



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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Sign of an Active City

Sumner Rotary coordinated a new service sign for Traffic Avenue that lists local service and non-profit organizations. Work by all these organizations keeps the Sumner community active and strong. Take a look at when groups meet and consider adding your energy to services in Sumner.

rhubarbiecapital.com

How Zones Affect Your Future

The first time most people hear of zoning is when they want to build or install something and find out that it's not allowed in their zone. Are zones just there to get in people's way? No. Zones are put in place to help keep the peace (as much as possible) for everyone.

Lots of people need to do lots of things with the land: live in houses, raise families, manufacture goods, farm, attract customers to retail businesses. Many of these uses bring activities that conflict with each other. The resident wants peace and quiet while the manufacturing business needs trucks to come in and out. The retail business offers customers a pleasant experience while the farmer is spreading manure that smells

anything but pleasant. What's the solution? Enter zoning.

Zones try to keep uses that are most inconsistent with each other separated in different parts of town. For example, city leaders in the 1960s planned for industrial and manufacturing to occur in the north end of town, away from Main Street and the residential areas.

Of course, it's not fool-proof, and land use issues are never, ever easy. Right now, the city is facing questions such as the future of the Orton Junction area and the question of whether or not to allow different uses on the 24th Street Interchange. Such questions take a long time to answer because their effects are lasting. Plus, there are still places where zones transition

from one to the other, causing friction between neighbors. Sounds and smells tend to travel beyond zoning boundaries. But while these issues will never go completely away, zoning helps minimize them.

The next time you or your neighbor hear you can't do something because of zoning, remember that the zones aren't there to frustrate you. They protect your property value and are an attempt toward the impossible task of keeping everybody happy.

Before buying property or planning major changes, be sure to check what zoning rules allow or don't allow for that area. Come to the permit counter in City Hall or review the Comprehensive Plan online at www.ci.sumner.wa.us.



Welcome, Councilmember McDonald

At a City level, all seven councilmembers represent every citizen in Sumner. At the Pierce County level, there are districts that give everyone in Sumner one County councilmember who looks after this area's interests in County-wide issues.

Recently, the County rearranged the district lines, moving Sumner

Sumner Becomes Pierce Co. District 2

from District 1 to District 2, represented by Councilmember Joyce McDonald.

Councilmember McDonald has served on the Council since 2009. Before that, she spent five terms in the Washington State House of Representatives. She was twice recognized by the Washington State Council of Police and Sheriffs as Legislator of the Year for providing increased school safety, tighter sex offender laws, and tougher drunk driving and meth-lab penalties.

Councilmember McDonald has been actively involved in the Chamber of Commerce, has served as PTA and Youth Center president, kids' soccer and softball coach, and a foster parent and parent aid.

Born in Scotland, she immigrated to the United States in 1973 and is a passionate naturalized American, demonstrating a great love of country in every challenge she undertakes. She and her husband Gary have

