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Impacts of Initiative 695 on the City of Sumner

How will Initiative 695 affect the City of Sumner's revenue resources, budget and monetary policies? The impact of the "\$30 Vehicle License Tab Fee" Initiative would be threefold: 1) reduce the City's allocation of excise tax revenues, 2) lower the City of Sumner's bond rating on certain debt financing issues, and 3) affect how the City enacts or imposes taxes or any monetary increases by requiring voter approval.

Financial Impact: If Initiative 695 is approved in November, Sumner would lose approximately \$125,000 in Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) related revenues in Fiscal Year 2000. The following resources would be lost: MVET - \$109,400; Mobile Home, Trailer, Camper Excise Tax - \$2,330; and Criminal Justice/MVET - \$9,100. This loss of revenue would equate to about 2% of the City's expenditures and would result in a reduction in funding for street improvements, sidewalk repairs and parks projects. The additional long-term impact created by loss of MVET revenues to the county for funding public health and public safety services will force the county to negotiate with cities to share in the costs of public health services and renew the debate over county-wide public safety/criminal justice service delivery to cities.

Bond rating: A significant financial impact to Sumner would be the decrease in the City's bond ratings resulting in higher interest costs charged on the debt financing of future capital improvement projects (e.g., Zehnder, Puyallup, N. Valley Avenue and other street and sidewalk projects, and sewer treatment plant enhancement). According to the City's managing underwriter, Seattle Northwest Securities, the City of Sumner's "credit rating would likely fall 1 to 3 notches" for the issuance of future revenue bonds.

Policy Impact: The requirement of Initiative 695 that "any tax increase or monetary change to government imposed by the City will require voter approval" will significantly impact how city government functions and does business. Since the City operates a number of "businesses", including our four utilities (water, sewer, storm drainage, and garbage), cemetery, golf course and multi-purpose center, any fee increases would be subject to voter approval creating uncertainty and instability for funding these business operations. Initiative 695 also "creates a lack of clarity as to who will vote for future Local Improvement District formations" according to Seattle Northwest Securities; therefore, this matter will likely need to be resolved in court before any future LIDs are initiated.

EMS Levy on Nov. 2 Ballot

The City Council has placed on the November 2 ballot the renewal of the six-year Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy. In 1993, the electors of the City of Sumner approved a six-year property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to augment the cost of emergency medical care and emergency medical services. This ballot measure would provide for the continuation of the levy for another six-year period beginning next year through the year 2005. The funds raised by this levy shall be used by the Sumner Fire Department for the provision of emergency medical and services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for such services.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

After what seems like a non-existent summer, fall is here. Where does time go? Last year the City Council and I determined we should finish current projects on which we were working before we started any new projects. We've done well with some and are holding ground on others. I am learning to practice patience.



Barbara Skinner

Here's a quick status report on some current major projects:

1. The City of Sumner is Y2K compliant. Our computer folks are confident that our critical equipment will continue to perform after December 31.
2. The street project in the industrial district north of town (142nd Avenue & the Tacoma Avenue Bridge) will be finished in October.
3. Work on the skateboard park to be built at the Daffodil Sports Complex will continue into next year.
4. Work on Main Street with sidewalk improvements, benches, grills around the trees, etc., is proceeding.
5. Groundbreaking for Sumner's commuter rail train station is scheduled for October.

Now it's time to turn our attention to the last three months of the year (and of the Millennium!). The Slice of Sumner kick-starts October, homecoming activities at Sumner High School are always fun, and don't miss pumpkin carving at the Fire Station. Then comes November.

Remember to vote November 2. Sumner has an Emergency Medical Services Levy on the ballot to fund our Fire Department's emergency medical response for the next six years. If you need information on the issue, call me and I'll get you a fact sheet.

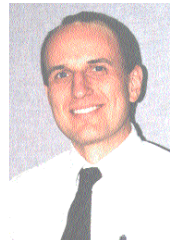
After Thanksgiving Day we'll see again, courtesy of The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse, the lighting of the bridge over the Stuck River and the City's lights on Main Street for the holiday season. I know you're looking forward to seeing the "Holiday Bridge" again as much as I am. If you missed it last year, be sure to give yourself and your family the treat of coming to downtown Sumner to experience this beautiful sight. The Old Cannery people are already planning the bridge decorations. Stop by and thank them for this generous gift to our community.

