

CITY OF SUMAS

City of Sumas Newsletter

September 2015

Events/Announcements

Sumas Cable now has a new guide station. Check out **channel 61** for the times of your favorite television programs.

Bull-a-Rama!

September 12, 2015 @ 7:30pm.

Beer Garden opens at 6:00pm

Live band after the show and stays open until 1pm

Adults \$12, Ages 7-12 \$5, Under 6 free

*Sponsored by the Sumas Chamber of Commerce

Whatcom Demo Derby Club will be sponsoring a **Demolition Derby** at the Sumas Rodeo Grounds on **Saturday, September 26, 2015.**

*Check with City Hall as the date nears for time and ticket information.

The Sumas Police Department now has a Twitter Account! Follow [@SumasPolice](https://twitter.com/SumasPolice) to receive news, updates and information from the Sumas Police Department as well as from the City of Sumas!

Special Services

Provided at City Hall

⇒ **Fingerprinting**

By **appointment only**. Please call Chief Haugen to make you appointment

⇒ **Passports**

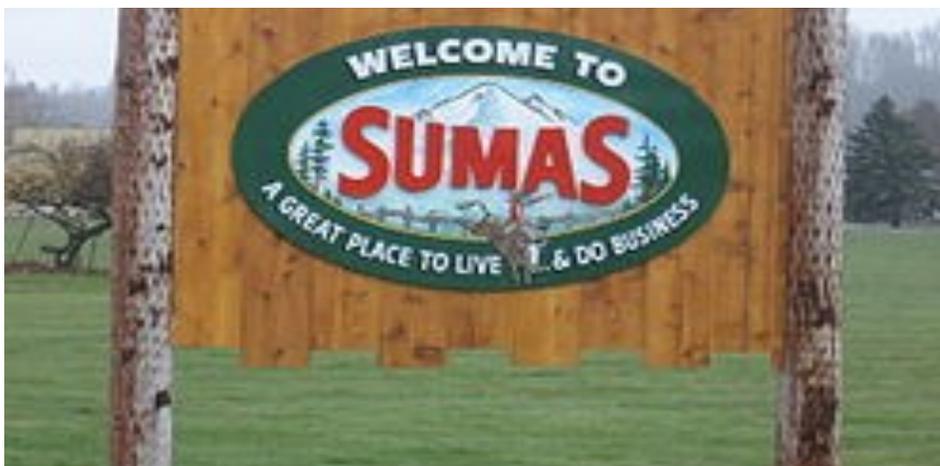
By **appointment only**. Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

⇒ **Concealed Pistol License (CPL)**

For residents within the City limits .

For appointments, costs, and other information , regarding these services, please call

Sumas City Hall at 360-988-5711



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September and October Events at the Sumas Library

Location: 451 W 2nd St Phone: 360-305-3600

Monday, September 7, Library Closed

Saturday, September 12, 10am – 11am: Sumas Book Club

Join us for a great read and great discussion (with coffee and treats as a bonus!). Monthly on the second Saturday. For the September meeting, the group will discuss *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann. Stop by the library and pick-up a copy!

Saturday, September 12, 3pm – 4pm: Paint a bookend for the library -- kids program!

For kids up to 8th grade (children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult). Help personalize the Sumas Library with colorful painted bookends! Paint your own creative, personal designs on bookends to be used in the library. Paint, brushes, and bookends provided. Dress for messy fun; paint is not washable. Don't forget to bring your creative ideas! Stop in at the library to see a sample. Event will be held outside and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Saturday, October 10, 10am-11am: Sumas Book Club

Join us for a great read and great discussion (with coffee and treats as a bonus!). Monthly on the second Saturday. For October, the group will discuss *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch. Stop by the library to pick-up a copy!

Monday, October 12, Library Closed

SUMAS COMMUNITY/SR. CENTER 360.988.2714 461 Second St. (same building as Library)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, Sept. 12TH 8-10am

Sumas Lion's Club & the Senior Center join together to offer a pancake breakfast with eggs, sausage & beverage.

By donation. All profits support Programs/Scholarships.

Monday & Friday Program:

Free to attend Open from 10:30-1:30

Lunch @ noon: suggested donation for ages 60 and older. \$3-\$5. Under age 60 donation of \$6.

The Program is NOT for Old FOLKS!!! Unless you consider those who have reached their 50th Birthday old!

