



CITY OF SUMAS

City of Sumas Newsletter

March 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Spring Clean Up!

Saturday April 2nd,
9:00am -12:00 pm
Drop Off Behind Sumas City Hall Building

Bring Your bulky items, appliances, furniture, scrap metal and branches.

Easter Egg Hunt!

Come Hunt Easter Eggs with the Easter Bunny in the Sumas City Park!

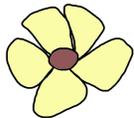
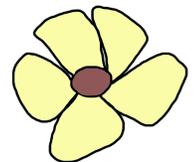
Saturday March 26 @
11:00 am

The American Legion

Would like to invite you to
134 Harrison St., Sumas on 12
Mar 2016 @ 5pm

Spaghetti Dinner (\$10)
Salad

Garlic Bread
And Dessert



Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 12th @ Sr. Center
8:00-10:30am
By Donation

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage & beverage will be served



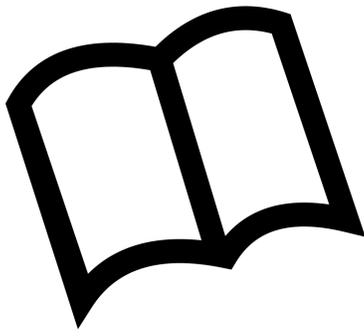
Monthly Events @ Sumas American Legion Post 212

- Every Friday Night: Hamburger Feed 5-8pm
- 2nd Saturday of Every Month: Dinner 5-8pm
- 4th Saturday of Every Month: Breakfast 7-10am. All you can eat for \$7!

Look for us on Facebook!

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March and April Events at the Sumas Library

451 2nd Street

360-305-3600

Hours: Monday 10 – 5, Wednesday 10 – 7, Saturday 10 – 5

All events are **FREE**

(you do not need a library card to attend – but library cards are **FREE** too!)

Essential Oils 101: Health and Wellness with Aromatherapy: Enjoy a fun and interactive class on the basics of essential oils. You'll learn how to use them safely, what oils to use, how to apply them, and why they work. Essential oils can be an affordable, safe, and effective way to improve your health and wellness, and reduce toxins in your home, support immunity, uplifting your mood, and so much more! Brief Q&A to follow. With Anna Beth Harman of Do-Terra Oils. For: Adults, Grades 9-12. **Saturday, March 19, 11 AM to 12 PM.**

Sumas Community Memory Talk: Josephine Fadden has lived in Sumas for over more than ninety years, and has plenty of stories to tell about the way things were! Join Deborah Morgan as reminisces with Ms. Fadden in an informal setting. This program will take place at the Sumas Community/Senior Center, located in the same building as the library. Come at 6pm to join other community members in a potluck dinner. **Wednesday, April 6, 7PM to 8 PM.**

Environmental Art: Handmade recycled paper: Let artist Ruth San Pietro show you how to recycle junk mail and old magazines into beautiful cards, books, sculpture or jewelry! Bring any interesting paper you would like to add to your creation. Registration is required, Open to adults and children. Children age 5 – 13 must have an adult present (one parent per child. Adults without children who wish to participate will be put on a waiting list, and confirmed Monday, April 18th **Saturday April 23, 2 PM to 4 PM.**

The following programs occur monthly:

Sumas Preschool Storytime: Stories , songs and movement, and more for up to age 5. **Every Wednesday, , 10:30 AM to 11 AM.**

Teen Gaming: Take a break and do some gaming. Use our tabletop games or bring your own. For: Grades 6-12. Occurs the 1st Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, March 2 and Wednesday April 6, 4 PM to 5 PM. .**

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Library Events Continued....

