



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

City Council Approves \$43.1 Million 2002 Budget

The Sumner City Council approved the City's \$43.1 million annual budget for 2002 on December 3 after a series of budget workshops with the Mayor and City staff. The 2002 budget is a lean, "hold the line" budget with much more limited growth than the several preceding years' budgets. There are no new staff positions in the new budget, except for a firefighter/paramedic to be hired on July 1, in contrast to last year's budget, which included 7.5 new positions. This may well be the most conservative budget the City has seen in a number of years.

The City's general fund of \$8,057,405 is only 3.2 percent higher than last year. To prepare for continued uncertainty in the economy, a 5.75 percent ending fund balance or "reserve" and a 2.5 percent contingency are included in the 2002 general fund budget. Sales tax and property tax are the primary sources of revenue for the City's general fund. In 2002, sales tax is budgeted at 13.5 percent lower than the 2001 budget, due in large part to the economic downturn our region is experiencing.

Property tax is budgeted at a one percent increase on the City's assessed valuation of \$817 million, a recommendation made by the Mayor and approved by the Council prior to the passage of Initiative 747. New construction of \$49 million will yield an additional \$134,000 in property taxes, so that the overall increase due the City is about 5.3 percent. The actual cost to Sumner property owners for the general fund levy will decrease in 2002 by 3.4 percent, from \$2.95 per thousand of assessed value to \$2.85.

In spite of the limited growth to the overall budget, there are a number of capital projects planned for 2002, including:

- City Hall/Police Department expansion and remodel final completion.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion – completion of design and initiation of the construction.

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District Court Judge Richard DeJean swore in City Council members (from left) Mark Evers, Steve Allsop, Mayor Barbara Skinner, and Council member David Enslow.

Mayor, Council Members Begin New Terms

The Mayor and three City Council members were sworn-in for their new terms on January 7 after being elected last November. Barbara Skinner, who was unopposed in the election, begins her second term as mayor. In Position 1, Mark Evers won re-election to a second term after receiving 56 percent of the vote. David Enslow won re-election to Position 2 after being unopposed. In the race for Position 3, challenger Steve Allsop won his race and begins his first term on the council after receiving 65 percent of the vote.

City May Annex Area Southeast

The City is reviewing a proposal to annex about 180 acres in the southeast part of Sumner. The property includes the Tim Corliss & Son concrete plant, the Wagon Wheel Texaco, the new Sumner Tractor, and about a dozen houses. The annexation would bring City services such as Police and Permitting while expanding the City's tax base. The area could be annexed to the City as early as April.

A meeting with the property owners in the area is planned for XXXX to answer questions about the annexation. For additional information, contact Assistant City Administrator John Doan at 826-9414.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

At year's end it is helpful, and sometimes amazing, to look back and review our activities for the year. 2001 was a busy year.

This fall we completed the addition to City Hall. However, the remodel of the original portion of City Hall became more complicated than expected (naturally), and won't be finished till March. When completed, the entire City Hall should look as though it is all part of the original building. Everyone can see the results this spring at the Open House/Dedication and I know you'll be pleased.

Traffic Avenue is nearly completed, with landscaping to be done in the spring. Now we need to convince the state to expand the overpass over Highway 410 to four lanes, to handle the congestion at the freeway interchange.

Fred Meyer has applied for a building permit and is doing a traffic study, a stormwater study, and an environmental impact study. If they are able to address all the impacts identified in these studies to the satisfaction of the City, they will probably begin building their store next summer and hope to be done by the end of the year.

Our skateboard park, (SK8) was completed this fall, thanks to the leadership of Mike Corliss and Bryan Stowe. St. Andrew Catholic Church donated 5500 square feet of land for the park. Mike and Bryan gathered the right people and businesses, they organized

the work to be done, and the park was built. The City could never have built a park like SK8 alone. We all owe our thanks to Father Tom Belleque and the church, to Bryan Stowe, and especially to Mike Corliss, who was determined to get this park built.



