



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## Outdoor Concert Series Begins July 16

Beginning Friday, July 16, Sumner will be holding outdoor musical events in Heritage Park every Friday starting at 6 p.m. Heritage Park is located at the corners of Main, Cherry and Kincaid Streets. Bring your dinner, a blanket, and family to enjoy the free hour of entertainment. The series is sponsored jointly by the City of Sumner and Sumner Promotions. The series of six concerts celebrates culture and diversity featuring various West Coast artists in an array of musical styles. In January, an artist selection committee formed of business and civic leaders, chose six ensembles from numerous performing artists.



Portland Taiko Ensemble, July 16

On Friday, July 16, Portland Taiko Ensemble, a 12-piece Asian American drumming group will perform an hour-long concert. July 23, the regionally and nationally acclaimed duo, Tingstad & Rumbel will give a concert from the newest of their 10 releases, *American Acoustic*. Men of Worth, from Southern Oregon, will perform the music of their homelands Ireland and Scotland on July 30. Freeway Philharmonic, a quartet from Van Nuys, California, will perform works from their nationally acclaimed CD, *Sonic Detour* on Friday August 13. The only solo attraction in the series, featuring Puyallup pianist, Joe Ferrante, will be August 20. The final concert of the season, designed to bring the community together to kick-off the 1999-2000 school year, is the award-winning Sumner Jazz Ensemble. For further information, visit the City's website at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us).

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## Major Projects Being Completed, Others Getting Underway

The City of Sumner has been a beehive of construction activity in recent years, and this summer is no exception with several large projects being completed and several more getting underway. The following is a summary of City-related construction activity:

**Tacoma Ave. Bridge/142nd Street** Work is being completed on the Tacoma Avenue Bridge in the north industrial area. The new bridge connects Tacoma Avenue with an extension of 142nd Avenue. The new bridge will open in July but traffic will be

diverted and channeled at times during asphaltting and construction of curbs and gutters. The widening and extension of 142nd Avenue from 24th Street East to the new bridge is also winding up.

### 24th Street Interchange

The second phase of the 142nd Street project is construction by the State Department of Transportation of a SR 167 freeway interchange at 24th Street. This interchange, combined with the improvements to 142nd Street and the new Tacoma Avenue Bridge, will greatly improve access to

the northern industrial area of Sumner and remove much truck traffic from the downtown area. The State is currently in the permitting process for the interchange. The two-year construction project is expected to get underway next spring.

### RTA Station and Street Improvements

As most residents are aware, construction of the RTA train station at the corner of Traffic Avenue and Maple Street is scheduled to get underway this summer. The City will also begin

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's summertime and that means construction time in Sumner. New houses, a housing project for seniors, new warehouses, new businesses, several street projects, and the skateboard park, are all planned for this summer. St. Andrew Catholic Church will be completed by the end of July, other churches are planning remodeling, and Sound Transit says the Sumner Train Station will be ready for its first commuter rail passenger before the end of 1999.



Barbara Skinner

Some folks have indicated concern about the impact of these projects on Sumner so I'm going to review how our City manages development. It starts with the Sumner Planning Commission, which reviews land uses in our City. These seven Commissioners, all volunteers and residents of Sumner, spend long hours working on Sumner's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. They study whether Sumner should allow or restrict various types of land use in town. They also assure that we meet the state's guidelines on land-use planning. When their deliberations are completed the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Sumner City Council about proposed changes to our Comprehensive Plan and then the Council adopts an updated Comprehensive Plan. This plan describes how

land can be developed in Sumner and is available for anyone to use as a guide. Through this kind of planning City Councils and Planning Commissions, past and present are largely reasonable for the appearance of Sumner and the quality of life in our City.

Using Sumner's Comprehensive Plan as a guide, the Community Development and Public Works Departments accept or deny applications to develop property in town. Our planners, engineers, and inspectors monitor the projects that are approved, guaranteeing that whatever is built in Sumner meets our standards, both in land use and in construction.