Sumas Book Club: Join us for a great read and great discussion (with coffee and treats as a bonus!). Book club meets monthly on the second Saturday. For March the group will *discuss A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana* by Haven Kimmel. For April the group will discuss *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. Stop by the library to pick-up a copy! For: Adults, Grades 9-12. **Saturday, March 12 and Saturday April 9, 10 AM to 11 AM.**

Friends of Sumas Library Meeting: Join the Friends of Sumas Library at their monthly meeting to find out what they are doing to support the library. Share your ideas, volunteer to help out at upcoming events, or just find out what is going on! Meets the second Monday of the month. For: Adults, Grades 9-12. **Monday, March 14 and Monday, April 11, 7 PM to 8 PM**

LEGO Create and Build: Build, create, show, and share your building skills at this LEGO program for all ages (under 10 must have an adult present). Each session will have a different challenge theme. LEGO bricks provided, you provide the creativity. For: All Ages/Family. Occurs the 2nd Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, March 9 and Wednesday, April 13, 4 PM to 5 PM.**

Teen Create and Take: Create with duct tape, paper crafting, and more at this monthly open creation space. We'll provide the space and supplies, you provide the creativity. Feel free to bring your own projects to work on too! For: Grades 6-12. Occurs the 3rd Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, March 16 and Wednesday, April 20, 4 PM to 5 PM.**

Sumas Writers Group: Are you an aspiring writer? Come join us to improve your writing techniques, get feedback on your writing, and gain information on how to get your work published. All writing styles welcome (novel, short story, comics, etc.). This group meets monthly on the 4th Saturday. Can't make it every month? No problem -- come when you are able! For: Adults, Grades 6-12. **Saturday, March 26 and Saturday April 23, 10 AM to 11 AM.**

Family Make and Take: Create with paper, crafts, and more at this monthly open creation space. We'll provide the space and supplies, you provide the creativity. Feel free to bring your own projects to work on too. Open to all ages; children under 10 must have an adult present. Occurs the 4th Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, March 23 and Wednesday April 20, 4 PM to 5 PM**

It is time for Sumas to have a
Historical Society!



Let's meet at 7:00 P.M., on Thursday the
24th March 2016, to discuss the creation of
the

Sumas Historical Society.

The meeting is to be held at the Sumas
Senior Center (next door to the Library).

For information call:

Deborah Morgan

360-988-7829

SUMAS COMMUNITY/SR. CENTER March & April Events
360.988.2714 461 Second St.

Mondays & Fridays 10:30– 1:30

Lunch @ noon : suggested donation for ages 60 and older \$5. Under age 60 is \$6. Activities include: Wii bowling, puzzle area, pool, darts, brain teasers & trivia & jokes, games & crafts & special presentations & entertainment.

March Events

Foot Care by Connie, RN
March 4 April 1 May 6
 FIRST FRIDAY of the month
 MUST make reservations. Call: 988.2714

Fun & Lunch Mon. March 7

Member's BINGO Wed. March 9
 Friendly Fun BINGO. Lucky number! Free for members. Guests \$5 donation please. Potluck at 6, Bring a dish to share/ \$donation.

Lunch & Fun Fri. March 11

PPPPancake BBBBreakfast!
Sat. March 12th 8-10:30am

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

By donation. Bake sale by FOSL!

St. Patrick's Day Fun Mon. March 14
 Wear GREEN. Trivia! Wear shamrock!

Lunch & Fun Fri. March 18

Annual Dying of the Eggs! Mon. March 21

Entertainment: Surprise! Wed. March 23
 A wonderful group of young voices!

Lunch & Good Friday! Fri. March 25
 Going to be a "GOOD" day! Good deeds.

Member's BINGO @ 1pm Mon. March 28
 Hop on in to this month's BINGO! Free for members. Guests \$5 donation please

Entertainment: TBA Wed. March 30

Wednesday Evenings: By donation

Open @ 5 Potluck @ 6
Program/ Entertainment 7:00-7:45pm

April Events:

Foot Care-no foolin'! Fri. April 1

Fun & Lunch Mon. April 4

Sumas Community Historical Talk!
WED. April 6
 Come and listen to Josephine Fadden. She will share stories about spending her life here in Sumas. Hosted by Debra Morgan.
 Follows potluck @ 6pm
Co-sponsor: WCLS/Sumas Branch

Lunch & FUN! Fri. April 8
 Get stuck with magnet fun!

Fun & Lunch Mon. April 11

Member's BINGO Wed. April 13
 Free for members. Guests \$5 donation please. Potluck at 6. Bring a dish to share or donation.

