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# SAMMAMISH NEWSLETTER

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## Neighbors and Friends,

As we welcome spring, there are many advances happening around COVID-19. Last month, King County moved to Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington Plan allowing for more activities to resume. In addition, teachers are getting vaccinated, and many local schools are beginning to offer hybrid learning opportunities. The City of Sammamish joined in forming the Issaquah Vaccine Community Partnership earlier this year, and the partnership has now procured a location and the infrastructure needed to host a mass vaccination site once vaccines are received for our community. For the latest on vaccination efforts, make sure to visit [connect.sammamish.us/covid-19-updates](https://connect.sammamish.us/covid-19-updates).

I would like to take a moment to provide an update on the City's efforts to accommodate and safely manage growth. We recently updated housing and growth targets for Sammamish as part of King County's Urban Growth Capacity Study. We are actively studying data that includes both school capacity issues and sewer capacity issues. As we work with King County on this study, school and sewer capacity concerns will remain at the forefront of our discussions in understanding how cities can carefully manage growth.

This past month, we also made positive advances in supporting affordable housing when City Council voted to pass three funding resolutions. We are all very encouraged by the important work being done around affordable housing.

In this issue, you will find a snapshot of the 2021-2022 budget. For the biennial budget, the City Council voted to take half of the banked capacity accumulated over the past 11 years and approved a 1% increase on the 2020 tax levy. For Sammamish homeowners, this will result in an increase of approximately \$70 per year in property tax for a home valued at \$900,000.

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



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# Please Be A Good Neighbor - Don't Block Sidewalks

*Sidewalks: They are great for pedestrians, but not great for parking cars, garbage cans or basketball hoops.*

## What does the American Disability Act (ADA) say about sidewalks?

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that sidewalks be accessible, which means there must be a minimum clear width to get around any obstruction. However, it is more neighborly to have obstructions off of the sidewalk entirely.

## What does the City of Sammamish say about sidewalks?

Our adopted public works standards do not allow any objects in the public right-of-way. Trash bins and other blocking hazards such as vehicles and basketball hoops are some of the most frequently offending items.

## Make sure NOT to place trash bins on the sidewalk.

Our walking disabled neighbors and neighbors with strollers use sidewalks daily to get around.

Unfortunately, they are regularly encountering trash bins that make sidewalks impassable. Our neighbors need unobstructed sidewalks for safe transportation. When trash bins are placed on the sidewalk, our neighbors are forced into the street which poses obvious safety concerns.

## Where should you place your trash, recycle and yard bins?

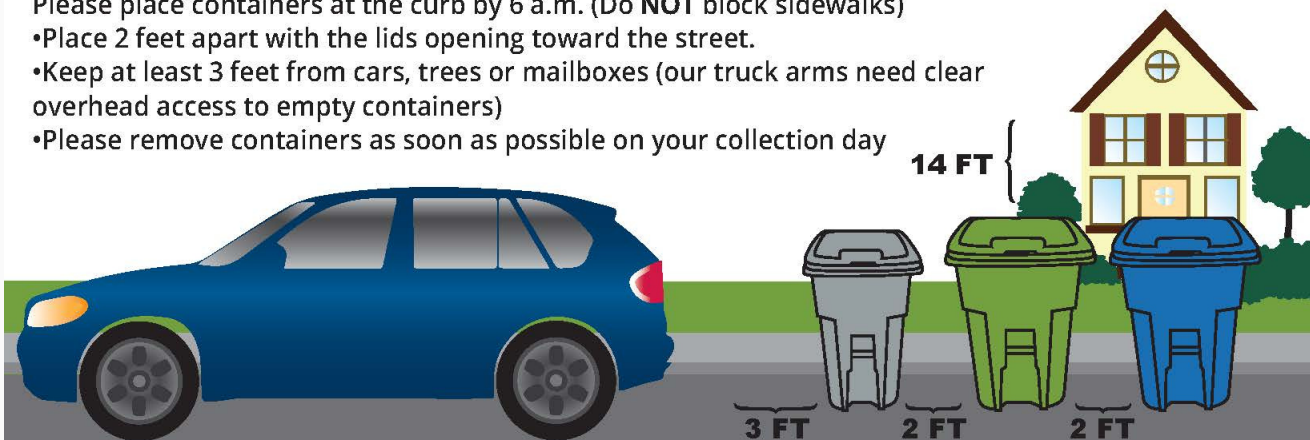
All bins should be placed on the street with the wheels against the curb.

## How can you help?

In addition to placing your bins in the proper location on the edge of the curb, consider helping your neighbors who aren't able-bodied. Ask if you can take their bins out for them and put them away. Also, spread the word amongst your neighbors about proper placement of bins.

