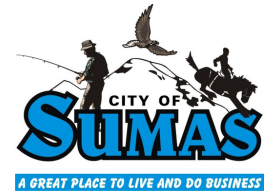


# City of Sumas Newsletter



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

### Splash Pad

The Splash Pad will be open by Memorial day weekend, ready for summer fun!

### Street Painting

Sumas is getting a fresh coat of paint this summer! Street lines will be re-painted over the summer. Keep an eye out for wet paint!

### Community Garden

The Community Garden is managed by a community group - stop by City Hall to complete an application. Check out their Facebook page "Sumas Community Garden" or e-mail [Sumascommunitygardeninfo@proton.me](mailto:Sumascommunitygardeninfo@proton.me)

### Upcoming Events

Go to [cityofsumas.com](http://cityofsumas.com) and check the Events Calendar for both public and private bookings of the Sumas Rodeo Grounds and Ballfields. This summer is already filling up with weekend events!

The Sumas Chamber is active in our community! Follow their Facebook page "Sumas Chamber" to keep up-to-date on events, meetings, and their support of Sumas businesses.

### Headed out of Town?

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.

### Summer Sewer Averages

April - October, sewer charges are billed based on the average water usage during the winter months (Nov. - March). Summer sewer averages are used so that using water to fill pools, water lawns/flowers, or washing vehicles won't increase sewer charges.

### Let's Keep Sumas Clean

#### Parking & RV Rules (SMC 9.52 & 20.18.110)

- 72-Hour Street Parking Limit — Vehicles & trailers may not stay longer than 72 hrs in a 96-hr period.
- Motorhomes/Travel Trailers Street Parking Limit — Max 7 days in 60 day period.
- RV Occupancy — Occupancy limited to 21 days per year on residential lots.
- No Street Repairs - Repairing or working on vehicles in the street is prohibited, except in an emergency.

#### Yard Care & Cleanliness

(SMC 8.32)

- Maintain Grass & Weeds — Keep lawns trimmed per city code.
- Clear Sidewalks & Roads — Don't leave clippings in public areas.
- Compost Allowed — Must be covered or concealed.
- No Dumping — Lawn clippings must stay on your property; violations may result in a fine.

## Dates to Remember

### City Council Meetings

May 11 @ 7pm  
May 26 @ 7pm  
June 8 @ 7pm  
June 22 @ 7pm

### City Hall Closures

Memorial Day, May 25  
Independence Day, July 4

### Free Chipper Service

May 22 @10am-12pm  
May 23 @9am-11am  
June 19 @10am-12pm  
June 20 @ 9am-11am

### Sumas Community Days June 26-27, 2026

**June 26** - Cornhole Tournament in the Park

**June 27** - Parade, Vendors in the Park, Free Family Glow & Foam Party, Fireworks

**Go to [sumaschamber.com](http://sumaschamber.com)** to register for Cornhole, Parade entry, and/or to be a Vendor

### Firework Donations

can be made to the Lynden Lions Club

PO Box 997  
Lynden, WA 98295  
OR  
Sumas Historical Society



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



## Sumas is a Great Place to Live and Do Business

Sumas continues to shine as a community where affordability, opportunity, and genuine neighborliness come together.

Our utility rates remain among the most competitive in the region for residential, commercial, and industrial customers — helping families manage monthly costs and giving local businesses and industries a strong foundation to grow.

But what truly sets Sumas apart is the people who call it home. This is a community where neighbors look out for one another, where friendly faces greet you in town, and where local volunteers, families, and small businesses work together to make Sumas stronger every year.

Across town, community pride is visible in every shared space. The Sumas Community Garden continues to flourish, neighborhood dog walkers meet at the dog park, the Sumas Chamber helps businesses stay connected and informed. And organizations like the Sumas Chamber, Friends of the Sumas Library, and the Sumas Museum and Historical Society facilitate community events all year long.

Our parks and recreation areas are equally active and well-loved. With multiple parks, well-maintained ballfields, and a popular spray pad, there's always a place to gather and play. And this summer, fresh paint will refresh the basketball, pickleball and tennis courts, ensuring they're ready for games and plenty of friendly competition.

This summer's event calendar at the Sumas Rodeo Grounds and ballfields is filling up fast for most weekends, showing just how much our community loves to gather, celebrate, and stay active.

