



Sumas City Newsletter

Celebrating 130 Years!
June/July 2021



Fencing around Meters

If your electric or water meter is blocked or inaccessible, please make sure the City crew can access your meters. Please see SMC 12.08.120 for more info on metering equipment.

Notice Standing Water?

If you notice standing water, please get ahold of City Hall so we can investigate.

Summer Sewer Rates

Sewer rates are based on water usage. During the months of April-October your sewer is billed based on your average water usage during the winter months (Nov-Mar). Your sewer bill will never be higher than your average usage in winter. That means your sewer rate won't increase if using water for filling up pools, watering lawns/flowers, & washing your vehicles.

Tree Trimming

The City crew will be making sure all trees are cleared from any power lines in the Fall. This is just a reminder to keep up on any pruning or trimming that needs to be done. Per municipal code, all owners are responsible for maintaining their own properties.

Council Meetings @ 7pm

- June 14th & 28th
- July 12th & 26th

Spray Park

Just a reminder, please be careful at the spray park. **DO NOT** run on the water pad, it can be slippery. We have rules in place so that everyone is safe.



Wood Chipper

- June 18th- 10am-Noon
- June 19th- 9-11am
- July 16th- 10am-Noon
- July 17th- 9-11am

Vacation Watch

Going on vacation? Call City Hall at (360) 988- 5711 to get on the vacation watch schedule. Provide your name, address, and the dates you'll be gone, and an officer on duty will patrol your home while you're away.

Storm-Sewer Improvements

The following improvements are in the works!

- New Pumps at the end of Third St
- New Pumps at the end of Vancouver
- New Lift Station Controllers
- New Storm-Sewer line in alley way between Morton & Front St

Fingerprinting & Passport Services

City Hall is processing fingerprints and passport applications by appointment only. Call City Hall at (360) 988-5711 to get an appointment scheduled.

Grass Clippings

City code, 8.32.030 (A) allows compost piles in city limits with these provisions: a **compost** pile to be covered or concealed as not to affect the health, safety, or depreciation of adjoining property; Dumping lawn clippings on city property or property of another would be considered littering and subject to a possible fine.

Outdoor Burning

Outdoor burning is prohibited within City limits, except for recreational fires in designated fire pits.



Potholes

Please contact City Hall if you notice any potholes around town. The City Crew will make sure to take care of it.

Upcoming Newsletters!

If you would like to continue receiving a newsletter please send a brief email to tsytsma@cityofsumas.com or give us a call at (360) 988-5711

**EVENTS & NEWS**

NEW HOURS June 7th Beginning June 7th, our open hours will change for Monday and Wednesday; Saturday hours remain the same. New hours will be as follows: Monday 10 – 6 (previously 10 – 5), Wednesday 10 – 6 (previously 10 – 7). The Sumas branch is open to the public during ALL open hours; other branches may have restricted hours. Visit <https://www.wcls.org/info/> for the most current information regarding hours, services and entry requirements.

SUMMER READING All summer beginning June 1st Chart your path this summer with some great books! Stop by to pick up your Summer Reading card and your first great read of the summer!

KIDS CREATIVITY HOUR: Dates vary, for grades K-5 Each month, during the summer, we will offer a different, themed craft kit, based on a popular children's story. Pick one up at your local library, and join us to hear the story the kit is based on, along with more ideas of how to use the materials in the kit. Or you can just show us what you created with yours! Registration is required, and space is limited. Only one registration per family is necessary. The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the event. If you don't see the link in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

Read & Dream: Sat., June 19th 2PM – 3PM (Online): June's craft kit is based on Pura Belpré award-winner *Drum Dream Girl* by Margarita Engle.

Read & Create: Sat., July 17th 2PM – 3PM (Online) July's craft kit is based on Pura Belpré award-winner *Viva Frida!* by Yuyi Morales

Read & Explore: Sat., August 21 2PM – 3PM (Online) August's craft kit is based on *Same, Same but Different* by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw.

YOUTH BOOK BONANZA July 31st, All Day, For Kids & Teens There's no better destination than a good book, and wherever your reading path took you this summer, we have a book for you. In recognition of all of the great reading that happened this summer we invite kids and teens to head to their local WCLS library on Saturday, July 31 and choose a free paperback book to keep. From board books to teen tomes, we have a huge variety, thanks to the generous support of the Whatcom County Library Foundation and Library Friends Groups. One day only--get yours while supplies last!

STORYWALK Coming this summer to all WCLS Branches Follow the outdoor path as you read an enlarged version of a popular children's book! Each library will have a different book...a fun and exciting challenge to visit all the WCLS branches this summer

SCAVENGER HUNT Beginning June 14th, all day, For Kids & Teens Visit us each week for a fun scavenger hunt!

EARLY LEARNING IDEAS Weekly during open hours, Early Learners Visit us each week for a new idea of how to engage with your earlier learner as a part charting your path of summer reading.



Sumas

Community Days

Events:

Friday, June 18th: Dusk

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Sponsored by "Friends of the Sumas Library"

Join the community for a family friendly movie in the Sumas City Park.

Saturday, June 19th: 8am

SUMAS CAR SHOW & SHINE

Sponsored by "Williams"

Car show, silent auction and fundraiser. Registration starts at 8am.

Saturday, June 19th: 9am

BE KIND FUN RUN 5K

Sponsored by "Heeringa & Bos Family"

Join a fun run to spread kindness, love and hope. FREE to join!

Saturday, June 19th: 11am

SUMAS COMMUNITY PARADE

Grab a spot along Cherry Street for this festive kick off to summer!

Saturday, June 19th: 11am

FAMILY EVENT

Kids games, food, vendors, music and more!

Saturday, June 19th: Dusk

FIREWORKS OVER SUMAS

Sponsored by "Small Businesses In Whatcom County & Personal Donations"

Enjoy a night of beautiful fireworks over the Sumas Ball Fields.