Please place containers at the curb by 6 a.m. (Do **NOT** block sidewalks)

- Place 2 feet apart with the lids opening toward the street.
- Keep at least 3 feet from cars, trees or mailboxes (our truck arms need clear overhead access to empty containers)
- Please remove containers as soon as possible on your collection day



[www.RepublicServices.com/Sammamish-WA](http://www.RepublicServices.com/Sammamish-WA)

206.777.6441

## Tom Odell Selected to Fill City Council Vacancy

*The Sammamish City Council voted at a Special Session to appoint Tom Odell to fill City Council Seat #1. The seat was vacated on January 19, 2021 when former councilmember Jason Ritchie resigned from the City Council.*

Mr. Odell is no stranger to the Sammamish City Council. He served two full terms on the Council, from January 2010 through December 2017, including two years as Mayor and one year as Deputy Mayor. During his tenure, he actively represented Sammamish within the Sound Cities Association, the Association of Washington Cities, and the National League of Cities. Within the Council, he served on and chaired many of the Council's committees.




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*My focus then, as it is now,  
is to serve the people of  
Sammamish by keeping  
Sammamish livable for its  
residents and protecting its  
natural environment while  
meeting community needs.  
This will not change.*


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Mr. Odell and his family moved to Sammamish in 1989, drawn to the area by its many natural amenities and its schools. "We have lived in the same house for all 31 years. Our kids grew up and flourished in the Sammamish public schools, where my wife was also a teacher," said Odell. "We are vested in this community, love it, and have no plans to leave."

Now retired, Mr. Odell's professional experience includes a long career in the aviation industry. His last role was as Regional Director for Marketing at the Boeing Company.

A veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Odell holds a Master's of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts, both from the University of Minnesota.

HAVE YOUR  
DESIGN  
SEEN HERE



Are you a designer?

Represent your community and submit your design for Connect Sammamish's homepage banner.

DESIGNS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 16, 2021

FOR DETAILS: [CONNECT.SAMMAMISH.US/HOMEPAGE-BANNER-CONTEST](https://connect.sammamish.us/homepage-banner-contest)

# Highlights from the 2021-2022 Budget in Brief

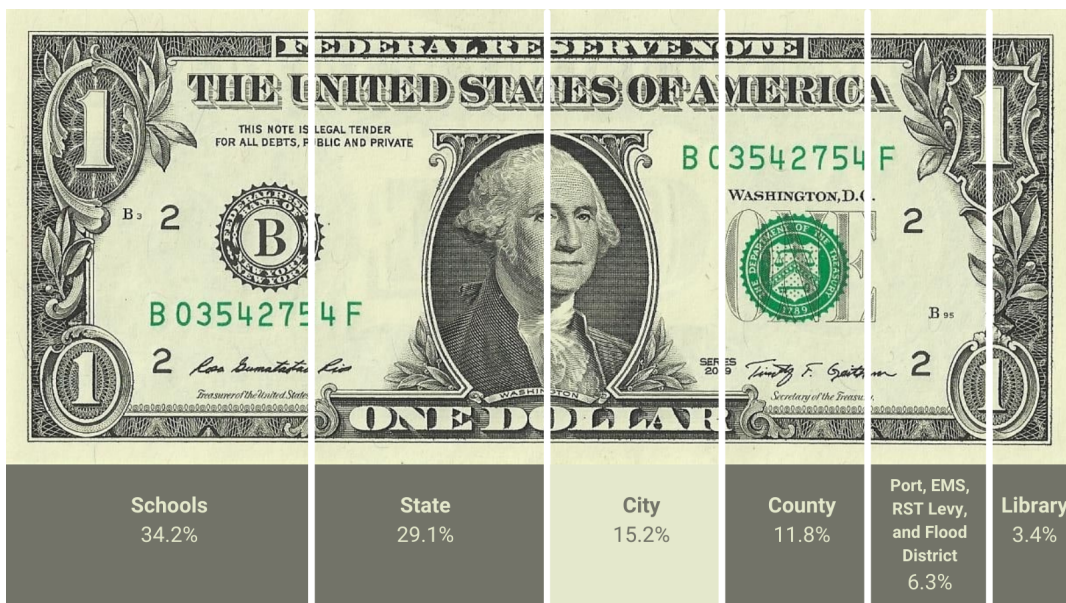
This is a snapshot of the 2021-2022 biennium Budget in Brief available in its entirety at [www.sammamish.us/budgetinbrief](http://www.sammamish.us/budgetinbrief). The Budget in Brief provides a condensed summary of the city's budgeted operating revenues and expenditures along with capital project highlights.