Happy Fall and Happy Holidays! Call me with your comments at (253) 891-3318.

- Mayor Skinner

New Community Development Director

Leonard Bauer began working in August as Sumner's new Community Development Director. He comes to Sumner from the City of Tumwater, where he served as that city's Planning Manager. During that time, he supervised Tumwater's work toward compliance with the Washington Growth Management Act, as well as serving as the Parks and Trails Planner. Leonard is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, and earned a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon.



Leonard Bauer

Prior to working in Tumwater, Leonard was an Assistant Planner with the Lane County Council of Governments in Eugene, Oregon, and served as a research assistant for the Oregon Bureau of Governmental Research and Service. He gained a variety of experience earlier in his career, including stints as a teacher, an editor, and a naturalist at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. Leonard replaces John Doan, who continues to work for the City as the Parks and Facilities Project Manager.

The Community Development Department maintains and implements the City's comprehensive plan, enforces the City's regulations on new construction, provides public information services, maintains the City's information systems, and manages numerous community projects. It also provides staff support to many of the Sumner citizen committees, including the Planning, Design and Forestry Commissions.

CITY STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The City welcomes the following employees to their new positions:

Leonard Bauer	Community Development Director
John Doan	Parks and Facilities Project Manager
Beady Cain	Special Needs Coordinator, Senior Center
Karen Wilkerson	Part-time Court Clerk

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CITY STAFF

Michael Wilson	City Administrator
Steve Zamberlin	Asst. City Administrator
Wendy Shook	Court Administrator
Patricia Bosmans	City Attorney
Barbara Fortier	City Clerk
Audrey Young	City Treasurer
Leonard Bauer	Comm. Develop. Director
Jeff Flesner	Asst. Finance Director
John Fowler	Fire Chief
J. Ben Reisz	Police Chief
Bill Shoemaker	Public Works Director
Mary Smith	Senior Center Director

2000 City Budget

The first City Budget of the new Millennium will be prepared by the Mayor and submitted to the City Council on October 29. The City Budget is composed of the General Government fund (police, fire, community development, legal, court, administration, parks, senior center, social/human services and finance); streets; various utility services (water, sewer, storm drainage and garbage); golf course, cemetery and numerous other funds.

Workshops on the budget will be conducted by the City Council on November 2, 3, and 4 in the Council Chambers, and formal budget review sessions are scheduled for November 8 and 15. All of these budget meetings are open to the public; citizens of the community are encouraged to attend.

Getting Ready for Y2K

It's time to get ready for the "Y2K bug." Whether you are preparing for Y2K or other emergencies, the City and other emergency services advise you to be able to be self-sufficient for 72-hours.

This includes having the following in your house:

- ◆ One gallon of clean drinking water for each person per day;
- ◆ Sufficient food, particularly canned (milk, juices, meats, soups, etc.) and high energy foods (peanut butter, trail mix, dried fruit, etc.);
- ◆ At least 3-7 days of all prescription medications;
- ◆ A supply of commonly used non-prescription medications such as aspirin, non-aspirin pain reliever, antacids and anti-diarrhea medication, cold and flu medications, eye wash, antiseptic, and laxative;
- ◆ Basic first aid kit;
- ◆ Sanitation supplies, including toilet paper, feminine supplies, plastic garbage bags, soaps, household bleach;
- ◆ AM/FM radio and flashlights with extra batteries;
- ◆ Fire extinguisher, ABC type;
- ◆ Warm blankets or sleeping bags;

- ◆ Activities for children who have no television; and
- ◆ Small amount of cash in small bills.

Specific to Y2K, you should:

- ◆ Put fuel in all your vehicles prior to December 31st;
- ◆ Get paper copies of all of your financial records (bank, mortgage company, investments, etc.)
- ◆ Prepare for inconsistent services of utilities such as water, gas, electricity, and telephone.
- ◆ Back up all computer data prior to December 31st.
- ◆ Check with the manufacturers of any medical equipment you have to determine if it is Y2K compliant.
- ◆ Learn how to manually override your home thermostat.

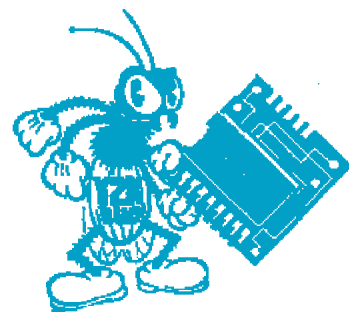
As always, get to know your neighbors. Learn how you can help each other in an emergency. Pay particular attention to the elderly or disabled folks who may need additional support. For additional information about Y2K, see the City of Sumner website at www.ci.sumner.wa.us/y2k where there are links to other resources.

