

City of Sumas Newsletter



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

Utility Billing

Utility Disconnections for unpaid October utility bills will occur on November 12th, 2025 due to the holiday closure.

Sewer averages have ended for the year with this last billing cycle.

The next bill cycle (bills issued early December) will reflect sewer charges based on your actual water usage. This will continue each month through the March bill cycle.

This is a good time to keep a close eye on your water consumption. Often this is the time of year when water leaks are discovered, as high water usage will drastically affect your sewer charges, and the high water use due to a leak may have been missed during the summer months.

If you notice your water consumption has a sudden increase, you may have a water leak. Anything from leaking faucets, running toilets, and larger leaks can greatly affect your sewer bill.

Voyent Alert! And Winter Weather

Sumas uses the Voyent Alert! service to keep you informed during times of crisis and for day-to-day notices.

You can download the VoyentAlert! app, or register online to receive email, voice, or text based alerts at register.voyent-alert.us. Or call City Hall and we can sign you up for text alerts.

The City closely monitors the weather and Nooksack river gauges. We will only send Voyent Alert! notices related to weather or flooding when there is action that needs to be taken within our community.

Voyent Alert! is also used for road closures and utility related notices.

You can also monitor the river gauges yourself from the City of Sumas website: <https://www.cityofsumas.com/flood-recovery-resiliency-resources/>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 10th @ 7pm
November 24th @ 7pm

December 8th @ 7pm
December 22nd @ 7pm

CITY HALL CLOSURES

Veteran's Day:
November 11, 2025

Thanksgiving Day and
Day After Thanksgiving:
November 27 and 28, 2025

Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day:
December 24 and 25, 2025

New Year's Day:
January 1, 2026



WINTER CITY MAINTENANCE

You may notice City crews out and about over the next few weeks! We'll be trimming trees around town to help keep streets and utility lines clear and safe. Crews will also be jetting storm lines and cleaning catch basins to get everything ready for the rainy season.

Thanks for your patience and for giving our crews a little extra room as they work to keep things running smoothly!

PREPARE FOR FALL FREEZING

The season is changing! Late Fall brings freezing temperatures and the potential for frozen pipes - yikes! But you can be prepared!



**PREPARE FOR
*FREEZING***

Actions now can help prevent bursting pipes, water loss, and expensive fixes.

Insulate Outdoor Spigots



Drain Hoses & Irrigation Pipes



Insulate Exposed Pipes Inside & Outside



Have A Shovel Handy To Dig Out Emergency Shut Off Valves



WWW.WHATCOMWATERALLIANCE.ORG



FOSL Fall Bingo Night - November 10th from 7pm-8:30pm
@ the Sumas Community Center, 461 Second St, Sumas.
Brought to you by the Friends of the Sumas Library.

Friendsgiving! - November 12th, 10am-2pm.
@ the Sumas Museum, 114 Second St, Sumas.
Please join the Sumas Historical Society and Museum for
pumpkin pie and a visit! The Historical Society also invites
you to be on the lookout for new signs around town
featuring "Pictures from the Past"!

Santa in the Park - December 1st from 5:30pm-6:30pm
@ Sumas City Park on Third St., Sumas.
Come have hot chocolate and visit Santa in the Park!

Save the Date - Free Community Meal - December 24th
@ the Sumas Community Center
Watch for more details to come regarding this event!



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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.

Through a partnership with the Washington State Library and the Bellingham Public Library, library card holders can build their resume with [professional job certifications](#). These are industry recognized technical and specialist certifications demonstrating one's proficiency and skills to an employer or prospective college. Certifications for CISCO, QuickBooks, Microsoft, IT Specialists and others are available.

Looking for additional free online training and education accessible with your library card? [LinkedIn Learning](#) is an

online platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology, and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Explore over 12,000 courses and 5,000 video tutorials from industry experts and leaders all in one place. [Peterson's Test Prep](#) has online practice tests for high school, college prep, grad school, vocational careers and the US citizenship test. You can also get help with middle school and high school level math, science, reading, and writing skills.

Having a library card gives you access to more digital resources than just education and training. Visit our [digital resources page](#) to see everything we offer including streaming video and music services, language learning, investment data and Consumer Reports, arts and crafts classes, vehicle and motor repair, and much more!

DID YOU KNOW?

Your library card gives you **free** access to **job certifications** and exams.

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A graphic featuring several colorful bingo balls and cards. One ball is yellow with the letter 'B' and the number '12'. Another is red with the letter 'N' and the number '44'. There are also balls with the letters 'B', 'I', 'N', 'G', and 'O'. Several bingo cards are fanned out in the background, each with the word 'BINGO' at the top.

**Friends
of the
Sumas
Library**

BINGO NIGHT

Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening? Join us for Bingo Night at Sumas Community Center next to the Library. Prizes and snacks provided by local businesses. Space is limited, so come early to claim your seat.

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER
10TH

DOORS OPEN AT
6:30, GAMES START
AT 7

COMMUNITY CENTER
NEXT TO LIBRARY
461 2ND STREET

FREE EVENT

For More Information
friendsofthesumaslibrary.org

LIBRARY EVENTS

SUMAS LIBRARY • NOVEMBER

Upcoming Events

Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL) Meeting

Help support the library with this friendly volunteer group. Teen volunteers encouraged to attend.

Monday, November 3, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

What We're Reading Book Club

Share the books and movies you've enjoyed.

Online - Register to receive the Zoom link.

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Build Your Immunity

Learn how to support your immune system's natural resiliency with herbalist Sonia Wollin. Sip on herbal tea during the class and take home a sample of medicinal tea, along with recipes for preparations at home. *Space is limited; registration is required.*

Saturday, Nov. 8, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Fall Bingo Night

The Friends of the Sumas Library host a fun night for the whole family with prizes donated by local businesses.

Monday, November 10, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Recurring Events

Lunch Break Book Club

November theme: space

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 PM-1:30 PM

Crafting Community

Drop in with your favorite arts and crafts and spend time creating alongside other crafters.

Mondays, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Game Day

Play chess, board games or cards with others.

Wednesdays, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Tech Help Hour/Hora de Ayuda Tecnológica

One-on-one assistance in English or Spanish. / Asistencia personalizada en inglés o español.

Saturdays (by appointment), 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Teens (grades 6-12)

Teen Corps - All About Owls

Help us with library programs for kids and adults. Gain event experience and have fun working with library staff. *Space is limited; registration is required.*

Saturday, November 1, 10:15 AM-11:45 AM

Tweens (grades 5-8)

Graphic Novel Book Group

Whether you are new to the genre or an avid reader, explore graphic novels with us!

Mondays, 4:00 PM-4:30 PM

Kids (grades K-5)

All About Owls

Learn all about these nocturnal birds of prey, from diet to habitat to wingspan, and discover what you can do to conserve and protect them.

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Early Years (ages 2-6)

Storytime

An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement.

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SUMAS LIBRARY, 461 2nd STREET
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Paper Star Ornament Workshop

Learn to make beautiful paper star ornaments to enjoy for the holidays and all year long. Patience and care for detail are helpful for this craft. *Space is limited; registration is required.*

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Sumas Book Club

A traditional book club - everybody reads and discusses the same book. Ask library staff for the current selection.

Saturday, December 20, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

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December theme: books with older protagonists

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 PM-1:30 PM

Not meeting Dec. 24

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