

# CITY OF SUMAS NEWSLETTER

September/October 2023



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

### FREE CHIPPER SERVICE

September 15<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 12 pm

September 16<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 11 am

October 20<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 12 pm

October 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am to 11 am

### SUMAS CITY HALL

433 Chery Street  
P.O. Box 9  
Sumas, WA 98295

Phone: 360.988.5711  
Non-Emergency Police Dispatch:

## LAST CALL! SUBMISSIONS FOR SUMAS 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 have any last-minute submissions or changes, please let us know by end of day, September 15. Call City Hall or e-mail [mquinn@cityofsumas.com](mailto:mquinn@cityofsumas.com). Advertising space is also available for a \$50 fee.

Look for the printed 2024 Calendars to be available to purchase at City Hall in late December, just in time for Christmas gifts!

## SUMAS TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sponsored by Loca Mocha and Sumas Chamber, Sumas Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30PM, on Third Street!

Trick-or-Treat your way through this annual event where local businesses and groups hand out candy from their spooky fun decorated vehicles! All ages welcome.

Check the Sumas Trunk-or-Treat Facebook page for details and updates!



## CITY MAINTENANCE IN THE FALL

Sumas Public Works is scheduled to be extra busy this Fall, maintaining City property and rights-of-way to ensure our City is prepared for the coming Fall and Winter weather.



**TREE TRIMMING** will be taking place once the leaves change in the Fall. The City will be trimming trees back from power lines and public sidewalks if they have not already been trimmed by property owners. Per Sumas Municipal Code, all property owners are responsible for trimming their own trees/shrubs. Please reference code 8.32.030 for more information.

**HERBICIDES** will continue to be applied to City property and rights-of-way as needed to maintain the areas.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for Sumas Friendsgiving on November 15<sup>TH</sup> 10am – 2pm at the Museum.

Join us at the Sumas Museum for pie, sharing memories, and friendship!



## 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](mailto:info@sumashistory.org) to make an appointment.

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



## PASSPORT SERVICES

Apply for a passport at City Hall, by appointment only. Call City Hall at 360-988-5711 to schedule an appointment.

It's a great idea to plan ahead for future travel. Applying for and receiving a passport takes time!

Routine Passport Processing Times = 10-13 weeks + mailing times

Expedited Passport Processing Times (additional \$60) = 7-9 weeks + mailing times

New ID laws for air travel go into effect May 7, 2025. Check REALIDwa.com for the most up to date information and to determine the ID option that's right for you.

## FINGERPRINT SERVICES

Call City Hall at 360-988-5711 to schedule a fingerprint appointment.

Fingerprint appointments can be made for Concealed pistol license's (Sumas resident's only), employment background checks, or other background checks.

## BACK TO SCHOOL



School is back in session! Please be cautious and follow the marked speed limit on Front Street.

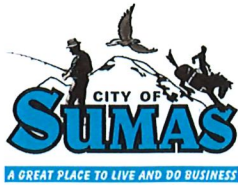
Monday – Friday, 7:30am-9:00am and 3:00pm – 4:30pm

## 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 the month, so that the street sweeper can access all areas.





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Date: August 24, 2023

Dear Residents,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We want to provide you with an update on the various projects that are currently underway in our community in collaboration with FEMA. These projects are aimed at addressing the aftermath of the disasters that were listed with FEMA, and we understand that many of you have questions and concerns regarding their progress. Here are some key points regarding the ongoing projects:

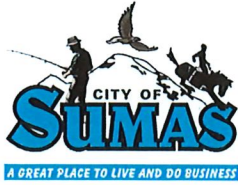
**Number of Projects:** To date, there are more than 76 projects that have been identified and listed with FEMA as disaster-related initiatives. Each of these projects is unique in its scope and complexity, encompassing a wide range of issues stemming from the disasters.

**Project Structure:** Within the umbrella of these 76 main projects, there are multiple sub-projects that have been defined to ensure a comprehensive approach to recovery. These sub-projects address specific aspects of our infrastructure, such as power, water, sewer systems, storm lines, as well as roads and sidewalks.

**Infrastructure Repair:** A significant portion of the listed projects pertains to repairing and restoring our community's vital infrastructure. This includes projects focused on power restoration, water system rehabilitation, sewer system repairs, storm line reconstruction, and road and sidewalk restoration. We understand that these aspects play a crucial role in your day-to-day lives, and we are committed to ensuring their recovery.

**Visible Progress:** We acknowledge that it can be challenging to witness the progress of projects that are primarily taking place underground or behind the scenes. We want to reassure you that despite the lack of visible changes, extensive work is happening to restore our community's functionality and aesthetics.





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**Timelines and Updates:** We understand that many of you are curious about timelines for specific projects, especially those that directly impact your daily routines, such as road and bridge repairs. We are actively working on providing clearer timelines and progress updates.

