



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Sumner's Small Town Atmosphere Charms Big Business...

Recent additions to Sumner's collection of quality businesses.



Do you have to be a big city to be home to quality businesses? Apparently not. Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. recently announced that it will open a new manufacturing and distribution facility for its Specialty Coffee Business Unit in Sumner. This includes moving the Tully's Coffee® brand and wholesale coffee business from Seattle.

Green Mountain is the latest in a string of companies,

including Shining Ocean, Pacific Crest Industries and Toymith, that over the years have moved from larger cities in the region to Sumner.

Many of these companies, plus retailers such as Mud Bay, like Sumner's proximity to the ports and freeways, but the thing that really makes Sumner attractive is its small-town charm. They want their company and their employees to be able to be part of this active community.

What does this mean for you? First, there's the economic value. Although Sumner enjoys good transportation links, it's even more convenient to have employment right here. Plus, retail businesses like Mud Bay and Jay Lee's Honda, join your current businesses to bring in the sales tax revenue that helps fund your City services.

Second, there's the more theoretical support. The danger to small towns is that they'll simply shrivel up or get

absorbed into nameless suburban strip-mall sprawl. When companies come *because* they want to be part of Sumner's heritage and character, that means they'll help you and the City promote and preserve Sumner's unique charm.

For example, Green Mountain is recognized for being a "good corporate citizen." Like you, companies are choosing Sumner for their home because they like Sumner, not because they were looking for big-city atmosphere. And, the more people who value and treasure Sumner's uniqueness, the less likely it is to shrivel up or get swallowed up. That is good news for Sumner's long-term economy and the preservation of this small town that you enjoy.

...& Sets Example for Smart Growth

Sumner is also getting nation-wide acclaim at next year's New Partners for Smart Growth conference. Held this coming February in Seattle, the conference brings together a variety of people in such professions as architects, transportation, crime prevention, urban planning, and government to talk about what can be done to build safer, healthier, and more livable communities. Attendees will take a tour of Sumner to explore your city as an example of a livable community.



Sacrifices Help Budget Hold

So, how is the City's budget holding out? Three-quarters of the way through the first year of the 2009-2010 budget, the good news is that it is holding steady. Things are not getting worse. The bad news is that everyone had to make sacrifices to get here.

A few of the sacrifices:

- Several employees took some or all of their Cost of Living Adjustments as vacation rather than salary.
- Several members of the leadership staff plus the Mayor and several Councilmembers took a voluntary 2% cut in pay.
- The City is observing four furlough days when all city offices shut down and employees take an unpaid day off for a cost savings of approximately \$20,000 per day. (Some members of Police and Public Works take an alternate day in order to still serve you in an emergency.) The next furlough day is September 4 and October 12.
- Unless funded by grants (see story at right), no new positions are being hired. In the Parks Department, this means that a normal six-person department is now working with two.

-- Several projects were put on hold such as the hanging basket program.

These sacrifices affect everyone: elected leaders, City staff, and you. However (knock on wood), they seem to be working. Now that the budget is for two years, instead of building a new budget in the fall, the Council and staff will take a formal review of it to see if any adjustments are needed for 2010.



Police such as Chief John Galle (left) and public works employees such as Daron Uphaus (center) give Sumner citizens not only treats on Halloween but long-term "treats" such as quality police protection and roads in good condition.

Roads, Police Get Early Treats from Grants--No Trick!

The City of Sumner went knocking on a lot of grant doors to help alleviate a tight budget and received many treats to pass along to you. The only trick was having to compete with the many, many other jurisdictions that also wanted funding.

Roads Funded

Sumner received \$2,188,593 to rework the Traffic/Fryar/Main intersection. This will remove the fifth leg for West

Main, speed up the light cycle, add sidewalks and bike lanes, and realign the lanes to flow better. This money adds to \$886,624 in federal funds the City already has. Construction will begin next spring.

In addition, the City received \$130,000 to resurface the East Valley Highway. Although this is not enough for the whole project, it will pay to complete the design and environmental phases so that the City is ready if and when we receive money to start construction.

Police Funded

In July, Sumner Police received \$321,401 from the COPS Hiring Recovery Program to hire a new officer for four years. This fully covers the position left vacant for over a year due to budget constraints. The grant will fund this position for three years with the commitment that the City fund the position for at least one more year.

In addition, Sumner Police also received \$32,835 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance to purchase improved

technology and support community-oriented policing projects.