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM Two-Year Revenues

Property Taxes	\$63,880,000
Surface Water Fees	\$18,213,500
Sales Tax	\$14,999,000
Real Estate Excise Tax	\$12,800,000
Charges for Serv, Licenses & Permits	\$9,145,000
Gov't. Grants & Shared Revenues	\$5,522,700
Impact Fees and Misc.	\$5,142,380

## How are my property tax dollars allocated?

Property tax is the City's primary source of funding for general city services. For the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget, the City Council voted to take half of the banked capacity accumulated over the past 11 years and approved a 1% increase on the 2020 tax levy. For Sammamish homeowners, this will result in an increase of approximately \$70 per year in property tax for a home valued at \$900,000. In 2021, the City expects to receive \$31.6 million in property tax revenue.

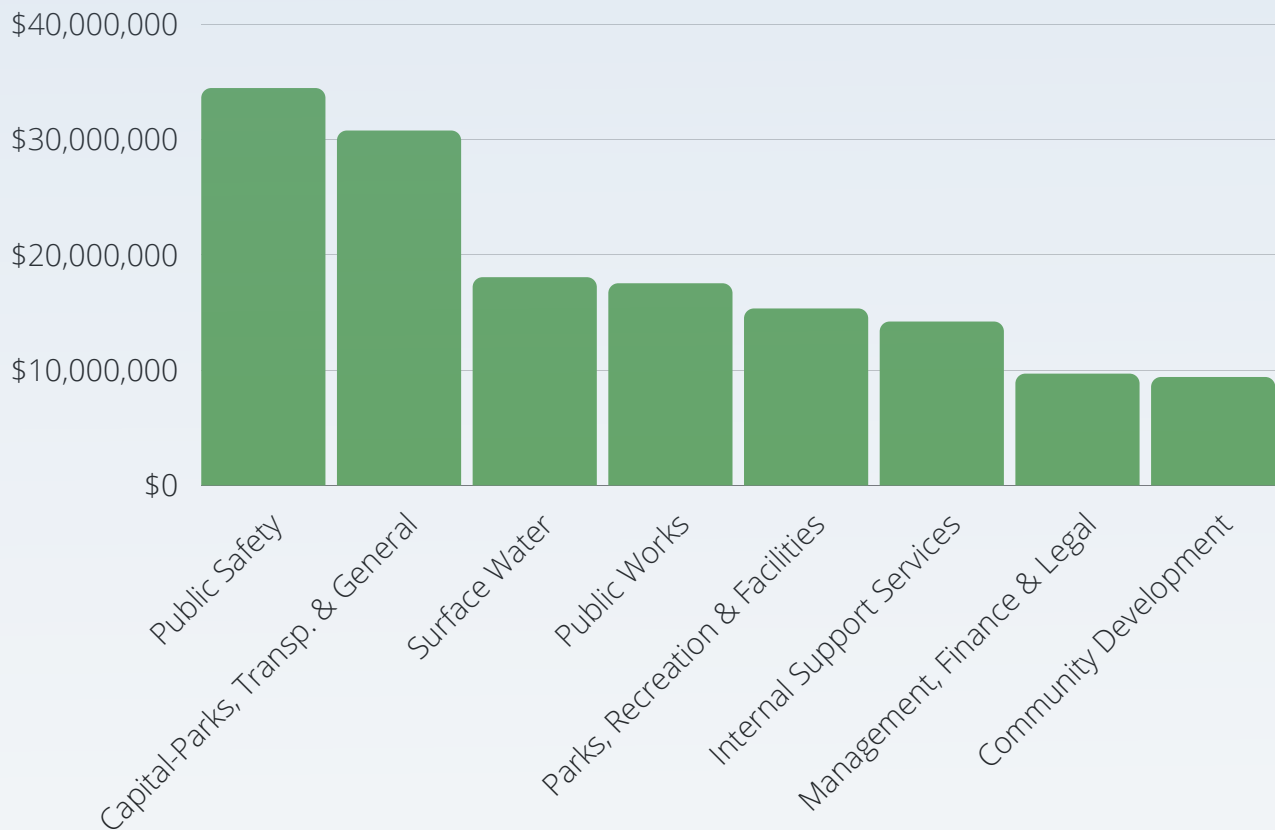


*This graphic represents properties within Issaquah School District. For an explanation on the variations depending on property location, view the full Budget in Brief online at [www.sammamish.us/budgetinbrief](http://www.sammamish.us/budgetinbrief).*

# Highlights from the 2021-2022 Budget in Brief

## MONEY GOING TO CITY SERVICES Two-Year Expenditures

Public Safety	\$34,409,917
Capital-Parks, Transp. & General	\$30,727,200
Surface Water	\$18,011,756
Public Works	\$17,485,070
Parks, Recreation & Facilities	\$15,300,800
Internal Support Services	\$14,167,869
Management, Finance & Legal	\$9,651,300
Community Development	\$9,360,250



# All about Stormwater with Public Works

*This is Part 2 of a two-part series on Stormwater. Part 1 appeared in the March newsletter.*

## How does the City manage stormwater?

What makes Sammamish unique is that we are a relatively young city incorporated only 22 years ago. A lot of Sammamish still have forest canopy. We still have a lot of one-acre residential parcels.