Barbara Skinner

As usual, our town has looked lovely during the holiday season. Sumner Promotion Association and the Rotary Club of Sumner decorated Main Street. The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse was covered in thousands of lights, as was the Holiday Bridge, which the Old Cannery presents as a gift to the community. It is a true delight. Windmill Gardens went all out for the holidays, covering every building and plant with lights. Finally, the residents outdid themselves this year. The decorations on houses all around town were beautiful.

All in all, while national events in 2001 have been shattering at times, we have persevered in our community and our lives, making Sumner a good place for people to live and be safe and secure in their homes. Let's hope 2002 is a better year and that Sumner continues to prosper.

Barbara Skinner,
Mayor

COUNCIL PROFILE

Mark Evers in January began his second 4-year term on the Sumner City Council after being re-elected in November.

Evers, 38, has lived in Sumner for eight years and was born in Puyallup. He owns a mortgage company and is a freelance writer. He is a member of the Rotary club. He and his wife April have a son, Elijah, 4.

Evers says accomplishments during his first term on the council include establishing a paramedic program in



Mark Evers

the fire department and building a new work place for the police department.

Future goals during his current term include working to manage the ever-worsening traffic in Sumner, building a larger tax base in the city to help taxpayers, and working on filling in the sidewalk gaps throughout the city.

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Barbara Skinner

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Leroy Goff
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Andrew Neiditz	City Administrator
Steve Zamberlin	Asst. City Administrator/ Human Resources
John Doan	Asst. City Administrator/ Project Management
Wendy Shook	Court Administrator
Patricia Bosmans	City Attorney
Susan Clary	City Clerk
Leonard Bauer	Community Development and Parks Director
Mary Ann Norquist	Finance/Systems Director
Dick Moore	Fire Chief
J. Ben Reisz	Police Chief
Bill Shoemaker	Public Works Director

City Staff Comings & Goings

New Hires

James Johnson, Shop Crew

Nancy Forster, Legal Administrative
Assistant

Resignation

Scott Engle, Police Officer

Sloan Clack, Human Resource
Administrative Assistant

Promotion

Steve Zamberlin, Assistant City
Administrator/Human Resources

Leonard Bauer, Community
Development and Parks Director

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As the New Year begins, we reflect on our busy and challenging 2001, and take pride in much in the way of accomplishment. The year 2002 will also be a challenge, as we look forward to final completion of a number of high profile projects, including the new and expanded City Hall.

While the 2002 budget does not increase staffing levels, several management reorganization steps will allow us to better handle our administrative demands. Assistant City Administrator Steve Zamberlin, who has been responsible for parks, the cemetery, the golf course, as well as Human Resources (HR), took on HR full-time effective January 1. This enables us to focus our efforts more effectively; there will be increased emphasis on employee accountability through performance evaluation, a review of our employee benefits options, and a new customer service initiative.



Andrew Neiditz

Lee Anderson, who has been our Golf Course Superintendent, will take on a new role as Parks & Facilities Manager, as we transition to a golf course grounds-maintenance contract. He will be overseeing the on-going maintenance of all City properties and facilities, and will be part of the Community Development Department.

City staff has responded to the nation's war on terrorism by increasing our preparedness through training and awareness. Our procedures on workplace violence have been reviewed and modified. We've implemented mail-opening procedures to ensure that all of our employees are properly cautious. In November, the mayor, city administrator, police chief, and public works director all participated in a FEMA-sponsored workshop on preparedness and response for terrorism incidents. Police Chief Reisz is participating as a member of a countywide terrorism response-planning group, focused on identifying available resources to emergency managers in the event of a large-scale terrorist attack in our area. Public safety in our community is an extremely high priority.

The staff of the Finance Department is settling into the new city hall building and enjoying its open, customer-friendly atmosphere. For those who haven't visited the department lately, we are located at the top of the stairs. There is an elevator available for those who may chose to use it. The drop box is also still available for utility payments and is located at the entrance to the older section of the building.

