

Complaint Description

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A coordinated full page ad was run in the September/October edition of the Klahanie neighborhood newsletter by three Sammamish City Council candidates, Karen McKnight, Karen Howe and Rituja Indapure. Only Karen McKnight reported the expense which was \$500. Clearly the other candidates either received an in-kind contribution from McKnight or failed to report the expenditure if they purchased the ad separately.

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

Lack of transparency in reporting campaign activities and expenditures.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

Attached Klahanie neighborhood newsletter page 15 is the full page coordinated print ad for City of Sammamish City Council candidates Karen McKnight, Karen Howe and Rituja Indapure.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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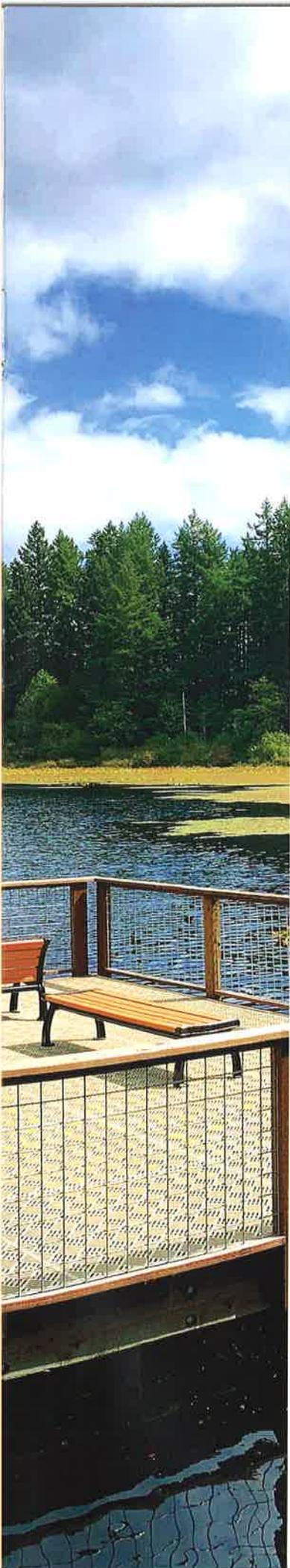
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Bears, Klahanie Park and City Elections -

Oh My

By now, our "Summer of the Bears" should be behind us. In looking back over the past several months it is obvious that this was a very busy season for bear sightings and encounters. We were not alone in having mother bears and cubs wandering through the community, as most all of east King County faced the same challenges.

Lessons Learned and Changes Planned

The bears emerging from their winter dens are very hungry and find our trash cans looking like little lunch pails. Garbage cans left out attract bears.

- We have contacted Republic Services and are exploring the ability to obtain Bear-Proof garbage cans ahead of next spring. If the bears can't get to the garbage they go elsewhere. Until then, keep the cans in a closed garage and don't put your cans out until the morning of your pick-up day.

If you are using the trails, for your own safety, wear bells. The sound alerts the bears to your presence. Bears hate surprises! They particularly are threatened by off-leash dogs, so keep your dogs on leash and close to you.

- We are posting larger signs in multiple languages with more information to alert visitors and residents to the seasonal presence of the bears

No one will come to capture and relocate bears. The Department of Fish and Wildlife are sympathetic but they don't have the resources to chase down every bear living by someone's neighborhood.

- We are in contact with a wildlife biologist with the state and are planning Bear Behavior and Education classes for the community. This may involve the option to use specially trained bear dogs.

Klahanie Park and City Elections

The political wind from the Sammamish City Council is still in favor of adding intensive development in Klahanie Park. We have been very clear to the City Council and Parks Department that we do not want elevated high intensity lighting and artificial turf fields. There are three council seats open, each held by a person who appears to be supporting the most intense development in our park. By supporting those who have views more aligned with ours, it gives us a chance to change the way the Council will vote on Klahanie Park after the election. If we value keeping the park in its present state of development, any Counsel member voicing opposition to our community vision for the park should not receive our votes.

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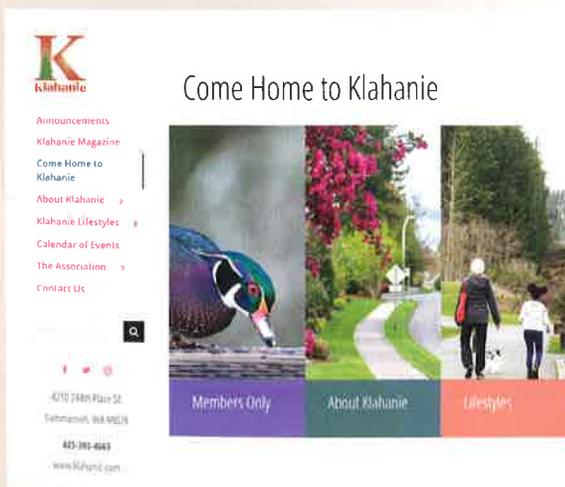
Newly Designed Web site at Klahanie.com

It's been obvious to everyone for a long time that the current website, Klahanie.com, is not serving the residents of Klahanie to its full potential. During the past few months we have been working to replace our current public facing portion of the web site as well as the Members Only site with products that are more robust and user friendly.