Affordable utilities, friendly people, active community spaces, and a strong sense of togetherness — that's what makes Sumas a truly exceptional place to call home.

## Utility Rate Comparison

### Residential Estimated **Electric** Bill (Sumas Averages Used - 682 kwh)

- Sumas: \$67.88
- PSE: \$136.93

### Residential Estimated **Water** Bill (Sumas Average Used - 701 cf)

- Sumas: \$16.01
- Everson: \$30.74
- Lynden: \$56.47

### Residential Estimated **Sewer** Bill (Sumas Average Used - 517 cf)

- Sumas: \$48.17
- Everson: \$80.00
- Lynden: \$67.80

### Small Commercial Estimated **Electric** Bill (5,000 kwh)

- Sumas: \$452.00
- PSE: \$959.32

### Large Commercial/Industrial Estimated **Electric** Bill (10,000 kwh)

- Sumas: \$671.00
- PSE: \$1,642.82

### Commercial Estimated **Water** Bill (10,000 cf)

- Sumas: \$151.84
- Everson: \$279.87
- Lynden: \$319.61

### Commercial Estimated **Sewer** Bill (10,000 cf)

- Sumas: \$728.20
- Everson: \$268.00
- Lynden: \$424.35

## What This Means for You

- Lower monthly costs for residents
- A competitive edge for local businesses
- A strong incentive for new employers to invest in Sumas

\*Full Everson Rates available at [www.ci.everson.wa.us](http://www.ci.everson.wa.us)

\*Full Lynden Rates available at [www.lyndenwa.org](http://www.lyndenwa.org)

\*Full PSE Rates available at [www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com)

## Sumas At A Glance

### Affordable Utilities

- Competitive residential, commercial, and industrial rates
- Reliable service that keeps costs low for families and businesses

### A Community That Cares

- Friendly neighbors who look out for one another
- Local volunteers and families who keep Sumas thriving

### Parks & Recreation

- Multiple parks, spray pad, and well-kept ballfields
- Pickleball, basketball, tennis courts
- Dog Park

### Growing Together

- A thriving community garden open to all
- Rodeo Grounds & ballfields booked many weekends each summer

### Local Support

- Business resources available through the Sumas Chamber

### Why We Love It Here

- Small-town charm
- Big community heart
- A great place to live, work, play, and do business!



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



**How will you summer at the Library?**

Local, free and endlessly entertaining, your Whatcom County libraries are wide open for summer adventures. Skip the luggage and expensive travel, all you need is your library card and your curiosity. It's up to you how to spend your summer at the library. Like any favorite vacation, you decide what you will do and where you will go – summer reading, live music, movies in the park – so many adventures to choose from!

Summer reading at WCLS kicks off the week of June 22 with a free book give away for kids ages 0 – 18. There will be various activities kids for kids complete each week, as well as programs throughout the month of July. See the next page for a list of events at the Sumas Library or visit the WCLS events page online to find events at all branches.

**Recovery work continues at the Sumas Library**

Work to fix the Sumas Library after the December flood continues to move along – the drywall has been replaced, walls painted, and carpet is projected to be completed in the next couple of weeks. We have not yet received an expected date for approval of the building occupancy permit, but staff are looking forward to reopening the doors to the Sumas Library as soon as possible. A positive result of this flood is the addition of a small conference room within the library! This conference room will comfortably hold 4 people (6 in a pinch!) and will include a TV and internet access. Meeting room construction will take place over the summer.





## Friends of the Sumas Library annual Adult Social a success!

More than 60 people attended the FOSL Spring Social on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Bob's Burger and Brew to celebrate community and the library. Attendees enjoyed a burger bar, pies from Dutch Bakery, trivia games, a plethora of door prizes and a custom designed FOSL sticker to commemorate the event. Upcoming events for this energetic group include a booth at Sumas Community Days and their annual free Movie in the Park this year held on Friday, July 24. FOSL meetings are open to all and are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

## Upcoming Programs at the Sumas Library

Visit [www.wcls.org/events](http://www.wcls.org/events) to see detailed descriptions of programs as well as programs being held at other all WCLS branches.

*\*Note: If the Sumas Library remains closed for renovations, events with an asterisk (\*) by the name will be cancelled.*

**Lunch Break Book Club: Mondays and Wednesdays** (join one or both days!) **1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Location variable by month – please contact the Everson Library at 360-966-5100 to find out current meeting location.

**Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL) meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** Visit the FOSL website at [www.friendsofthesumaslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthesumaslibrary.org) to learn more about FOSL, view upcoming events, and review past meeting minutes. Meetings held at the Everson Library while Sumas Library is closed for renovations.



**\*Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Monday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Join us as we celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading program. Collect your Summer Reading card, learn about summer programs, and connect with other readers. All youth under 18 will receive a free book to pick out and keep forever. Thanks to our sponsors, Whatcom County Library Foundation and Peoples Bank.



**Sumas Teen Corps: Some Wednesdays in July** We need teens with a community spirit to help out with our summer programs for kids. You'll help pass out supplies, assist in the making and the doing, and have good time helping others out. We are looking for teens to help with the following programs: Kids Book Swap (July 1), Let's Paint Rocks (July 15), Let's Make Music and Dance (July 29). Talk to library staff or register online to help out at 1, 2 or all 3 programs!

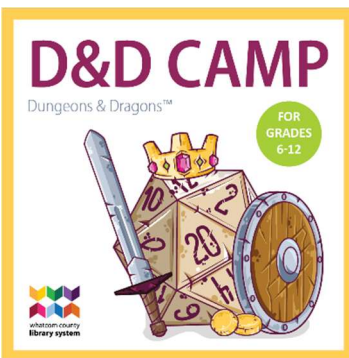
**\*Kids Book Swap: Wednesday, July 1, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.** Attention Kid Readers! Do you have books you're done with? Are you looking for new books for your shelves? Good news - the library is hosting a book swap! Bring a gently used book (or 5) to trade and take home someone else's once-upon-a-favorite. You'll have a chance to share about the book(s) you brought (if you want) and you'll get to decorate a canvas tote to get your haul home again. *We are also looking for teen volunteers in grades 6 – 12 to help out with this program! Contact the library for more information or to sign-up to volunteer.*



**\*Storytime: Mondays in July, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.** For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> is Teddy Bear Picnic Storytime – kids encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal.

**\*Let's Paint Rocks: Wednesday, July 15 p.m. – 2 p.m.** Kids, join us for rock painting fun! We'll provide all materials necessary. Paint a new rock friend, a beautiful addition to your garden, or whatever your imagination inspires!

**Whatcom Grooves Summer Music Series: Pine & Shake: Saturday, July 18, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Sycamore Park (located next to the Sumas History Museum at 114 2nd Street).** Celebrate summer, music and libraries at free concerts hosted across the Whatcom County Library System. Pine & Shake, an early 1900's jug, rag, blues, and swing band, will play at Sycamore Park so bring your blankets, camp chairs, and picnics. Registration is suggested if you'd like a reminder of the event a few days in advance. The Whatcom Grooves Summer Concert Series is generously supported by the Whatcom County Library Foundation and additional support for the Sumas concert comes from the Friends of the Sumas Library.



**Sumas Dungeons & Dragons Camp: Wednesday, July 22, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.** Join us for a one-day camp of rule-learning, gaming, and much more. Whether you are a Dungeons & Dragons expert or a complete beginner, this camp is for you. We will explore how to play the game and play through a short adventure. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your lucky dice! Registration is required. Grades 6-12. **IMPORTANT:** At the time of publication, the Sumas Library is closed due to flood damage. If the library is still closed on 7/22/26, this program will take place at another venue instead.

**Community Movie Night presented by FOSL: Friday, July 24, sundown, Sycamore Park (located next to the Sumas History Museum at 114 2nd Street)** The Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL) host a FREE outdoor movie showing of Monsters, inc. Check with Sumas Library staff or visit the [Friends of the Sumas Library webpage](#) for the most current information. Concessions will be available for purchase beginning at 7:30 p.m. The movie will start after sunset.



**\*Sumas Let's Make Music and Dance!: Wednesday, July 29, 1 p.m. – 2p.m.** Kids, join us to create simple musical instruments. We'll form a band and practice some fun dance moves!

**Sumas History Walking Tour with Sumas Historical Society and Museum: Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.** Lace up your walking shoes and explore Sumas history with a volunteer historian from the Sumas Historical Society and Museum. Meet at the Sumas Historical Museum and take a walking tour of points of interest around the city of Sumas, a bustling border town first incorporated in 1891. Our route is still being finalized, but please be prepared to walk a mile or two outdoors. Registration is recommended but not required. Register to receive an event reminder email a couple of days before the event.