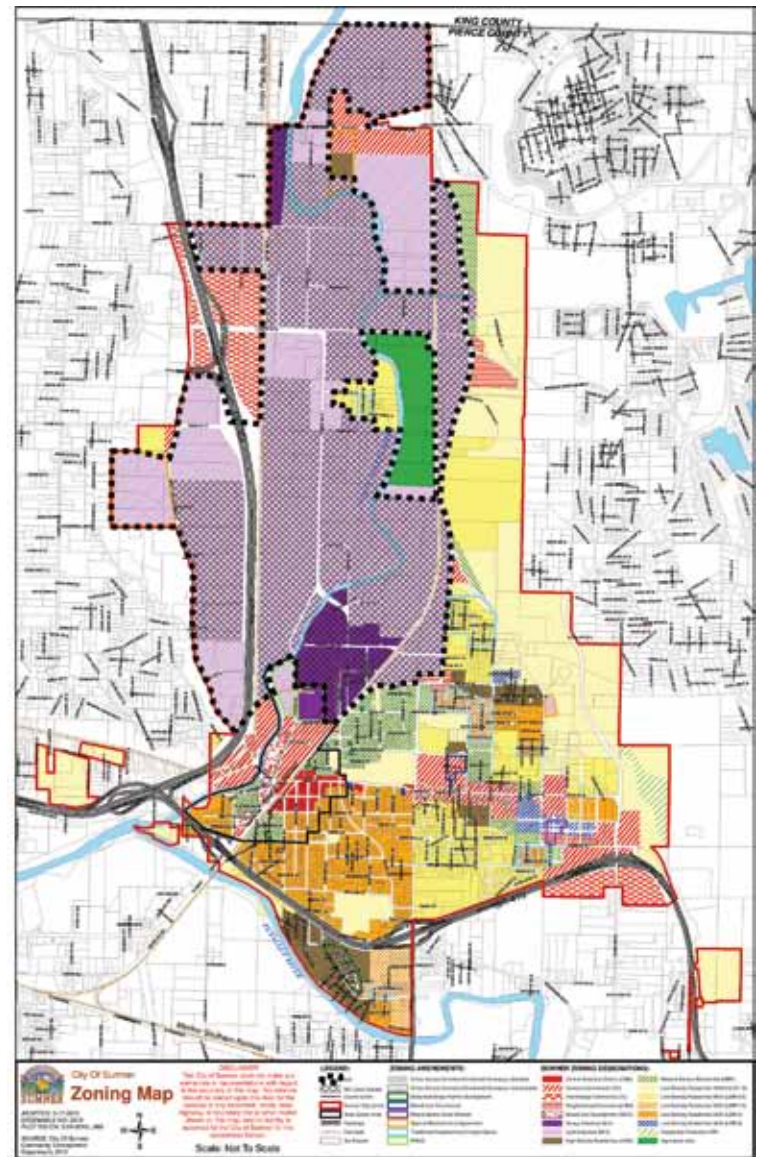
four grown children and 10 grandchildren.

Although Sumner is no longer technically within his District 1 boundaries, Councilmember Dan Roach is still very much a part of this community and continues to be active in Sumner. He owns Roach Gymnastics in Sumner with his wife Melanie and is active in Sumner Rotary, chambers and youth sports. Sumner is very lucky to have two councilmembers watching out for its wellbeing.

Learn more about both councilmembers at <http://co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/council/default.htm>.



Thank you, Councilmember Roach



Sumner's zoning map shows how zones try to separate various uses of land to help keep the peace.



Cemetery Helps With Holiday Remembrance

If you have a loved one at the Sumner City Cemetery, you have the option to purchase a wreath that the cemetery employees will place for you during the holiday season. You will receive an order form in the mail in October, or you can contact Darlene at 253-299-5510.

Mayor Column

Long ago, before I was an elected official, I fought a proposed Local Improvement District (LID) that the City wanted in my area. I hated the thought of paying the extra money and worked hard to make it go away. I won the battle...but lost the war. The LID failed, the dust settled, and I realized the City had actually been offering a pretty good deal. It never came back, and I paid way more doing the same improvements all by myself.

What's my point? Sometimes, we let ourselves get caught in the fun of a good fight. We enjoy the arguments and like believing we're right and someone else is wrong. I think it takes us back to the homecoming football game or the showdown in old '50s westerns.

The unfortunate fact is that the adrenaline and camaraderie combine with sound bites and rhetoric to mask the full picture of an issue. It's easy to do. Most issues facing a city are neither glamorous nor fun. They involve lots of details about land use, engineering, Federal regulations and legal issues that fill reports thick enough to serve as doorstops. Yet, all that information is very important. We deserve a future shaped by good planning and thoughtful analysis rather than a future based on a one-liner that looked great on a bumper sticker.



Mayor Enslow and Milenko Matanovic in the new alley gathering place.

Please take ownership not only of Sumner but also of the full breadth of issues facing it. Continue educating yourself about these issues, even if it's not fun. Keep reading this newsletter. Watch the council meetings live, on TV or online. Ask questions. Just make sure that when you're asking us to do something or not do something, you know that the decision that you desire really is the same as the long-term outcome that benefits you.

Dave Enslow

**Fall Clean Up Returns
November 14-18**

Got leaves? DM Disposal will once again pick up extra bags of yard waste, extra trash and/or one appliance the week of November 14-18. If you're in the City of Sumner and a customer of DM Disposal, watch for coupons in the mail to put out your extras for free!



