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2000 Budget Keeps City Moving Ahead

The City of Sumner's 2000 budget, adopted by the City Council on December 13, provides sufficient financial resources to meet the City's 2000 objectives and to work toward achieving the City's long-range goals. The budget provides enhanced public safety, customer-oriented municipal service delivery, comprehensive land-use planning, and sustained general government and utilities capital improvements.

The approval of Initiative 695 by voters in November will not significantly impact the City in terms of reduced revenue. Sumner is fortunate to have a strong commercial and industrial tax base and does not rely greatly on revenue from the motor vehicle excise tax. Sumner's loss of revenue as a result of I-695 totals approximately \$140,000, which will be made up in reduced funding for most general government service programs.

The 2000 budget totals \$50,839,060 compared with \$49,131,667 in 1999, which represents a 3.5% increase. The most significant funding increases are primarily attributed to budgeting local improvement district debt service expenses, sewer increases and transportation projects, a new city shop, city hall construction and continued increased funding for public safety and municipal court. Although sights will continue to be set on completing many capital projects in 2000, the year will be busy with departments identifying nearly 550 objectives/programs to be accomplished.

In 2000, the City will focus on the following projects and programs:

- Work with the Washington State Dept. of transportation through the bidding process and initiation of the construction of the SR 167 freeway interchange and 24th Street improvements.
- Complete the design, initiate construction for the expansion of the sewer treatment plant, and develop a funding plan.
- Complete the construction of the new city shops and storage facility.
- Initiate and complete the construction of an expanded city hall facility to accommodate the police department and other City departments' needs for the next twenty years.
- Coordinate with Sound Transit the construction of the new rail station and restroom facilities.
- Begin the design and development of the northend trail system along 24th Street to the pedestrian/trail bridge and along the east side of the Stuck River.
- Design and construct numerous street improvement projects (Traffic Avenue, State Street and Station Lane; Zehnder Street LID, Puyallup Street LID, and Valley Avenue North.

The budget also includes a salary increase of 2.8% for most of the City staff, while other salaries reflect increases based on negotiated union agreements. The budget includes funding for two new full-time employees and one part-time position.

Sumner No. 1 for Growth Management

Sumner has once again been recognized for its growth-management efforts. The citizens group, 1000 Friends of Washington, ranked Sumner No.1 among 33 cities in the Puget Sound region for growth planning and policies that discourage sprawl.

Sumner was recognized for its success in accepting growth while still maintaining its small-town character. Mentioned in the group's report was Sumner's affordable housing with densely developed neighborhoods, nearby jobs, its parks and pedestrian-friendly downtown.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

When I took office in January 1998, I came to rely on Michael Wilson, our City Administrator. In his five years as City Administrator, Mike has brought Sumner to a new level of accomplishment and recognition. On November 1, Mike submitted his resignation, having accepted the position of City Manager for the new City of Sammamish. Suddenly, I was in the market for a new City Administrator and I did not look forward to trying to find a replacement of Mike's caliber.



Barbara Skinner

Fortunately, I found the right person. For nine years I worked with Andrew Neiditz in Pierce County when Andrew was the Deputy Executive of Pierce County. He then went to Lakewood as Assistant City Manager. Knowing Andrew's abilities, his knowledge of Pierce County, and his level of professionalism, I met with him and convinced him that he needed this challenge. After meeting with each council member, Andrew accepted the position of City Administrator of Sumner and the City Council confirmed his appointment.

We all know how our history of good land-use planning has paid dividends in making Sumner a lovely, livable city. I explained to Andrew that, for a community of only 8,500 people, we are definitely not just a "small town" – we are a "full service community." In addition to our police, fire, parks, land use planning, and utilities/street departments, we also have a

municipal court, golf course, cemetery, regional sewage treatment plant, and senior center.

There are several projects in our town that Andrew will oversee. Next year we will rebuild Traffic Avenue, assist Sound Transit in the building of a new commuter train station in town, upgrade downtown Main Street, work with the state on the interchange north of town on State Route 167, extend Puyallup Street eastward to the East Valley Highway, remodel City Hall to accommodate our overcrowded Police Department, begin the \$12 million upgrade of our sewage treatment plant, and complete some ongoing projects. And, while there have been some hitches; we are still trying hard to get that skateboard park built!

