



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Proposed 2006 Budget Completed, Includes Public Safety Enhancements

The Sumner City Council reviewed the 2006 Preliminary Budget in a series of budget workshops over six weeks. The City budget, totaling roughly \$51 million, is critical to the successful operation of the City, establishing priorities for expenditures, staffing and resource allocation for the upcoming year.

The 2006 Preliminary Budget is structured around five principles:

- Maintaining current services with a focus on improved service quality;
- Directing one-time revenues toward one-time expenses that add equity;
- Committing additional revenues to an operational reserve fund;
- Continuing to use capital replacement funds to account for depreciation of the City's capital equipment and resources; and
- Cultivating alternative revenue sources for long-term financial stability.

Two reserve funds have been newly created in the 2006 Budget. The General Fund Reserve (\$1,015,710) will provide long-term stability for the General Fund and set aside one-time and short-term revenues for future use. The Building Reserve Fund (\$200,000) will accumulate funds for major improvements to the City's buildings, structures, and park equipment in the future.

In order to help ensure a safe community, significant new equipment will be purchased to enhance fire and medical response. The City has also begun a study to determine if it needs three additional firefighter/paramedics. An additional Communication Officer position is proposed for the Police Department along with equipment and technology improvements. A threat assessment initiative will expand police officers' ability to anticipate crime. Aggressive implementation of the City's Emergency Management Plan will be a priority.

Improvements to "quality of life" features include significant commitments to trails, sidewalks and parks. The City will also continue to invest in the downtown through improvements to the parking lots, the Main Street program, and Music Off Main.

The City's budget is based on the adopted mission statement, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, various utility and facility plans and public input. In addition to ideas that council members hear directly, surveys and input from Sumner University help the Council understand citizen priorities.

For additional information about the budget, call MaryAnn Norquist at 299-5541. Copies of the budget will be available in early 2006.



Is Your Street Named Twice?

Somer residents in Sumner are finding out that the street they live on has two names. Ten streets in town will have historic monikers placed on them. Don't worry, the current street name is the one that will still be used for mailing addresses. The post office won't send your mail somewhere else, and emergency personnel will have no trouble locating you!

The purpose of this project is to preserve a bit of Sumner's history. The historic signs are being placed on the ends of each of the ten historic streets. In the old orchard area in the northern part of town, streets were originally named after fruits, such as prunes, pears, plums and apples. Other historic names that will be given to streets include family names and historic icons, like the college. Enjoy a walk around town and see if you can find all ten streets!

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's been eight years since I took office in 1998 and I have had a wonderful experience serving as Mayor.

Thinking back, this has been a busy time in Sumner's history. Besides the industrial development in the northend, we built 142nd Avenue and the 24th Street Interchange, remodeled City Hall, and upgraded Traffic Avenue, Zehnder Street, Valley Avenue East, and Main Street.

We doubled the size of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, created an Arts Commission, began Music Off Main, worked with the Rotary Club of Sumner to dedicate the Daffodil Sports Complex, and we have a Skate Park. In 1998 the Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse first decorated the "Holiday Bridge" and we helped the Sumner School District celebrate its Centennial.

We decided to keep the Sumner Meadows Golf Course. We received several important awards for land use planning. We worked with Communities for Families and the Sumner Family Center to coordinate services to families in need. We remodeled the Senior Center. The Sumner School District built a new Administration Building on the site of the old "Wade Calavan Grade School." We began a paramedic program.

Fred Meyer built a store in Sumner. The Beach House finally bit the dust! We now televise City Council meetings (Channel 21). We built a beautiful entrance sign at Thompson and Traffic Avenue. We started building our trail! There are many more projects but not enough space.

My thanks go out to the people working in City Hall and volunteering in our community. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our City Staff. They are simply outstanding. I've served with 12 very hardworking City Councilmembers. Finally, there are the volunteers who contribute so much in different ways to make Sumner a wonderful town. All these people have given their best to make this a community we love and are proud of, just because they care deeply about Sumner. I am so grateful for their dedication.

Finally, I want to thank all the citizens of Sumner for caring about and supporting our community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this town I love. It has been my great honor.