- \$93,682.50 from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to fund an officer for a year to work as a gang prevention officer,
- \$4,800 from a Traffic Safety Equipment Grant for patrol equipment,
- \$25,000 from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority to purchase a vehicle for a detective assigned to the regional auto theft task force.

Tough Competition

None of these grants were easy to get. For the COPS grant, only 14.3% of the agencies who applied nationally were funded, and of those, Sumner was in the smaller percentage who received the full funding requested. The Traffic & Main project was one of fifteen regional projects funded, and it was the second highest amount of money awarded.

Sumner has always enjoyed good roads and police service. Thanks to these grants, you will still enjoy that standard despite the difficult economy. That's definitely a treat!

Explore What's New on the Web

The City's website has some fun and useful new additions. If you haven't surfed it in awhile, you may want to pick up the mouse and take a look at the following new features:

When Did That Law Pass? You can now search Council meeting minutes, agendas, resolutions and ordinances by date or subject using the new FilePro system. Linked straight from the City site, this new format gives you much more flexibility in how you find topics from meetings past.

What Did They Say? Streaming video of past Council meetings are now available online: you can now watch anytime! (This option becomes available in the week following the meeting and does not air live...yet.) Thank you to Rainier Communications Commission for adding this new feature at no additional charge.

What Can I Do for Better Safety? The Police Department's section of the Web got a complete upgrade to provide more of the safety information you would like. This area, located under Public Safety on the City's website, gives you an inside look at the Sumner Police Department and what it can do with you to improve your safety.

How Did We Become the Rhubarb Pie Capital? There's a whole new section, also accessible via www.RhubarbPieCapital.com, that features the history of rhubarb growing in Sumner with some fun old pictures of people you may recognize! There are rhubarb-related gifts available to buy and recipes from the Washington Rhubarb Growers Association. You can also send us your own favorite rhubarb recipe to share.

Sample these and other features any hour of the day at www.ci.sumner.wa.us



Sumner's City website includes new features such as past Council meetings as streaming video.

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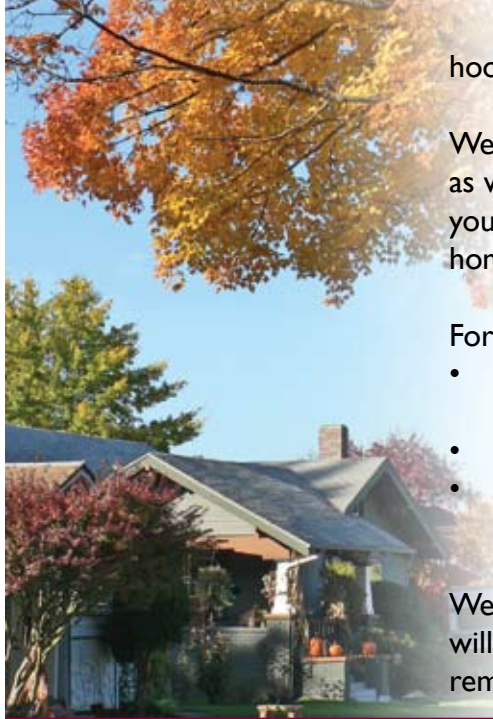
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Puget Sound Starts Here



On an average day, 143,000 pounds of toxic chemicals--including petroleum, copper, lead, zinc, and others--enter Puget Sound. About 75% of that comes from stormwater runoff that starts in our neighborhoods, including in Sumner.

We can fix the problem, and the solution starts here as well. By changing a few of the things you do in your yard, with your car, behind your dog and in your home, you will become part of the solution.

For example,

- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, or use compost.
- Have your car's oil leaks fixed.
- Pick up after your dog, bag it and place it in the trash (not in the yard waste bin).

We'll keep bringing you more tips, and soon, there will be a whole website of ideas. In the meantime, remember that Puget Sound Starts Here, in Sumner.

COUNCIL COLUMN

My first year on the Council has been a great experience. This job's duties are a lot more varied than I imagined. Besides Council meetings, I'm on two committees—Community Development and Public Works—and I fill in at Public Safety. Each committee gives me another view of the City.

Community Development updates me on businesses coming to town, zoning, regulations and policies that may need amendments. We also keep up on what's happening at Sumner Meadows, the Cemetery and our wonderful parks. Public Works is very interesting with road construction, water district concerns and over-all City maintenance. In Public Safety, I enjoy meeting with Police Chief Galle and Deputy Fire Chief McDonald and learning their philosophy and management styles. They are dedicated to keeping the public safe and the community healthy with lots of extra work behind the scenes for our benefit.

