

March-April 2022

Sumas Newsletter

A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR-

Spring is just around the corner and warmer temps will be here soon!

Just a quick update, the staff and I are still working hard to solve the issues with the river and hopefully soon we will have some short-term fixes, but there are definitely long-term solutions in the works. There is collaboration taking place with all concerns, and its moving in a positive direction.

Later this month there will be a group of college students coming to town, helping with cleanup and general labor, to assist the community in its cleanup effort. I encourage you to email me at bbosch@cityofsumas.com if you think you might benefit from this. Provide me with your name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of what you need help with.

As stated in the previous newsletter, lets continue to look out for each other, helping others when you can, and asking for help when you need it. We are a loving community that takes care of its neighbors.

The other day I was speaking with someone from out of town, that had gone to Nooksack High in their youth. They told me that they would call people from Sumas "Skookum." At first I was thinking, "should I be offended?" But then I looked up the true meaning of the word which means "strong," and I realized it was fitting.

Have a great spring!

Sincerely,

Bruce Bosch



NOTABLE DATES

City Council Meetings

- March 14th & 28th @ 7pm
- April 11th & 25th @ 7pm

Sumas Municipal Court

(At Everson City Courthouse)

- March 10th & 24th @ 1pm
- April 14th & 28th @ 1pm

St. Patrick's Day!

- March 17th



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**APPLYING/RENEWING
FOR A SUMAS
BUSINESS LICENSE**

The City of Sumas has partnered with the Washington Business Licensing Service to provide one stop online business licensing, effective February 10, 2022.

• **To Apply Online:**
<https://dor.wa.gov/manage-business/city-license-endorsements/sumas>

• **To Apply by Mail:**
[Sumas Business License DOR – Feb 2022](#)

Please visit the City of Sumas webpage for links to apply/renew

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 trees/shrubs. Please reference code 8.32.030 on the City's website for more info.

**ONLINE PAYMENT
PORTAL ON CITY
WEBSITE**

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)

COMMUNITY CALENDARS

2022 Community Calendars are available at City Hall for \$5

SUMAS LIBRARY UPDATE



LIBRARY FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS CONTINUE

Whatcom County Library System is committed to continuing library services in Sumas and is actively planning to return to the shared Sumas Library and Senior/Community Center building. Until that time, WCLS will be delivering alternative services for Sumas.

TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT:

▶ BOOKMOBILE

The Whatcom County Library System bookmobile is coming to Sumas! Browse books. Say hi to Sumas Library staff. We look forward to serving you.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Friday
Sumas Library parking lot,
461 2nd St.



▶ 24-HOUR HOLDS PICK UP Pick up your holds anytime via a secure lock box at the library.

▶ PARKING LOT WIFI Available again as soon as power is available.

▶ ACCESS LIBRARY ONLINE Visit wcls.org to access library services online, place holds, etc.

▶ VISIT OTHER BRANCHES Your library card is valid at all Whatcom County Library System branches as well as Bellingham Public Library branches.

▶ RECOVERY FUND The Whatcom County Library Foundation established the Sumas Library Recovery Fund. Learn more at wcls.org/sumasrecovery.

Questions or comments?
Sumas Library Manager Alexa Andrews,
(360) 305-3596 or alexa.andrews@wcls.org

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CURRENT CITY PROJECTS

- Grandstand Project at the Rodeo Grounds
 - Park Clean-Up & Debris Removal
- New Chips Laid at the City Playground
- Hovel Rd -Temporary Lane Coming Soon

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Nooksack Valley Disposal will be holding the Annual Spring Clean-up Day, **Saturday April 2nd**, from 9am-12pm behind Sumas City Hall.

- Residents are encouraged to bring their bulky items such as appliances, furniture, scrap metal and branches
- There will be a charge to cover only the costs of disposal
- Pick-up will be available from senior citizens, or others who are physically unable to travel

If there are any questions, call 360-354-3400

GRANDSTAND UPDATE

Here is a current look at the new grandstands, and the progress that's been made!



**Flood Recovery Continues
FEMA Assistance Deadline is March 7, 2022**