sammamish can work together to help protect the kokanee salmon of Lake Sammamish, also known as the little red fish.

Lake Sammamish has been an important part of the community since time immemorial. After the Treaty of Point Elliot was signed in 1855, tribes were removed from their land and forced to relocate. Some Snoqualmie Tribe members moved to the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish and established seven homesteads when Snoqualmie did not receive reservation land. Throughout history, the Little Red Fish, kokanee salmon, provided a traditional food source for the Snoqualmie Tribe and the fish remain a part of their culture and traditions.

Today, Lake Sammamish is used recreationally by more than one million people every year and it is the 6th largest lake in Washington state. Beginning in 1968 changes were made to sewer infrastructure to improve water quality, specifically to limit the amount of pollution containing phosphorous. Water quality improved briefly but as a result of increased development between 1978 and 1996 water quality began to decrease again – actions like the Lake Sammamish Initiative and groups like the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Work Group were and are invested in reducing phosphorous loads in the lake and increasing community stewardship. Connected to water pollution, Lake Sammamish and the surrounding creeks saw smaller and smaller kokanee salmon returns over time as a direct result of “altered stream flows, past hatchery practices, habitat degradation, predation, disease, past fishing pressure, fish passage barriers, and... elevated temperature and poor dissolved oxygen levels” (Lake Sammamish Kokanee Salmon Recovery).

The Snoqualmie Tribe, City of Sammamish, and King County are invested in aiding the return of healthy kokanee salmon population. The long-term plan regarding the Restoration and Enhancement of Lake Sammamish Kokanee Tributaries includes increasing the kokanee salmon population and the productivity of native kokanee. But this work cannot be done without help from community members.

The City of Sammamish is committed to keeping our waterways clean and preventing water pollution is an inexpensive way to contribute to the health of the Sammamish watershed, Lake Sammamish, and kokanee salmon.

Sammamish residents can help keep the waterways clean in a variety of ways from planting a rain garden to adopting a storm drain. Visit the Help Keep Our Water Clean! campaign page on Connect Sammamish at connect.sammamish.us. You will find short posts on preventing water pollution covering topics such as:

- Best Management Practices for Car Washing and Pressure Washing
- Car Care and Leak Prevention
- Yard Care and Pet Waste Best Practices

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT
THE LITTLE RED FISH IN LAKE
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Sammamish Skate Park Expansion Project

The City has begun design for the Sammamish Commons Skatepark Expansion project. This project will expand and improve the skate area at the north end of the skatepark, including expanding the northwest skate bowl. Grindline Skateparks Inc. was selected to design and oversee this expansion project. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer 2022 and the skatepark will re-open in the fall of 2022.



City of Sammamish's Events Calendar

Make sure to stay up-to-date on City activities. Frequently check the City's events calendar at www.sammamish.us and mark your calendar for upcoming happenings this spring.

SAMMAMISH APRIL RECYCLING EVENTS

Saturday, April 9

9am - 3pm

@ Eastside Catholic

- Tires
- Electronic and Computer Equipment
- Televisions
- Lead Acid Batteries
- AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D cell alkaline batteries

Saturday, April 16

9am - 3pm

@ Eastside Catholic

- Confidential Document Shredding
- Styrofoam Blocks and Packing
- Peanuts
- Cardboard
- Mattresses and Box Springs
- Propane Tanks
- Porcelain Toilets and Sinks
- Refrigerators and Freezers
- Bulky Wood



Meet Jake, a Sammamish Community Van Driver

Community Van Volunteer Jake Randolph was raised in Sammamish by parents Steve and Nancy. He has been a part of the Sammamish Community since he attended Sunny Hills Elementary School.

During the pandemic, a family member of his was in an accident and needed a wheelchair. Jake saw an ad for Community Van on Facebook and in a Sammamish restaurant. He thought driving for the program would be a great opportunity to give back to his community and help his family member since Community Van has an accessible vehicle.

After becoming a volunteer, Jake realized how much wider the mobility needs of the community are in Sammamish. He felt like Community Van was a great resource for the community, especially during the lockdown. He helped seniors get to their tax appointments and grocery stores when they could not drive themselves. He drove teenagers and single parents to their destinations when their mobility needs could not be met by other transit options.

Jake's favorite memory with Community Van was helping a local teenager get to the Woodland Park Zoo for an internship. He said while he attended Skyline High School, he was passionate about broadcasting and TV production, so helping a high school student/aspiring zookeeper felt like helping a younger version of himself.

Becoming a volunteer was easy for Jake, and because of the protections in place against COVID, he felt safe while volunteering.

The barriers between drivers and riders, cleaning protocol, and mask-wearing made Jake and his passengers feel comfortable. The flexibility provided by volunteering with Community Van made sense for Jake, who volunteers with other organizations in addition to working. Community Van volunteers do not have obligations to accept rides or fixed volunteer schedules; volunteers fulfill trips on their terms.

Driving for Community Van brought Jake closer to his community. He said, "It's important for people to step up in the community and I hope that other people read this and get inspired to contribute."

Learn More About Community Van

Community Van is a flexible transit option in partnership between the City of Sammamish and King County Metro. Trips can be up to two hours away for the cost of a regular bus fare. Community Van trips are booked in advance for up to 11 passengers.

How do you request a ride?

You can request to ride in Community Van's 6- and 11-passenger vans for trips to Seattle, appointments, errands, or other outings. Learn more and request a trip: connect.sammamish.us/mobility-hub or call (425) 295-0646.





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