Customer service is an important part of our jobs, and will be receiving an increasing emphasis in 2002 with the initiation of the City's new Customer Service Team. Audrey Young, Financial Systems Manager, will be the Finance Department's representative on the team. If you have suggestions as to how the department can improve its customer service, or would like to comment on things we do well, please contact Audrey.

- Andrew Neiditz
City Administrator

Outstanding Employees Honored

City employees were celebrated at the annual Employee Recognition Reception on December 18. The many contributions of Sumner's City employees were acknowledged and several awards for exceptional performance were given.

The Customer Service Award went to John Morgan of the Public Works Department. John is the GIS Operator and provides a variety of maps and other data services to the staff and public. John has worked for Sumner for less than two years and has already distinguished himself for outstanding customer service and problem solving.

An Honorable Mention awards was presented to Vicki Pfau, who coordinates the Permit Center. Vicki has worked with Sumner for nine years and works closely with customers obtaining building, planning, utility, and event permits.

The Annual Teamwork Award recipient was Ryan Wyrwitzke. Ryan started work with the City less than two years ago in the Finance Department. He spent six months in the Public Works Department and in December was able to join the Police Department as an officer. He has demonstrated an outstanding ability to work constructively with people in all City departments and promote team spirit. He was also frequently cited by customers for being friendly, professional, and concerned about their problems.

Honorable Mention was awarded to Pat Clerget who manages the activities of the City's Public Works Shops. Pat has been with the City for 12 years. During that time, he has worked closely with people in City Hall and the public. While directing the day-to-day operation of street and utility maintenance, Pat is also called upon during emergencies like floods, downed trees, and broken utility lines.

Longevity awards were also given to employees who reached milestones in their tenure with the City.

LONGEVITY AWARDS

29 Years

Barry Sader, Operator,
Cemetery

26 Years

Tim Hyland, Operator, City
Shops

24 Years

Tony Utanis, Operator, City
Shops, Communications
Officer, Police

23 Years

Greg Kongsle,
Superintendent, Sewage
Treatment Plant

Gary Woldt, Operator,
Sewage Treatment Plant

20 Years

Warren Peloli, Supervisor,
Parks

16 Years

Forest Smith, Operator,
Sewage Treatment Plant

Fred Japhet, Operator, Parks

Gary Backus, Police Officer

15 Years

Audrey Young, Manager,
Finance and Systems

Pat Riskey, Captain, Fire

Dennis Dorr, Police Officer

Darlene Hull, Clerk,
Cemetery

Ron Anderson, Captain, Fire

Lane Walthers, Firefighter

Wes Tucker, Lieutenant,
Police

Diane Wagner, Clerk, Court

Customer Service Team Announced

At the Employee Recognition Reception held in December, the City's new Customer Service Team was announced. Comprised of representatives of all City departments and business areas, the team will work with City leadership to propose procedures and training for City staff in order to improve customer service. Watch for continuing customer service information in this newsletter and on the City's web site. In the meantime, to contact the team about a customer service issue or improvement, call Assistant City Administrator John Doan at 826-9414 or e-mail the team at CustomerService@ci.sumner.wa.us.

Another customer service improvement is taking place at the City of Sumner Permit Center. Information packets have been developed for each type of permit issued by the Permit Center, from building permits to rezone requests. Each packet contains all the forms needed to apply for the permit, plus a description of the permit review process and answers to common questions.

Information sheets are also available on general topics, such as "How do I know if I need a building permit?" Packets and information sheets can be picked up at the Permit Center counter on the second floor of Sumner City Hall, or by calling the Permit Center at 863-1230. The information also will be available soon on the City's web site: www.ci.sumner.wa.us.