I often hear from our citizens how important it is to them that we maintain the quality of life in Sumner that we have treasured over the years. These special qualities of Sumner didn't happen by accident. Special people who cared about our town volunteered to ensure that Sumner stayed special. City employees who take pride in the job they do for Sumner use their experience and expertise to guide development in the right direction. Cooperation, planning, monitoring, time, attention and the love of many people have created our beautiful little City. Now we are responsible for protecting their legacy.

As always, if you have questions on any issue, please call me at City Hall at 253-891-3318.

- Mayor Skinner

## Community Development Director Leaving Post

John Doan, the City's Community Development Director since 1991, will be leaving the position August 1. John will be returning to school to study non-profit leadership. He will continue to work for the City in the part-time Parks and Facilities Project Manager position.

In his eight years, John assisted the City to be in compliance with the Growth Management Act. During that time, the City also adopted award-winning development and design regulations, improved several parks, initiated an aggressive urban forestry program, implemented new public

involvement programs, and established the City's presence on the internet. Prior to Sumner, John was a senior planner with the City of Seattle. He is a graduate of Washington State University.

The Community Development Department maintains and implements the City's Comprehensive Plan, enforces the construction regulations, maintains the City's information systems, provides public information services, and manages numerous community projects. The City is in the final stages of hiring a new director who will be on board by August 1.

## 'Where in Sumner?' Quiz

The City of Sumner's website has a new addition. Kids of all ages will enjoy the 'Where in Sumner?' photo quiz. Web surfers can visit the City of Sumner's home page on the Internet at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us). Everyone is invited to take the quiz and test their knowledge of the sights of Sumner. Good luck!

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Golf Course . . . . .863-8198

Parks & Recreation . . . 863-5365

Permit Center . . . . .863-1230

Police (non-emergency) .863-6384

Senior Center . . . . .863-2910

Utilities . . . . .826-9400

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<b>Patricia Bosmans</b>	City Attorney
<b>Barbara Hughes</b>	City Clerk
<b>Audrey Young</b>	City Treasurer
<b>John Doan</b>	Comm. Development Director
<b>Jeff Flesner</b>	Asst. Finance Director
<b>John Fowler</b>	Fire Chief
<b>J. Ben Reisz</b>	Police Chief
<b>Bill Shoemaker</b>	Public Works Director
<b>Mary Smith</b>	Senior Center Director

## Garbage Collection Rates Reduced

Most Sumner residents will see a reduction in their garbage collection rates this summer. The City was able to negotiate lower rates in a new contract with the hauler, DM Disposal of Puyallup. The previous contract expired on June 30 and the new rates took effect on July 1.



Residents who have one-can service will see their collection rates go from \$12.95 to \$12.02 per month. Two-can service drops from \$17.35 to \$16.38 per month. The new rates are a result of a restructuring of related utility rates, including garbage, recycling and yard waste, for all households and businesses in the City. The former rate structure was weighted against commercial and less against residential while the new structure simply passes along rates charged to the City by the hauler plus an administrative fee.

In some areas, rates were increased slightly. The charge per residence for curbside recycling service increased from \$2.04 to \$2.28 per month, and the charge for curbside yard waste pickup went from \$4.16 to \$4.95 per month. Recycling service is mandatory for all Sumner residences and businesses while yard waste service is optional. Yard waste collection rates have not been adjusted since 1993 when the service was first instituted.

For more information about the new refuse and recycling rates or service, please call the Sumner Utility Division at 826-9400.

## Recreation Vehicles Should Be Out Of View



Sumner regulations require that recreation vehicles such as campers, boats, trailers, and similar be stored away from views from a street. They must be located beyond the front building lines (typically the front of a house is at the building line, and must be screened from view by a fence or landscaping. For information, see the City's web page at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us). Go to City Hall and then to the Municipal Code. Specific information is in 18.12.080 section.

## Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The City of Sumner's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 1994, is subject to amendments once every two years according to state law. The "window" for amendments this year is June 11 to July 30. This is the period of time when residents or commercial establishments can apply for amendments to the plan.

Typically, most requests for plan amendments are for changes in zoning, for example, from residential to commercial. Other amendments are to the text of the Plan and the list of capital improvements. According to state law, a City's zoning code must be consistent with its Comprehensive Plan, therefore

almost any change in zoning require an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The amendment process can take 12 to 15 months and requires review and approval by both the Planning Commission and City Council. Public hearings will also be conducted. The fee for a Comprehensive Plan amendment is \$2,100 and another \$2,470 if a rezone is necessary.