What is the Y2K Bug?

The Y2K story begins in the early days of computer chips when the designers and engineers conserved computer memory by abbreviating each year by the last two digits, thus 1998 was written as 98. For many older computers, and machines with computer chips, this means that when the year 2000 arrives, the computers will think it's 1900. This could cause failures of the incredible variety of computers and machinery with computers.

Many experts in the technology business believe that the primary problems will occur to older computers and software. While most people do not depend on the computers in their homes for life-critical services, some important things which could be affected by hidden computer chips are thermostats, cars, televisions and video equipment, and home medical equipment.

Many people believe that the primary concern will not be the failure of an individual computer or a television in a house. Instead, the concern is other service providers such as telephones, electricity, or banking. While these companies and utilities are working hard to address Y2K issues, because of the interdependence of the systems, there could be a ripple effect if one part fails. People are advised to be prepared for Y2K just like any other emergency (such as an earthquake) which could damage electrical service or other utilities.



Task Force Examines Needs of Seniors

Sumner Senior Center is a busy place, serving meals, providing activities and services for the seniors in Sumner and nearby communities. In 1998 alone, the Senior Center served 16,700 mid-day meals, or an average of 65 meals a day, five days a week. The Senior Center, which just opened in 1996, already is operating at capacity and needs to be expanded. The assisted living residential complexes being built nearby pose even more demands on the limited resources and space at the Senior Center.

The Mayors' Task Force on Senior Services was formed in January 1999 to address the needs of seniors and the role of senior centers in the area. The Task Force was convened by Mayor Barbara Skinner of Sumner and Mayor Bob Young of Bonney Lake and included representation from seniors in Sumner and Bonney Lake, county officials and city officials. The Task Force's vision is for "a senior program that meets the needs of all seniors in our area, with adequate facilities, staffing and funding."

After several meetings throughout the year, the Task Force issued a recommendation that the needs of the senior community for adequate services, space and transportation be addressed through the following short- and long-term strategies:

- **Programs and Space:** An array of partnerships are recommended as a way to support expansion. New resources will be needed to meet current and future demands for service.
- **Public Support:** The public needs to understand and support the reasons for expansion of services to seniors.
- **Transportation:** Partnerships are important to assure that people can access services, but new resources are also needed.
- **Regional Planning:** A regional non-profit organization should be created to provide a forum for addressing the future of senior programs in the region and to work with the independent centers in Sumner and Bonney Lake.

Stafford Suites Set to Open in November

Finishing touches are being put on Stafford Suites, a new 74-unit assisted-living complex for seniors scheduled to open in November. The three-story complex is situated at the corner of Parker Road and 62nd Street East near the QFC shopping mall.

The 74-unit complex is located across the street from the Sumner Senior Center.

Stafford Suites is unique for Sumner, not only being the City's largest residential complex for seniors but also the first three-story residential structure in Sumner. Stafford Suites offers one and two bedroom apartments with meals and snacks available in the second floor restaurant, maid service, and personal care from staff members. It also offers seniors organized recreational and informative programs and outings. Seniors also have easy access to the activities at the Sumner Senior Center, located directly across the street.

Another separate residential complex for senior citizens is planned for a site adjacent (west) to Stafford Suites. These will be 34 "cottages" designed for independent living; they are scheduled for construction next year. These senior housing projects in Sumner reflect the aging population as the "baby boom" generation approaches retirement age as well as the shift away from nursing homes to "assisted-living" arrangements.

Goal Reached – Senior Center Gets New Van

The Sumner Senior Center recently purchased a 15-passenger Ford mini-bus through fund-raisers, grants and local investors. The mini-bus is used for trips and provide transportation to seniors in the community who are homebound and in need of health and social service the Senior Center provides.