I want to take this opportunity to say goodbye, thank you, and Godspeed to Michael Wilson as he takes on this new challenge in his life. Mike made the job of Mayor survivable. I also want to welcome Andrew Neiditz to Sumner. We look forward to working with him starting January 3.

One of the first issues Andrew will address is finding a new Fire Chief. John Fowler, Sumner Fire Chief for the past three years, has accepted the position of Fire Chief in the City of Pendleton, Oregon. John has been a knowledgeable and proficient fire professional and we wish him well as he moves to the foreign land of Oregon. Good luck, John.

Finally, for you and yours – Happy New Year and Happy New Millennium!

– Mayor Barbara Skinner

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Jeff Flesner	Asst. Finance Director
John Fowler	Fire Chief
J. Ben Reisz	Police Chief
Bill Shoemaker	Public Works Director
Mary Smith	Senior Center Director

Councilmembers Re-elected

Congratulations to Mike Connor, Leroy Goff, Stuart Scheuerman and Ron Scholz for their Nov. 2 re-election to the Sumner City Council. They will begin their new terms in January.

City Administrator Leaving

Michael Wilson, Sumner's City Administrator since 1995, will be leaving the City on January 1. Wilson has accepted the City Manager position with the City of Sammamish, a newly incorporated city located north of Issaquah with a population of approximately 40,000 residents.

Prior to coming to Sumner, Wilson was Clallam County Administrator and Interim City Manager at the City of SeaTac. During his nearly five years in Sumner, the City moved forward under his guidance in a number of areas:

- The development of a new budget structure with program planning and enhanced accountability.
- An improved financial structure was developed that resulted in clean state audits and improved bond ratings for

the City resulting in a savings to utility customers of more than \$1 million.

- Numerous grants for street and parks improvements.
- Recruitment of new quality staff members.

Planning for and development of several important projects/programs were started during Wilson's tenure including: construction of the Senior Center; city hall expansion; 142nd Avenue road, bridge and sewer projects; planned freeway interchange at 24th Street East; Sound Transit rail station; 2mg water reservoir and pedestrian bridge project; and numerous street LID projects. Wilson will miss City staff, council members, and the special relationship he enjoyed with Mayor Skinner.



Michael Wilson

Are You Ready for Y2K?

Summer could experience a number of natural or man-made emergencies. Earthquakes, ice storms, and fires, or a Y2K problem could leave us stranded at work or in our homes. Being prepared is the best way to help ensure the safety of you and your family.

You do not have to have lived in Sumner very long to remember earthquakes and ice or windstorms. The newest potential threat is called Y2K, a term used to describe the potential problems that could arise on January 1, 2000 when computers, electronics, and other equipment do not recognize the year 2000. Just because you do not have a computer, does not mean you can ignore Y2K. The problems could occur to cars, thermostats, phones, and televisions. There could also be secondary affects of Y2K caused by the failure of major equipment like power plants, phone switching stations, traffic signals, or simply too many people who believe that a problem will occur (such as hoarding of food, fuel, or other critical supplies).



The challenge of Y2K is that we do not know exactly what will happen and how it could affect us. With that in mind, the motto of Y2K is to be prepared for Y2K just like any emergency. It is also important to not panic. Take the effort to be prepared and there will be no need to panic.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Sumner Library, 1116 Fryar Avenue has Y2K brochures, videos, and internet access.

World Wide Web, City web site, www.ci.sumner.wa.us. Has links to other web sites about Y2K and emergency preparation.

City Hall, 1104 Maple Street. Has brochures and information about City services and emergencies. The City's Fire Department at 800 Harrison Street also has information about emergency preparation.

PREPARING FOR 72 HOURS ON YOUR OWN

When a disaster strikes, the emergency service providers in and around Sumner will need time before food and other services can be available.