TEAM MEMBERS

Lee Anderson, *Parks and Facilities*
 Erica Brown and Bambi Thawsh, *Police*
 Steve Canonica, *Public Works*
 Linda Clerget, *Senior Center*
 Mike Dahlem, *Public Works*
 John Doan, *Administration*
 Connie Ellis, *Police*
 Jeff Engel, *Police*
 Nancy Forester, *City Attorney's Office*
 Roy Fortier, *Community Development*
 Mark Gatto, *Sewer Treatment Plant, Public Works*
 Sherry Hatch, *Public Works*
 Alice Jacobson, *Police*
 Brian Schroeder-Schulz, *Fire Department*
 Karen Wilkerson, *Court*
 Audrey Young, *Finance and Systems*
Permit Center Information Packets

Historic Ryan House Undergoing Repairs

The historic Ryan House at 1228 Main Street in downtown Sumner is undergoing renovations to repair damage from the Feb. 28 earthquake and will reopen for regular visitors in April.

The Ryan House Museum will conduct its normal programs the second Sunday of the month during January, February and March. Guided tours begin in April and are conducted regularly through October. Information can be obtained by calling 863-8963.

Sumner Historical Society President Vicki Connor says the main focus at the Ryan House museum will be on family histories. A large collection of historical photographs are being put on a computer for viewing by the public. Also available for viewing is history of local businesses and organizations including the Women's Civic Club which was influential in the development of the city. There is an extensive collection of mostly women's hats and clothing. There are autobiographies written by pioneers.

Last year's earthquake was responsible for a significant amount of damage to the Ryan House, which was built in 1875 by Sumner pioneers George H. and Lucy V. Ryan. The house's two chimneys sustained damage and there were numerous cracks in the plaster ceilings and walls throughout the house.



The Ryan House was built in 1875.

Technical experts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assisted Sumner officials in documenting the damage. Sumner identified a contractor willing to work in helping restore Ryan House to its pre-earthquake condition. The chimneys were repaired immediately.

A claim for \$47,358 to restore Ryan House was submitted through FEMA to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA), the City of Sumner's insurance company. WCIA agreed to pick up the entire amount of the claim and has thus far issued more than \$41,000 to the City for the restoration project.

The City is adding about \$10,000 to the total project. Included in the restoration project are repair to all walls and ceilings, removal of asbestos pipe insulation, and professional packout, storage and move-in of the museum's contents.

Adopt a Dog or Cat at Animal Shelter

The Sumner/Puyallup Animal Shelter is located on Puyallup's South Hill, near Pierce College, and is beginning its fourth year of service to the cities of Sumner and Puyallup.

The shelter is staffed by one full-time animal control officer and two part-time officers. The shelter is open to the public from 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, from noon - 7 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday. There are dogs and cats, occasionally puppies and kittens, available for adoption at those times. The shelter screens potential adopters and tries to match them up with the best pet for their lifestyle.

Adoption fees include the spay or

neuter, first vaccination, microchip for identification, and license for the first year for residents within Sumner and Puyallup city limits. Residents outside city limits may also adopt animals from the shelter, but licensing must be done through agencies servicing their addresses. Puppies or kittens require a deposit in addition to adoption fees, refundable after spay or neuter at the appropriate age.

Dogs and cats are required to be licensed in both cities within 30 days of entry into the city. Purchase pet licenses at either City Hall or at the shelter during public hours. If a pet is spayed or neutered, please bring the certificate to receive the discount for altered pet licenses.



CITY HALL CALENDAR

JANUARY

- JANUARY 7**
City Council Meeting,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- JANUARY 10**
Design Commission,
6 p.m., Council Chambers
- JANUARY 14**
City Council Study Session,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
- JANUARY 17**
Youth Commission
6 p.m., Conference Rm. #2
- JANUARY 21**
Martin Luther King Day
City Hall closed
- JANUARY 22**
City Council Meeting,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- JANUARY 24**
Arts Commission,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
- JANUARY 28**
City Council Study Session,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room

FEBRUARY

- FEBRUARY 4**
City Council Meeting,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- FEBRUARY 7**
Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- FEBRUARY 11**
City Council Study Session,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
- FEBRUARY 14**
Design Commission,
6 p.m., Council Chambers
- FEBRUARY 18**
Presidents' Day
City Hall closed
- FEBRUARY 19**
City Council Meeting,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- FEBRUARY 21**
Youth Commission
6 p.m., Conference Rm. #2
- FEBRUARY 25**
City Council Study Session,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
- FEBRUARY 28**
Arts Commission,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room