Sumner Makes Over Alley



Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who transformed the alley off Main Street into a Gathering Place in just four days. The alley is open for your use: jam on the stage or relax on a bench and enjoy this new space.



Thank you also to Tully's, Pomegranate Center, Manke Lumber, Parametrix and Pacific Machine Inc. for contributions.

City Council Available on TV and Web



Did you miss the last City Council meeting? Do you want to look up something that happened six months ago? It's easy to stay in tune with your council through your TV and computer.

Watch City Council meetings on Pierce County TV (PCTV), which is Channel 22 on Comcast cable. Sumner's most recent meeting airs Fridays at 8 pm and Sundays at 8 am. Meetings are also available through Comcast On Demand. With your computer, you can stream past meetings held up to one year earlier at www.piercecountytv.org. You can also look up all past agenda packets, ordinances, resolutions and minutes at www.ci.sumner.wa.us.



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EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

Main Number 863-1800
Jerry Thorson, Fire Chief

City Council Action June-August 2011

Awarded 2011 Chip Seal and Fog Coating to Doolittle Construction, LLC

Awarded 2011 Street Striping to Specialized Pavement Markings, Inc.

Accepted completion of the Golf Course Septic Tank Replacement Project

Authorized Mayor to execute a supplemental agreement with ABL for design of the East Valley Highway Resurfacing Project (sewer)

Authorized Mayor to surplus vacant piece of property according to State law

Confirmed Mayoral appointment of Frank Bost to the Arts Commission

Confirmed Mayoral appointment of Mike LeMaster to the Planning Commission

Adopted Resolution 1324 setting special event fees

Adopted Ordinance 2362 adopting findings and conclusions upholding Hearing Examiner's decision to conditionally approve City Transfer Incorporated's Conditional Use Permit

Awarded construction of the Golf Course Riverbank Repair to Mike McClung Construction Company, Inc.

Approved Resolution 1326 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Stormwater Retrofit and LID Grant

Authorized design contract with Parametrix for the Puyallup Street Outfall Retrofit project

Approved Resolution 1327 setting the 136th Street LID hearing

Approved Resolution 1328 setting the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Annexation hearing

Approved Resolution 1329 authorizing the 24th Street Property Purchase

Adopted Ordinance 2363 amending the 2011-12 Budget

Approved Resolution 1330 adopting an Investment Policy

Adopted Ordinance 2364 Repealing SMC 2.80 Investment Committee

Adopted Resolution 1331, the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Adopted Ordinance 2365 amending the Zoning Code to allow for reduced setbacks in the LDR-4 zone

Approved WWTF Annexation Interlocal Agreement

Awarded the Wood/Gault Storm Sewer Construction Contract to Pivetta Brothers Construction, Inc.

Authorized change order with Nordic Construction, Inc. to install by-pass piping to the primary digester

Authorized contract amendment with Jason Engineering and Consulting Business for testing materials for Fryar/Main intersection

Awarded WWTF Perimeter Wall construction to Pease and Sons, Inc.

Adopted Resolution 1332, Council Rules of Procedure and approving Principles of Conduct

Authorized contract with Robinson-Noble for hydrogeologic services

Awarded Elm Street Sidewalk Improvements to R.S. Underground, Inc.

Awarded design of Parker Road/Puyallup Watershed Culvert Improvements to Berger ABAM

Adopted Ordinance 2366 renewing interim development regulations related to private off-street parking in commercial zones

Adopted Ordinance 2367 ordering certain local street improvements on 136th Ave and creating LID No. 78

Orton Junction May Still Go Before the County

After a strong push from many citizens in Sumner to make it happen, the Orton Junction project is getting mixed reviews on the county-wide scale. The project proposes a development just south of Highway 410 off 166th, including a YMCA, MultiCare facilities, retail, housing, farmer's market and possibly a movie theater and fire training facility for East Pierce Fire & Rescue.

In order to happen, the project requires a change to the urban growth area line, which must be approved by the Pierce County Council. Sumner is proposing to pull out 284 acres that are in the Urban Growth Area (UGA)

up East Hill in order to bring in the Orton Junction area and still return 102 acres overall to rural status.