72-hours (3 days) is the expected time for those systems to gear-up and be ready. Citizens should review their preparations.

City Has Taken Measures to Prepare

The City has worked with outside vendors and other government agencies to identify and resolve situations that may affect its ability to provide citizens with services. Over the past year, the City has developed a detailed analysis of potential Year 2000 problems.

The City's study of Y2K risk is based on inventory, assessment, testing, remediation and contingency planning for critical functions. Equipment that is essential to operations and external factors have been studied, and citizen education has been promoted.

The City has replaced some equipment and is replacing other equipment to ensure the changeover to the year 2000 can be addressed. Software and computers are being updated to help ensure compliance. Contingency plans have been developed to address the unlikely possibility of electrical power failure, loss of other external systems, or the failure of its own equipment.

While the City is taking significant measures to identify and address potential Y2K risk, it cannot be guaranteed that every potential issue will be resolved, particularly with computer systems outside the City's ownership and control. The City has sought compliance information from those vendors that are relied upon for critical services. The City is committed to continuing efforts to address every potential problem in a timely manner in the new millennium.

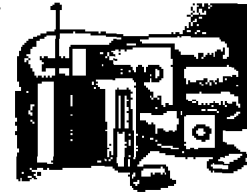
Y2K CHECKLIST

FOOD AND WATER

- One gallon of clean drinking water per person per day, in clean containers.
- Ready to eat canned meat, fruits, vegetables, milk, soup, and juices.
- Stress foods, such as pudding, candy, snacks.
- Staples like sugar and salt.
- High-energy foods like nuts and peanut butter.
- Special needs or diet food like baby food, formula, etc.

MEDICATIONS

- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever.
- Antacid, laxative, and anti-diarrhea medication.
- Cold and flu medication.
- Prescription medications (have at least 7 days supply).
- Antiseptic or hydrogen peroxide.
- Basic first aid kit.



SUPPLIES

- Toilet Paper.
- Feminine supplies.
- Plastic garbage bags.
- Household chlorine bleach and antibacterial wipes.
- Soaps (hand, dish, laundry, anti-bacterial, etc.).

EQUIPMENT

- Something to heat water and food, like a small camp stove.
- Manual can opener.
- AM/FM Radio and flashlight with extra batteries.
- Fire Extinguisher, small canister, ABC type.
- A safe alternate heat source or warm blankets and sleeping bags.
- Puzzles, games, books for children who may have no television.
- Keep your fuel tanks full.
- Documents and other items.
- A small amount of cash in small bills.
- Paper records of finances (bank, mortgage, investments, retirement, etc.).
- Backup any computer data.

Cherry Trees Restored to Cherry Avenue

On November 20, 14 volunteers braved rainy weather to plant 57 cherry trees along three blocks of Cherry Avenue. The planting project was the annual street tree-planting sponsored by the Sumner Forestry Commission. The Commission is made up of Sumner citizens and tree experts appointed by the Mayor to encourage planting and proper maintenance of trees. As part of this effort, the Commission strives to complete at least one planting project each year.

The section of Cherry Avenue between Maple and Thompson Streets was chosen this year for planting because many of the old cherry trees there had been removed due to disease or decay. It is also in the vicinity of the Sumner

commuter rail station to be completed in 2000, and this project fits in well with other beautification efforts that will take place as part of the rail station construction.

Four different varieties of cherry trees were planted to reduce the chance of a single disease or insect infestation affecting all the trees at once. It also should provide for an extended blossoming period each spring.

City crews prepared the planting strips and delivered the trees. Volunteer citizens and students planted and staked the trees.

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and City crews, Cherry Avenue again will reflect the beauty of its name.



Volunteer citizens and Sumner students helped plant the cherry trees.



The new bridge over the Stuck River connects 142nd Avenue East with Tacoma Avenue.

142nd Ave. Improvements Nearly Complete

The City project to improve the infrastructure in a large area of Sumner's north industrial area is nearly complete. Finishing touches are being conducted on 142nd Avenue East, a main north-south arterial that was widened with curbs, gutters and sidewalks added. The City has also completed construction of a new bridge over the Stuck River that interconnects with the northend industrial area. The bridge connects 142nd Avenue with Tacoma Avenue.

