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September 2007

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Don't Miss This Month's Membership Luncheon:

Come Meet the Candidates for Sammamish City Council

Thursday, September 20, 2007
11:30 am to 1:15 pm
The Plateau Club
Sammamish, WA

The Sammamish Chamber of Commerce has invited the candidates for Sammamish City Council to speak at our next luncheon. Each candidate will have approximately five minutes each to discuss the issues surrounding our local Sammamish businesses. You will have the opportunity for questions as time allows.

Plan to arrive on time to meet the candidates before the luncheon begins.

This will be a popular event, so plan to sign up early.

To register for the September luncheon, log onto www.sammamishchamber.org and click the RSVP box for registration information. This event is open to the public.

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Our newest SCC Board of Directors member, John James, of Instant Imprints, represented the Chamber at the Rotary Challenge Race.

The 4th annual race raised \$3000 for LEO, Life Enrichment Options, which aids East-side people with mental disabilities.

September 2007 President's Message



Joe Hochman has recently stepped down as President of the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce. Joe's businesses as Real Estate Attorney and Agent have grown over the last several months, making it hard for him to give as much time to the chamber that he had hoped to do. Joe has done a remarkable job during his time as president, and will be a hard act to follow.

We all wish Joe the best, and hope to continue to see him at our events.

I became involved with the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce over 3 years ago as a non-profit member. I know how important non-profits are in developing healthy communities. Both of our neighboring chambers have one non-profit member listed. The Sammamish Chamber of Commerce lists 16 non-profit members. When you have the time, visit our web page and checkout our non-profit members. Having active non-profits builds community and is certainly one of the reasons that Sammamish is rated number 11 of the top 100 places to live in the U.S.

As hurricane season starts to sweep into the South, it makes me extremely grateful for one of our non-profits, the Sammamish Citizen Corps. Daily, this very active organization is making Sammamish a safer place to live. The Sammamish Citizen Corps will be holding a Safety & Preparedness Fair at Eastlake High School on September 15th, from 10-3. This is a family event. Be sure to stop by and get information on how to keep your office and your family safe and cared for during an emergency. For the first time the Safety Fair is partnering with local non-profits who want to get the word out about their organizations. If your family or office would like to give back to the community by volunteering your time with one of our many non-profits, this is your opportunity to find out more about what they do.

Since I now work for the City of Sammamish, one of my hopes during the last few months of 2007 will be to build a stronger partnership between the City and the Chamber. This has already begun with the hiring of Heidi Bohan, our Farmers Market Consultant. Heidi has been meeting with City staff to finalize the details of the 2008 Sammamish Farmers Market. We look forward to strengthening those ties even more as we plan for the increase of businesses with the new town center development.

I am honored to be representing the chamber as president for rest of the year, and I look forward to hearing about your goals for 2008.

Best wishes,

Dawn Sanders
President, Sammamish Chamber of Commerce

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The Sammamish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce



featuring James Sun, former Apprentice runner-up and founder of zoodango.com



This event is open to the public and includes Dinner & Auction! November 17 at 6PM Hilton Garden Inn, Issaquah Tickets: \$65.00

Register for this event at: www.sammamishchamber.org

Businesses interested in sponsorships/procurement forms Email info@sammamishchamber.org or Call 425.681.4910

The Sammamish Chamber of Commerce *Announces New Members:*

We celebrate new partnerships and welcome these new members!

Christopher Villa of i9 Sports. *i9 Sports is the only youth sports organization in Seattle that is dedicated to both the parent and the child's experience!! Our high energy leagues, camps and clinics focus on ages 4-13 and a portion of our proceeds serve underprivileged and developmentally-disabled youth in the community! Contact Christopher at 425.369.2949*

Welcome Pine Lake Covenant Church to our membership! *Amy Quinn, Director of Ministry Support will be your contact at 425.392.8636. Pine Lake Covenant Church offers their facilities to the community for classes, events, etc. They are deeply concerned and committed not only to our community, but the world around us. Please mark your calendars for one such outreach program: **Coming to Sammamish November 10-18 World Vision AIDS Experience Exhibit. Visit www.pplc.org for further details.***

Welcome Ami Paschal, President of AMV Internet Marketing right here in Sammamish! *Once again we have discovered a talent and service that we can look forward to getting to know. AMV Internet Marketing specializes in Search Engine Optimization, Website Design, Pay-Per-Click Management and other Internet Marketing services for all types of businesses nationwide. Remember to add this service to your list when referring friends and business associates. Contact Ami at 425.391.6587; www.amvmarketing.com.*

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SCC News and Calendar Items

You can get more information about and register for all SCC events on our website at www.sammamishchamber.org or request info via e-mail at info@sammamishchamber.org.

SCC Membership & Networking Luncheons

3rd Thursdays, The Plateau Club, Sammamish, 11:30 am to 1:15 pm:

Upcoming: October 18th, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

SCC Outreach Committee

Fourth Thursday at 6 pm—Contact Angela Marr of Absolute Mortgage angela@absoluteloans.com

SCC Board of Director Meetings

First Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm at City Hall contact secretary@sammamishchamber.org

SCC Government Affairs Committee

— Thursday, September 20 from 1:15-2:15 pm at the Plateau Club, (after the Chamber's monthly networking luncheon) contact Dino Guzzetti of Edward Jones at Dino.Guzzetti@edwardjones.com.