MARCH

- MARCH 4**
City Council Meeting,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- MARCH 7**
Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- MARCH 11**
City Council Study Session,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
- MARCH 14**
Design Commission,
6 p.m., Council Chambers
- MARCH 18**
City Council Meeting,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
- MARCH 21**
Youth Commission
6 p.m., Conference Rm. #2
- MARCH 25**
City Council Study Session,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
- MARCH 28**
Arts Commission,
6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room

CITY DIRECTORY

MAYOR

Barbara Skinner891-3318

CITY COUNCIL (Voice mail)

- Steve Allsop891-3331
- Mike Connor891-3332
- Dave Enslow891-3338
- Mark Evers891-3330
- Leroy Goff891-3335
- Stuart Scheuerman891-3334
- Ron Scholz891-3336

CITY OFFICES

- Administration/Finance863-8300
.....FAX 863-2850
- Cemetery863-6345
- Court863-7635
- Fire (non-emergency)863-5451
- Golf Course863-8198
- Parks & Recreation891-6500
- Permit Center863-1230
- Police (non-emergency)863-6384
- Senior Center863-2910

City Council Adopts 2002 Budget

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- The North-end Trail System -- completion of design and initiation of construction of two phases
- Senior Center expansion, include parking lot lighting.
- Parker Road Pump Station Force Main construction.
- Downtown Pedestrian Project construction.

The budget also includes a number of major acquisitions and one-time expenditures, including:

- Police mobile data terminals for patrol cars
- Defibrillators units for patrol cars

- Financial systems software
- Vactor truck for sewer line maintenance
- New vehicles for Police and Community Development

Enhancements to City operations in 2002 will provide paramedic (ALS) program full coverage in the Fire Department, a new emphasis on Human Resources to bolster the City's staffing infrastructure, and a repositioned approach to management of Parks, the Golf Course, and Cemetery.

While the budget is conservative, the City is well positioned to meet the challenges of 2002.

Citizens Need to be Aware of Danger Living Near Volcano

Did you know that you live in the shadow of the single most dangerous volcano in the U.S.?

Sumner, in fact, is built on a mud flow from a Mt. Rainier eruption 5,600 years ago. Another mud flow occurred 500-600 years ago and reached the outskirts of Sumner. It is not a question of if, but when there will be another eruption and/or mud flow., participants were told at a City-sponsored public forum held last month at the Senior Center.

While valley residents need to be aware of this potential danger, there is no cause for alarm. The greatest danger for Sumner residents is not from volcanic debris exploding from the mountain but from a mud flow, called a "lahar," sparked by an eruption or other seismic activity. Local residents would likely have 90 minutes warning to move to high ground before the mud flow, in depths of at least 3 feet, reached Sumner.

The City is preparing for the potential of having to move citizens to high ground in a hurry. Signs have been placed around town that direct traffic to surround hillsides. A large siren has been installed near the high school that will warn residents within a two-mile radius that a lahar may be approaching. There will be no regular tests of the siren, so if it sounds people should take the warning seriously.

Schools have practiced evacuating children to high ground, and a plan has been developed to have only one-way traffic on roads that lead up and out of the valley.

Residents can best prepare by discussing what action they will take if there is a lahar warning. This includes planning an evacuation route, meeting places, phone contacts, and putting together a family emergency kit with food, water, portable radio and supplies for three days.

If there is a lahar warning, people should listen to major local channels radio or television for the latest information. More information is available at the Sumner Police Department.

Creek Project Should Ease Flooding

City crews are making plans to remove vegetation from overgrown areas of Salmon Creek this summer and increase capacity of culverts to improve water flow.

Salmon Creek runs north-south on Sumner's east side and serves as an important drainage system. It is also a fish habitat; chum salmon swim upstream to spawn in the fall. Reed grass grows in the creek and eventually chokes the water flow. During rainy periods such as last November, the creek can't handle the excess water and flooding occurs, particularly along East Main and in the vicinity of the old meat packing plant. The reed grass also harms salmon spawning grounds.