We are getting close to launching these two new sites. You will still access the sites at www.klahanie.com. The new public site will be available to people looking for information on our community, as well as current residents. The Members Only (just for Klahanie residents) site that will have a login button from the public. This site will contain functions and information specifically related to your own account and financial information, as well as documents, announcements that only relate to Klahanie residents. Your personal login with a secure user ID and password, much like you have now, will provide access to your own personal information.

Because the new Members Only site is provided by a different company than we use for the existing site, it will be necessary for everyone to gain access by using a different login and password. During the next month, you will receive either an email or letter inviting you to the new site. There will be instructions on how to request a login, set your new password. Once completed you will be set to access all the new features available on the new systems.

We will continue to send more information over the next few weeks and you will receive your invitation to join shortly!



Klahanie's First Community

Forum

During the recent meetings with the City of Sammamish regarding the development plans for Klahanie Park and the road closure discussions, it was apparent that the City Council members were not used to hearing from Klahanie residents on a regular basis. In turn many residents do not feel a strong connection to the city.

We believe this "arm's length" relationship is not good for either Klahanie residents or the city and does not give us the bargaining power on issues that can affect our community. The current City Council races are especially critical for Klahanie since the new council members will be installed on the council in time to vote on the development plans for Klahanie Park.

In order to start this two way exchange, we are planning to have the first Klahanie Community Forum in mid-October and invite candidates for the City Council to meet with residents. It is important that these candidates learn how the community members view the development of the park and other concerns they may have.

By the time this magazine reaches you, we will have the date and location of the meeting secured and distributed on our web site and in eblasts. We hope that you will plan to attend and share your views and select the candidates you want to support in the important election.

"For the last 39 years, Sammamish has been my home. It has evolved from a small country road with 3000 residents to a lovely, thriving city of 64,000. I am excited about keeping this a great place for families to live, work and play," - Karen McKnight.

I'm running for Sammamish City Council because:

- I see the potential our city has to offer. We need leaders who are willing to listen.
- Sammamish is a growing city with important decisions ahead of us. We need leaders who manage Sammamish's growth in positive ways.
- I'm excited to bring my business experience, leadership as Sammamish Chamber of Commerce President, and years in this community to City Council.
- The diversity of our neighborhoods makes our city vibrant and I commit to keeping Klahanie Park as a neighborhood park with no expansion.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Karen
McKnight

For Sammamish City Council



My endorsements: Dow Constantine; Former Sammamish Mayors Don Gerend and Kathleen Huckabay; Washington Conservation Voters; Sierra Club.

**KAREN
HOWE**

Sammamish
City Council
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Klahanie residents - I've lived and volunteered in Sammamish for nearly 30 years. Elect me to protect what makes our home special: trees, parks, and natural beauty.

My Priorities:

- Provide safe roads, sidewalks, and bike paths
- Champion our irreplaceable parks and natural spaces
- Expand public transportation options
- Leverage my King County advisory board experience to broaden our regional outreach and impact
- Apply my business management background to ensure prudent and transparent governance

www.electhowe.com
<https://www.facebook.com/ElectKarenHowe/>

Endorsed by: Washington Conservation Voters, The Sierra Club, National Women's Political Caucus, 5th, 41st, 45th LD Democrats

www.electrituja.org
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/electrituja/>

Dear Neighbor,

Klahanie has been home for the past 17 years!

Klahanie Park is where my kids learned to ride their bikes, the Mountain View pool is where they learned to swim- Go Klahanie Sharks! They walked to Challenger and Beaver Lake. This is our home!

I've been a PTSA mom, currently serve on the Planning Commission and the Sammamish YMCA Board while working in Information Systems Management at Costco.

I'm excited about the possibility to work with you to protect our quality of life including preserving our trails and green spaces, keeping Sammamish residents safe and ensuring Sammamish is a welcoming community.

I'd be honored to have your vote. *Rituja*

**VOTE
RITUJA
INDAPURE
FOR SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL**



Endorsed by Congresswoman Kim Schrier, M.D., Sierra Club, King County Democrats, Transportation for Washington, 45th, 41st and 5th LD Democrats and many Sammamish residents.