

# City of Sumas Newsletter



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

## 42nd Annual Spring Clean Up Day

Nooksack Valley Disposal is sponsoring the Spring clean-up day on April 6th from 9:00 AM until 12 pm, located behind City Hall.

NV Disposal staff will be available to help residents unload their bulky items, appliances, furniture, scrap metal, and branches behind City Hall.

There will be a charge from NV Disposal to cover just the cost of disposal.

For those physically unable to bring their bulky items to the location can call NV Disposal at 360-354-3400 for assistance.

Please call NV Disposal at 360-354-3400 with any questions.

## Lawn Care & Property Maintenance

It's that time of year when everything is growing again! Please maintain yards and lawns, and keep our City looking it's best! The Municipal Code with our City's regulations is available at [cityofsumas.com](http://cityofsumas.com).

A few highlights to watch for in section 8.32.030:

- All grass or weeds should be kept below 12 inches.
- Vegetation should not hang low over sidewalks or streets, or interfere with the lights from streetlamps.
- Unused appliances should not be left anywhere exposed or accessible to children
- Blackberry vines should not overgrow any area
- Garbage should be kept in appropriate receptacles, and large building scraps neatly piled and tidy.
- Motor vehicles of any kind may not be repaired on public streets, alleys, or property.
- Any unsightly and unsafe partially destroyed structure must be repaired or removed within a reasonable time - not more than one year

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 24th @7pm  
April 14th @ 7pm  
April 28th @ 7pm  
May 12th @ 7pm

### CITY HALL CLOSURES

Good Friday: April 18, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sumas Chamber General Meeting

- March 25th @ 10am  
at the Sumas Community  
Center

### Free Chipper Service

- April 25th  
10am - 12pm
- April 26th  
9am - 11am
- May 16th  
10am - 12pm
- May 17th  
9am - 11am
- June 20th  
10am - 12pm
- June 21st  
9am - 11am

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



## DOG WALKING

While walking your dog, please pick-up after them and then dispose of bags properly.

We want to keep all sidewalks/walkways clear for all to enjoy!

It's also baseball season! There are many practices and games going on at the ballfields, we want to keep the fields clear of dog waste and also the bagged dog waste.



## CHIPPER

Sumas offers a free chipper service! Bring your branches to be chipped to the dead-end of Harrison Avenue on the scheduled days for free chipper service!

Starting in April through October, the chipper will be running the 3rd Friday of each month from 10 am to 12pm, and on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 11 am. Check the Events Calendar at [cityofsumas.com](http://cityofsumas.com) for the specific dates.



## VOYENT ALERT!

VoyentALERT! is used by the City to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications related to road closures or water and electricity maintenance that may impact utilities.

The service is FREE, easy to use and anonymous. You can register at: [register.voyent-alert.us](http://register.voyent-alert.us), and download the VoyentALERT! app from Google Play Stores or the Apple App Store.



## THE SUMAS MUSEUM

The Sumas Museum is looking for donations of weathered wood for projects. If you're tearing down a barn, shed, or fence, let them know!

The Museum is also starting an ongoing fundraiser offering a tea party at the museum for a donation!

Any questions call or text Lizette Custer at 360-319-4283.



## UTILITY BUDGET PLAN

The City offers an electric utility budget plan for any resident interested.

The budget monthly payment is calculated based on the residents' previous 12 month electric usage, plus 10%. If interested, notify Arielle at [abons@cityofsumas.com](mailto:abons@cityofsumas.com) prior to May 29th. A proposed budget plan will be sent, and if accepted, the first payment will begin with the May 2025 usage bill, and will be billed monthly through March 2026. April 2026 is the month that the entire account will be reconciled.



## SUMMER SEWER AVERAGES

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

Sewer charges are based on water usage. Summer sewer averages mean that the sewer cost will never be higher than the average usage in winter. Averages are used so that using water to fill pools, water lawns/flowers, or washing vehicles won't increase sewer charges.



## NEW TO TOWN?

If you've recently moved, please be sure to visit the Sumas Post Office to let them know your new address!

Often utility bills and other notices are returned to City Hall when a resident has not completed the proper paperwork with the Post Office. We want to be sure everyone receives their mail!



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Interested in a garden plot at the Sumas Community Garden this year?

Applications are available at the Library and City Hall.

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## COMING SOON! LOW-INCOME CLOTHES WASHER AND DRYER PROGRAM

The City of Sumas is partnering with DeWard & Bode and Judd & Black to offer rebates of up to \$800 on qualifying Energy Star-certified washing machines and clothes dryers for eligible low-income households.

How it Works: Visit the appliance store of your choice and complete an income eligibility form. Choose from a selection of EnergyStar-certified washers and dryers. Receive up to \$800 off each appliance at the time of purchase - no extra paperwork required! Pay any remaining balance, including taxes and fees.

This limited-time offer helps households upgrade to energy-efficient appliances while saving money. Stay tuned for more details!



## COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LIGHTING PROGRAM

The City of Sumas offers lighting incentives for commercial and industrial businesses through Evergreen Energy Partners.

There are available incentives for LED lighting and lighting controls for your facility.

If you are interested in pursuing a lighting upgrade project, City of Sumas customers can contact Evergreen Energy Partners for more information or to schedule a free lighting assessment at 971-245-3280 or [energysupport@evergreen.energy](mailto:energysupport@evergreen.energy)



**June 27-28, 2025**

## Sumas Community Days

Sumas Community Days is scheduled for June 27-28, 2025, and is brought to you by the Sumas Chamber of Commerce, along with many local business sponsors.