Three years ago city crews and volunteers removed much of the grass, but it has returned. Plans now are to remove the grass and install larger culverts at 60th Street East and 64th Street East near where they meet Sumner-Tapps Highway. Work must be completed before salmon runs begin in mid-September.

Traffic Avenue

Poor weather has delayed work on the Traffic Avenue widening project, but much of the job has been completed



Salmon Creek overflowed its banks and flooded nearby properties in November.

and only finishing touches remain. Sidewalks will be finished as weather permits and final landscaping has been delayed until spring. Lights and signals should be installed by the end of January, after a delay in obtain the proper poles.

Pump Station

The City plans to increase capacity at the sewer lift station at Parker Road and Main Street, the largest in the city. The lift station is approaching its top capacity because of increased residential development on the east side. Plans are to replace the 6-inch discharge line with a 10-inch line this summer, and in 2003 rebuild the pump station entirely.

Events on City Property May Require Permit

The purpose of the Special Events Permit is to ensure that the public will not be endangered, that property will not be damaged, and that the Community Development, Police, and Fire Departments are aware of your plans. A Special Events Permit is provided at no cost to the applicant unless the event requires additional City staffing such as street closure, clean up, police staffing, etc.

Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event. An activity taking place entirely on private property does not require a Special Events Permit, but will still be subject to City zoning and business regulations. Special events requiring a permit include: fairs, car shows, weddings, reunions, fun runs and walks, concerts, block parties, parades, carnivals, any team event practice or game, or any other event that will take place on City-owned property and is

expected to attract or invite considerable public participation or spectators.

Picnics in the park do not require a Special Events Permit unless fixtures that are not normally part of the park are brought in. Examples are risers, tables, gas barbecues, or sound amplification equipment. The City does not have the ability to reserve space in a public City park. Consequently, a permit does not guarantee a space. People should arrive early and only use the tables they need in order to leave room for others.

The City requires anyone obtaining a Special Events Permit to have insurance covering the event. Insurance can usually be covered by a rider on an organization's insurance or a homeowner's policy.

For more information or an application form contact Vicki Pfau at the City of Sumner Permit Center, 863-1230.

Sumner's New Skate Park 'SK8' Opens to the Cheers of Skaters

The Sumner skate park, called Sk8, opened on November 18 to the cheers of skaters. Constructed with the leadership of Michael Corliss, Bryan Stowe, and St. Andrew Catholic Church; the 9,000 square foot park is part of the Daffodil Valley Sports Complex.

It has two primary skating areas: a bowl and a modified street skate. The bowl has a maximum depth of 10-feet and is intended for advanced skaters. Skaters refer to this as a "pool" skate because the bowl resembles a swimming pool, which is where modern complex skating had its origins. The street skate portion has several "hot boxes" but has rounded sides with a 3- to 5-foot drop, helping provide for continuous skating.

Sk8 is open from 7 a.m. to dark daily. To prevent injuries and damage to the park, bicycles and scooters are not allowed. The park is truly a community project resulting from contributions from businesses, St. Andrew church, the City, and many citizens who worked on the design, construction, funding, and even laid grass. On October 27 about a dozen people



Two skateboarders enjoy a break in the rainy weather over the holiday break at the SK8 skate park. St. Andrew Catholic Church is in the background.

weathered the rain and wind to lay 8,000 square feet of sod. Among the volunteers were Larry Johns, Ben Reisz, Chanse Richter, Russ Hicks, Mike Connor, Brent Nalder, Stuart

Scheuerman, Scott Holton, Kris Coppin, Troy Stroud, Dustin Stroud, Lacie Stroud, Fred Japeth, Warren Peloli, and Danie Stroud.

Thanks to these individuals and companies who made Sk8 possible:

Michael J. Corliss
Bryan Stowe
Sierra Construction Company, Inc.
Johnson Western Gunit Co.
K Kenny Construction
Ralph's Concrete Pumping

Evergreen Concrete Cutting
Tim Corliss & Son
St. Andrew Catholic Church
Miles Sand and Gravel
Parametrix, Inc.