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Police (non-emergency) 863-6384

Senior Center 863-2910

For up-to-date information on City of Sumner services, projects and special events, please see the City web site at:
www.ci.sumner.wa.us



CITY COUNCIL CORNER

I see Sumner as a great town. I have seen it grow from much smaller to what it is today, and I have a vision for tomorrow.

I depend on the citizens of this town to give me data and your feelings on any and all of the items that come before me. I also depend on staff and legal staff for their advice.



We have done a lot of things right, as most of the industry is in the industrial area. We still have stores downtown and residences around them. We still must find answers to the affects of parking, traffic and more trains, as these will just get worse. At the present time we have to look at the impacts from other areas, such as Orting, Bonney Lake and the County.

With your suggestions and recent selection of Council members, I believe we can get the job done. As your representative on City Council, I listen to what everyone has to say before making decisions that affect all the residents of our city. Growth and its affects on all of our city services, from drinking water to the cemetery, have a great impact on our lives.

I am very honored to have served you for over 20 years, with two years remaining on my current term.

*Councilman Position #7
Leroy Goff*

How do you like our new newsletter format?
To make suggestions, contact Amy Sharar, Communications Coordinator at amys@ci.sumner.wa.us.

City Council Adopts Goals, Mission, Vision and Values For Sumner

The City Council completed the annual strategic planning that guided the 2006 budget with the adoption of new Council goals. The goals are built on input that the Council heard in the Comprehensive Planning process and Sumner University, along with other ideas from constituents. At their retreat in June, the Council reviewed the progress on goals from prior years and developed a list of operational priorities. Various capital budgets give the priorities for improvements in roads, parks, and utilities. The Mayor, City Administrator, and other City staff use the goals to prepare the draft budget.

2006 Goals

- *Recruit a hotel*
- *Seek traffic solutions*
- *Continue 5-year financial planning*
- *Review nuisance ordinances*
- *Adopt Fire Department Strategic Plan*
- *Adopt sign strategy for public signs*
- *Adopt Parking Action Plan*
- *Create Mission-driven and Values-based organization*
- *Drive for exceptional performance*
- *Maximize the human talent*
- *Build the "Sumner" brand*
- *Maintain financial responsibility*
- *Improve employee safety*

Vision
Sumner will set the standard of excellence for a progressive small city

Mission
To provide needed and valued services that promote our sense of community

Values
We serve with Respect and Integrity
We are Responsive and Accountable
We are Collaborative and Professional
We are Innovative and Visionary

The Council also adopted a mission statement, vision, and values for the operation of the City. These will be used over the coming year to guide decision-making and the operation of the City. Additional information is available on the website.

COUNCIL PROFILE

Councilmember Leroy Goff has been active in the Sumner City Council since 1984. He is Sumner's longest-serving councilmember with only a one-year break. He served as Sumner's mayor in 1992 and 1993. Goff also has served on and chaired every city committee at least once since 1990.

Councilmember Goff's civic passions include water and public safety issues. Goff felt strongly about the fight against State Route 410's relocation, he worked to accomplish the 24th Street Interchange and he has lobbied successfully for Sumner Parks. He moved to Sumner in 1937. He has lived in Sumner, worked in Sumner, raised a family in Sumner, and feels that Sumner is "an absolutely great" community.

Goff is active with many organizations, including the Association of Washington Cities and Rainier Cable, among others.

Storm Drainage Utility Rates Reduced By 25 Percent

15 years ago it was common to see ponds of water and localized flooding in various parts of town, particularly on the east side. The City Council originally addressed this consistent winter problem by creating a storm drainage utility in 1986, and in 1993 a second, very comprehensive Storm Drainage Plan was prepared. The City Council then adopted ordinances to create a storm water management program and connection fees for new development to help pay for needed capital projects. The City adopted the King County Storm Water Manual and required all new development to provide treatment and detection of runoff. Because of this program, most of these persistent drainage problems have been corrected.

The Storm Drainage Comprehensive Plan has been updated and will be presented to Council for approval in early 2006. Based on operating and maintenance needs and capital costs for the next 10 years, new rates and fees have been implemented. New monthly rates were adopted by the City Council at their regular meeting on September 19 and went into effect on October 1, 2005.