The Pierce County Regional Council overwhelmingly approved Sumner's proposal with a 15-3 vote. The City of Bonney Lake is the most vocal no, arguing that future retail growth should go to Bonney Lake instead of Sumner.

On the other hand, the Pierce County staff recommended denial of Sumner's proposal because they said the County has enough job capacity and the new amenities would bring too many jobs to this area. The Pierce County Planning Commission agreed

with their recommendation and denied the Orton Junction half of the proposal on a tight 4-3 vote while still taking East Hill out of Sumner's UGA in the other half of the proposal on a unanimous vote.

The Pierce County Council will now consider the East Hill half of the proposal and has the option to consider the entire proposal as well since the Planning Commission serves as an advisory board. If the full Council brings the Orton Junction item back, there will be a public hearing on September 19 before their Community Development Committee and a hearing before the full Council on October 4.



Friends Hit Hole in One

The City of Sumner Relay for Life team raised over \$10,000 this year, thanks to the businesses and individuals who helped Golf for Life in June. Thank you for your support!

Presenting Sponsors

Denny's Valley Autobody & DM Disposal

Dinner Sponsors

Branks BBQ & The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse

Sponsors: Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., High Cedars, Sumner Meadows Golf Links, KPG, Top Foods of Lakeland Hills

Friends of Golf for Life: Blue Sky Soda, Cascade Blood Center, Cascade Ice, City of Sumner employees, Diamond Parking, 1st Security Bank, Hotel Murano, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sumner, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Puyallup, Kellogg's, Le Chat Noir Salon, LeMay Car Collection, Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites in Puyallup, Mt. Rainier Coffee Company, Mount Si Golf Course, Northwest Trek, Parametrix, Patricia's Creations, Popchips, Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Riverside Chiropractic & Wellness, Ross Widner, Starbucks in Sumner, Subway in Sumner, Sumner Lawn & Saw, Suncadia Golf, Tim Pierson Photography, Toscanos, Trade Route Brewery, YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap Counties

Top 10 Tips for Road Improvements

Every year, the Public Works Department completes a six-year transportation improvement plan (TIP) that tells everyone what road projects are anticipated in the near future, at least the next six years. Here's Sumner's latest TIP for keeping the city's roads working smoothly:

1. **136th Ave. E** from 24th St. to 16th St.: improve road to minor urban arterial (truck route) with three lanes plus bike lanes. Joint project with the City of Pacific to County line. Cost: \$6,800,000 Currently: 30% funded.

2. **East Valley Highway** from Salmon Creek to city limits (north): resurface roadway and shoulder improvements. Joint project with the City of Auburn. Cost: \$3,000,000 Currently: first half funded by grants.

3. **White River Bridge** at Stewart Road (8th Street): replace existing two-lane bridge with four lanes, sidewalk and trail crossing. Costs: \$9,500,000 Currently: not funded, county will contribute 71%, city seeking Federal grant.

4. **SR 410 Ramp Signals** at 166th Ave E: reconstruct west-bound on- and off-ramps to tie into 64th Street E. Cost: \$2,000,000 Currently: not funded by Sumner, is a Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) project on a State highway.

5. **Main Street & 160th Ave E:** improve intersection and widen streets to minor arterial standards with bike paths and sidewalks. Cost: \$3,200,000 Currently: Not funded, candidate for grant and developer funded.

6. **62nd Street** from 166th to 160th Ave E: build road to arterial standards and add signal at 166th Ave E & 62nd Street. Cost: \$3,500,000 Currently: not funded, funding expected through local improvement district and stormwater funds.

7. **East Main/166th Ave Intersection:** close and remove this intersection (also with Sumner-Tapps Highway) as replaced by 62nd Street. Cost: \$450,000 Currently: not funded.

8. **24th Street Bridge Corridor Study:** determine alignment, preliminary costs and traffic model to plan for when this corridor to the East Valley Highway will be needed. Cost: \$250,000 Currently: not funded.

9. **Traffic Avenue:** widen roadway from Thompson Street and existing WSDOT overpass to five lanes plus revise signal timing. Cost: \$11,000,000 Currently: not funded, WSDOT lead on project.

10. **Hwy 162/Valley Avenue:** construct additional lanes on SR 162 and reconstruct the interchange to a single point interchange. Cost: unknown Currently: not funded by Sumner, this is a WSDOT project on a state highway.

