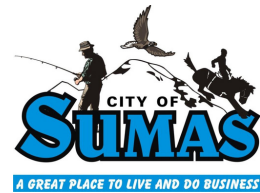


City of Sumas Newsletter



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

City Project Updates

Hovel Road Construction Project

Construction on Hovel Road is complete!

The road is open for two-way traffic. The guardrails have been installed, and the lines have been painted!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible—and to the community for your patience throughout construction. Hovel Road Construction Project

Sumas Library and Community Center

Restoration of the Sumas Library and Community Center has begun! The project is expected to be complete, and the building to be open by this summer.

Work at the Sumas Museum is expected to begin once the Library and Community Center are complete.

43rd Annual Spring Clean Up

Nooksack Valley Disposal is sponsoring the Spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 4th 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 senior citizens or those who are 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 if you have any questions.

Dates to Remember

City Council Meetings

March 23 @ 7pm
April 13 @ 7pm
April 27 @ 7pm

City Hall Closures

Good Friday, April 3rd

Spring Adult Social

Presented by Friends of the Sumas Library
March 14 @ 7pm
(friendsofthesumaslibrary.org)

Loca Mocha Presents: The Sumas Egg Hunt April 4 @ 1:30pm

(Sumas City Park - check the Loca Mocha Facebook page for Event information)

Sumas City Hall
433 Cherry St/
PO Box 9
Sumas, WA 98295
360-988-5711



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 prior to May 29th, 2026. A proposed budget plan will be sent to you, and if accepted, the first payment will begin with the May 2026 usage bill, and will be billed monthly through March 2027. April 2027 is the month that the entire account will be reconciled.



FREE 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 for the specific dates.



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.



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.



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.

A few highlights to watch for in section 8.32.030:

- All grass/weeds should be kept below 12 in.
- Vegetation should not hang low over sidewalks/streets, or interfere with streetlights.
- Appliances should not be left anywhere exposed or accessible to children.
- Blackberry vines should not be overgrown.
- 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.



Community Garden

If you're interested in a garden plot at the Sumas Community Garden this year, applications are available at City Hall.

The garden is managed by a community group. Check out their Facebook page "Sumas Community Garden".

Questions? Email sumascommunitygardeninfo@proton.me



Sumas Library

461 2nd Street / 360-988-2501

wcls.org

Branch Hours

**LIBRARY CURRENTLY CLOSED
DUE TO FLOOD DAMAGE**

Monday 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Wednesday 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

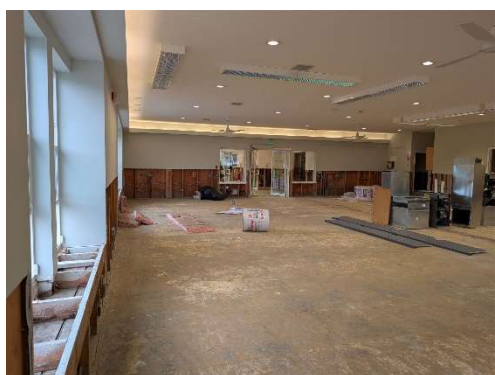
Saturday 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Library Express Hours

Daily 6 A.M. – 11 P.M.

Did you know...

even though the Sumas Library is currently closed, you can still pick up requested items at the Sumas Library from the lockbox outside the building. Call the Everson Library at 360-966-5100 for more details!

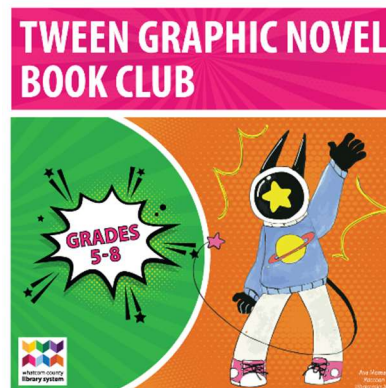


Recovery work is underway at the library

Contractors have started repairing flood damage at the library building! Drywall and insulation were recently delivered. We are grateful to the City of Sumas and to the workers who are making repairs to get the library open again as soon as possible. Stay up to date on library repairs by stopping in at the Everson Library, following the Sumas Library Facebook page, or reading the Sumas Newsletter!

