



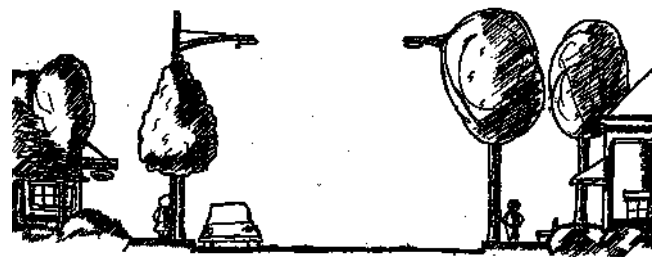
# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## East Main Street Design Strategy

The City Council adopted the East Main Street Design Strategy, creating the framework to dramatically change the character of a portion of East Main Street. Extending from Valley Avenue to the QFC, the new street design will slow traffic, make it safer for pedestrians, and change the character to be more consistent with downtown.

These changes will take place slowly and are triggered by new development or renovation. The Fred Meyer project at Valley and Main and a planned bank will be the first projects to implement portions of the Strategy.

The Strategy was adopted after a year of working with the public, property owners, and businesses along the Street. Copies of the Strategy are available at the Community Development and Parks Department or at the City's website. For additional information, please contact Ryan Windish, Senior Planner at (253) 891-3301 or email: ryanw@ci.sumner.wa.us.



### Elements of East Main Street

- New buildings set up against the sidewalk with zero setback on the sides
- Joint parking areas to the rear of the buildings
- On-street parking allowed along certain areas on Main Street
- Reduced number of driveways
- Widened sidewalks
- Street trees and streetlights similar to downtown.

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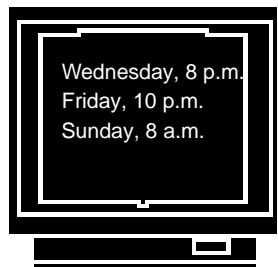
## See the City Council in Action on TV

The Rainier Cable Commission on Cable Channel 28 is now broadcasting the twice-monthly City Council meetings. This is a great opportunity for citizens to learn about the complex issues that the City faces. The meetings will be broadcast 6 times following each City Council meeting.

The broadcasts are made possible through the City's participation in the Rainier Media Center, which provides public broadcast services to many jurisdictions in Pierce County. The Media Center and Sumner High School students provide the staff to produce the programs. Over the next few months, the City will be exploring new video broadcast equipment in order to improve the quality of the productions.

You can attend live meetings at 7 p.m. each 1st and 3rd Monday at City Hall. Please see the website for details.

### Council Meeting Broadcast Times





**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE**

A theme for reflection this month is the power of collaboration and partnership. As we celebrated the grand opening of the new City Hall earlier in the spring, and were joined by hundreds of members of the Sumner community, it was evident that there was a partnership between the City and its citizens. The openness of the facility design is intended to promote a facility that welcomes its citizens, with no need to retreat behind solid walls and doors.



*Andrew Neiditz*

Partnership is a theme for a number of success stories during the last several months. The City of Sumner reached agreement with our neighboring City of Bonney Lake on a critically important \$16 million upgrade and expansion to our waste water treatment plant. Either city's cost would have been substantially higher had the project been a single city facility. There is an economy of scale that will benefit Sumner customers when the rates are set for paying the debt service on the improvements.

Partnership is also a theme between a number of City employees and worthy community charitable causes. Sumner City staff will again participate in the annual Relay for Life, a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. A recent "auction" among employees for lunch with the city administrator, raised \$427 for the Relay.

We are seeing a renewed spirit of partnership among employees and managers in City Hall. The Police Department has embarked on an employee-driven series of "task teams" to allow employee input to be maximized in policy-setting and budget development for the department. Examples of the groups include committees focused on training, professional development, vehicles, uniforms, and scheduling of staff.

It is abundantly clear to us at City Hall that we accomplish more and can better meet the challenges ahead when we collaborate and work in productive partnerships.

*Andrew Neiditz*



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Website: [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us)

**Passport Service Available at City Hall**

The City of Sumner is now authorized to process passports. City Clerk Susan Clary and Human Resources Assistant Michelle Converse have attended training and are now authorized passport agents.