Look for information over the next few months on the 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament, 3 on 3 Basketball, Parade entry registration, and Vendor sign-ups. Information will be posted on the Sumas Chamber website at [www.sumaschamber.com/events](http://www.sumaschamber.com/events), and on the Sumas Chamber Facebook page!

Interested in volunteering for any aspect of Sumas Community Days? E-mail the Sumas Chamber to let them know at [info@sumaschamber.com](mailto:info@sumaschamber.com). There will also be a general Chamber Meeting on March 25th at 10am at the Sumas Community Center, located in the same building as the Library, at 461 Second St., Sumas.



Sumas Library  
461 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

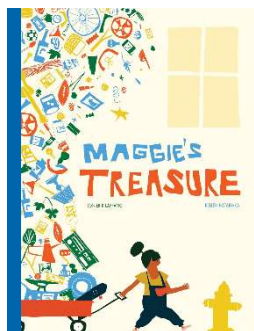
Daily 6 A.M – 11 P.M

**Do you know...**the library system has Washington Discover passes you can check out? The Discover Pass comes in a along with binoculars and guides to observe and identify birds, trees, flowers, and other wildlife. This is a popular item, so [request one](#) for yourself today!

**UPCOMING SUMAS LIBRARY CLOSURES:** Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)

## Upcoming Programs at Sumas Library

Programs listed in chronological order. For a complete listing of events at all branches visit [wcls.org/events](http://wcls.org/events)



**LET'S UPCYCLE FOR EARTH DAY:** What can you make with an assortment of stuff? Come to the library to explore. We're cleaning out our closet for materials galore. Feel free to bring any extra junk you have lying around! For grade K-5. Saturday, April 5, 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

**SUMAS TEEN CORP** We need teens with a community spirit to help out with our programs for kids on the first Saturday of the month. You'll help pass out supplies and assist kids in all the making and the doing. Teens in grades 6-12 can register online or talk to a Sumas Library staff person. Upcoming program dates and times [are Saturday, April 5, 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.](#) and [Saturday, May 3, 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.](#)

**DSHS MOBILE OFFICE AT THE LIBRARY** Each DSHS Mobile Office is staffed by specialists who can determine people's eligibility for state and federal medical, cash and food assistance programs. The team processes new applications, case reviews, changes, EBT card requests and required documents. They also take applications for the Child Care Subsidy Program and forward them to the Department of Children, Youth and Families for processing. The DSHS Mobile Offices do not provide onsite social service intakes and assessments,

Workfirst vouchers and child care subsidy determinations. Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**SING ALONG STORYTIME** For ages 2-6. A special storytime full of music and delight featuring celebrated children's musician "Star Tom" McCurry. Monday, April 21 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.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. Attend a meeting or talk to staff to sign-up for the monthly emails. Visit [friendsofthesumaslibrary.org](http://friendsofthesumaslibrary.org) to stay up-to-date. Meets monthly on 1st Monday, September – May. Monday, April 7 and Monday, May 56:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.



**DSHS** Mobile Office  
Oficina Móvil **is Coming!**

**JAPANESE STORY THEATER:** Come to the library to experience Kamishibai, traditional Japanese story theater, and make a set of your own Kamishibai cards. For grade K-5. Saturday, May 3, 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.



**SUMAS STORYTIME** For ages 2-6. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Mondays until May 12. 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**LUNCH BREAK BOOK CLUB** Take a break in your day and join us for our weekly, low-commitment, theme-based book club. Each month, we provide a prompt (like "growing old"), then you choose something that relates. Text or audio, genre (mystery, sci-fi/fantasy, literary fiction, biography, non-fiction, etc.) or style of book (novel, poetry, graphic novel, novella, etc.) can be whatever you like. You can read something different each week or the same book for the whole month – or mix it up. As long as your item has something to do with the theme as you understand it, you're good! Bring a sack lunch if you'd like. Coffee and tea provided. Themes are: April – childhood favorites, May – supernatural. Meets weekly on two different days – themes will be the same for both days, so choose whichever day fits your schedule best. Mondays. 1 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. or Wednesdays. 1 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.



**CRAFTING COMMUNITY** Drop in with your favorite arts and crafts projects and spend some time creating alongside other crafters. Stitch, hook, paint, draw – get those projects you've been putting off finished! Share your skills or learn new ones - all while connecting with other adults. Some knitting and paper craft supplies available. Coffee and tea provided. Mondays, 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**CHESS AND CHECKERS!** An open program for chess players of all abilities to play one another! Snacks provided. Wednesdays, 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

**FREE MATH TUTORING** One-on-one and small group math help by appointment. The focus is on middle school and high school math, but the tutor is able to help all ages from elementary (math basics) to adults (financial literacy). Bring your own curriculum or homework or just play some math games. Free tutoring in the library is provided by Brett Egbert from Good Egg Math. Contact the Sumas Library to make an appointment. Mondays or Wednesdays, 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

**SUMAS BOOK GROUP** A discussion of a diverse series of fiction and non-fiction books to broaden your reading horizons. Meet friends new and old as we connect through the shared love of books and reading. Call or stop by the Sumas Library to find out what book the group is reading this month. Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.