A group of Sumner business owners strongly supported the Senior Center in its efforts to improve the services to senior citizens. The businesses and individuals who joined in making this contribution are:

North End Industrial Group:

City Transfer (Ron and Keith Benson)	\$3,500
Investco (Michael Corliss)	\$3,500
McConkey Co. (Ed McConkey)	\$1,750
McDonald's (Dave Haley)	\$500
Pasquier Panel Products (Mickey Pasquier)	\$1,750
Petersen Brothers/Western Self Storage (Gary and Arlene Petersen)	\$1,750
REI	\$500
Tarragon, LLC (Joe Blattner)	\$3,500

Sumner Business Owners:

Dr. Robert Corliss	\$875
Dr. Pat Duffy	\$875
Precision Aerospace (Don Lundquist)	\$2,500
D&S Electric, Inc.	\$500
Sumner Sea-First Bank	\$2,500
Sumner Frontier Bank	\$1,695
Grant (Greater Tacoma Community Foundation)	\$3,000

Funding for this grant was provided by: Western Community Bank Fund and Baker Family Fund.

The remaining purchase price of \$14,985.71 was raised by Sumner seniors and private donations for a grand total of \$43,680.68. A special "thank you" goes to Gretchen Carter who helped seniors reach their goal.

The new mini-bus was purchased with money from fund-raisers and donations.



CITY HALL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4

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

OCTOBER 5

Train Station Ground Breaking
Ceremony, 2 p.m., Station Site

OCTOBER 7

Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers

OCTOBER 11

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

OCTOBER 12

Cultural Arts Task Force Public
Workshop, 6 p.m., Council Chambers

OCTOBER 14

Candidates Forum,
7 p.m., Council Chambers
Design Commission,
6 p.m., Conference Room

OCTOBER 18

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

OCTOBER 19

Cultural Arts Task Force Public
Meeting, 7 p.m., Conference Room #2

OCTOBER 25

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

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1

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

NOVEMBER 4

Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers

NOVEMBER 8

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

NOVEMBER 11

City Hall Closed
(Veterans Day)

NOVEMBER 15

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

NOVEMBER 18

Design Commission,
6 p.m., Conference Room

NOVEMBER 22

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

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

City Hall Closed
(Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2

Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers

DECEMBER 4

Santa Parade, 2:30 p.m.
Downtown Sumner

DECEMBER 6

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

DECEMBER 9

Design Commission,
6 p.m., Conference Room

DECEMBER 13

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

DECEMBER 20

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

DECEMBER 24

City Hall Closed for Holiday

DECEMBER 27

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS



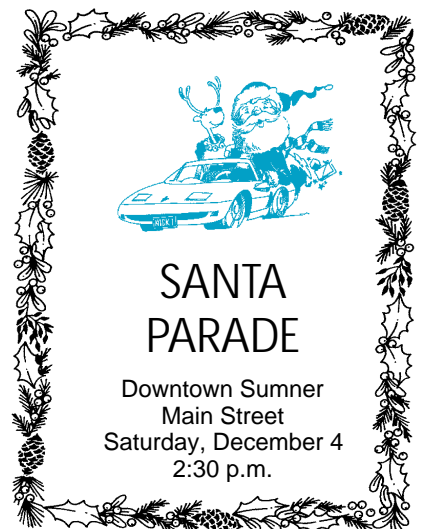
SLICE OF SUMNER

Oct. 2 & 3

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sumner High School Stadium
Corner of Main Street and Valley Avenue

- FREE Family Entertainment
- Food booths featuring cuisine from around the world
- Hand-crafted items
- Custom Car Show
- STREETDANCE Saturday, 7-10 p.m.



SANTA PARADE

Downtown Sumner
Main Street
Saturday, December 4
2:30 p.m.

Candidates Forum



The Sumner Promotions Association will be hosting a Political Forum in the Sumner City Council Chambers at City Hall on Thursday, October 14 at 7 p.m. The candidates in this year's election for City Council will be present to discuss their positions on the issues in the City of Sumner.

The new 110-foot ladder truck replaces two older emergency vehicles in the Sumner Fire Department.

New Fire Truck Reaches Great Distances

In a joint effort, the City of Sumner and Pierce County Fire Protection District have purchased a new 110-foot ladder truck. Ladder Towers Incorporated of Ephrata, Pennsylvania built the vehicle. This new vehicle replaces the two oldest emergency vehicles in the department, a 1960 American LaFrance fire engine and a 1961 Seagrave ladder truck that was 85 feet in length. The cost of maintaining and certifying these units was becoming prohibitive. By incorporating a water pump, tank, and hose into the new unit, the overall fleet was reduced by one and saved on the cost of replacing two vehicles.