## Upcoming Projects:

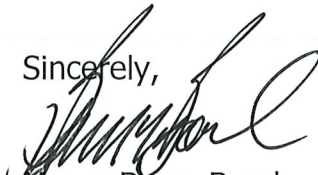
- **Hovel Road:** Construction is expected to commence after the design and permitting phases, with an estimated start date in late 2025.
- **Multiple Roads:** We are aiming to begin construction on various roads by the end of 2025. We are also exploring the possibility of obtaining temporary patches for severely affected areas, such as Gough St and the sidewalk by the Post Office.

**Environmental Restoration:** We are also working in close partnership with the Sumas Water Improvement District to address environmental concerns. This includes the removal of debris from our streams and the Sumas River, ensuring the long-term health of these vital natural resources.

**Contact Information:** If you have any questions or if you would like specific information about a particular project, please feel free to reach out to me. You can email your inquiries to [saulakh@cityofsumas.com](mailto:saulakh@cityofsumas.com), and he will be more than happy to assist you.

City staff and the I want to express our appreciation for your patience and understanding during this challenging period. We are committed to ensuring the swift and thorough recovery of our community, and we will continue to provide updates as progress is made. Your support is invaluable to us as we work towards building a stronger, more resilient Sumas.

Sincerely,



Mayor Bruce Bosch  
City of Sumas



## Sumas Library

461 2nd Street / 360-988-2501 / [wcls.org](http://wcls.org)

### Hours

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

### Sumas Library Express

Every day	6 A.M. – 11 P.M.
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## So long Summer, hello Fall!

Thank you so much for an amazing Summer Reading season! 130 people showed up at our Summer Reading Kickoff, and we had great attendance at our craft events for kids in July. Readers county-wide blew through the first reading goal, and the Whatcom County Library Foundation provided funds to raise the bar. We blew through that challenge, too! As a result, 500 trees will be planted soon in Whatcom County thanks to your participation and our partnership with the Whatcom Million Trees Project.

Thank you also to the Friends of the Sumas Library for hosting two “Meet Me at the Movies” nights at Sumas City Park, thanks to a grant from the Doug Erickson Community Legacy Fund.

Storytimes (ages 2-6) will be returning starting September 18 (yay!), but *Whatcomics* is the big news in September and October. From Sept 1-Oct 31, Whatcom County teens in grades 6-12 can submit their artwork for publication in *Whatcomics*, our annual teen art anthology featuring work from teens all over the county. For rules and info on how to submit your art, see [wcls.org/whatcomics](http://wcls.org/whatcomics)



Over 150 people watched "Super Mario Bros" at "Meet Me at the Movies" in Sumas City Park on August 4. It was a blast!

## Upcoming Programs at Sumas Library

For a complete listing of events at all WCLS branches visit [wcls.org/events](http://wcls.org/events)

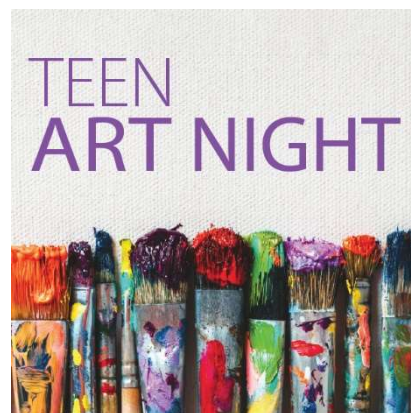


**Storytime:** For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Mondays, 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M., starting Sept 18

**Sumas Book Group:** Meetings alternate monthly between open discussion of members' recent favorites one month and discussing the book club pick the next month. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 A.M.

**Let's Paint Pumpkins:** Feeling festive this fall? Join the library for a story and some seasonal fun decorating pumpkins! Saturday, Oct 21, 11:00am - 12:00pm.

**Sumas Teen Art Night:** Do you love to paint, draw, or simply get creative? This exclusive, after-hours program will allow you to create a masterpiece while socializing with other art-loving teens. Whether you want to paint a canvas, create an original character, or just doodle in your sketchbook, this night is for you. Registration is required. Limited seating. Grades 6-12. Friday, Oct 27, 6:00pm - 7:30pm.



**Traditional Storytelling:** Storyteller Angela Letoi shares stories from her ancestors at the Sumas Library. Angela Letoi is a member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe. She decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and began telling stories in 2017 while attending the Northwest Indian College. Angela shares six children with her husband Tulaga, of six years. Angela works as a Caregiver which is her way of gaining knowledge from her elders and enjoys spending time with her two grandsons, Braxton Jay and Maverick Rye. Join us for this special program which will include honored guest and elder storyteller, Tammy Cooper-Woodrich. Saturday, Oct 14, 2:00pm - 3:00pm.

**Friends of the Sumas Library:** Like what you see? Want to help us do more? Join the Friends of the Sumas Library, a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to supporting the Sumas Library. Meets monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at the Sumas Library at 6:30pm. When we work together we can do great things for our community!

