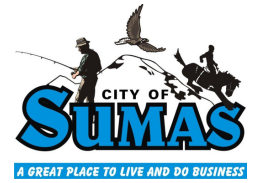


City of Sumas Newsletter



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

Senior Center Reopened!

The Senior Center is open again!

- Wednesdays from 10am to 1:30pm (lunch is served!)
 - Everyone age 60 or over (55 for Native Americans) is eligible to receive a donation-based meal. Suggested donation is \$6, but any amount is appreciated!
- Fridays from 10am to 1pm (coffee is served).

Check-out the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/1023/Senior-Centers>

Library Reopened!

The Sumas Library is open again!

461 Second St., Sumas
Open 10am - 6pm Monday and Wednesday, and 10am-5pm Saturday.

More information available at <https://www.wcls.org/>

Sumas Museum and Historical Society Reopening Soon

The Sumas Museum is still under construction but is nearing the final stages. Stay-tuned for a reopening date!

Rodeo Ground Events

Curious about what's happening at the Sumas Rodeo Grounds?

The Events Calendar on the cityofsumas.com website lists when the grounds are rented for an event!

The groups renting the facilities may share details and specific information about the events, but for the basic information on when the facilities have been rented, the Events Calendar is the place to check first!

The Sumas Chamber is also active in our community! Follow their Facebook page "Sumas Chamber" (<https://www.facebook.com/sumas.chamber>) to keep up-to-date on events, meetings, and their support of Sumas businesses.

Dates to Remember

City Council Meetings

July 27, 2026
August 10, 2026
August 24, 2026
September 14, 2026

City Hall Closures

Labor Day, September 7

Free Chipper Service

July 24 @10am-12pm
July 25 @9am-11am
August 21 @10am-12pm
August 22 @ 9am-11am

Whatcom Grooves Summer Music Series: Pine & Shake - WCLS Library Events

(Sycamore Park - by Basketball Courts)
July 18, 2026

Sumas Jr Rodeo (Rodeo Grounds) July 18-19, 2026

Friends of the Sumas Library present Movie in the Park - Monsters, Inc. (Sycamore Park - by Basketball Courts) July 24, 2026

Demolition Derby (Rodeo Grounds) September 19, 2026

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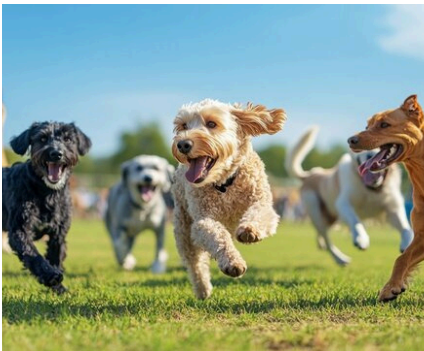


Outdoor Burning

The Whatcom County Fire Marshal's office has ordered a Stage 2 Burn Ban effective at 8am on Friday, July 17, 2026. All open burning is prohibited, including recreational fires.

Sumas follows the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's burn restrictions - check on the most up-to-date information at 360-778-5900 or visit: <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/FireMarshal>.

Outdoor burning is always prohibited within City limits, except for recreational fires as the Whatcom County Fire Marshal allows.



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.

We want to keep all sidewalks/walkways clear for all to enjoy!



Street Line Painting

Street line painting begins Monday, July 20 and will continue for 2-3 weeks.

Please watch for orange traffic cones marking freshly painted lines throughout town. To help ensure the quality and longevity of the new markings, please do not drive over wet paint.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while this work is completed.



Headed out of town on Vacation?

The 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.



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.



Sumas Library
461 2nd Street / 360-988-2501
wcls.org
Branch Hours

Did you know...

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

We've missed you! We look forward to seeing you back in the library.

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.



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 kicked off the week of June 22 with a free book give away for kids ages 0 – 18. There are various events for kids (and adults!) to complete each week to progress toward earning their summer reading pin, 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.

We're back!

The library is open! We still have some replacement shelving and furniture that we're waiting on, but we're fully stocked and grateful that we were back up and running just in time for our Summer Reading Kickoff on 6/22. A positive side-effect of this flood cycle is that we made the decision to add a small meeting room within the library. This meeting room will comfortably hold 4 people (6 in a pinch!) and will include a TV and internet access. Meeting room construction should happen in late 2026 or 2027.



Friends of the Sumas Library annual Adult Social a success!

More than 60 people attended the FOSL Spring Social on March 14th 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 1st Monday of the month.

Upcoming Programs at the Sumas Library

Visit www.wcls.org/events to see detailed descriptions of programs as well as programs being held at other all WCLS branches.

Lunch Break Book Club: Mondays and Wednesdays (join one or both days!) **1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Take a break in your day and join us for our weekly, low-commitment, theme-based book club.



Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL) meeting: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Visit the FOSL website at www.friendsofthesumaslibrary.org to learn more about FOSL, view upcoming events, and review past meeting minutes.

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!



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 27th 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.

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. 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.