Ongoing happenings on Mondays & Fridays:

- ⇒ Friendly Wii bowling
- ⇒ Puzzle area, games, crafts
- ⇒ Pool, Darts
- ⇒ Brain teasers & Trivia & Jokes

AND visiting with old friends, neighbors & new friends.

Special Programs & Services. Includes Flu shots, nail care. Speakers & Presentations covering such topics as : housing, insurance, probate, living wills and home safety.

NAIL CARE Open to Everyone!
Connie, RN, is now coming on a regular basis. She offers her services at a reduced cost. Have toenails evaluated for any concerns & appropriately cut (those with diabetes welcome) includes foot massage with cream. LIMITED SPACE. **Call 988.2714 to reserve your time (between 9am-2pm) for Sept. or Oct. dates!**

Terry Bronkema "Road Show" in Oct!
Wed. OCTOBER 21 AND Fri. OCTOBER 23
6:45-8:30PM Wed.-10/21 & 12:30-2 Fri. 10/23
Terry will appraise up to 3 items for \$5!
Acceptable items include: Clocks/watches, SMALL furniture, pottery, kitchenware, tools &...
NO FIREARMS OR "EDGED WEAPONS "AT THIS EVENT. Terry does not appraise jewelry, clothing or "fine art". Questions? Call Terry @ 360.441.2894

Wednesday Evenings: By donation
Open to everyone! Doors @ 5 Potluck @ 6
Program/ Entertainment 7-7:45pm

SEPTEMBER

ALL favorites back by popular demand!

TO BE ANNOUNCED **Sept. 2**

Family Friendly Bingo! **Sept. 9**

We'd love to see more of our Sumas Family join us. Bring a dish to share. No need for homemade or fancy: pizza, salad, cookies OR bring some \$\$.

THEN family fun BINGO with prizes of all kinds. Children must bring an adult. Donations encouraged.

Larry Wheeler **Sept. 16**

Larry is quite the entertainer, engaging the audience with his songs from the 20's & 30's, 40's & 50's...&...&...AND he take requests!

Claudette Sterk **Sept. 23**

Everyone loves Claudette sharing her guitar and voice...and hopefully some yodeling! We always welcome her bubbly personality!

Van Hofwagon & Friends! **Sept. 30**

Join us for this fun local group! They will bring their instruments and voices. They have been playing & singing together fora long time! Always a pleasure to see them!

OCTOBER

TENTATIVE: Carol & Partner! **Oct. 7**

Singer Carol is always a hit here at the Center. Will we hear chickens?!?!

Center Member's Bingo! **Oct. 14**

If you're a member, this night's for you! If not join for \$10. A relaxed & fun time with prizes.

Terry "Road Show" **Wed. Oct. 21**

And Fri. Oct. 23

Harvest Fun **Wed. Oct. 28**

AND Fri. Oct. 30 after lunch

Wear orange & black & a hat! Ticket for door prizes for those who do. We'll eat some treats, try some trivia & share some jokes.

ALL WELCOME including KIDS with adults!

Sumas Flood Information

High waters in the Nooksack River causes the excess water to flow into Johnson Creek here in Sumas, making the City of Sumas a “flood-prone area.” In recent years 2 major floods have occurred (1989 & 1990), with the highest flood risk occurring in late autumn.

You Can Prepare for Flooding by doing the following:

- Know the flood safety guidance (will be mailed in annual letter soon)
- Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes
 - Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go.
 - Make a household inventory, especially of basement contents.
 - Put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc. in a safe place.
- Collect and put cleaning supplies, camera, waterproof boots, ets. In a handy place.
- Develop a disaster response plan—See the Red Cross’ website: www.redcross.org/services/disaster/ for a copy of the brochure “Your Family Disaster Plan”
- Get a copy of Repairing Your Flooded Home. We have copies at the Public Works Department or it can be found on the Red Cross’ website, as well.

You can find more information regarding Sumas flooding in the annual flood brochure, being mailed to you soon.

Sumas City Council Minutes

MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2015

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of June 22, 2015, with all councilmen present except Gary Debont. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

At 7:00 p.m. the Public Hearing for the Heystek Conditional Use Permit was opened. Clerk-Treasurer Lewis spoke to the council regarding the Draft Decision prepared by Planner, Rollin Harper. The applicant is Darren Heystek seeking a CUP to construct a residential duplex in the Residential High-Density Zoning District, to be known as 1440 and 1446 Boon Avenue. A public comment period was held from May 6 through May 21, 2015, and no comments were received. Initially the hearing was set for a different date, but due to a lack of quorum, the hearing was rescheduled and public notice was provided on June 10, 2015. The applicant shall construct on-site parking consistent with City parking requirements prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy for the duplex. This permit will automatically terminate and become void if construction and issuance of occupancy permit are not accomplished within one year of the date of this decision. There was no discussion and Mike Quinn made a motion to close the public hearing. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the hearing was closed.