The overall improvement project in the north end started in 1994 when work began on installing sewer mains in the area. With the new water reservoir now on-line, the new bridge open and 142nd Avenue improvements, all that remains is for the new Valley Freeway interchange to be constructed at 24th Street East. It is anticipated the State DOT will begin that project in 2000.

Work Begins on New City Shops

Ground work on the new city shops got underway in the fall. The site is on 142nd Street East, just south of the new Tacoma Avenue bridge.

City shops are used by the Public Works and Parks crews for offices, storage, vehicle maintenance and general operations. The new facility will include five structures which are prebuilt and will be trucked to the site. Project completion is scheduled for April. The facility is intended to meet City requirements for the next 20 years. The contractor is Bailey Berg Construction of Olympia.

The current shops located at 711 Narrow Street are being displaced by Sound Transit which will use the site for train station parking.

New Reservoir Completed

Sumner's new two million gallon water reservoir has been completed and was put on-line on November 1. Sumner residents should have noticed no difference in water pressure when the reservoir went on-line. The reservoir is located on the bluff above the White River generating plant on the East Valley Highway. The reservoir increases water flow and enhances fire protection in the north end industrial area which previously had only one water main to serve the area, and now has two.



The new two-million gallon reservoir is on a bluff in northeast Sumner.



CITY HALL CALENDAR

JANUARY

JANUARY 3

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

JANUARY 6

Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers

JANUARY 10

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

JANUARY 13

Design Commission,
6 p.m., Conference Room

JANUARY 17

City Hall Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

JANUARY 18

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

JANUARY 24

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

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3

Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers

FEBRUARY 7

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

FEBRUARY 10

Design Commission,
6 p.m., Conference Room

FEBRUARY 14

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

FEBRUARY 21

City Hall Closed
President's Day

FEBRUARY 22

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

FEBRUARY 28

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

MARCH

MARCH 2

Planning Commission,
7 p.m., Council Chambers

MARCH 6

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

MARCH 9

Design Commission,
6 p.m., Conference Room

MARCH 13

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

MARCH 20

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

MARCH 27

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

Sumner University

Have you ever wanted to learn more about your city or the current issues that are being addressed by City staff? Sumner University is the perfect place to learn more about local issues that affect you and your community. Several City staff, "professors," will be on hand to offer courses to Sumner residents, "students." Watch for for information about dates and times for 2000 classes. Sign up by calling 891-3303.

Information about all City of Sumner meetings and other City activities can be found on the world wide web at:

www.ci.sumner.wa.us

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Help Choose Design of City Banners

The City will be purchasing new street banners for the spring and would like citizens' help in selecting the design from among those produced by Sumner High School art students. The high school hosted artist in residence, Stuart Nakamura, to learn the silk screening process as part of the Washington State Arts Commission Arts in Education Program grant project with the City and School District titled, The Spirit of Sumner. All of the designs were created with the theme of the train and station returning to our community. Please visit the City's web site to read more about The Spirit of Sumner grant project and to view a complete listing of upcoming voting locations. For more information, call Taryn Capps, 891-3303.

Do You Have a Great Photo Representing Sumner?

A coffee table book about Pierce County is in the planning stages and the publisher is searching for several photos of the City of Sumner! If you have a great photo that you believe represents Sumner, past or present, please enter it in the contest. The deadline for the entries is January 28, 2000 at 5 p.m. Entry forms are available at City Hall. For specific details of the contest and the guidelines, call Taryn Capps at 891-3303.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sumner Receives Grant to Hire School Resource Officer

Following the tragic events at Columbine High School last spring, President Clinton announced the creation of a special fund to increase the ranks of school police nationwide. The City of Sumner was awarded a \$125,000 federal grant that is intended to help pay the cost of a police officer's salary, if the officer works in Sumner schools. Sumner was one of only 226 communities in 41 states to receive the grant. The required 25 percent local match will be shared between the City of Sumner and the Sumner School District over the duration of the funded three-year period.