After eight years on the Arts Commission, I thought I understood the basic mechanics of our government, but this last year has opened my eyes to the complexity of running a city. We have dedicated employees who continually use their expertise to execute tough projects.

Our neighboring cities think well of the City of Sumner and often admire our community involvement and vision. Our Mayor and City Administrator have developed good working relationships with other city and county officials. It's so nice to work with people who respect one another and are respected well beyond our own City Hall. It's a continual reminder why I am so proud to be a Sumner citizen.

I thank every one of you for the opportunity to serve. The decisions are not easy, and I enjoy the challenge. The future is always hard to predict, but my goal is to continue to be objective with the City's long-term health in mind.

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION MAY - AUGUST 2009

Authorized Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with RP and Company for construction of the FEMA Repair Project D2, Mountain Circle Outfall

Authorized Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Study

Adopted Resolution 1264 establishing an identity theft prevention program

Authorized City Administrator to buy out the current lease and dispose of the Golf Course Clubhouse

Adopted Resolution 1265 authorizing City to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Algona to merge the cities' Learning for Life Police Explorer Posts

Adopted Resolution 1266 authorizing Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement with Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company re-establishing service boundaries

Adopted Resolution 1267 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with State of Washington for licensing of businesses

Adopted Ordinance 2291 adopting a 6% Storm Sewer Utility Tax

Adopted Findings of Fact in Support of Ordinance 2286 Interim Development Regulations - Off-Street Commercial Parking

Adopted Ordinance No. 2292 Amending the 2009-2010 Budget

Authorized Pierce Co. as lead agency to award the Stewart Road Construction Project to Goodfellow Brothers, Inc.

Authorized Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Doolittle Construction, LLC, for the 2009 Chip Seal and Asphalt Fog Coating Program

Approved Ordinance 2293 condemning the Central Well Project Property

Adopted Resolution 1269 submitting Manufacturing/Industrial Center Plan to Pierce County

Authorized Mayor to execute a contract with Stripe Rite, Inc. for 2009 Street Striping

Adopted Resolution 1270 ordering an assessment segregation for LID No. 67

Adopted Resolution 1271

ordering an assessment segregation for LID No. 70

Adopted Resolution 1272 ordering an assessment segregation for ULID No. 73

Adopted Resolution 1273 accepting grants for the Police Department

Confirmed and ratified engagement letter with WestWater Research to establish value of water rights associated with potential condemnation

Approved and ratified a contract with Ridgetop, Inc. for Sumner Meadows Golf Course Bunker Restoration

Adopted Resolution 1274 renaming 66th St. Ct. E to Auto Lane

Adopted Resolution 1275 authorizing Mayor of Auburn to sign on behalf of the Valley Cities the grant application for broadband funding

Authorized Mayor to execute a contract with Durnford & Sons for Parker Road Storm Repair

Adopted Ordinance 2294 for stormwater illicit discharge and discharge elimination regulations

Adopted Ordinance 2295 for a student drop-off zone at Sumner High School



AUTHOR'S EVENT

September 26 10 am - 3 pm
 Sumner Senior Center
 Book Signing, Door Prize, Handouts

Are you a writer, reader, "wannabe," or someone who just loves books and meeting interesting people?

In an open forum, meet and chat with published authors: Ted Butler (science fiction), Samuel Green (poet laureate), Elizabeth Lonseth (Christian romance), Max Poppit (horror), Beth Mitchum (contemporary fiction), David Montgomery (non-fiction), Nowen N. Particular (children's literature) and Sheila Wallace (mystery adventure).



\$5 admission at door includes lunch
 More information: (253) 299-5520



How's Your Writing?

Get feedback on your writing from Judy Kimball, published author and instructor. Send a prose sample (sorry, no poetry) up to ten pages long by September 15. You can pick up your critiques at the Author's Event. The first ten participants will get to meet in person with Judy at the event to review your writing. Send to richnjudy_7@msn.com or Judy Kimball, 6408 153rd Ave. E., Sumner, WA 98390

Did you know...

- That Congressman Adam Smith secured Federal funding to work on Puyallup River flooding?
- That Stewart Road (8th Street) is getting wider?
- That the City's golf tournament raised over \$7800 for Relay for Life?



You would have if you received Sumner's e-newsletters. Sign up for free today and be one of the first to get the latest news.