The City's Comprehensive Plan is available for public review at City Hall and the Sumner Library. For additional information about the Comprehensive Plan and the amendment process, contact Senior Planner Ryan Windish at 891-3301.

### CITY STAFF APPOINTMENTS

*The City welcomes the following employees to their new positions:*

- Pamela St. Martin, Public Works Specialist
- Lisa DeGrandis, Police Dispatcher
- Ron McCurdy, Police Dispatcher
- Gary Lucas, Public Work Operator III
- Ken Babic, Public Works Operator
- Daron Uphaus, Public Works Operator II
- John Doan, Parks & Facilities Project Manager

## Construction Activity in Sumner

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work on improving access streets including Harrison Street and Academy Street. A new street, "Station Lane," adjacent to the fire station will connect Thompson Street and Harrison and provide access from the train station to the SR 410 interchange. Work on Traffic Avenue is planned for next summer. Improvements include widening to four lanes with turn lanes, curbs, gutters, and a 13-foot wide sidewalk for bicyclists and pedestrians.

### City Hall

The Sumner City Hall expansion project will go out to bid by the end of the year with construction beginning shortly thereafter. The project will expand City Hall to the south, increasing the Police Department's space from 1,700 to 7,000 square feet, adding office space for Municipal Court, and freeing up space for additional meeting rooms and administrative offices. A new main entrance will be constructed on the west side of the building facing Alder Street. Construction will take about six months.

### City Shops

New City shops will be constructed on 142nd Street next to the new Tacoma Avenue Bridge. The existing City shop facility on Narrow Street will be torn down to build a parking lot for the new train station. The new shops house the City utilities, street and parks crews.

### Sidewalk projects

The City will be constructing hand-capped-accessible wheelchair ramps on sidewalks at various intersections around downtown. New sidewalks



*This pedestrian bridge will cross the Stuck River at 24th Street East. (extended).*

also will be constructed along Valley Avenue north of Main Street near the new Daffodil Valley Elementary School.

### Pedestrian Bridge

A new pedestrian bridge is being constructed this summer across the Stuck River at 24th Street East. This bridge will connect a future trail system in the Sumner valley. The 10-foot wide bridge also will carry utility lines that serve Sumner's industrial area, including a water main from the new reservoir.

### Chip Sealing

A number of residential streets are scheduled for chip sealing this summer. Generally, the City looks for low-volume streets in good shape that have several years of life left. Chip sealing keeps water out of the asphalt and extends life of streets. Streets in this year's program include portions of 151st, Lewis, Parker, Puyallup, Williams, 152nd, 158th, 60th, 66th, 67th, 72nd, Elm, Meade-McCumber (west of Valley), Voight, and Wood. A complete list is on the City of Sumner website at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us) or by calling 891-3317.

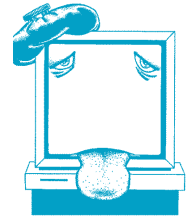
## City Continues To Prepare For 'Y2K Bug'

The City continues to prepare for the coming "Y2K Bug." Inventories of City equipment and software are complete and most essential services should be unaffected. A few computers and other equipment have been identified as not being compliant and are being upgraded or replaced.

Y2K information has been added to the City's website. There are numerous links to other sources of information about preparing for Y2K. As a precaution, the City advises that everyone have sufficient food, water, medicine, and supplies to be self-sufficient for 72 hours, 3 days.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Food, water and medications for pets.
- Do not use gas and charcoal grills indoors without ventilation
- Maintain a small battery operated radio
- Have a supply of diapers and special food for small children.
- Store at least 1-gallon of water per person per day
- Maintain a supply of candles and matches



If you have access to the Internet, you can obtain additional information about Y2K from the City's website, at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us).

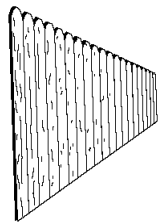
## Thinking of Building a Fence?