Following is a list of the major changes to the storm drainage rates:

- The monthly rate for each equivalent storm unit (ESU) is reduced from \$11.43/month to \$8.57/month.
- The monthly rate for each home is reduced from \$11.43/month to \$8.57/month.
- For multi-family buildings and/or complexes, and based on a study of the average impervious surface per dwelling unit (DU). The new monthly rate is \$6.86/month/DU.
- The reduction from \$11.43/ESU to \$4.06/ESU for all ESUs above 10 for any industrial/commercial development is eliminated.
- Industrial, commercial and other large developments that have private treatment and detention facilities that they maintain receive a 40% credit on their rates.
- The 25% credit for any parcels with a direct outfall to the river is retained in the rate structure.
- Parcels that have constructed and maintain Low Impact Development strategies receive a 50% credit on their monthly bills.



Freshly decaled and dressed with new tires, this Ford Explorer's ready to roll!

DARE Explorer Rolls Around Town

The Police Department's got a snazzy DARE Ford Explorer which has recently undergone a transformation. The Explorer was donated by Riverside Ford, Trimline donated the graphics and decals and Tiny's Tired donated the tires and wheels.

The vehicle is used in conjunction with the DARE Program, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The program focuses on teaching kids how to recognize and resist the pressure that can influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other substances.

DARE is a cooperative effort by police, schools, parents and the community. For more information about DARE, contact the Sumner Police at 863-6384.

Thank you to Trimline, Tiny's Tires and Riverside Ford!

New Public Restroom Opens Downtown

While you are shopping and enjoying the holiday sights and sounds in downtown this season, you may feel the need to find a restroom. Not to worry! There is now a public restroom facility conveniently located on the corner of Main Street and Ryan Avenue. The restroom was installed and opened just in the nick of time for the December 3 Santa Parade and Tree Lighting at the Ryan House.

Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Opens

A big crowd turned out Saturday, November 19th, for the grand opening of the updated Bonney Lake / Sumner Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The event marked the end of six years of planning, financing and construction of the \$21.5 million upgrade.



Master of Ceremonies John Doan kept the ribbon cutting ceremonies on point while introducing remarks by Bonney Lake Mayor Bob Young, Sumner Mayor Barbara Skinner, and Sumner Public Works Director Bill Shoemaker.

Mayor Skinner was especially pleased to point out how her family welcomes the new plant, located where the Puyallup and White Rivers come together. Besides being finished before she retires in January, the ultra-modern facility has state-of-the-art odor control equipment that successfully addresses a formerly "serious problem" frequently mentioned to the Mayor. Her brother lives nearby and downwind from the plant. The extensive remodel has fixed a source of frequent sibling complaint!

Bill Shoemaker told the crowd about the excellent work by Gray & Osborne, Inc., consulting engineers, and McClure & Sons, Inc., general contractors. The Public Works Director pointed out that the completely revised plant had to be built around the old facility while the wastewater was continuously treated before being discharged into the Puyallup River.

In spite of the grand opening being held at the same time as the Husky/Cougar Apple Cup, there was a steady stream of interested citizens taking plant tours. Along with coffee and cookies, everyone got a sample of "Bonney Good Sumner Grow," a natural fertilizer made from the biosolids by-product of wastewater treatment. The new plant includes a special drying process that significantly reduces pathogens, cuts the volume of biosolids, and results in a "Class A" product residents can use to fertilize their gardens.

The federal Clean Water Act, first passed in 1972, calls for the gradual elimination of pollutant discharges into lakes, rivers and marine waters. The new Bonney Lake / Sumner plant meets all requirements and provides capacity for more connections over the years ahead. While the cost is substantial, the new plant has separate 36" sewer lines coming in from Bonney Lake and from Sumner so that flows can be measured and costs fairly allocated throughout the life of the new plant.



What Does It Take to Be A Volunteer?

All it really takes to be a volunteer is a positive attitude, a desire to share your talents and perhaps learn some new skills, and a willingness to spend a little time helping others out.

Being a volunteer is a wonderful way to serve your community. There is no age barrier, and volunteers can do all sorts of things from helping in the kitchen at the Senior Center to assisting City Staff in other departments. If you are interested in volunteering your time to the City of Sumner, you can contact Chuck Wright at the Senior Center. Chuck is the City's Volunteer Coordinator. He helps volunteers to get connected with people who need the services they are able to provide. Currently Chuck has about 60 volunteer applications on file. If you're not 18 years old, that's okay. Just have your parent or guardian sign your application form. Contact Chuck at the Senior Center at 863-2910.