The SCC would like to thank Barry Hartman of Hartman Photography for his contribution to the many photos you see in our newsletter and web page. If you would like to order any SCC photos, be sure to contact Barry at *Hartman Photography*, 425-427-5555 or 206-240-5561 www.hartmanphotography.com

Community Announcements



CERT Classes—Beginning September 11th

For more information about the Sammamish Citizen Corps Programs, please visit www.sammamishcitizencorps.org. If you have any questions or would like to pre-register, please contact us by email at Sammamishcitizencorps@hotmail.com. Space is limited to 20.

“Calling for Kid’s” LWSD Phone-a-Thon will take place on November 7 and 8, 2007. For more information see accompanying article in this month’s newsletter.

Seattle/Eastside Entertainment Books are now being sold by the Sammamish Kiwanis at a reduced cost of \$20. Proceeds benefit community youth. For a book or more information, contact Beth Sanford - (425) 392-7223 or Dawn Sanders dsanders@ci.sammamish.wa.us.

Sammamish Kiwanis

meet Wednesdays at 7:00am, Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 22818 SE 8th Street, Sammamish. For more information call 425.522.4859.

The Rotary Club of Sammamish

Thursday at 7:30 a.m., Bellewood Retirement Apartments, 3710 Providence Point Dr. S.E., Sammamish. For more information, visit the Rotary’s website at: www.sammamishrotary.org or call 206.940.9098.

Master Chorus Eastside to Hold Auditions

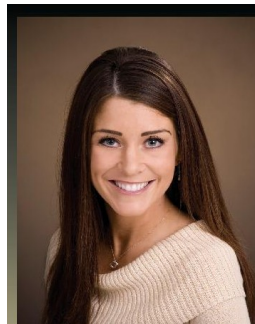
Master Chorus Eastside, formerly the Issaquah Chorale, is holding auditions in all sections for its upcoming season. This season includes a lyrical holiday concert featuring music for chorus and harp, a multi-cultural show in March, and an exciting appearance in Benaroya Hall in April. All interested singers must have choral music experience and basic music reading ability. For an audition appointment please call the conductor at 425-392-8530, or the Chorus office at 425-392-8446. More information on the Chorus can be found on the web at www.masterchoruseastside.org

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“Calling for Kids”

Phone-a-Thon
November 7 & 8

LWSD students to raise money for science enrichment

Sponsored by the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, **students** from schools throughout the Lake Washington School District **will be calling** on November 7 and 8 **asking for community support** of science enrichment in their schools (TBD).

Why? The Lake Washington School District is in need of greater learning resources. Our schools are changing and as we impel graduation requirements for students and prepare them for an increasingly complex world of work and learning, it is necessary to seek supplemental funding in a time of inadequate state funding.

We are looking for lots of volunteers. We have a wide variety of jobs...small, large, in between. Jobs for those who like to work at home, who enjoy the company of great people, computer work, media relations, logistics, chaperones and the list goes on. If you are interested in getting involved in something new and different this fall, please **join us on Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00 AM** at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center to learn more.

At the meeting, we'll discuss the education funding crisis and why it is necessary for us to take initiative and reach out to our communities of Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, and beyond for support at all levels.

Invite a friend! Microsoft, Puget Sound Energy and other companies match employee volunteer hours at a rate of \$15-\$17 per hour...a great way to “double dip” in supporting the Lake Washington Schools Foundation.

Corporate and community stakeholders are invited to sponsor this event. Sponsor levels vary depending on **marketing interest to 16,250 families** throughout the Lake Washington School District.

For more information, contact the Foundation's Executive Director, Tracy Hoen at 425-702-3414 (office) or 425-698-3530 (cell).

Lake Washington Schools Foundation, an
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Chamber Member Events:

Safety Preparedness & Community Service Fair

Saturday—September 15, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Eastlake High School. This is a family event. Be sure to stop by and get information on how to keep your family and your office safe and cared for during an emergency.

Overlake Hospital Medical Center Grand Opening of New South Tower

Join Overlake Hospital on September 23, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm as they host a grand opening event. It will be a free event for families including tours, a health fair, demonstrations, music and more.

Networking Breakfast

Thursday, September 27, Whole Foods, Redmond. 7:30 am - 9:00 am. Mark your calendars! Time to "Fall" back into the good habits of making connections! This is a free event! Reserve your spot today at www.sammamishchamber.org.

Attention all Retail Members!!

Thursday, October 4, 9:00 am - Join City Manager Ben Yazici for the first of several quarterly roundtables at City Hall. The topic for the first roundtable is, “Retail in Sammamish”. We will discuss ways for the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce to better support our retail members. Space is limited, so please register at www.sammamishchamber.org. Breakfast will be provided. CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY.

Chris Elliott Fund Golf Tournament

Friday October 5th, at Newcastle—[sign up now!](#)
www.christelliottfund.org.

What is more fun than playing golf on a Friday afternoon? Please join us for an incredible golf tournament — lots of fun, deals on auction prizes, and a great time to be had by all.

Art Exhibit at City Hall

Monday October 8th - Sammamish Arts Commission will host an Artist Open House at City Hall

Annual Ski & Sport Swap

Saturday October 13th - The Sammamish Kiwanis will hold their annual Ski & Sport Swap at Pine Lake Covenant Church. Doors open at 9am. Contact Nicky Beedle at order@scaleauto.com or 425-868-9888 for more information.

Grand Opening of Commons Park & Fall Planting Event

Saturday October 13, starting at 10:00 am. Join city officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony at City Hall. Stick around for fall planting & barbeque.

2nd Annual Bravo! Event

Mark your calendars for November 17, 2007!! This year we have an incredible speaker, **James Sun** who will be talking to us about his success story. Hear about his time with Donald Trump on the Apprentice as well as his new venture, **Zoodango.com**.

For details visit the calendar on the city website:
www.sammamishchamber.org