Mike Quinn made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Darren Heystek with all conditions mentioned in the draft decision. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the CUP was approved.

Susan Marks, Executive Director of the Bellingham Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence was present to address the council. Susan went over the makeup of the 28 member Commission. She listed the following as types of abuse: Emotional Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Stalking, Physical Abuse, Financial Abuse, and Technology Abuse, and briefly explained how all of these affect the wellbeing of the abused. Susan explained the mission of the Commission and told councilmen that they had applied for a grant that they hope to get, so no money may be needed this year.

Council briefly talked about the second request from Bulkhaul Management, LLC for a \$100,000 loan from the EDR Fund. Councilmen seemed inclined to disprove the request at this time.

Chris Haugen informed the council that he had been in contact with someone from the Everson area, who said she could update the City's website for about \$750. She has just recently completed an update for the Chamber of Commerce. He will meet with this person and report back.

Geri Lewis handed out an information sheet from the Department of Revenue regarding when tax or licensing information received from them is confidential. She asked everyone to at least read the examples just in case they are approached for information they may not know is confidential. Geri asked for a public hearing to be set on another CUP. Mike Quinn made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Rich VanDiest Conditional Use Permit on July 13, 2015, at 7 pm. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and the hearing was set.

Mayor Bromley presented the services agreement for Consultant Services with regard to filling the position being vacated by Rod Fadden. Todd Daniels made a motion to allow the Mayor to execute the contract. Mike Quinn seconded the motion. It was noted that 'Exhibit 1' was not attached to copies given to council members and staff.

The new bills were presented to the council for approval. Claims Vouchers #36245 through #36278 in the amount of \$32,416.99 and Payroll Vouchers #20636 and the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,600.00 were approved after a motion by Mike Quinn and a second by Todd Daniels.

The council went into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes regarding legal issues at 7:40 pm.

At 7:50 pm the council reconvened the regular council meeting.

After a brief discussion, Mike Quinn made a motion to pass Ordinance #1657, which amends and adds a section to the SMC regarding utility tax and tax levied upon garbage or solid waste businesses. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Todd Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2015

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of June 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. with all councilmen present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Mike Quinn reported for the Finance Committee regarding the request from Dan Wallace for a new loan from the Economic Development Fund. Since this request would take most of the money from the fund and would make this the 4th loan for Mr. Wallace, the committee recommends that the request be denied at this time.

Gary Debont reported for the Light Committee regarding adding a section to our electric code for net metering of solar or wind generated power. This would include setting rates for buying excess power back and determining size of the generation systems allowed. The committee is recommending that 25KW be the maximum size of any generating system and that the city's buy back rate be 2/3rds of the current city energy rate. All the information will be forwarded to Jim to streamline into a useable format and be brought back to the next meeting.

Rod Fadden explained the need to amend the TV Ordinance to include a wholesale rate for welling signal. Mike Quinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1656. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried. Rod asked council to look at the 6-Year TIP that was included in the agenda and suggested probably no changes except to push everything back one year. Bruce Bosch made a motion to call for a public hearing for the 6-Year TIP on July 13, 2015, at 7 pm. Mike Quinn seconded the motion and it carried. The Supt. told council that the DOE Community Assistance Review has been closed after taking care of two minor issues.

The Mayor held over the Turner contract for the next meeting.

Rollin Harper, Sehome Planning, explained a handout regarding water usage and water rights for the next 20 years with regard to signing an agreement with MeadowBrook Water Association for water rights only. Dave Olson, Water System Services, addressed the council about the reason this agreement is needed and the urgency behind the request. Council decided to defer their decision until they could discuss the issue.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Claims Vouchers #36193 through #36243 in the amount of \$145,359.25 and Payroll Vouchers #20627 through #20635 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$113,549.67 were approved after a motion by Mike Quinn and a second by Gary Debont. Mike Quinn made a motion to approve the May Manual Checks in the amount of \$6,464.12. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Mike Quinn also made a motion to place the May Treasurer's Report on file. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Council went into Executive Session regarding possible litigation at 7:45 pm for approximately 30 mins.

At 8:10 pm the regular meeting reconvened. The full council voted to approve, with a confirmation review by the City Attorney, the MeadowBrook Water Association Agreement after a motion by Mike Quinn and a second by Bruce Bosch.

