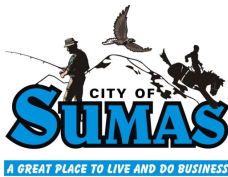


City of Sumas Newsletter



Here’s what’s happening in Sumas over the next couple of months.

UTILITY BUDGET PLAN

The City offers an electric utility budget plan for any resident interested. The budget payment is calculated based on the residents' previous 12 months electric usage plus 10%. If interested, notify Arielle at abons@cityofsumas.com prior to May 29th. A proposed budget plan will be sent, and if the resident would like to move forward, the first payment will begin with the May 2024 usage bill, and will be billed monthly through March 2025. April 2025 is the month that the entire account will be reconciled, and the April bill will either include a credit or debit. If at any time, the resident decides to cancel the budget plan, any outstanding balances will be due immediately.

SUMMER SEWER AVERAGES

During the months of April through October, sewer charges are billed based on the average water usage during the winter months (November through March).

As of our April billing cycle, we are on Sewer averages. Sewer rates are based on water usage. The sewer cost will never be higher than the average usage in winter. That means the sewer charges won't increase if using water to fill pools, water lawns/flowers, or wash vehicles April through October.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 28th @ 7pm
June 10th @ 7pm
June 24th @ 7pm

FREE CHIPPER SERVICE

June 14th 10am-12pm
June 15th 9am - 11am
July 19th 10am-12pm
July 20th 9am-11pm

CITY HALL CLOSURES

Memorial Day: May 27th
Juneteenth: June 19th
Independence Day: July 4th

SUMAS COMMUNITY DAYS

June 28th and 29th

SUMAS CITY HALL
433 Cherry St.
P.O. Box 9
Sumas, WA 98295
360.988.5711



VACATION WATCH

Going on vacation? Sumas Police Department will patrol your home while you're away. Call City Hall at 360-988-5711 to be added to the vacation watch schedule.

FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

The Sumas enclosed dog park is located next to Ballfields 3 & 4, off Hovel Road. At the dog park, or while walking your dog, please pick-up after them and dispose of bags properly. We want to keep all sidewalks/walkways clear for all to enjoy!



MOWING SEASON

Please maintain grass and weeds per Sumas Municipal Code 8.32.

Clean up and dispose of yard waste properly. Dumping lawn clippings in drainage areas, alleys, etc. is prohibited. Nooksack Valley Disposal offers yard waste pick-up if needed.

OUTDOOR BURNING

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



Community Calendars (a.k.a. Birthday Calendars)

It's time to submit birthdays and anniversaries to be included in the 2024 Community Calendar.

Sumas publishes a Community Calendar each year. These calendars include the birthdays and anniversaries of community members. If you would like to have any dates added, or removed, please let us know by July 31st. Contact City Hall at 360-988-5711.

2024 Community Calendars are still available for \$5 at City Hall.



June 28-29, 2024

Sumas Community Days

Sumas Community Days are scheduled for June 28-29, 2024, and are brought to you by the Sumas Chamber of Commerce.

Parade applications and Vendor sign-ups are available on the Sumas Chamber Facebook page or at www.sumaschamber.com/events

June 28th = Cornhole Tournament, Food, Music

June 29th = Parade, Car Show, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Vendors, Food, Live Music, Scavenger Hunt, Duck Races, Softball Tournament, Fireworks!



Sumas Library
461 2nd Street / 360-988-2501
wcls.org

Branch Hours

Monday 10 A.M – 6 P.M.
Wednesday 10 A.M – 6 P.M.
Saturday 10 A.M.– 5 P.M.

Library Express Hours

Daily 6 A.M. – 11 P.M.

Did you know...

with your free library card you use the Mango Language app or website to learn a new language? With over 70 languages available (including Pirate!) there is something for everyone.

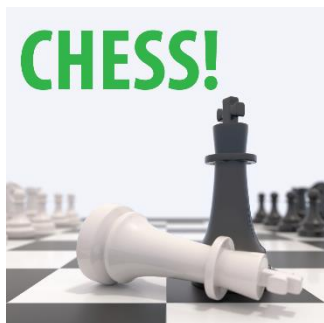
Talk to a staff person or [visit https://www.wcls.org/mango-languages/](https://www.wcls.org/mango-languages/)

The kids are counting down the days (and hours!) to summer, and so are we. Summer Reading is just around the corner. Starting Saturday, June 1, kids and adults of all ages will be able to pick up their Summer Reading logs and get those book, ebook, and audiobook pages turning. We'll be reading for the trees again this year in partnership with Whatcom Million Trees Project. Every activity you complete counts toward planting trees in Whatcom County.

We're also excited about Sumas Community Days. Keep your eyes peeled for the WCLS Bookmobile in the parade, and stop by the Sumas Library and Friends of the Sumas Library booths in the park to say hi. The Friends have some super fun stuff in the works, so stay tuned to their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheSumasLibrary) and new website (friendsofthesumaslibrary.org).

Upcoming Programs and Events at Sumas Library

For a complete listing of programs and events at all WCLS branches visit wcls.org/events



CHESS! WEEKLY DROP IN MATCHES FOR ALL AGES: Join us on any Wednesday for a weekly open, drop-in program for chess players of all ages and abilities to play one another. Wednesdays, 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

FRIENDS OF THE SUMAS LIBRARY (FOSL) MEETING: Want to help support the library beyond checking items and attending events? Join the Friends of the Sumas Library, a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to supporting the Sumas Library. Teen volunteers encouraged to attend! When we work together, we can do great things for our community. Wednesday, June 3rd. 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

LUNCH BREAK BOOK CLUB: Take a break in your day and join us for our weekly, low commitment book club. During the week, enjoy a quick read suggested by library staff from various genres (or choose your own selection!) and join us for a brief 30-minute book discussion. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like - coffee and tea provided. Book suggestions available from a display in the branch, or online at [Lunch Break Book Club | Whatcom County Library System | BiblioCommons](#). Weekly on Wednesdays, June – August, 1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: Join us all week long as we celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading program. Collect your Summer Reading card, learn about summer programs, and connect with other readers. All youth under 18 will receive a free book that they can pick out and keep forever. Monday, June 24, 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.



SUMAS STORYTIME: For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. For ages 2 – 5. Mondays in July, 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

TEEN ART CAMP: Make art and make connections with a project designed to stretch our creative muscles and help us see the world in new ways. Grades 6-12. Monday, July 8, 3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAMS: Join us for Marvelous Mondays with a new kids program each week. All materials provided. For grades K – 5. Mondays in July, 1:00 P.M. – 2 P.M

July 1: Reading Ribbons

July 8: Make a Wind Chime

July 15: The Kindness of Cedars

July 22: Chalk Art Extravaganza

July 29: Exploring Our Natural World