Sign up at www.ci.sumner.wa.us

Grab the Clippers to Clear the Way

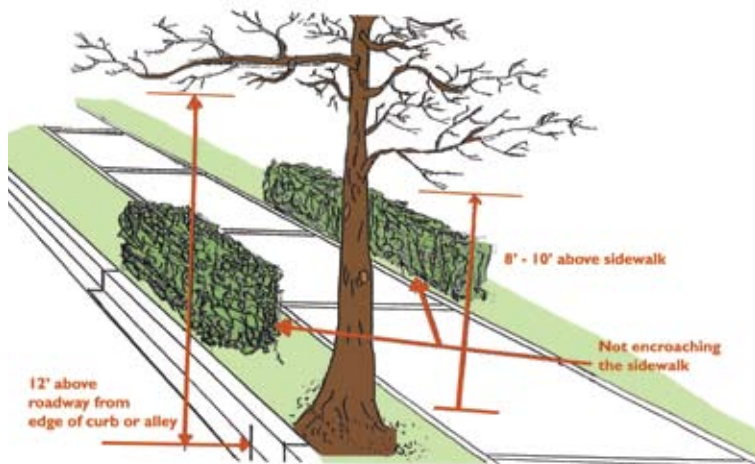
Trees and shrubs love the valley soil, but you can get too much of a good thing when they start to block sidewalks and hang into the street.

Why is this a problem? People who use the sidewalk--especially if they need a wheelchair or stroller--require the full width of the sidewalk to continue safely. Lower tree branches over sidewalks can reach out and grab people's eyes and faces while similar low branches over the road impede vehicles such as the

fire truck and street sweeper.

So, take a look outside. If your tree branches are lower than 8'-10' above the sidewalk or 12' above the road, trim them up. If you have any bushes that are starting to "mosey" onto the sidewalk, rein them in with a good trim.

With a few judicious clips, you can do your part to make sure that walking and driving through Sumner doesn't become a bushwhacking jungle adventure!



ARE YOU HARBORING OUTLAWS WITH PAWS?



Carol (shown left) came to the Metro Animal Shelter last spring, needing a home.

We find dogs and cats that are abandoned and rejected, often hungry, sick and simply wanting someone to love.

Getting a license isn't just about your pet: it's your way to help other cats and dogs like Carol find their own Forever Family.

Get a pet license and tell your pet that you care enough to make your relationship legal!

www.299pets.org

Shelter: 253-841-5595
 Licenses: 253-299-PETS



ASK DR. SUMNER: Who You Gonna Call? (Sorry, no ghostbusting available)



Sometimes it's hard to know exactly who to call at the City for what you need. Hopefully, this list hits the most common reasons you need your city.

911 for any safety issue:

- Fire, assault, burglary, medical emergencies.
- Erratic, unsafe driving.
- Screams or cries for help.
- "Someone is lurking around my neighborhood, and it just doesn't feel right."
- Property crimes.
- Animals threatening safety.

Police at 863-6384 for assistance that is not time-specific:

- Alarm or gun permits.
- Information about how to host your block watch.

- Information on being a police volunteer.
- Questions about preventing crime and being safe.

Community Development at 299-5520 for

- Code complaint such as overgrown grass or garbage piling up. *Online
- Information on developments underway.
- Information on the city's long-term direction including zoning, comprehensive plans and environmental issues.
- Questions about the zone you are in and what is permitted in that area.

Permit Center at 299-5530 for

- Questions about building permits including fences, additions, clearing & grading. *Online

Public Works at 299-5700 to

- Find out about street/road

or trail projects underway or planned.

- Ask about water quality.

Public Works Shops at 299-5740 to

- Report a problem such as a broken street light or pothole. *Online
- Request your water shut off at the main so you can do plumbing repairs safely.
- Ask about a leak or plumbing blockage that may be in the main sewer line.
- Report violations that affect our water quality such as illegal dumping of chemicals.

Utilities at 299-5546 for

- Questions about your water, sewer or stormwater bill.
- What to do if you think you have a water leak.
- Note: garbage service is provided by DM Disposal (253-414-0345) and power through Puget Sound Energy (888-225-5773).

Animal Control Licensing at 299-PETS for

- Questions about your annual pet license. *Online

Animal Control Shelter at 841-5595 for

- Questions about lost pets.
- Ask about animals currently available for adoption. *Online
- Report loose pets.
- Ask about problems you are having with animals.