Todd Daniels made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2015

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of July 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. with all councilmen present.

The Public Hearing for the 6-Year TIP was opened and Supt. Fadden took to the floor. Rod explained that all we did was change the years on last years' plan since none of the projects were done. The City has very little street money to work with and the state mainly has only money for grants/loans for larger projects. There was no discussion and no one was present to comment. Mike Quinn made a motion to close the hearing. Gary Debont seconded the hearing and the motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the VanDiest CUP was opened at 7:05 p.m. Supt. Fadden went over the application that was submitted, explaining that the application received no comments at all. Rod also went over the Findings of Facts and Conditional Use Criteria which finds the project is harmonious and in accordance with the Sumas Comprehensive Plan and will promote business growth. It will have no detrimental effects with respect to traffic, noise, etc. The Conclusions of Law state the project is permitted as a conditional use, complies with criteria for approval, and is recommended to approval. Mike Quinn made a motion to close the hearing. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Mike Quinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1658 adopting the 6-Year Transportation Plan for 2015. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve the VanDiest CUP. Mike Quinn seconded the motion and it carried.

The council minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Chris Haugen updated councilmen of the status of City website updating, telling them the person is proceeding on working over the website as discussed at last meeting. Chris explained the updating of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (through Emergency Services), that is necessary to be eligible to get certain funds. Mike Quinn made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for July 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Chris also explained a billing from Lexipol, which is a program used for updating police department manuals that we used for updating ours which hadn't been done since the early 1990's. At that time we had paid for a 2-year membership which is expiring and he would like to renew for one year at a cost of \$1950.00. Gary Debont made a motion to renew for one year. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Bromley reported that the Job Announcement for Rod's job is posted on the City Website.

Rod Fadden reported that Jason Heutink had applied for a Long Subdivision called Hovel Estates. It will be done in stages if approved. Rod also reported that WSDOT is still rolling on our stop sign and things.

The Mayor spoke about the newest New Jail Contract, which is just the same except less money and a bit smaller plan because of City of Bellingham's reluctance to agree. After some discussion, Mike Quinn made a motion to approve the new contract. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

The new bills were presented to the council for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #36281 through #36348 in the amount of \$365,518.74 and Payroll Vouchers #20637 through #20645 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$117,169.08 were approved after a motion by Mike Quinn and a second by Gary Debont which carried. The June Treasurer's Report was approved for filing after a motion by Mike Quinn and a second by Gary Debont which carried. The June Manual Checks in the amount of \$4,809.35 were approved after a motion by Mike Quinn and a second by Gary Debont which carried.

The council went into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes regarding possible litigation.

The council reconvened the regular session at 7:20 p.m.

Todd Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of July 27, 2015

The Sumas City Council met on July 27, 2015 at 7:00pm with all councilmen present.

The minutes of the July 13, 2015, meeting were approved.

At 7:03pm a public hearing was opened regarding the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Chris Haugen briefly spoke to the council, explaining this was a plan implemented by Whatcom County Emergency Management and would ensure the eligibility for Federal funding. The public hearing

was closed at 7:06pm with a motion by Gary Debont and seconded by Mike Quinn.

Mike Quinn made a motion to adopt Resolution #753 The Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mike Quinn made a motion to set a public hearing for August 24, 2015 at 7:00pm in regards to the Hovel Estates subdivision and variance. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and the hearing was set.

The new bills were presented to the council for approval. Claims Voucher #36353 through #36383 in the amount of \$18,458.75 and Payroll Voucher #20646 along with the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,600.00 were approved for payment with a motion by Mike Quinn and a second from Gary Debont and it carried.

At 7:09pm the council then went into executive session regarding legal matters.

At 7:30pm the council reconvened the regular meeting.

At 7:32pm Todd Daniels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Did You Know...

78% of NFL players are bankrupt two years after finishing their careers.

In 1938, Time Magazine named Adolf Hitler Man of the Year.

Every year, millions of trees around the world grow where squirrels forgot their buried nuts.

The first engines put into Fords? They were made by Dodge...

Random Facts take from <http://www.danoah.com/2013/09/50-more-random-facts-i-didnt-know-that-i-didnt-know-3.html/2>

This newsletter is meant to increase awareness and communication of events and news to the citizens of the City of Sumas. If you have any comments/suggestions or if you would like the newsletter sent directly to your email address, please send an email to mboost@cityofsumas.com

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