The science has shown that as an area gets more built out there are more roads and houses, and impervious surface areas. The more impervious surface that a city has, the more negative impacts we see on our creeks, our wetlands, and the lake surface water that we really value for recreation purposes, environmental benefit, and aesthetics. Our City has 65,000 residents. The stormwater team has six staff who are involved in all facets of stormwater management. This includes:

- Stormwater infrastructure, such as pipes, catch basins, drains, and stormwater ponds. We built a stormwater network of pipes and drains so that our streets remain clear of water.
- We have 15,000 catch basins in the city. After heavy rains, we inspect them for extra dirt and contaminants. These catch basins are regularly maintained and cleaned. Our team also responds to oil spills and leaks that can contaminate these catch basins. We clean that up so that the oil doesn't reach our streams.
- We take care of stormwater ponds so that they continue holding enough stormwater to prevent erosion in our natural surface water features.
- We do long-range planning to see what is needed for the city to best take care of its stormwater and its surface water feature.
- We also run educational and outreach programs about how we can all help manage stormwater.

## How is stormwater part of the larger ecosystem?

All stormwater becomes surface water, so all stormwater eventually goes into our creeks, our lakes, our wetlands. We must treat it and make sure there's good water quality without pollutants BEFORE it enters our surface water or groundwater.

When there's a pond or vault or other types of facilities that have storm filters, there's always required water quality treatment. We typically remove suspended solids like dirt. Dirt is one of the top pollutants of surface water. We also remove phosphorus. The negative impacts of phosphorus and too many nutrients are that they contribute to algae blooms in lakes, and that reduces oxygen in the lakes for fish.

By treating stormwater, we're removing dirt, removing phosphorus and hopefully sending clean water to our surface water features.

## - City of Sammamish Public Works

### Sammamish Community Ride

We are here when you are ready.

Service area expanded to include popular destinations.



Reserve a ride using the Community Ride app or call **855-233-6043**.

More details: [connect.sammamish.us/mobility-hub](https://connect.sammamish.us/mobility-hub)

## Upcoming Community Events

While large outdoor events are uncertain due to COVID restrictions and guidance, the City will continue to offer a variety of limited contact and virtual events. Updates will be posted at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us).

### Sammamish Celebrates Earth Day

**April 22 - 25, 2021**

We celebrate Earth Day to continue promoting environmental awareness and to remind us that we can protect the earth in our everyday lives as well.

#### Earth Day Activities

- Native Plant and Seed Giveaway
- Volunteer Work Events
- Compost Giveaway
- Self Guided and Docent Tours
- Scavenger Hunt



More information is available at [www.sammamish.us/event/earth-day-celebration](http://www.sammamish.us/event/earth-day-celebration)

### Youth Sports Skill-Based Programs

**Spring/Summer 2021**

Skyhawks Sports Academy provides sports programs where children discover and develop athletic skills and social values, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship.

- Flag Football Camp
- Basketball Camp
- Lacrosse Camp
- Tennis Camp
- Golf Camp
- Baseball Camp
- Track and Field Camp
- Multi-Sport Camp (Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee)

Get more details and register: [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com)

### Save the Date

Virtual Town Hall, April 27 at Noon

## Two Community Recycling Events in April

Get complete details on events and recycling limits at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us).

### Saturday, April 10

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Eastside Catholic High School

- Tires  
*Limit 6 passenger tires per household (18 inches and below) free of charge. \$1.50 for extra tires off rim. \$3.00 for each passenger tire on rim. \$9 charged for each large truck tire and \$18 charged for each truck tire on rim (cash only). No oversized tires accepted.*
- Electronic Equipment
- Televisions
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Alkaline Batteries

### Saturday, April 17

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Eastside Catholic High School

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



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Finance Director

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IT Director

**Jeff Elekes**  
Public Works Director

**David Pyle**  
Community Development  
Director

**Anjali Myer**  
Parks, Recreation and Facilities  
Director

### City Resources

**Police Non-Emergency**  
(206) 296-3311

**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

**Sammamish Plateau Water  
and Sewer**  
(425) 392-6256

**NE Sammamish Water and  
Sewer**  
(425) 868-1144

### City Notices

**Have an issue or concern?**  
Use the *My Sammamish* app  
on your smartphone.

**Have an emergency?**  
Dial 911

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