They are available to assist you with this service Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Since first offering this service in April, they have processed more than 80 applications.

A popular website for passport information is [http://travel.state.gov/passport\\_services](http://travel.state.gov/passport_services).



**July (4) Every Day @ Sumner Meadows**

Bring this ad with you and enjoy our month-long holiday specials!



**BONUS ROUND**

City of Sumner residents living within the City limits.

Buy a 10-round punch card and get the 11th round free. Good through Dec. 31, 2002.

**Monday-Tuesday**  
Special, 2-for-1 green fee with rental of cart. Regular rates only, 9 am - 4 pm in July.

**Monday thru Thursday**  
Special, 4-for 3. Three pay, four play. Regular rates only, 9 am - 4 pm. Valid July only except 4th of July.

**Friday Special**  
\$5 off regular 18-hole rate. Valid July only.

**HEY JUNIORS!**  
Juniors 8 to 17 may sign up now for our Junior Golf. Call our pro shop for details.

*We also have super early bird, early bird, super twilight, twilight, senior and junior rates on Mon. thru Thurs. A City of Sumner facility managed professionally by Golf Resources Northwest. Take 8th Street/Milton exit off Highway 167. Check us out at [www.sumnermeadowsgolf.com](http://www.sumnermeadowsgolf.com)*

## MUSIC OFF MAIN CONCERT SUMMER SERIES

Set out the blankets and lawn chairs – it is that time of the year once again for Friday evening concerts in Sumner! The fourth annual "Music Off Main" Concert Series sponsored by the Arts Commission and the Sumner Promotion Association will begin Friday, July 12.

David LaMotte, new folk artist, will kick off the summer series with two concerts on July 12. The first concert, which is free and open to the public, will be a performance for children at 1 p.m. This will be held at Daffodil Valley Elementary School, 1509 Valley Ave in the Robert Miller Gymnasium. David's second concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Park.

All concerts are free and will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at approximately 8 p.m. They will be held rain or shine. Except for the children's concert on July 12, all concerts are held in Rueben Knoblauch Heritage Park, at the corner of Cherry and Kincaid Avenues in downtown Sumner. Concert dates, along with the type of music that each artist plays, are listed below.

We hope to see everyone in downtown Sumner for an enjoyable evening of fun and music. For further information, please contact Sally Abrams, Community Development, 253-891-3303 or email: [sallya@ci.sumner.wa.us](mailto:sallya@ci.sumner.wa.us)

### CONCERT SCHEDULE

#### JULY 12

1 p.m. – Children's concert  
(Daffodil Valley Elementary School)

David LaMotte  
*New Folk*

6:30 p.m. – Heritage Park

#### JULY 19

6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Park

Reggie Garrett  
*Urban Acoustic Folk – Soul*

#### JULY 26

6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Park

Katya Chorover  
*Acoustic Pop, Country, Blues and Gospel*

#### AUGUST 9

6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Park

Rhythm Culture  
*Raggae*

#### AUGUST 16

6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Park

Ellen Whyte & Reflex Blue  
*Blues*

#### AUGUST 23

6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Park

Puentes Brothers  
*Cuban Dance Music*



**David LaMotte**  
*New Folk*  
July 12

**Ellen Whyte & Reflex Blue**  
*Blues*  
August 16



### Kids Art Fest

Take the family to Sumner Junior High cafeteria for an afternoon of creativity. Take home anything you create. An adult must accompany children attending.

Saturday, July 27, 1 - 4 p.m.  
Sumner Junior High School



### Science Circus with Rhys Thomas

Learn the physics of motion and balance in a fast-paced, one-man show that blends science and the Physics of Fun.

