



# City of Sumas

## -Newsletter-

### Utility Moratorium

Governor Inslee's Utility Moratorium has been lifted as of September 30th. If a payment plan has not already been established, the City will be proceeding with normal shut-off procedures as outlined below:

- ◆ If any residential consumer's account is not paid in full on or before the due date, and the consumer has not called to make arrangements to pay, a written reminder shall be mailed. If the bill has not been paid within 5 business days, the utility billing clerk shall add a five dollar penalty to the amount of the bill, and notify the consumer by placing a hang-tag.
- ◆ Twenty-four hours after the penalty date, the utility billing clerk shall furnish the names of all delinquent accounts to the electrical linemen and service shall be discontinued immediately. Service shall not be reconnected until the delinquent account, the penalty, and the reconnection charge are paid in full. Any person having a delinquent account shall not receive service at any subsequent location, nor shall they receive service through use of the name of another until such delinquent account is paid in full.

### Howard Bowen Grandstand Project

Construction for the Howard Bowen grandstand project was initiated on September 20th. Phase 1 will consist of building one main uncovered grandstand with a seating capacity of 1,050 seats, and new restroom/concession facility. Phase 2 details to follow.



#### **Notable Dates:**

##### **City Hall Council Meetings @ 7pm**

October 11th & 25th  
November 8th & 22nd

##### **Wood Chipping**

Friday Oct 15th — 10am-noon  
Saturday Oct 16th — 9am-11

##### **Public Hearing at City Hall**

October 11th @ 7pm

##### **City Hall Closed**

November 11th  
November 25th-26th  
**-Happy Thanksgiving-**



## Sumas City Hall

433 Cherry Street  
P.O. Box 9  
Sumas, WA 98295

Phone: (360) 988-5711  
Fax: (360) 988-8855  
After Hours Non-Emergency Dispatch:  
(360) 676-6911

### Services provided at City Hall (by appointment only)

- Fingerprinting for Concealed pistol license **(for residents within City limits)**
- Fingerprinting for employment/background checks
- Passport processing & renewals

## Tree Trimming

The City will be trimming trees back from power lines and public sidewalks if they have not already been trimmed. Per Sumas Municipal Code, all property owners are responsible for trimming their own trees/shrubs. Please reference code 8.32.030 for more info.

## Storm Lines

The City will be jetting the storm lines to get ready for the fall season. If you see large puddles around storm drains please contact City Hall so they may be cleared by the City crew.

## Pot Holes

The City crew will be working on filling in pot holes throughout town. If you see any pot holes, please contact City Hall so that they can be repaired.

## City Payments

Please look over all check payments, making sure the written amounts match the number amounts, the correct date is used, and the check is signed.

## Sales Tax

The sales tax rate in the City of Sumas is now 8.6%

## New Feature in the City Park!

The City Park has a new gazebo! Enjoy the covered space for picnics, get togethers, birthday parties and more!



## Sumas Library

Open for inside visits and curbside pick-up!  
Monday 10-6  
Wednesday 10-6  
Saturday 10-5

451 Second St  
(360) 988-2501

### EVENTS & NEWS

**LIBRARY CLOSURE:** All branches will be closed Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 2pm for All Staff Learning Day. Open online 27/7 at WCLS.org

**FOSL MEETING:** Interested in supporting the library though volunteering? Join the Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL)! In-person masked and socially distanced meetings are once-a-month (specific date may be changing) so contact library staff for future meeting times. Not interested in planning events but would like to help out at specific events as needed? Sign-up to get on the Volunteer Mailing List by talking to a library staff person.

**READ & SHARE:** House Lessons: Renovating a Life by Erica Bauermeister. House Lessons is an enthralling memoir through essays about the author renovating run-down house in Port Townsend and discovers the ways our spaces affect us. Online programs through November 3<sup>rd</sup> on the themes of place, tradition, and history including events with the author (how to write a memoir, books talks and interviews!), Nooksack Tribe and Lummi Tribe place and history, Whatcom historical places, and gentrification of rural Washington. Visit wcls.org or talk to Sumas staff for more information.

### EARLY YEARS & KIDS PROGRAMS ONLINE:

Move @ Home for Early Years: Ages Birth – 5. Mondays and Fridays through Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30PM – 11:00PM

Pajama Storytime: Ages 2 – 8. Mondays and Thursdays through Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM – 7:30PM

Viva la Lucha Libre!: Grades K – 5. Saturday, Oct. 16 2PM – 3PM

How Raven Stole the Sun: Grades K – 5. Saturday, Nov. 20 2PM – 3PM

### TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS ONLINE:

Tween Reads Club: Thursdays through Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 4PM – 5PM

Teen Creativity Hour: Grades 6 - 12. Tuesdays through Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 3PM – 4PM

Teen Gaming: Grades 6 - 12. Fridays through Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 3PM – 4PM

**WHATCOMICS:** For Teens. Deadline is Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Submit your 2D art to be considered for publication in the annual Whatcomics magazine produced by WCLS! More information at wcls.org/whatcomics.

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## Sumas Historical Society and Museum

Sumas Historical Society and Museum is open Wednesday 10-2 and by appointment! Have any questions? Call (360) 319-4283

Please help support the Museum by shopping Sumas Historical Society at AmazonSmile!

To honor the 130th birthday of Sumas, we are asking residents to write "My Sumas Story", to be included in a special notebook and exhibit at the Museum! It can include a special memory, favorite place, school story, are you new to the area or has your family lived here for generations? Feel free to share photos or any other information! Please email your story to [info@sumashistory.org](mailto:info@sumashistory.org) or call (360) 319-4283 and we will pick it up!

If you would like help researching the history of your home or family, stop by the Museum because we have information and photos!

# Sumas Chamber Trunk-or-Treat

October 31st  
5:30pm-6:30pm  
Line Up On The East Side Of Third Street

Trick-or-Treat your way through this annual event where local businesses and groups hand out candy from their spooky fun decorated vehicles!

All ages welcome