Administration at 299-5500 for

- Requesting a meeting with the Mayor.
- Questions about upcoming or past City Council Meetings.
- Inquiries about city structures or facilities, including parks.
- Claims against the city. *Online
- Signing up to join a city commission. *Online

Municipal Court at 299-5500 to

- Find out your court date

- Pay court fines with a credit card. *Online
- Find out how to attend court.
- Fill out a speedy trial waiver or stipulation and order for continuance. *Online
- Schedule Saturday time for passport application.

Senior Center at 863-2910

- Signing up for an upcoming Senior Trip.
- Questions about services and programs at the Center.

Cemetery at 863-2910 for

- Asking about options for you or a loved one.
- Arranging funeral services for a family member.
- Questions about visiting rules such as flowers and pets.
- Requesting wreaths and/or pressure washing during the holidays.

*Online means more forms and information are available at www.ci.sumner.wa.us



Mayor & Mrs. Enslow encourage new friends in Prosser to come visit Sumner.

Road Tour Invites People to Come to Sumner

For the first time, the City of Sumner and Sumner Downtown Association hit the road! At Prosser's Art & Wine Gala, representatives of Sumner encouraged residents of Eastern Washington to visit Sumner. Guests got a preview taste with fresh rhubarb from the Washington Rhubarb Growers Association and rhubarb tarts from Windmill Bistro. One lady was ready to call the Holiday Inn Express and book her trip to Sumner that evening--a great outcome for Sumner's new efforts!

SAFETY SALLY SAYS:

Take a Back to School Quiz



Back to School makes it a great time to quiz yourself and your family about your emergency preparedness plan.

Who do you contact if an emergency such as an earthquake happens during the day while you are at work and school? (Hint: it should be someone outside the region since phone lines often work better out of the area.)

What are two evacuation routes out of each room?

Where do you meet if you have to evacuate your house?

How do you turn off the gas line to the house?

Where is the fire extinguisher?

What do you call in an emergency (this is more for younger kids, but let's double-check that older folks remember it too!)

Where are contact numbers for neighbors? Do any of your neighbors need transportation assistance in a flood or earthquake?

Hint: if you don't know the answer to the last questions, it might be time for a block watch party! In many kinds of emergencies, your neighbors are going to be important help. To get a Block Watch in a Box kit, including a contact roster for you and your neighbors to fill out, contact Jason Wilson at 253-299-5642.

Come on in!

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"Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November." - Rose G. Kingsley (1905)

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CITY HALL CALENDAR



- SEPTEMBER**
 4 City Offices closed, Furlough Day
 7 City Offices closed, Labor Day
 8 Parks Commission, 6 pm
 8 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 10 Forestry Commission, 4 pm
 10 Design Commission, 6:30 pm
 14 City Council Study Session, 6 pm
 21 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 26 Arts Commission, 6 pm
 28 City Council Study Session, 6 pm

- OCTOBER**
 1 Planning Commission, 7 pm
 5 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 8 Forestry Commission, 4 pm
 8 Design Commission, 6:30 pm
 12 City Offices closed, Furlough Day
 13 Parks Commission, 6 pm
 19 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 22 Arts Commission, 6 pm
 26 City Council Study Session, 6 pm

- NOVEMBER**
 2 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 5 Planning Commission, 7 pm
 9 City Council Study Session, 6 pm
 10 Parks Commission, 6 pm
 12 Forestry Commission, 4 pm
 12 Design Commission, 6:30 pm
 16 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 23 City Council Study Session, 6 pm
 26-27 City Hall closed for Thanksgiving

The City of Sumner will deliver to you three yards or more of the soil amendment Bonney Good Sumner Grow. This is a limited time offer only--give the Wastewater Treatment Facility a call at 253-299-5760 to find out details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER**
 12 Senior Trip to Brady's Oyster Feed, SOLD OUT
 12 Mystery Wine Walk, 4-8 pm, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com
 23 Senior Trip to Pike Place Market, 10 am, www.ci.sumner.wa.us
 26 Author's Event, see page 3

- OCTOBER**
 3 Scarecrow Contest, 10 am-5 pm, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com
 3 Autumn Evening, 5-8 pm, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com
 7 Senior Trip to Lucky Dog Casino, 9 am, www.ci.sumner.wa.us
 10 Come Walk With Me, 8:30 am, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com
 31 Halloween Street of Treats, 5-7 pm, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com

- NOVEMBER**
 14 Hometown Holiday Celebration, 10 am-7 pm, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com
 28 Bridge Lighting, 5 pm, Downtown, www.sumnerdowntown.com



Dancing Scarecrows at Autumn Evening