Thursday, August 22, 1 p.m.  
Robert Miller Gymnasium



# CITY HALL CALENDAR

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<b>JULY 8</b> City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>AUGUST 1</b> Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b> City Hall closed for Labor Day
<b>JULY 11</b> Design Commission, 6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room	<b>AUGUST 2 &amp; 3</b> Summer Summer Arts Festival	<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b> City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Youth Commission 6 p.m., Conference Rm. #2	<b>AUGUST 5</b> City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b> Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chambers
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<b>JULY 15</b> City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers	Youth Commission 6 p.m., Conference Rm. #2	<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b> Design Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers
<b>JULY 18</b> Forestry Commission, 4 p.m. Upstairs Conference Room	<b>AUGUST 12</b> City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., Council Chambers	Youth Commission 6 p.m., Conference Rm. #2
Arts Commission, 6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room	<b>AUGUST 15</b> Arts Commission, 6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room	<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b> City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers
<b>JULY 22</b> City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>AUGUST 19</b> City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>SEPTEMBER 19</b> Arts Commission, 6 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room
<b>JULY 25</b> Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>AUGUST 22</b> Planning Commission, Public Hearing on Shoreline Master Plan 7 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>SEPTEMBER 22</b> Classy Chassis Car Show
	<b>AUGUST 26</b> City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., Council Chambers	<b>SEPTEMBER 23</b> City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., Council Chambers

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Variety of Outings Offered Seniors

The Sumner Senior Center will be offering the following trips for seniors in the coming months. Please call 253-863-2910 to reserve a seat on the Senior Center bus or for further information.

#### August Trips

- Brady's Annual Oyster Feed – Westport
- Springwood Ranch – Thorpe

#### October Trips

- Mt. Saint Helens
- North Bend Outlet Stores
- Muckleshoot Indian Casino
- Tacoma's Annual Holiday Food & Gift Festival

#### September Trips

- Whistling Jack's Lodge - Cliffdale
- The Puyallup Fair
- Ocean Shores
- Mariners vs. Anaheim



### SUMNER SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL *August 2 and 3*

The Sumner Summer Arts Festival will be held in downtown Sumner on August 2 and 3. As always, there will be many artists displaying and selling their creations, as well as a variety of great food and entertainment. Admission is free.



If you have any questions about entertainment, email Kim Ehrenheim at: [Kim.Ehrenheim@sonoco.com](mailto:Kim.Ehrenheim@sonoco.com). For information on artists or booth vendors, please contact Linda Buck at 253-0445-0391 or the Sumner Promotions Association at 253-863-1900. See you there!

## Students Spread Word About Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs

**A** group of young people at Sumner Junior High School this past school year sent a serious message to their fellow students: "We don't want you to use alcohol, tobacco or drugs."

This group of 45 students – 7th, 8th and 9th graders - belonged to a group called the Sumner Junior High Prevention Team. The team met weekly after school to plan activities that would convey their message.

One successful project was when they set up a table during lunch hour at the school and encouraged students put their thumbprints on a display board after reciting the following: " I pledge to keep alcohol, tobacco and drug free. I want to live a healthy, active and groovy life!" They ended up with hundreds of thumbprints and the class (7th grade) with the most thumbprints received special recognition.

In another activity, Prevention Team members spread out into the community and picked up every cigarette butt they could find. They ended up with hundreds of butts and placed them into a large jar and put it on display at the school's main entrance where all the students could see them. They counted the butts and figured out how much money was spent on them, then calculated what that amount could have purchased. This information was also displayed.

Another project involved a group of 9th grade students who participated in an all-day anti-tobacco training program developed by the Health Department, American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society. The students later went to 7th grade PE classes where they presented anti-tobacco messages.

The program is coordinated with the Sumner Police Department and the Youth Commission. For information on the Youth Commission, contact Wendy Shook at 253-891-3310.

## Sumner is a 'No-Burning' City

Due to regulations set forth by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) in April 2000, all areas within the City of Sumner fall in a non-attainment area, where residential and land-clearing burning is prohibited. This is an air-quality issue, not a fire-safety issue.



Feel free to contact the Fire Department at 253-863-5451 for more information on these issues.

## Sumner Police Department Arms Its Officers With Laptops

**T**he Sumner Police Department has handed out a new crime-fighting weapon to each of its patrol officers – laptop computers.

The computers, which are mounted on the dashboard next to the driver and are linked to local and state data banks, enable a patrol officer to nearly instantaneously obtain information about a suspicious person or vehicle, and to stay in contact with police dispatchers without broadcasting information over a radio for anyone with a police scanner to hear.