Do you have a question for Dr. Sumner? You can email him at drsumner@ci.sumner.wa.us.

COMINGS & GOINGS

New Hires:

- Joe Langford, Public Works Operator
- Dori Hill-Franich, Finance Specialist

Left:

- Rhonda Hopkins, Police, Communications Officer
- Betty Lucas, Finance, Finance Specialist
- Joe Geier, Public Works Project Manager

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

We'd all like to think that a disaster like hurricane Katrina will not happen to us. However, all we have to do is look at the beautiful view of Mount Rainier in our backyard to remind us that an equally devastating disaster could indeed happen nearby. Fortunately, the simple act of planning ahead will enable us to keep ourselves safe. When preparing for a possible emergency situation, remember to keep the basics of survival in mind: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. Here's what everyone should have in an emergency kit to get by for 72 hours:

Emergency Kit Essentials

- Battery powered radio
- First aid kit & manual
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Waterproof/windproof matches
- Whistle
- Sleeping bags & blankets
- Extra eyeglasses & contact lenses/solutions
- Essential medications
- A complete outfit, including jacket or coat, long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes or boots
- Utility knife
- Manual can opener
- Water - 1 gallon per person per day
- Water purification tablets or household chlorine bleach
- Non-perishable foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or little to no water.

When assembling emergency supplies for the household, remember to include copies of important family records such as insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. It's also good to have money, a pen and paper and important addresses and phone numbers on hand. And, don't forget about Fido! Be sure to pack pet food, supplies and any medications in sturdy containers.

Remember to create a plan for how your family will stay in contact if you are separated by a disaster. It is important to determine this before the fact. One idea is to establish an out-of-state 24-Hour telephone contact for your family. Calls out will not overload phone lines as will calls coming into a disaster area. All relatives should be informed regarding procedures to call your phone contact. Your contact should know to request the location and status of each person that calls. You can also take color pictures of every room plus pictures of valuables in your home. Send one copy of legal papers and one copy of pictures to your out-of-state contact.

Finally, pick two meeting places: first, a location a safe distance from your home in case of fire and second, a place outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Make sure everyone in your family knows about these plans. It's even a good idea to rehearse them.

Making sure you and your family are prepared to survive for a 72-hour period will put your mind at ease, and enable you to focus on what's really important should that big disaster hit. For more information on emergency preparedness, contact Pierce County Emergency Management at 253-798-7470 or visit <http://www.piercecountywa.org/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/abtusdem.htm>.

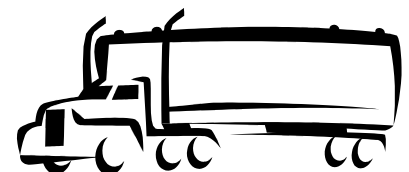
Police Educate/Enforce New Truck Routes with Drivers

You may have noticed less truck traffic on Valley Avenue in the past few months and seen some new signs. The City of Sumner has changed its truck routes to improve traffic flow for all motorists and to prevent trucks from ending up in areas where they are unable to turn around.

To prepare folks for the change, the Sumner Police Department contacted trucking firms known to use Valley Avenue and advised them of the truck traffic restrictions on Valley Avenue as well as suggesting alternate routes. The Sumner Police Department then adapted an idea from their ongoing emphasis patrols, where the focus is on education for one week, followed by an emphasis on enforcement for the next week.

For a month or so, police officers also increased their presence along Traffic Avenue, providing verbal warnings and education to truck drivers. They recontacted companies that were not complying with the changes to make sure the information reached the drivers for those firms and warned that violators soon would receive citations. During the following month police officers began to issue tickets for violations.

The City will continue to gather and evaluate information on truck traffic. If you have any questions, contact the Police Department at 863-6384.



DEPARTMENT PROFILE

Who Takes Care of the Cemetery?

Did you know that there is a full-time crew that respectfully maintains and cares for Sumner's Historic Cemetery?

The crew consists of Darlene Hull, Cemetery Clerk, John Wells, Cemetery Supervisor and crew members Dan Gates and Kevin Jorgensen. Under Wells' supervision, the crew tirelessly grooms the grounds, repairs damages, and makes the place a beautiful resting place and reflection spot for all.

