

# REPORT TO TAXPAYERS



## Mission

to provide needed and valued services that promote our sense of community

## Vision

to set the standard of excellence for a progressive small city

## Values

We serve with respect and integrity.

We are responsive and accountable.

We are collaborative and professional.

We are innovative and visionary.

When I was a kid, I wanted to be a baseball player. As it turned out, I'm not that good at baseball. I could have spent time bemoaning the fact that I never fulfilled my dreams of winning the World Series. Instead, I shifted my focus to things for which I actually had talent.

I think a lot of cities and communities spend time bemoaning that they're not like other cities. Maybe they want to be bigger or newer or older. We're lucky here in Sumner because we're pretty good at being who we are, a great small community. So many people I meet from other cities think we're waiting to "grow up." The joke is on them: we're happy being the size we are. Even the Comprehensive Plan Amendment passed in 2010 calls for a smaller urban growth area for Sumner than we had before.

Bigger is not better. The following pages show you all the wonderful things we can do *because* we're small and proud of it.

*Dave Enslow*  
Mayor Dave Enslow

## Priority: Protection of water, open space and other natural resources.

Helped organize first Shred & Clean event with Daffodil Valley Kiwanis.

Successfully completed a tri-annual testing of water quality for the water system.

Began significant updates to the Shorelines Master program.

Worked with employees to lower public utility costs at City Hall by 10%.

Applied for a permit and drilled new Central Well.

Negotiated and adopted the Lake Tapps Area Water Resources Agreement with Cascade Water Alliance.

Completed the comprehensive Water Systems Plan.

Became a WaterSense partner.

Continue to offer local gardeners Bonney Good Sumner Grow, a class "A" quality free biosolid that resulted in 100 percent reuse of the generated biosolids.

Participated in the Puyallup River Executive Task Force, a county-wide effort to provide long-term solutions to flooding of the Puyallup River and its tributaries.

Met requirements, submitted annual assessment for NPDES Phase II permit.

Cleaned and maintained catch basins, treatment detention ponds, and Salmon Creek.

Swept miles of streets every week.

Worked with the Army Corps to improve levee on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to prevent flooding.

Coordinated a Puyallup River clean-up with Trout Unlimited and Puyallup Watershed Council.

Installed a prescription drug take-back bin for safe disposal of unused medicine.

Met all Federal permit requirements for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and received an Outstanding Performance Award for 2009 from the Department of Ecology.

Participated in Pierce County's Flood Plan Advisory Committee.

Constructed a regional detention and treatment facility for the 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. E project.

Operated a certified laboratory accredited to Wa. State Accredited Laboratory Standards.

## Priority: Safe and efficient transportation system.

Finished widening and improving Sumner's section of Stewart Road.

Requested State Recreation and Conservation Office funding for sections of trail and succeeded in ranking high on the funding list.

Worked with neighbors and businesses to update code for industrial zones.

Municipal Court conducted 1120 infraction hearings with 665 mitigations and 445 contested infractions.

Participated in auto theft prevention program.

Worked with Sumner School District to encourage kids to walk to school as part of the Safe Routes to School grant.

Installed E-ticket, Sector and Net Motion in patrol vehicles.

Participated in regional DUI emphasis patrols.

Prepared, coordinated and oversaw reworking the Traffic/Fryar/Main intersection including moving high-pressure gas lines and water mains.

Completed more streets under the chip seal program.

Patched and re-built 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Elm, and Rainier for improved stormwater conveyance and rideability.

Began replacing painted street markings (crosswalks and arrows) with thermal plastic for longer life.

## Priority: Long-range financial stability to provide a balance of City services.

Processed a significant volume of public records request issues and held training for all employees involved in records requests.

Standardized city contracts.

Received a clean financial audit for 2009 from the Washington State Auditor.

Conducted a Rate Revenue Study for water, sewer and storm drainage utilities.

Completed the 2011-2012 biennial budget in a new design format.

Began accepting credit card payments at City Hall for utility accounts.

Police coordinated volunteers who donated over 4,500 hours, valued at over \$90,000.

Animal control increased monetary gifts to support the program and shelter by 27%.

Prepared for transition of 911 Communications Center to Puyallup for dispatch service beginning in 2011.

Completed major comprehensive plan amendments, which involved holding many public meetings and an extensive environmental impact process.

Continued to issue construction-related permits quickly.