One main benefit of the laptop computers is illustrated by the example of police responding to a report of a burglary in progress. Burglar teams have been known to listen to police scanners to hear if police have been alerted. When burglars hear the dispatching information over the police scanner, they flee. The laptop computer allows the officer to silently communicate with dispatchers and other officers over the computer screen instead of over the air waves, giving police the element of surprise.

Another benefit is that police can type a license plate number into the computer and quickly determine if a vehicle is legally licensed, reported stolen, etc. Similarly, they can enter a person's name, driver's license number or other personal information and immediately learn that person's background.

Police Chief Ben Reisz says up to half of all drivers have



*The laptop computer is mounted on the dashboard next to the driver for easy access.*

suspended licenses, and the computer can quickly determine if a driver has a valid license.

Another benefit of the laptop computers is patrol officers can write their reports for an accident or other investigation while in the vehicle instead of having to return to the police station to write a report. This keeps patrol vehicles in the community and provides a greater police presence, Reisz says.

## Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Update

The City is completing the update of the Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Regulations. These regulations protect the shorelines of the Puyallup and White River, streams, wetlands, steep sloped areas, and other sensitive areas throughout the City.

The Shoreline Master Program requires development to be set back from the river's edge and provides a natural buffer area along the river of native vegetation. It also promotes public access to the rivers such as trails, viewing and fishing areas. The update also addresses protection for the Puget Sound Chinook salmon that is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The requirement for the Shoreline Program was a State law adopted by voters in 1971. It is intended to protect the environment, public access, and water-related businesses along waterways. The critical areas requirement comes from the Growth Management Act, which requires the City to protect sensitive areas like flood plains, steep slopes, and wetlands.

The updated process started about a year ago and the draft plan and regulations have been reviewed at several public meetings with a final draft now available on the City's website. The Planning Commission is conducting a public open house on the Draft Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Regulations on July 11 and a public hearing on August 22. Both meetings will be at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. If you have questions please contact Ryan Windish, Senior Planner at 253-891-3301 or email: ryanw@ci.sumner.wa.us.

## City Working to Improve Transportation System

**T**raffic, Traffic, Traffic is the frustration that has become all too common around Puget Sound. As the investment in regional transportation has declined, and growth has continued, our local streets become more impacted. The results of the City's Transportation Planning process are showing that the City is heavily impacted by traffic leaving state highways and cutting through the City.

The Planning Commission and City Council have been working with City staff and the consulting firm Transpo Group to plan for the City's transportation system. They have studied the existing problem areas and projected where problems will occur over the next 20 years. A list of potential improvements was drafted which would move people and goods through and around Sumner. Most recently, the City Council reviewed funding strategies for how to pay for the almost \$70 million in new projects.

One of the biggest challenges is how to balance the need to move traffic with Sumner's quality of life, which can be impaired by faster cars, more traffic, and wider roads. A public workshop was held in May to help the public and

officials learn about traffic calming. Concepts like curb bulbs, traffic humps, roundabouts, and traffic circles are part of what is called traffic calming. These techniques allow local traffic to move but reduce the advantages to through-traffic. They also reduce speeds and make streets safer for pedestrians. Additional information about traffic calming is available on the City's website.

The Planning Commission's review of the plan included a workshop where they heard strong opposition to a possible overpass on Highway 410, connecting the Rivergrove neighborhood at Alder Avenue. That overpass was deleted from the proposal. Some additional projects that are being considered are synchronizing lights along Valley Avenue, widening portions of East Valley Highway, addition of a new bridge over the Stuck River at Bridge Street, and reconfiguring the intersection of Main Street and Traffic Avenue.

For additional information or to get on the mailing list for the Transportation Plan, please contact Ryan Windish, Senior Planner at (253) 891-3301, email: ryanw@ci.sumner.wa.us or watch the City's website.

## Puyallup Street Extension Project

**T**he Puyallup Street project is a road extension funded through a Local Improvement District. Puyallup Street is being extended from its current terminus just east of Williams Ave to a new intersection with East Valley Highway.