The best rule to remember is, if you are building a fence over 3 feet in height, call the Permit Center before you build. There are numerous restrictions on height, and in some cases, the type of fences that can be built. To get this information, call the Permit Center or the planners at City Hall at 863-8300 or 863-1230. The restrictions vary by zone and sometimes by subdivision.

### FENCE FACTS

- Fences under 6 feet do not require a building or any other permit.
- Fences 3 feet in height or shorter are allowed everywhere.
- Fences over 6 feet are not allowed in residential zones.

- In most cases there are no regulations regarding the type of fence or its appearance. The exception is where a 4 foot fence is proposed along a street.
- Fences over 3 feet must meet the building setbacks from the street.
- Different residential subdivisions have different rules depending on the type of design.
- There are additional requirements to keep fences over 3 feet away from a driveway, street, and alley intersections. Additional fence information is available on the web at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us) under City Hall and the Municipal Code Section 18.32.040 or by calling 863-1230 or 863-8300.





# CITY HALL CALENDAR

## JULY

**JULY 12**

City Council Study Session,  
6 p.m., Council Chambers

**JULY 13**

Creekside Subdivision Public  
Hearing, Hearing Examiner, 7 p.m.

**JULY 15**

Design and Planning Commission,  
Joint Meeting, 6 p.m., Conf. Room

**JULY 19**

City Council Regular Meeting,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**JULY 20**

Forestry Commission Meeting, 4 p.m.  
Cultural Arts Task Force, 7 p.m.

**JULY 26**

City Council Study Session,  
6 p.m., Council Chambers

## AUGUST

**AUGUST 2**

City Council Regular Meeting,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**AUGUST 5**

Planning Commission,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**AUGUST 7**

Summer Arts Festival  
Downtown Sumner

**AUGUST 9**

City Council Study Session,  
6 p.m., Council Chambers

**AUGUST 11**

Forestry Commission,  
4 p.m., Council Chambers

**AUGUST 12**

Design Commission,  
6 p.m., Conference Room

**AUGUST 16**

City Council Regular Meeting,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**AUGUST 23**

City Council Study Session,  
6 p.m., Council Chambers

## SEPTEMBER

**SEPTEMBER 2**

Planning Commission,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**SEPTEMBER 6**

CITY HALL CLOSED  
for Labor Day

**SEPTEMBER 7**

City Council Regular Meeting,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**SEPTEMBER 9**

Design Commission,  
6 p.m., Conference Room

**SEPTEMBER 13**

City Council Study Session,  
6 p.m., Council Chambers

**SEPTEMBER 20**

City Council Regular Meeting,  
7 p.m., Council Chambers

**SEPTEMBER 27**

City Council Study Session,  
6 p.m., Council Chambers

## FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES

Friday nights in Heritage Park, Downtown Sumner

Starting 6 p.m.

**July 16** . . . . .Portland Taiko Ensemble

**July 23** . . . . .Tingstand & Rumbel

**July 30** . . . . .Men of Worth

**August 13** . . . . .Freeway Philharmonic

**August 20** . . . . .Joe Ferrante

**August 27** . . . . .Sumner Jazz Ensemble

*Tingstand & Rumbel*

*Freeway Philharmonic*



CLIP & SAVE

# Summer Safety Fun Fest '99

The Sumner Family Center's annual Bike Rodeo was on June 24 at Loyalty Park. This was an opportunity for youngsters to learn about safe bicycling from Sumner Police officers. Fitted helmets were available for \$5 from Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

Summer Safety Fun Fest '99 continues on July 22 with the "Fire, Smoke and Water" program with presentations and displays by the Sumner Fire Department, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and the Pierce County Sheriff Water Safety Department. This program also will be held at Loyalty Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free lunch is provided.



Sumner Officer Scott Engle shows a young bike rider at the bike rodeo how to signal.

## Adopt A Pet From Animal Shelter

Want to adopt a pet? Check out the City of Sumner's Animal Control Shelter where you might find that perfect pet for you and your family.

City of Sumner and City of Puyallup residents are eligible for a special discount on pets being held at the shelter. For a cost of \$60, residents can adopt a pet that has been spayed or neutered, has all necessary shots and a one-year license. Typically, the shelter has a number of dogs, cats and often times puppies and kittens available for adoption.