Lunch & Fun Fri. April 15

Fun & Lunch Mon. April 18

VanHoffwegen's & Friends Wed. April 20
 One of our favorites! Jon & brother & friends. And Valery and her daughters will add their voices!

Lunch & Fun Fri. April 22
 Enjoy creating a variety of "flowers".

Member's BINGO @ 1pm Mon. April 25
 BINGO Free for members, guests' \$5 donation.

Claudette Sterk Wed. April 27
 Singing, modeling and fun. 'Nuff said.

Lunch & Fun Fri. April 29

SUMAS SR. CENTER MEMBERSHIP- \$10
 New members are entered into prize drawings...
 Or sign up a new member with your renewal
 (& both of you will be entered!)
BOARD ELECTIONS: MARCH 30
 You enjoy the Sr. Center...consider sitting on the Board...many opportunities! Talk to a current board member for information.

Note from Rollin Harper, City Planner

2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE UNDERWAY

Over the past three years, City staff have been working in cooperation with Whatcom County and the other cities in the county to complete major reviews and updates of our comprehensive plans and development regulations. These updates are required by the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and take place once every eight years. The current update is required to be completed by June of this year.

Through this process, the County has reviewed the Sumas urban growth area (UGA), which is the area outside of City limits into which the City will need to expand during the next twenty years to accommodate planned growth. At this time, the Sumas UGA does not need to be expanded. This determination was made based on available land capacity and the population and employment growth that the County has allocated to Sumas on a preliminary basis. Through the year 2036, Sumas is planning on adding around 850 new residents and around 445 new jobs.

Over the past six months, the Sumas Planning Commission has been reviewing draft updates to the City's comprehensive plan, development regulations, and critical areas (environmental) regulations to ensure they are consistent with state requirements. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at City Hall on Thursday, March 10, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. to receive public testimony regarding the draft updates. Copies of the draft update documents are available on the City website, www.cityofsumas.com, and at City Hall. Written comments can also be submitted.

Additional opportunities for public review and comment will be available during the City Council's 60-day formal review process that will begin in early April. Draft update documents will also be posted to the City website at that time. Public hearings before the City Council have also been planned for late May and early June.

For additional information contact City Hall at 988-5711.

Sumas City Council Minutes

MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2016

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of January 11, 2016 with all councilmen present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Tim Koetje, 1204 Bradley Rd., Lynden, WA, was present to address the council about the possibility of having a motocross event at our grounds at 1550 Cherry St. Tim spoke about various aspects of this type of event and answered council questions. He was thinking later August or early September. Chris and Ruben will get together with Tim to take a look at our facilities for feasibility purposes.

Todd Daniels and Rich Postma, (Parks & Property Committee) will meet with regard to a request from Friends of the Library for a reader board for the town. The Finance Committee should meet regarding the possibility of finding funds in order for the City to participate in the purchase of a board.

Chris Haugen reported that he is working with Jim Wright on a couple of contracts with at least two jails for alternate housing to Whatcom County.

Geri Lewis asked for an Ordinance to be passed lowering mileage reimbursement for employees who use their own vehicles for City business. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pass Ordinance #1671 lowering mileage reimbursement to 54 cents per mile. Todd Daniels seconded the motion which carried. Geri also presented a list of tickets that are 10 years old or older to be written off as uncollectible. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve the writing off of the list of tickets. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried. Geri mentioned that the audit is officially finished after the exit conference.

Ruben Hernandez reported on Lift Station #7 repairs. He also reported that well #3 repairs are complete and that it is back on line. He reported that everything with Braaksma Engineering is looking good and going smoothly.

The Mayor asked for council approval of two new Planning Commission members, Henry Hoefakker and Mike Goree. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve both members for a 5 year term and a 3 year term respectively. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried. The Mayor will have an updated Committee List for the next meeting.

Jim Wright explained additions to the Fee Schedule Ordinance for dog licenses and fingerprinting services. Ordinance #1672 was passed after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for payment. Claims Vouchers #36815 through #36862 in the amount of \$288,626.84 and Payroll Vouchers #20697 through #20706 plus the Direct Deposit Run were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the December Manual Checks in the amount of \$6,789.05. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried.