The road extension will have a new Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing by the Rhubarb Growers property. A traffic signal will be installed at the new East Valley Highway and Puyallup Street intersection. Sidewalks will be constructed on both

sides of the new street with a bicycle lane being provided along the north side of the roadway in the form of a widened sidewalk. New streetlights and landscaping are also included in the project.

As a part of this project, Williams Avenue will be closed. This will be done after Puyallup Street has been opened and the railroad crossing is fully functional. Work was anticipated to begin near the end of June 2002 and is expected to be completed in the late spring of 2003.

## New Sewer Going in Main Street

As part of upgrading the sewer system on the east side of Sumner, a new sanitary sewer force main will be installed in Main Street. Construction of the sewer will involve cut-and-cover construction from Parker Road to Wood Avenue. The construction is expected to start by the first of August and continue through the end of September. There will be minor disruptions to traffic; however, because it is not a gravity sewer, there will not be the type of excavation required of prior sewer lines in the City. For information, call City Engineer Stephen Noeske at 253-891-3309 or stephenn@ci.sumner.wa.us.

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## City Council Highlights

Items passed by the City Council, second quarter 2002.

### APRIL

- Accepted the Hunt/Harrison Street Improvement Project and authorized release of retainage.
- Approved a contract with South Sound Soils, NM for disposal of biosolids.
- Approved Arts Commission expenditure of up to \$5,950 on Music on Main Program.
- Approved the purchase and installation of upgraded/new financial software.
- Approved Resolution No. 1057 ratifying amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies.
- Approved Resolution No. 1059 declaring two houses in the future Salmon Creek Park as surplus.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2013 adding the position of Assistant Planner to 2002 Compensation Schedule.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2009 providing for the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes for interim financing of ULIDs 73

and 74.

- Approved a Cabaret License for Grand Central Steakhouse.
- Authorized an interlocal agreement with the Sumner School District for support of the Sumner Family Center.

### MAY

- Adopted Ordinance No. 2012 amending the Zoning Code to allow churches in M-1 zones and amending the Sign Code.
- Authorized the Fire Department to renew the interlocal agreement with Fort Lewis for mutual aid and to enter into an interlocal agreement for Special Operations with cooperating Pierce County Fire Department.
- Approved Resolution No. 1060 authorizing both the execution of the interlocal agreement with Bonney Lake for improvements and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and consent to the Pierce County/City of Bonney Lake Sanitary Sewer System Transfer Agreement.
- Authorized the release of funding for the Regional Media

Center and Rainier Cable Commission for 2002 and authorized televising of regular City Council meetings.

- Approved a sublease agreement with Red Apple and an amendment to the lease agreement with Associated Grocers.
- Conducted a public hearing and first reading on Ordinance No. 2014 adopting the East Main Street Design Strategy.
- Approved Resolution No. 1062 asserting the City's intent to pursue funding of the fluoridation program and acknowledging the authority of the City Council and the rights of electors under RCE 57.08.012.
- Authorized two firework stand permits to the Puyallup Emblem Club and the Sumner Youth Baseball Program.
- Authorized an agreement to bring sewer service to The Old Cannery and provide sewer facilities to the west side of the Stuck River to serve other businesses.

### JUNE

- Approved Resolution No. 1061 adopting standard street

lights for the Central Business District.

- Approved a delinquent account collection policy.
- Authorized a contract with RCI Construction Group in the amount of \$1,199,657.10 for Puyallup Street LID #75.
- Approved Resolution No. 1063 declaring the house at 13224 - 64th Street East to be surplus and authorizing its demolition.
- Accepted the 8th Street East Final Design Report.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2016, first 2002 supplemental budget.
- Approved Resolution No. 1064 consenting to the transfer of the City's cable television franchise to AT&T Comcast Corp.
- Approved Resolution No. 1065 indicating the City's intent to pursue the SE Sumner Annexation.
- Authorized an agreement with the Public Works Board for a low-interest loan in the amount of \$4,892,800.

## Save a Stamp: Drop it in the Box

*The City's new utility drop box is located at the main entrance to City Hall at 1104 Maple Street. The box is available 24-hours per day for payment of utility bills.*

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