



CITY OF SUMAS NEWSLETTER

July/August 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 10th and 24th @ 7 pm

August 14th and 28th @ 7 pm

FREE CHIPPER SERVICE

July 21st 10 am to 12 pm

July 22nd 9 am to 11 am

August 18th 10 am to 12 pm

August 19th 9 am to 11 am

CONGRATULATIONS ON 35 YEARS!

Congratulations to our very own Michelle Quinn, who is celebrating 35 years working for the City of Sumas. Michelle is the City Clerk and Court Clerk at City Hall, and we appreciate all she does!

FREE LUNCH FOR KIDS

Free lunches are offered to kids 18 years or younger this Summer, through the Nooksack Valley School District!

Lunch July 12th – August 17th Monday – Thursday at Sumas City Park 11:20-11:40 a.m.
Breakfast July 31st – August 17th Monday – Thursday at Sumas Elementary 8:15 – 8:30 a.m.
Lunch July 31st – August 17th Monday – Thursday at Sumas Elementary 11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Meals must be eaten on site per USDA rules. Check www.nv.k12.wa.us/departments-programs/food-service for additional information and a menu schedule.

MEET ME AT THE MOVIES

The Friends of the Sumas Library present Meet Me at the Movies Summer 2023, at Sumas City Park – 135 Third St., Sumas

Movies play Friday, July 14th and Friday, August 4th. See the Library insert (page 3) of this newsletter for more information.

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.

OUTDOOR BURNING

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

STREET SWEEPER

The Street Sweeper is scheduled on the last Friday of each month.

Please have vehicles moved out of the City's rights-of-way on the last Friday of each month, so that the street sweeper can access all areas.

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. Call or stop by City Hall to let us know, or forms to submit information are available at cityofsumas.com. Advertising space is also available for a \$50 fee.

2023 Community Calendars are still available for \$5 at City Hall.

MOWING SEASON

Please maintain grass and weeds as per Sumas Municipal Code 8.32.

As we're all out mowing and working in yards, please be sure to clean up and dispose of yard waste properly. Keeping our sidewalks and roads clear of grass.

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 AVERAGES

In the summer, sewer rates are based on water usage during the winter months.

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

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, do not leave bags on the ground/sidewalk. We want to keep all sidewalks/walkways clear for all to enjoy!



VISIT THE SUMAS MUSEUM

Stop by the reopened museum on Wednesdays 10-2, or by appointment!
Call 360-319-4283 or e-mail info@sumashistory.org to make an appointment.

The museum is located at 114 Second St., Sumas.

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Volunteers Wanted!

The Sumas Museum is looking for help with:

- Landscaping
- Cleaning
- Setting up Exhibits
- Researching
- Greeting visitors

To volunteer, call or text 360-319-4283 or e-mail info@sumashistory.org



Sumas Library

461 2nd Street 360-988-2501

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

Greetings from the Sumas Library! We had a wonderful kickoff event on June 26th for **Summer Reading 2023**. We gave away over 70 books to babies, toddlers, kids and teens to take home and keep...no returning to the library! Summer Reading 2023 includes all kinds of opportunities for engagement and connection for kids to adults. **This summer, the library system partnered with the Whatcom Million Trees Project to plant trees in Whatcom County for Summer Reading 2023.** If you haven't already, stop into the library to register and collect your summer reading card full of a variety of activities for the whole family. When you read with us this summer, you'll help our community plant trees in local forests. Now until Aug. 31, for every 25 "leaves" we gain as a community through Summer Reading activities, a tree will be planted within Whatcom County.

As for **library programs** this summer, we have a number of programs happening during July! Weekly storytimes begin Monday, July 3rd at 10:30 A.M., and will be capped off with a Teddy Bear Picnic on Monday, July 24th. On Monday afternoons in July, we have various crafts for kids in grades K – 5 as part of our Make It series of programs. We will be hosting a Make It: Craft Fair on Monday, July 24th as well! Kids in grades K-5 can participate by sell their handmade crafts and treats, and others can help by attending the fair. Registration is requested to sell at the Craft Fair – talk with a library staff person or sign-up at our website. Saturday, August 5th is our bilingual program with stories and delicious Mexican popsicles, all based on the book *Paletero Man* by Lucky Diaz.

The Friends of the Sumas Library received a grant from the Doug Erikson Community Legacy Fund to offer **"Meet Me at the Movies"** again this summer. Concessions will be sold beginning 20 minutes prior to the start of the show, and the first 50 people to will receive a free candy and soda! Dates are: Friday, July 14th showing the adventure/comedy movie "Hook" featuring Robin Williams and Dustin Hoffman, with the show starting at 9:05 P.M., and Friday, August 4th showing the new Super Mario Bros. movie, with the show starting at 8:40 P.M. If you are interested in volunteering to help at either of these events, please talk to Sumas Library staff.

Have you tried out the **Library Express** in the Sumas Community Center foyer yet? The Library isn't open every day, so the Library Express allows you to pick up your holds and browse a small collection of other library items to check out. Use your library card at the outdoor scanner to open the door, then use the self-checkout kiosk to check out your items. It's self-serve, super easy, and we're happy to walk you through how it works. Hours for the Library Express are 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM daily.

Upcoming Programs at Sumas Library

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

SUMAS STORYTIME: For ages 2-6. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Monday, July 10th, 17th & 24th, 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

SUMAS TEDDY BEAR PICNIC: For ages, 2 – 6. 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., 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

SUMAS MAKE IT SERIES: For grades K - 5. A weekly craft, plus a craft fair at the end of the month. Most Mondays in July, 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

July 10: Birdhouse

July 17: Sun Catchers

July 24: Craft Fair - The Craft Fair will last from 1 P.M – 3 P.M. Kids ages 5-13 are invited to sell their homemade art, crafts, and treats at the library. Sign up to reserve a table. Everyone is welcome to shop. All items will be \$5 or less.

SUMAS BOOK GROUP: Meetings alternate monthly between open discussion of members' recent favorites one month and discussing the book club pick the next month. For July, it's Member's Choice open discussion. For August, group members will read *Talking to Strangers* by Malcom Gladwell. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 A.M. July 15th & August 19th.

TEEN ART CAMP: Grades 6 – 12. Make art and make connections. Projects are designed to stretch our creative muscles and help us see the world in new ways. Monday, July 31, 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

STORIES AND POPSICLES / CUENTOS Y PALETAS: All ages. Come to our bilingual, all-ages event inspired by the story of *Paleterero Man* by Lucky Diaz. Join us in learning about delicious Mexican popsicles and the people who make them. We'll enjoy stories, crafts, games, and a cool, tasty popsicle! Saturday, August 5, 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Ven a nuestro evento bilingüe para todas las edades inspirado en la historia de *Paleterero Man* de Lucky Diaz. Aprende sobre estas deliciosas paletas mexicanas y sobre las personas que las hacen. ¡Disfrutaremos de historias, manualidades, juegos y sabrosas paletas! Sábado, 5 de agosto, 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.