



Sumas City Newsletter

July/August 2022



A Note from the Mayor

Summer is here and all of the things that go along with it. Outdoor time with family and friends, BBQ's, and more.

I hope that everyone was able to attend the parade and Sumas Day's this year. It was awesome! The parade lasted about 40 minutes, and someone counted about 2,000 people who showed up! The food vendors even ran out of food to sell. Great job Chamber! Also, Kudos to Teresa Josephson and clan, for organizing the parade.

The new Grandstands are erected and ready for use. They look great! The next phase will hopefully be to add new lighting and a new announcers tower.

You may have also noticed that there are some new paved trails throughout the city. Take some time to enjoy them, and the beauty around the city. Both of these projects are the result of the hard work that the public works crew and City staff put in to make them happen, despite the continued flood recovery issues.

Speaking of Flood issues, I know that no one wants to hear or recall the disaster that hit our town last fall. But the reality is that the threat is still very real, and we are still fighting to get a resolution. It has been an uphill battle, a lot of talk with not much action. I too, like you, am frustrated by this, but we cannot give up, so do what you can to make your voices heard.

So, while we deal with the river issues, we must also take a direction of preparedness to lessen the impacts on life and property. Currently there is some initial information to assist you on the City's website. Find and click the 'Flood Information' link. Keep checking this resource as information is updated or added.

The City has also subscribed to 'Voyent Alert' which is an alert system that can and will be used to alert citizens of current or pending situations or emergencies. Keep an eye out for the rollout of this system and get signed up.

In the fall, the Army Corp of Engineers will be hosting a flood fighting exercise in Sumas to help us be better prepared in the event of another flood. We will keep you posted of when and where this exercise will take place.

If you or someone you know still needs help please reach out, you don't have to go through this alone. There are resources available that may assist you, or others in the recovery process.

Lastly, remember we are a great community of hard working, caring people and united we are strong. Hang in there and have a great summer!

Bruce Bosch

Current City Projects:

- Adding walking trails - Completed
- Flood damage repairs around town
- Phase 2 on the grandstand project
- Overlay project for Lawson & Mitchell St by the new elementary school

Wood Chipper

July 15th: 10am-Noon August 19th: 10am-Noon
 July 16th: 9-11am August 20th: 9-11am

Attention

The street sweeper is scheduled on the last Friday of each month so please have any vehicles moved out of City right-of-ways.

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.



Outdoor Burning

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

Council Meetings

July 11th & 25th at 7pm
 August 8th & 22nd at 7pm

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.

Fingerprinting & Passport Services

We have **limited** passport appointments available. Please call City Hall to schedule an appointment. Fingerprinting services are only offered for CPL's at this time.

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 Community Calendars!

Community calendars are on sale for \$3. Stop by the temporary City Hall office to get yours!



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.

Summer Sewer Rates

Sewer rates are based on water usage. During the months of April through 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, and washing your vehicles.