Thanks

SUMNER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On 9-11-01, 343 of our fellow firefighters were killed coming to the aid of the citizens they were sworn to protect. All firefighters around the country were stricken with a grief that words fail to fully describe. Many of those in the fire service began to wear t-shirts in memory of their fallen brothers. It was their way of showing unity.

While the Fire Department never intended to sell the memorial shirts, firefighters were overwhelmed by the kindness and support shown by so many citizens of Sumner, scores of whom wanted to share in the memory of the fallen New York firefighters by wearing the t-shirts. Citizens' support

amounted to more than 1,400 memorial t-shirts worn in this community. The Fire Department sincerely thanks those citizens.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST A GREAT SUCCESS

On December 1 the Sumner Fire Department held its annual pancake feed at the fire station to benefit the Sumner Family Center's Christmas House. Once again Sumner citizens' outpouring of support was tremendous.

Over \$3000.00 was collected and went towards Christmas gifts for the kids, food and gas vouchers, as well as prescription drugs. Our citizens make it

possible for us to provide this type of assistance.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH SPACE HEATERS

A couple of reminders as the heart of winter are upon us. Be sure portable space heaters are properly used with adequate clearance from combustibles. If there is snow this winter, please be cautious while shoveling sidewalks and drive ways. Take your time and have plenty of rest periods if you're not used to this type of strenuous exercise

Please remember that the state of Washington has banned all outdoor burning within the city limits of Sumner.

SUMNER CITY COUNCIL



Steve Allsop



Mike Connor



Dave Enslow



Mark Evers



Leroy Goff



Stuart Scheurman



Ron Scholz

City Council Highlights

Items passed by the City Council, Fourth Quarter, 2001

OCTOBER

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1993 adopting a 2001 budget supplement.

■ Adopted Resolution No. 1048 amending the list of proposed amendments to the Sumner Comprehensive Plan for consideration in 2001-2002.

■ Awarded a construction contract to Dennis R. Craig Construction to install wheelchair ramps at the intersections of Wood Avenue and Mason Street and Wood Avenue and North Street.

NOVEMBER

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1991 adopting Bond Anticipation Notes for LID 75.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1992 amending Chapter 15.34 of the Sumner Municipal Code entitled "Construction Hours."

■ Appointed Stephen R. Shelton to a four-year term as Sumner's municipal court judge.

DECEMBER

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1995 approving the 2002 budget.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1996 approving the 2002 Ad Valorem property taxes.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1997 approving the 2002 EMS Tax levy.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1998 amending the park and facility rules creating a new section specifically applicable to the new skate park.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 1999 approving a 2001 budget supplement.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 2000 approving an interfund loan.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 2001 accepting donations of materials, labor, money and land for skate park.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 2002 amending cemetery rates.

■ Adopted Ordinance No. 2003 accepting a donation from Sumner Promotion Association to Concerts in the Park.

■ Adopted Resolution No. 1049 accepting the ten-percent petition that was filed requesting the SE Sumner annexation.

■ Adopted Resolution No. 1050 declaring Christmas Eve 2001 to be an additional paid holiday for designated unrepresented City employees.

■ Approved contract with Pierce County Health Department for Sumner Family Center Assistant Coordinator.

■ Approved an agreement with Burlington

Northern Santa Fe Railroad for Puyallup Street crossing and closure of Williams Avenue crossing.

■ Approved a 2002-2003 collective bargaining agreement with Sumner Police Guild.

■ Approved a 2002-2003 collective bargaining agreement with Sumner Police Guild Support Members.

■ Approved the purchase of a light vehicle for the Fire Department.

■ Approved an agreement with Macaulay & Associates, Ltd. For preparation of a new Special Benefit Study for LID No. 70.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 17. The Sumner Promotion Association will be coordinating the 3rd annual parade. If your group or organization is interested in participating, please contact Taryn Capps at 891-3303.



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