Made significant improvements to the HVAC system to protect City's computer servers.

Formed the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and completed the first round of grant awards to increase tourism.

Negotiated three union contracts.

Police utilized over \$517,000 in grants to maintain full staffing and purchase equipment during 2009 and 2010.

Welcomed new employers including SEFNCO, Kellogg's and Service Paper Company.

Began Electric Home Monitoring as an option/alternative to jail on selective case types.

Defendants sentenced to 1008 days of Electric Home Monitoring in 2010. With jail time at \$65 a day, this saved taxpayers \$65,520 in jail costs.

## by the numbers

### POLICE

Received 20,292 calls

Answered 93% of calls within 10 seconds or less

Responded to 22,367 events, up 16% from 2009

Wrote 2,719 case reports, up 3%

Managed 1,590 cases of evidence

Conducted 4,109 traffic stops

Wrote 2,346 infractions, up 3%

Made 786 arrests, up 9%

Removed 89 impaired drivers from roadways, up 14%

### PLUS Metro Animal Services

Served 27,123 customers at the shelter, up 9%

Adopted 675 to their new Forever Families, up 6%

Reunited 331 pets with their current Forever Families.

### PUBLIC WORKS

97 after-hours call-outs, ranging from broken water lines, icy streets, plugged sewers, and mudslides

32 water service replacements and repairs

284 new meters replaced--some frozen, some worn

863 meter service requests

2,135 feet of trail installed

1,520 feet of water main & 2,110 of sewer force main for north Sumner

14 tons of pothole patch material, one shovel at a time

130 tons of asphalt debris from pothole patches

332 tons of asphalt for road restoration by city crew

514 tons of gravel for utility repair, ditch backfill and repairs to road shoulders

436 requests for services including potholes, water leaks, plugged sewers, signs down, glass in roadway, and possums (those who are not playing)

12 side sewer repairs and new clean-outs

226 tons of street sweepings kept out of the storm system

Approximately 1,000 requests for utility locates

### have reviews

Sometimes, it takes outsiders to remind us what we have. Here's what we heard in 2010:

"Travel just 20 minutes outside of Tacoma to a charming place where the rhubarb pie is handmade, where you can buy an antique dresser that looks just like the one your grandmother had and where your biggest concern is making tea time at 3pm."

—South Sound Magazine

"...little Sumner, population 9,085, is dusting off its old mantle as rhubarb royalty."

—The Seattle Times

"Despite its place minutes from Tacoma, downtown Sumner still seems like a small town. Heck, even Puyallup feels like a major metropolitan center compared with this little slice of Americana."

--The News Tribune

### celebrate!

City crews also help make many Sumner celebrations and efforts possible including

Daffodil Parade

Santa Parade

St. Patrick's Day Parade

May Day Kids Parade

Homecoming Parade

Sumner Arts Festival

Bridge Lighting

Classy Chassis Car Show

Sweetheart Wine Walk

Mystery Wine Walk

Autumn Evening

Come Walk With Me

Street of Treats

Hometown Holidays

Sumner High School Prom &

Homecoming Dance

Bicycle Rodeo

Block Parties

## Priority: Enhance community character.

Designed first-ever city flag, paid for by donations from the City Council.

Assisted in design and creation of Sumner Visitor Center with Puyallup-Sumner Chamber of Commerce and The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse.

Found a way to bring back hanging baskets in the downtown without the additional staffing previously required.

Assisted Sumner Rotary with planning first Freedom Festival at Daffodil Sports Complex.

Trimmed the Main Street trees at the request of Sumner Downtown Association.

Held annual Memorial Day service at Sumner Cemetery.

Media coverage for Sumner in *The Seattle Times*, *South Sound Magazine* and *Good Day Sacramento*. Coverage in *The News Tribune* of Sumner as the Rhubarb Pie Capital hit the AP wire with coverage in Tri-Cities, Vancouver/Portland, Spokane, Bellingham, and India.

Through the Sumner Arts Commission, held another successful season of Music Off Main plus Write in the Valley, Chapter 2, the second annual author's event.

Pressure washed and repainted all buildings at the Daffodil Sports Complex.

Conducted a citizen academy with grant funding; record-breaking attendance introduced 28 citizens to police work.

Participated in Walk a Mile in Her Shoes with great awareness raised in Sumner about sexual assault and domestic violence.