John Galle, Sumner's D.A.R.E. officer for the past two years, was selected as Sumner's School Resource Officer. John was a good fit for the position because of his experience in both law enforcement and education. Prior to

coming to Sumner, John was principal at Tacoma Baptist School for 8 years and worked in education for 19 years. The selection was a joint process between the School District and City.



John Galle

John's role as the School Resource Officer will be as a community-wide resource, rotating among all schools in the City. He will serve as a supplement for traditional classroom instruction, when appropriate. He will also serve a key role in assisting school staff in contingency planning

efforts that are designed to protect students in a variety of scenarios, from natural disasters to extreme criminal behavior.

John will continue to be the principal D.A.R.E. drug awareness instructor and will have the ability to interact with children of all ages in a non-adversarial role. He will be able to serve as a liaison between students and social agencies that provide a needed service, and will be available as an advisor to the security staff to enhance their own professional development and coordinate outside security concerns with the Sumner Police Department.

'One Stop' Building Plan Reviews

A new position in the Sumner Community Development Department will provide "one-stop" service for builders and developers who are submitting plans to the city for review. Until now, construction plans were reviewed separately at the Fire Department by the Assistant Fire Chief for compliance with fire and life safety standards such as sprinkler systems, alarms and exits, and at City Hall by the Building Official for structural requirements.

Because of growth in Sumner, the plan reviews have been taking up to 50 percent of the Assistant Chief's time, taking away from other administrative duties. With the Assistant Chief retiring, the City has decided to combine the roles of Assistant Chief and Building Official as they pertain to plan reviews and create one position, Building and Fire Inspector,

who will be responsible for reviews in both areas. The change, which takes effect in January, is intended to provide better service to the construction community. The Fire Department also will be better served.

Annual Pancake Feed

The Sumner Fire Department held its fourth annual Pancake Breakfast and Open House on December 4. More than 300 people attended and \$3,100 was raised. All proceeds went to purchase toys and household items for the Sumner Family Center's Christmas House, which distributes them to families in need in the community. During the week of December 13, Santa rode through Sumner neighborhoods on top of a fire truck and handed out candy canes and collected food items for the Sumner Food Bank.



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Fire Chief Accepts Job in Oregon

John Fowler, Sumner Fire Chief for the past three years, is leaving the City to become Fire Chief in Pendleton, Oregon, a city in northeastern Oregon about twice the size of Sumner. During Fowler's tenure in Sumner, the Fire Department acquired a new 110-foot ladder truck that replaced two older vehicles. Another accomplishment was the improved relations between the Sumner City Council and Fire District 1.



John Fowler

City Taking Measures to Comply With Endangered Species Act

The City Department of Community Development is working on what is known as a "baseline report" to determine what City ordinances and programs are in place that protect and benefit salmon and bull trout. Specifically, the City is taking an inventory of its Critical Areas Ordinance, Shoreline Master Plan and Stormwater Management Program to determine if measures are in place to provide salmon and bull trout, both federally protected under the Endangered Species Act, with proper habitat which includes cool and clear water, and clean gravel on which to lay eggs. The result of the inventory will be a report that can be compared to new regulations proposed by state and federal agencies to determine what changes may need to be made locally.

The City will conduct the following actions in 2000 in response to the Endangered Species Act:

- Complete revisions to the Shoreline Master Program.
- Complete the updating of the City's critical areas regulations to be consistent with the Shoreline Program.
- Stream Team Management, establishing water quality monitoring and revegetation program with the Pierce County Conservation District.
- Continue to update the documented procedures for quality assurance and quality control programs that are currently in place.
- Traffic Avenue Improvement Project - install new storm

facilities on Traffic Avenue between Main Street and Thompson Avenue in conjunction with road construction.

- Drainage District 11 Outfall Project includes reviewing the needs and requirements for treatment and detention facilities at the outlet of the 60-inch diameter storm main to Salmon Creek.
- Design new facilities and modifications to existing facilities at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, with construction of upgrades in 2001.

