

City of Sumas Newsletter



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

RODEO GROUNDS AND BALLFIELD EVENTS

Curious about what's happening at the Sumas Rodeo Grounds and Ballfields?

The Events Calendar on the cityofsumas.com website lists when the grounds are rented for an event!

The groups renting the facilities may share details and specific information about the events, but for the basic information on when the facilities have been rented, the Events Calendar is the place to check first!

SUMMER SEWER AVERAGES

Just a reminder - 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

August 12, 2024
August 26, 2024
September 9, 2024
September 23, 2024

FREE CHIPPER SERVICE

August 16; 10am - 12pm
August 17, 9am - 11am
September 20, 10am-12pm
September 21, 9am-11am

CITY HALL CLOSURES

Labor Day, Sept. 2, 2024

SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK

July 26th @ Sundown

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!



OUTDOOR BURNING

Sumas follows the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's burn restrictions for recreational fires.

Check on any burn restrictions before starting a recreational fire. Contact the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office at 360-778-5900 or visit their website at:

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/FireMarshal>.

Outdoor burning is always prohibited within City limits, except for recreational fires in designated fire pits, following the Fire Marshal's restrictions.



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.



SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friends of the Sumas Library
Presents:
Disney's A Goofy Movie!

Friday, July 26th at Sundown in
the Sumas City Park

Come early to learn the moves to
the "Perfect Cast".

Concessions available beginning
at 7:30 P.M..



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

Do you know...with your FREE library card you can stream over 30,000 films and documentaries via Kanopy? Talk to a branch staff member or visit [Kanopy – Whatcom County Library System \(wcls.org\)](http://www.wcls.org) to learn more!

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES: Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)



Sumas Days for the library and the Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL) was a huge success! The Friends of the Sumas Library **introduced their new mascot, Fosl**, to the community by taking part in the parade with other Friends members and the library Bookmobile. Design and sewing on the Fosl costume was done by one of the amazing Friends members – wow! Coming up, Friends of the Sumas Library present **A Goofy Movie in the Sumas City Park this Friday, July 26th**. Concessions (hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy and



beverages) available beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the movie beginning around sunset. FOSL is always looking for more community members to join their group supporting the Sumas Library. FOSL meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Sumas Library. If you'd like further information about the group, ask a Sumas Library staff member or contact FOSL via their Facebook page.



Summer reading to plant trees is a success in Sumas so far! As a community, patrons have done enough activities to **plant seven trees** in Whatcom County. Stop by the library to check out the **growth of our tree in the window** - each panel represents a tree planted. **Bring in your summer reading card** when you visit the library, and help our tree continue to grow.

Next Monday, July 29th, is our **final day of summer programming for kids**, culminating in a teddy bear picnic at 10:30 a.m. for storytime hour, and a program for grades K-5 at 1 p.m. exploring our natural world.

The library is excited about our **dementia care program coming this September 18th and September 25th**. This two-part series of informative presentations designed to further your knowledge and help you provide the best possible care and support for individuals with memory impairments.

Upcoming Programs at Sumas Library

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

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT: The Friends of the Sumas Library present a free showing of “A Goofy Movie” at the Sumas City Park. Come early to learn the moves to “The Perfect Cast.” Concessions of hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy, soda and water will be available for purchase beginning at 7:30 P.M. Movie start time flexible due to sunset. Friday, July 26. Movie to start after sundown, about 9:00 P.M.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - SUMAS STORYTIME: Ages 2-6, 30 minutes. Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend along as we read stories and sing songs outside on a blanket (weather permitting). We will follow up with some activities and snacks to share. Monday, July 29th, 10:30 A.M. – 11 A.M.



WANDER AND WONDER – EXPLORING OUR NATURAL WORLD: From birds in the air to roots underground, the natural world is full of amazement. Join us to explore the wonder of the wild! All supplies provided. Grades K-5. Monday, July 29th, 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

MATH TUTORING Drop-in math help for all ages, with a focus on middle school and high school math. Come by when you need some help! Free tutoring in the library provided by Brett Egbert from Good Egg Math. Every Monday, 3 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

SUMAS 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 and join us for a brief 30-minute talk about what you read the past week. Book suggestions are available from a display in the branch, or online at [Lunch Break Book Club | Whatcom County Library System | BiblioCommons](#). You're also welcome to read your own choice that fits into the theme. Contact the Sumas Library for current theme. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like — coffee and tea provided. Every Wednesday, 1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

SUMAS BOOK GROUP: Contact the Sumas Library for more information and to find out what the book for the month is. Monthly on the 3rd Saturday. 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.



CHESS!: Join us on Wednesdays 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. Monthly on 1st Monday. 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

ELEMENTAL REIMAGING WILDFIRE DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING: Join us for a screening of this important film. After the movie concludes, we will hear from representatives of the Whatcom Conservation District's [Wildfire Preparedness](#) team and the [Whatcom Million Trees Project](#) about ways to protect our homes in the event of an approaching wildfire. Elemental takes viewers on a journey to better understand fire: follow the harrowing escape as a town ignited from wind-driven embers and burned within a few hours of the fire's start; learn from Native Americans as they employ fire to benefit nature and increase community safety; follow researchers who work to understand the effects of climate on forests and the crucial role that natural forests play in storing vast amounts of carbon. Saturday, August 10, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.



JOURNEY THROUGH DEMENTIA: A two-part series of informative presentations designed to further your knowledge and help you provide the best possible care and support for individuals with memory impairments. Speaker Rosalee Ronquillo is a community ambassador with Silverado Memory Care Community. Space is limited; registration is required.

Part One: Dementia 101 – Family members of a loved one with dementia can benefit from additional information and guidance. Learn about the common types of dementia, specifically Alzheimer's disease and how it affects a person's functional and mental abilities. Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Part Two: Virtual Dementia Tour - Alzheimer's is an emotional journey. It is difficult to fully comprehend the challenges that your loved one faces every day. Discover the realities of living with dementia while experiencing the overwhelming effects a person living with memory impairment feels when trying to perform everyday tasks. Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

**FRIENDS OF THE SUMAS LIBRARY
PRESENTS:**



SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, JULY 26TH @ SUNDOWN

**COME EARLY TO LEARN THE MOVES TO THE 'PERFECT CAST'
CONCESSIONS INCLUDE HOT DOGS, NACHOS, CHIPS, POPCORN, AND CANDY!
WATER AND SODA WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.**

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.