

Sumas Newsletter

January-February 2022

A Note from the Mayor

Well, it is a new year and we have much ahead of us. First, I want to thank you for your votes, and I hope to fulfill the needs of Sumas within my position as Mayor.

Currently, the City staff and I have been digging deep to resolve issues in regard to the flood, its aftermath and prevention going forward. There have been meetings with other affected Cities, County officials and even the Governor and his staff. I just want you to be assured that we are remaining vigilant and are leaving no stone unturned.

Going forward, as a community we can overcome, working together, looking out for each other and rebuilding together. I encourage you all to seek help if you need it and to assist those who need help. We are a community of good people; the visual remnants of past floods will fade away over time, but it is the people that matter.

The city staff have been doing their all to keep our website up to date with resources to assist you with the process of rebuilding your homes and properties. I encourage you to take advantage of these resources as they are available for you.

I want to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers that have come to the sides of the people of Sumas assisting and sacrificing for the needs of others.

I also want to give kudos to the city staff, the city crew, the police and fire departments for their hard work and diligence to keep the city running smoothly and safe for us.

I look forward to the many good things that Sumas will experience during my term and am honored to be appointed to this position.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bosch

Notable Dates

City Council Meetings

- * January 10th & 24th @ 7pm
- * February 14th & 28th @ 7pm

City Hall Closures

- * January 17th (MLK Day)
- * February 21st (President's Day)

City of Sumas

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Online Payment Portal

Pay your utility bill or court fine online by going to our website: www.cityofsumas.com, select the payment tab towards the top of the page, and select either "pay utility bill" or "pay court fine." (Only debit/credit card is accepted)

2022 Dog License Renewals

Issued Dog licenses are now due for renewal starting **January 1st**. (First time tags can also be purchased at City Hall if they have not already been purchased).

- * Spayed/Neutered- \$15 per dog
- * Non Spayed/Neutered- \$25 per dog

City of Sumas- Business License Renewals

* **Before** January 27th: Renew through City Hall to avoid paying State fees

* **After** January 27th: Must apply through the link below, on the State BLS portal

<https://dor.wa.gov/manage-business/my-dor-help/business-licensing>

Sewer Rates

Sewer rates are calculated based on **actual** water usage. Keep an eye on your monthly water usage to find any potential water leaks. Please call City Hall if you have any questions.

Utility Shut-off's

As we get back into a routine at City Hall, we will be resuming utility shut-off's, starting in February. With the mail being a little behind, it is important to think ahead and make sure payments are mailed out in a timely manner or any payments made through your bank, are processed a little earlier. Even though the money may leave your bank account that day, does not mean the City will receive your payment that day. Keep in mind your bank still mails a check on your behalf to City Hall, which may take up to a week for the office to receive.

Financial Resources for Residential Homes & Businesses Due to Flooding

3 Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid



ONLINE
DisasterAssistance.gov



FEMA APP
Download the FEMA APP



CALL
800-621-FEMA (3362)
or TTY 800-462-7585



The [U.S. Small Business Administration](http://www.sba.gov) (SBA) is responding to the Presidential Disaster Declaration announced earlier this week regarding the November 2021 floods. Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to businesses and residents.

The first step is to register with [FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency](http://www.fema.gov). There are three ways to do this:

- By phone: 1-800-621-3362
- Online: disasterassistance.gov
- Download the app:
Apple: text APPLE to 43362 (4FEMA)
Google Play: text ANDROID to 43362 (4FEMA)

(Note: deadlines for applying through the SBA for physical damage is March 7, 2022 and for economic injury is October 5, 2022.)

A huge thank you to the following groups (and more), that all came together in Sumas for the November 2021 Flood!



Sumas A.C. Church



Snydar Farms Custom Farming



Thank You to our VOLUNTEERS!