Recently, this unit was on display during the Sumner Summer Festival. One of the more frequent questions asked during the event was, "Why do we need something that tall in Sumner?" This ladder truck not only addresses the height, but also the overall size of structures such as the concrete tilt-up buildings in the north end industrial area of Sumner. The ladder trucks not only have the ability to reach up, they also reach out. With building setbacks, the location of other vehicles, and positioning outside of potential building collapse zones, the ability to reach distances away from the vehicle becomes increasingly important.

Lastly, this vehicle is expected to have a service life expectancy of 25-30 years. In that period of time, building heights and size could and likely will increase. The purchase of a unit of this size was based upon the current and anticipated needs of the community and helps to maintain the City's current fire protection rating, which favorably impacts the fire insurance rates paid by residents.

This new unit is equipped differently than the typical ladder truck. The inclusion of a 1,750 gallons per minute pump, a 400 gallon water tank, a full compliment of fire hose, and a wide range of equipment will truly make this a multi-functional vehicle. It will not sit in the fire station waiting for the BIG fire. It will see frequent use and will begin responding to emergencies in October.

Personnel have been busy mounting equipment and training extensively with the unit. Please feel free to stop by the fire station to look at this new ladder truck. The Fire Department welcomes the opportunity to show it off.

Sumner Police Dept. Receives Grant to Hire and Train Officer

Sumner is one of 16 communities in the state selected to receive funding for the Police Corps program. Sumner will receive \$65,000 through the federal Department of Justice to offset costs for training and salary for a new police officer who is participating in the Police Corps program.

Matthew James, who studied criminal justice at Central Washington University, was selected by Sumner to go through the Police Corps program and eventually become an officer with the Sumner Police Department. In November Matthew will begin a 720-hour program at the Police Academy that covers traditional law enforcement techniques as well as more modern methods such as "community policing."

The federal grant will provide \$1,000 a month for living expenses while at the academy. Once Matthew begins his police job in Sumner next spring, the City will receive \$10,000 a year for each of four years he is with the department to offset salary costs.

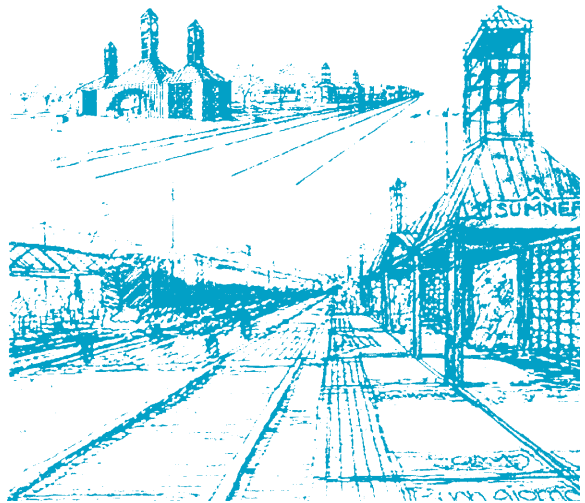
\$240,00 Raised in Courage Classic Bike Ride

Sumner Police Chief Ben Reisz and his son Bill, 14, were among the 175 bike riders who participated in this year's Courage Classic on Aug. 21 - 23. The bike riders followed a route that took them from North Bend, across Snoqualmie Pass, across Blewett Pass and Stevens Pass.

The riders raised more than \$240,000 in pledges for treatment of child victims of sexual assault. Chief Reisz and his son raised \$25,000 in pledges. The Courage Classic was sponsored by Pierce County Rotary Clubs and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma.

Ground Breaking Ceremony For Train Station Oct. 5

All Sumner residents are invited to attend the official ground-breaking ceremony for the new train station on October 5 at 2 p.m. Officials from Sound Transit and the City of Sumner will be at the downtown site of the new train station, south of Maple Street between Narrow and Traffic Avenues. The Sumner High School Marching Band will provide entertainment before and after the ground breaking. Mayor Barbara Skinner, John Hubbard, Sound Transit Project Manager, and several Sound Transit and community officials will be attending the ceremony.



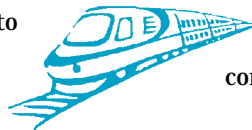
The train station will resemble a hops kiln to reflect Sumner's heritage. A design change has the towers (above left) facing east, instead of north as pictured.

in Sumner (see article on page 8). Construction will begin immediately and last about seven months.