The shelter, located at 1200 39th Ave. SE on Puyallup's South Hill near Pierce College, is open Tuesday - Friday, 3 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The shelter is run by the City of Sumner which provides animal control services for both Puyallup and Sumner. In exchange, Sumner is provided use of Puyallup's city jail.



Pets such as this 8-month-old German Shepherd are available for adoption.

The animal shelter accepts donations of pet food and especially needs cat litter. Please call 841-5595 during operating hours or just drop by your donations when the shelter is open. Residents are reminded that if their pet is missing and you suspect your cat or dog may have been picked up by animal control, stop by the shelter during regular hours of operation or call the shelter's hotline at 841-5592 for recorded messages describing what animals were picked up that day.

## Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Post

The Sumner Law Enforcement Explorer Program is designed to promote a mutual understanding and working relationship between youth and the Law Enforcement community. Police agencies that sponsor Explorer programs are dedicated to the education and involvement of youth in their own community's law enforcement program. These agencies are able to provide young men and women firsthand knowledge of the profession by working with professional law enforcement officers and support personnel.

A Law Enforcement Explorer participates in community service events, assists in special programs, provides crowd and traffic control. These included parades, fun runs, bike safety programs, children's ID clinics, and other areas and events designated by the Chief of Police. Explorers participate in anti-drug and crime prevention programs for younger children at elementary schools and other public gatherings. Explorers act as positive role models for other youth in our community.

Some of the minimum basic requirements for becoming a Sumner Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer are:

- 1) Applicants must be between 15 and 20 years of age.
- 2) Applicants must be enrolled in the Sumner School District unless graduated, or live within the incorporated city limits of Sumner-unless otherwise waived by the Post.
- 3) Applicants under 18 must obtain parental approval.
- 4) Proof of a minimum scholastic G.P.A. achievement of 3.0 with at least a 2.0 average in core requirements -English, math, and science must be submitted prior to admittance to the Post.

For more information on the Sumner Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Post, or to receive an application, please contact Explorer Post Advisor Officer Scott Engle at 863-6384.

## Students Make Arbor Day Happen

Students from Sumner High School's Earth Savers Club organized this year's Arbor Day. They worked with the leadership classes from Maple Lawn and McAlder Elementary schools to plant a maple tree at their school. The High School Earth Savers purchased the trees, arranged for the planting, and educated the younger students on the importance of trees. This was Sumner's 5th annual Arbor Day celebration. The State Department of Natural Resources recognized Sumner for its designation as a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation.



*Students at Maple Lawn Elementary plant a Maple Tree at their school.*

Brownie Troop #548 from Crestwood Elementary School also celebrated Arbor Day on April 14 by donating and planting a flowering plum tree at Siebenthaler Park. The young girls were joined by Mayor Skinner, herself a former Brownie, for the special event. Pictures of the tree plantings can be viewed on the City's web site.

## Golf Course Green Fees Increased

Green fees at Sumner Meadows Golf Links were increased about 3% effective March 1, 1999. Fees that were previously \$16 or more were increased \$1; fees previously less than \$16 went up 50 cents.

Sumner residents are eligible for a 10% discount on green fee rates. To obtain the discount, residents first must obtain an application from the golf course pro shop or at City Hall and submit it at the front counter. They will be given a resident number to cite when requesting the discount. There are also discounted rates for seniors (60 and older), juniors (17 and under) and for early morning golf (before 9 a.m.) and twilight golf (after 4 p.m.).

### Golf Course Maintenance

Staff members at Sumner Meadows have worked with local high schools to develop a program in Golf Course Maintenance that is part of the school's horticulture curriculum. Those schools include Sumner High School, Auburn Riverside High School, and Auburn High School.

The Golf Course Maintenance program is designed to assist students who are interested in careers related to agriculture. There are many job opportunities in golf course maintenance, such as superintendent, irrigation specialist, spray technician, mechanic, mower and laborer. A number of students in the program find seasonal employment at Sumner Meadows and other area courses. The curriculum also prepares students for employment at schools, parks, cemeteries, and other areas that require expertise in turf management. In return for supporting the school's program, the students often help out at the golf course. This spring, 40 students from Auburn Riverside planted 1,700 flowers and shrubs at the entrance to Sumner Meadows, and a group from Sumner High School planted 75 trees.