Library programs continue despite closure

Programs schedule to take place at the Sumas Library are continuing to happen – just at other locations! The [Tween Graphic Novel Book Club](#) now meets at the Everson Library at 4 P.M. every Monday. The Adult Lunch Break Book Club meets [Mondays](#) and [Wednesdays](#) (choose which day works best for you or come to both!) at 1 P.M. at various locations on Sumas. Call the Everson Library for location or visit the [WCLS Events Calendar](#).



Friends of the Sumas Library host programs that build community and support the library.

The temporary closure of the library building due to December's flood hasn't stopped the Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL). This energetic group of volunteers has continued to meet, planning programs that bring neighbors together to celebrate community and the library. Their next event is a **6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 14 Spring Adult Social at Bob's Burgers in Sumas**. A limited number of tickets remain and [can be purchased at the Friends' website](#) or

by sending an email to info@friendsofthesumaslibrary.org. The Friends have more community-driven ideas for the year ahead, including their popular free summer Movie in the Park which is scheduled for late July.

We asked FOSL Board Secretary Brett Egbert to tell us more about the Friends. Brett and his wife Sarah, currently FOSL Board president, began volunteering with the Friends soon after the library re-opened following the 2021 flood.

Why do you volunteer?

We volunteer because a need is there. We first started attending FOSL simply because somebody asked us to come. We have long loved the library but never did anything like this before moving to Sumas. Turns out a community-focused group specifically supporting the library is a great gateway into volunteer work. To be honest, we barely think of it as volunteer work. We hype up the library and throw community parties. We aren't "taking one for the team", we are making friends and working to improve the place we spend all of our time at: home

Why is the library important to the Sumas community?

In general, there aren't too many "third spaces" around anymore (or at least physical ones). The library fills a gap as a place that you don't live in, you don't work at, you get to just be there. Like a mall in the '90s. It's a place we can meet, create experiences, and browse through thousands of items just because we feel like it. No expectations beyond not being too loud. In Sumas particularly, our library building is also our community center. The two halves of the building regularly collaborate, creating a space that just doesn't exist anywhere else in town.

And that's ignoring all of the actual practical uses of the library. A giant media collection on loan with generous return times for no charge and no late fees. A place to print documents. A place to learn painting. A place to learn paper crafts. A place to get tech help. A place for clubs to meet. A place for math tutoring. A place to play chess. A place for FOSL to meet once per month on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm. It is a lot of places to many people.

Why are the Friends hosting the Spring Adult Social/what do you hope guests will experience?

Last year, FOSL decided it was time for an event aimed at adults. While most of our events are not necessarily "kid events", trying to make things family-friendly kind of shifts it in that direction. Last year's Valentine & Wine fundraiser was a great success, fully funding our summer movie event and providing a great night out for the 21+ crowd. We immediately knew this would be a new yearly event.

Following the 2025 flood we quickly decided to remove the fundraising emphasis and focus more on the "adult's night out" aspect. We want the adults that are going to meetings, talking to insurance, paying the bills, repairing the damage, or just dealing with whatever they need to deal with to escape that for a bit. More than that, we want to connect with our neighbors, eat some burgers, and share some beverages. Additionally, we wanted to throw our support at the Sumas businesses.

Anything else you want to share about the Friends?

I need people to know how incredible Deanna Lambert is (and her sister Heather). Deanna got into FOSL around the same time we did and is our current treasurer. What people may not know is that Deanna is also our FOSL mascot named "Fossil." Many have seen the stegosaurus that walks in the Sumas Community Days parade. Deanna is not only inside the costume, she hand made the entire thing! Deanna created the original Fossil design back in 2024 for our coloring contest (check out the flyer!) FOSL is trying out something new this year. We ordered 100 custom stickers for each of our planned events for 2026, starting with the Adult Spring Social. The unique designs for each of the stickers were drawn and colored by Deanna and Heather. I'm not going to spoil what they look like. If you want to see, you know where to find us on March 14.

Thank you, Brett! We are endlessly grateful to the Friends for their advocacy and financial support of the Sumas Library, including providing snacks for the Tween graphic novel book club, coffee/tea for the Lunch Break Book Club and funding for other special library programs.