The start of Sounder train service has been delayed from its previous projections of late 1999. The first trains are expected to begin rolling next summer. This will provide time for all of the eight stations along the 40-mile Tacoma-to-Seattle Sounder to be completed around the same time.

The Sumner Train station design was developed with the guidance of a Technical Advisory Committee consisting of interested citizens, elected officials, Sound Transit, City staff and Pierce Transit. The station will resemble a hops kiln to reflect the agricultural history and heritage of the Sumner Valley. The design allows easy movement of pedestrians and vehicle in and around the station with good pedestrian access to the downtown commercial area. There will be partially covered platforms on both sides of the tracks, ticket vending machines, lighting, and transfer areas to access Pierce Transit and Sound Transit buses. A total of 300 parking spaces will be available at lots being built near the station.

The bid for station construction was awarded to Lumpkin General Contractor, of Seattle. This is the same contractor that built the recently opened Daffodil Valley Elementary School



Moratorium on Development Near Streams

On August 16, the City Council approved a 60-day moratorium on all new development within 200 feet of "type 3" streams, which are defined as streams that contain fish. The moratorium affects Milwaukee Creek on the west side of SR 167 and Salmon Creek in the northeast portion of the City where residential developments are being proposed.

Currently, the setback requirements from these streams is 100 feet, or 75 feet with enhancements. The moratorium will provide time for the Planning Commission to review existing setback regulations to determine if changes need to be made to provide additional protection for salmon runs. The City has been involved in an effort in recent years to restore Salmon Creek to provide more spawning grounds for chum and coho salmon.

Any action by the Planning Commission would be in the form of a recommendation to the City Council, which could then adopt interim regulations involving creek setbacks. Amendments to long-term regulations require changes in the Critical Areas Ordinance and Shoreline Master Program, which likely will begin next year after new state requirements are available.

Sumner Family Center Moves to New Location

The Sumner Family Center, formerly in an office downtown at 918 Alder St., is settled in its new location next to the new Daffodil Valley Elementary School, 1509 Valley Ave. The Family Center is housed in a spacious double portable on the south side of the school.

The Sumner Family Center is a family support center that offers a wide variety of human service programs resources, referrals and information. The 5th annual benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit the Sumner Family Center will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Andrew Catholic Parish Hall, corner of Thompson Street and Kincaid Avenue. Cost is \$10 family, \$3 single.

Cultural Arts Task Force Public Workshop

For over a year, the Cultural Arts Task Force has compiled art surveys and inventoried the existing art in the City. The end goal for the Arts Strategy is the formation of the Arts Commission. The Cultural Arts Task Force invites citizens to come and share their thoughts on the Arts Strategy on October 12 in the City Council Chambers. The Open House begins at 6 p.m. and the Public Workshop begins at 7 p.m. For further information on the Public Workshop or the future Arts Commission, please call Taryn Capps at 891-3303.

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DAFFODIL VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New School Reflects Sumner Community

One of the first things a school-day visitor may notice at the newly opened Daffodil Valley Elementary School is the full bicycle rack out front – an usual sight at many schools where most students come and leave by bus. At Daffodil Valley Elementary, only a handful of the 430 students ride the bus; the majority of students live close enough to walk or ride a bike to school.

Daffodil Valley was designed to be a neighborhood school and is situated in the middle of Sumner's new Daffodil Neighborhood, which is north of Main Street, between Valley Avenue and Parker Road. The school also serves older neighborhoods west of Valley Avenue and north of Main Street.

Daffodil Valley is truly a community school, from its name which reflects the agricultural heritage of Sumner, to "Main Street" – the name of a long,

wide hallway that runs from one end of the school to the other. Groups of classrooms are set in neighborhoods served by cul de sacs. Students soon will name the neighborhoods in a school-wide contest. The names must be related to both the school and Sumner community.

The new school is a beautifully-designed structure that will meet the needs of children well into the new millennium. Each classroom is equipped with four state-of-the-art computers; a main technology lab contains 30 new computers. There is a science room with laboratory-type equipment and a music room. Outside, the adjacent Daffodil Valley Sports Complex provides plenty of open space, field and courts for student use. A skateboard park soon will be built by the City of Sumner at the Sports Complex.



The bike racks are full at this new neighborhood school.



The school is patterned after the Sumner community. This central hallway is known as "Main Street."



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