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2016

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of January 25, 2016, with all councilmen present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Deborah Morgan, 309 First St., Sumas, WA, addressed the council regarding historical records of the City of Sumas. She is very interested in cataloging some or most of the old records that were found in the old jail, which is the city's storage for everything. She and her husband have organized most of the records by age that they intend to look over. Deborah would like to scan or digitize old records and have a link with the city's website where folks could go to find genealogical information by searching a table of contents. This is all in the pre-planning stages at this point. Chief Haugen was asked to speak to the person who is currently updating the city's website to see how you would go about setting up this whole operation and what would be easiest or most cost effective.

Gary Debont, Rich Postma, Ruben Hernandez, and Chris Haugen met regarding establishing a reader board for the City of Sumas. Service Clubs like Lions, Legion, Friends of the Library, and Sumas Chamber of Commerce have all indicated an interest in pursuing this venture. Gary reported for the committee that they suggest getting a volunteer from each group to meet and brain storm ideas to bring back to the council. Also suggested was someone to take the lead that is not associated with the City.

Chris Haugen handed out paperwork to councilmen and let them know that new passwords had been assigned for their city email accounts. Also told them that with the new system, it is much simpler to access remotely.

Geri Lewis spoke briefly about the final 2015 Revenue/Expenditure Totals. She made sure to point out the enormous savings for Water-Sewer with the Canadian Exchange rate.

Ruben Hernandez updated council on the Braaksma Engineering Project and said the circuit mapping is just about complete. Ruben also informed councilmen about Well #3 and the addition of a Variable Frequency Drive to solve certain issues and the Emergency Generator is being tested with a full load on. The Trenching has been started at Hovel Road Estates with conduit expected to go in this week.

The Mayor made note of new Council Committees for 2016.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for payment. Claims Vouchers #36900 through #36952 in the amount of \$100,971.11 and Payroll Voucher #20707 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,600.00 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont that carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the December 2015 Treasurer's Report and place it on file. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Council went into Executive Session for 15 min. regarding possible litigation at 7:30 p.m.

The regular council session resumed at 8:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of February 8, 2016 with all councilmen present except Gary Debont. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Chief Haugen presented an alternate jail contract with the City of Yakima for use of their facilities when the need may arise. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow the Mayor to execute the contract with a couple small changes from City Attorney, Jim Wright. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, which carried.

Ruben Hernandez gave a brief update on the Braaksma Engineering Project. Ruben also let the council know that he has been in touch with the Dodd Snodgrass from the Port of Bellingham, with regard submitting an application for a one to one matching grant to offset project expenses. He also let councilmen know that the Sumas Development upgrade has slowed to a 'hold' for the time being. The Hovel Estates Subdivision has conduit in for electric and TV cable to Phase I. Ruben informed councilmen that Joel Lepalla would probably be submitting paperwork for a subdivision variance with respect to the Burger property.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Claims Vouchers #36960 through #37002 in the amount of \$235,659.49 and Payroll Vouchers #20705 through #20713 in the amount of \$114,309.49 were approved for payment after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels, which carried.

The Manual Checks for January 2016 in the amount of \$6,011.71 were approved for filing after a motion by Bruce Bosch. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, which carried.

The January Treasurer's Report was approved for filing after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels, which carried.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

March Trivia Quiz

- 1) The Month of March is associated with which culture's god?
 - A. Celtic
 - B. Gaelic
 - C. Norse
 - D. Roman

- 2) Which historical figure was killed on the Ides of March?
 - A. Joan of Arc
 - B. Plato
 - C. Socrates
 - D. Julius Caesar

- 3) Which US President was born on the 29th of March?
 - A. Woodrow Wilson
 - B. Herbert Hoover
 - C. Grover Cleveland
 - D. John Tyler

Answers

- 1) Roman—The month is named after the god Mars.
- 2) Julius Caesar—Caesar was assassinated on his way to the senate.
- 3) John Tyler—Tyler was the tenth President of the United States.

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 mbost@cityofsumas.com

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