Wells, Jorgensen and Gates were recently presented with certificates and merit pins from Police Chief Colleen Wilson at a City Council meeting for their heroic assistance in solving the vandalism crime that occurred at the cemetery in September. The crew's keen observation and quick action to contact police aided in catching the culprits who desecrated, toppled and broke more than 340 headstones at the resting grounds for many of Sumner's founding fathers. Damages were estimated at \$31,000.

The cemetery crew personally fixed many of the damaged headstones, gluing, caulking and piecing them back together, after up-righting many of the toppled ones with heavy machinery. Their conscientiousness, care and respect are very much appreciated.

Cemetery Clerk Darlene Hull helped to put the minds of relatives whose family members rest at the cemetery at ease throughout the vandalism situation by responding to many inquiries about grave sites.

As a result of the vandalism, the City Council has approved the installation of lighting for night hours. The lights will be installed and operational before the end of the year.

Sumner is fortunate to have such a wonderful crew at our historic cemetery!



CITY HALL CALENDAR

December

- 14 Parks Board, 6 p.m.
- 15 Employee Recognition, 3 p.m.
- 15 Forestry Commission, 4 p.m.
- 19 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 22 Arts Commission, 6 p.m.
- 26 Christmas Day Observed, City Hall Closed

January

- 2 New Year's Day Observed, City Hall Closed
- 3 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 9 City Council Study Session, 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

December

- 18 Ryan House closed for the winter. Open by appointment only until 4/06

Election Results Are In!

After a tight race, City Council member Dave Enslow will be Sumner's next mayor.

Council Position No. 1 will be filled by Ed Hannus, who ran unopposed.

Council Position No. 2 was secured by Randy Hynek, with 57% of the votes in that race.

Council person Steve Allsop will continue to fill Council Position No. 3. Allsop ran for re-election unopposed.

Congratulations to Sumner's new mayor and council members! The new council members and Mayor will be sworn in at the January 3 Council Meeting. The City looks forward to a productive four years.

Rainier View is Park's New Name

After a review of over 118 suggestions, the Parks Board has recommended the park at the corner of Parker Road and Meade McCumber be called Rainier View Park. Construction of the park will be complete this summer with the addition of play equipment, a picnic shelter and trees.

Would You Like to be a Planning Commissioner?
 If so, contact Sally Abrams in the Community Development Department at 299-5520 or sallya@ci.sumner.wa.us.

SUMNER CITY COUNCIL



Steve Allsop



Curt Brown



Mike Connor



Dave Enslow



Mark Evers



Leroy Goff



Matt Richardson

ITEMS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2005

SEPTEMBER

•Adopted Ordinance No. 2143 amending Chapter 13.32 of the Sumner Municipal Code which created the Storm Drainage Utility.

•Adopted Ordinance No. 2144 amending Chapter 13.16 of the Sumner Municipal Code relating to Storm Drainage fees.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1161 assigning historic street names.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1162 indicating support for protection of 2,500 acres of land along the White River.

•Authorized a Professional Services Agreement with Emergency Services Consulting, Inc. for the preparation of the Fire Department Strategic Plan.

•Awarded the bid for the South Sumner 2.0 MG Tank Improvements to Coatings Unlimited, Inc.

•Awarded the bid for annual street striping work to Road Runner Striping.

OCTOBER

•Adopted Resolution No. 1163 supporting the formation of the Valley Cities Association.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1164 establishing the Mission, Vision & Values for the City.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1165 approving an LID 67 segregation agreement.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1166 approving an LID 70 segregation agreement.

NOVEMBER

•Adopted Resolution No. 1167 approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Law Enforcement Exchange (LInX).

•Adopted Resolution No. 1168 approving the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

•Adopted Resolution No. 1169 designating December 23, 2005 as a holiday for unrepresented employees.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1170 authorizing the surplus of city property.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1171 approving an Interlocal Agreement regarding Pierce County Regional Council.

•Appointed Dr. Patrick Duffy to a 2-year term on the Civil Service Commission to expire in 2007.

•Approved a contract with IntoLight to provide lighting for the Sumner City Cemetery.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1174 approving Sound Sleep Products use of WEDFA Financing.

•Adopted Resolution No. 1175 naming the Eastside Park.

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