The Auburn and Sumner students involved the Golf Course Maintenance program seem to be learning their trade well. Recently seven schools competed in a Turf and Golf Course Career Development Tournament at Clover Park Golf Course. Sumner High School came in second place and Auburn Riverside placed third.

## Student Artwork Will Focus on Trains

A unique grant project, developed by the City of Sumner and the Sumner School District, surrounding artwork in the new train station was recently awarded by the Washington State Arts Commission. The Commission will fund four different artists in residence in the Sumner schools during the 1999-2000 school year, each focusing their artwork specialty with the train theme in mind.

Maple Lawn will host Laura Gamache who will work with the students on creating poetry surrounding trains. The new Daffodil Valley elementary will have the talents of Debbie Gildbert to teach the students in the creative movement classes a dance about trains. Sumner Jr. High will compose a city song with the help of artist Linda Waterfall. Sumner High School will tap into the creative abilities of Stuart Nakamura to create city banners with a train theme.

The goal behind each of the projects is to have a grand community celebration at the dedication of the train station. Banners will decorate the city, music will fill the air, dancers will perform interpretive dance, and poetry will be read when the community gathers to welcome the return of the trains. This grant project has several sponsors including Sound Transit, Sumner Promotions Association, and parent organizations. The celebration is tentatively scheduled for March 2000.

## Looking For Summer Activities?

- Teen Late Night Program, First Saturday of every month, 7-11:30 p.m. at Sumner Junior High
- Teen Open Basketball, Friday Nights, 7-9 p.m. Sumner and Mt. View Junior High
- Open weight room, Mondays and Thursdays, 7-8:30, \$2 each visit, must be 18 years old, Sumner High School
- Babysitting Classes, July 26 and 31, must register, call for rates
- Action Day Camp, ages 5-12, all summer, must register, call for rates

*For information about these programs or any of the others offered by the Recreation Department, call 891-6500.*



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## City Experience Helps Senior High School Projects

**C**ity officials and staff participated in the Sumner High School Senior Project program. From serving as mentors for senior projects to sitting on senior review panels called "Boards", City officials were able to give students a look at City government.

Mayor Barbara Skinner and Councilmember Kris Coppin both sat on Senior Boards and reviewed the final accomplishments of several students. Fire Captain Brian Schulz and his crew worked with two students. Senior Chad West along with Captain Scholz and Firefighter Jeff Harris taught fire safety at Maple Lawn Elementary School. High school student Dustin Jowett completed an 18-hour ride-along to observe emergency medical responses, training, inspections, and fire alarm responses.

Police Chief Ben Reisz was the mentor for Nickolas Anderson as he prepared a study of entry level police officer qualifications. The Chief also served on Senior Boards. Police Officer Scott Engle worked with Jake Kelso as he observed Police Officer activities. Officer Engle also served on Senior Boards.

Administrative Assistant Taryn Capps mentored two

seniors, Maria Ugas and Tiffany Hougge. Maria worked on a joint project with high school senior Sarina Nash and coordinated a benefit fundraiser for the Bonney Lake Youth Center. Tiffany's project was a study on the family effects of alcoholism. Senior Planner Ryan Windish was the mentor for Dustin Clanton. Dustin compiled an inventory of signs along the newly annexed East Valley Highway. Sara Nygaard completed a survey of public ideas for a new park in East Sumner and prepared a design which was presented to the Parks Board and City Council. Her mentor was Community Development Director John Doan. City Administrator Mike Wilson worked with Briana Bauer of Gig Harbor High School on a study of local courts.

Senior Projects are a requirement for graduation. Each student must fulfill a minimum of 15 hours on projects, which include research, project management, investigation, and observation. Mentors help the students develop projects and resolve issues that may arise. At the end of the project, each student presents their project to a panel of school and community representatives. For additional information about being a mentor or serving on boards, contact Sumner High School at 891-5500.



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