In previous years, the City has taken the following actions in regards to wildlife protection:

- Adoption of the Sediment and Erosion Control Ordinance that regulates all land-disturbing activity, controls accelerated erosion to prevent property damage, and prevents sediment-related pollution of waterways.
- Adoption of the Stormwater Management Regulations, which protect, maintain and enhance the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts associated with increased stormwater runoff.
- Adoption of the Resource, Wildlife, and Hazard Area Regulation Framework Ordinance to regulate the use of land in and around resource lands (mineral, agricultural and farming), wildlife habitat (wetlands and stream buffers) and natural hazard areas (steep slopes, aquifer recharge areas, and seismic hazard areas).

Design Guidelines for Industrial Buildings

The City Council has adopted Industrial Design Guidelines. The purpose of the new guidelines is to make warehouses, factories and other industrial developments in Sumner more attractive and to be consistent with the City's emphasis on well-planned and aesthetically pleasing development. The guidelines are aimed at minimizing the impacts of the unique type of development that can occur in an industrial zone.



The Pacific Baking Company, 1409 Puyallup, has an example of the type of attractive entryway encouraged by the City's design guidelines.

The new guidelines are broken into four parts: site design, building design, streetscape design and landscape design. One basic design concept is to improve the street appearance and primary entrances to large buildings by having an entrance that looks different from the rest of the building and has a character of its own. Long walls can be broken up through landscaping, buildings should face the street, and accommodate truck, auto and pedestrian modes of travel. The guidelines minimize large parking lots between the street and building, instead locating them on the side or behind the building.

Under the new guidelines, industries must present building and site plans to the City's Design Commission, which conducts a review and makes a recommendation to the Director of Community Development.

AWARDS PROGRAM: The Sumner Design Commission will be nominating projects in the City for awards. Sumner citizens are invited to review the list of buildings nominated and vote on the ones they believe are the most aesthetically pleasing. Please contact the Department of Community Development, 891-3303, for a list of projects or for more information.

Sewer Rates Increase Slightly

Sewer rates are increasing slightly in January to make up for lower revenues than the City projected when it changed its billing structure earlier this year. Prior to January 1999, sewer service was billed using a flat rate. The structure was changed to a combination of a base rate and usage measured by water consumption. The rates were capped based on the average water consumed in the winter (December through March) when the majority of water was going into the sewer system and not being used to water lawns.

Sumner residents used less water during the winter months than was projected due to increased conservation measures; therefore, revenue was not enough to cover costs. A minimum flow charge also has been implemented.

The City Council recently approved an ordinance that increases rates at the Sumner Cemetery on Valley Avenue. The increases bring prices in line with other area municipal cemeteries, including those in Puyallup and Auburn.

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Annual Sumner-Bonney Lake Community Summit Planned

Preparations are being made for the 7th Annual Sumner-Bonney Lake Community Summit, which will take place tentatively on February 9 at Mountain View Junior High in Bonney Lake.

Between 100 and 150 community members are expected to attend the summit, including school and city officials, social service agency officials, church representatives, business people, educators and students. The purpose of the summit is to identify and discuss priority issues impacting children and families in the Sumner-Bonney Lake area.

Prior to the summit, forums have been held focusing on specific areas. A business forum attended by 15 members of the Sumner-Bonney Lake business community was held in November to identify areas of concern to business persons. Youth forums were conducted during the fall at area secondary schools to discuss issues related to youth. A total

of 90-100 young people participated. A senior citizens forum, combining input from seniors in both Bonney Lake and Sumner, will be held in January. Presentations from all forums will be made at the Community Summit.

The mayors of Sumner and Bonney Lake will welcome participants. The Superintendent of Sumner schools will also give remarks. The tentative keynote speaker is Clay Roberts, of Roberts and Associates in Seattle. He is a national speaker on developmental and community asset building. There will be four small discussion groups; one will be on youth activities and the others will be determined based on input from the forums.

Persons who would like to be on the mailing list for an invitation to the summit should call 891-6066 and leave their name and mailing address.

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