East Valley Highway will get much needed work done next year under Sumner's six-year transportation improvement plan.

Historic Preservation Commission Gets Going

A group of citizens are ready to be defenders of Sumner's historic buildings. The Historic Preservation Commissioners are being confirmed by City Council this month and will soon tackle the challenge of helping to preserve Sumner's oldest structures.

Unlike some other communities, Sumner's program is completely voluntary. The Commission will begin meeting to plan out a strategy to accept applications to designate properties as historic. Then, it's up to property owners to apply if they would like.

Being a historic building often brings advantages such as grant opportunities and tax breaks. However, it also

restricts how much owners can "modernize" the style of the building. But again, Sumner's program is completely voluntary and even once in, owners can later opt back out.

The full program isn't established yet, but having a

dedicated group of volunteers waiting to take it on is a big step forward. Please thank the following new Historic Preservation Commissioners: Melony Kirkish, Emily Terrell,

Steve Allw

Holzschuh, and Dale Loseth.



Ryan House is one of many historic structures in town.

ASK DR. SUMNER: How do you calculate my sewer bill?



Unlike water, there is no meter tracking how much you use the sewer system. So, how do we calculate your sewer bill?

We base your sewer use on your water use during the winter months. The idea is that in the summer months, a lot of your water goes for irrigation and returns to the ground. But in the winter, most of the water you use ends up going down the drain to the sewer system, one way or the other.

By calculating your water consumption from mid-November through mid-May, we get as close as possible to charging you based on your actual use of the sewer system.

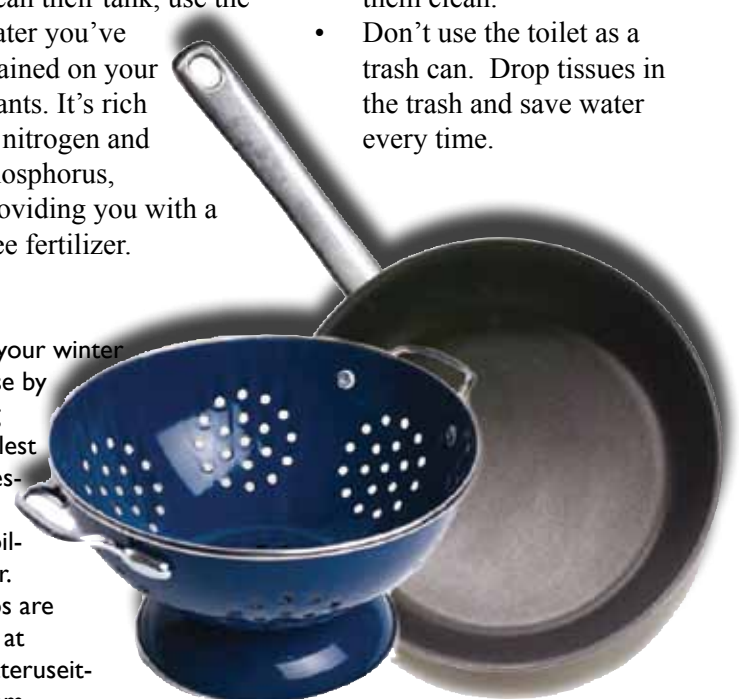
One way to keep your sewer rates low is to make sure you're not wasting water during the winter. We've all heard the water tips for

reducing use in our yards, but what about indoors? Here are a few ideas to help you get ready for cutting down your water--and sewer--bill this winter:

- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full.
- Compost food scraps instead of using the garbage disposal.
- Got fish? When you clean their tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. It's rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free fertilizer.

- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If you see it in the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak that's wasting water.
- Use one glass for drinking water every day and cut down on the number of times you run your dishwasher.
- Soak dirty pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Drop tissues in the trash and save water every time.

Reduce your winter water use by selecting the smallest pot necessary when boiling water. More tips are available at www.wateruseit-wisely.com



SAFETY SALLY SAYS: Can you sandbag properly?



Do you know the proper way to fill and place sandbags? Yes, there actually *is* a proper way that maximizes sandbags' effectiveness, and it's best not to try to figure it out when the water is already rising. The City of Sumner, Army Corps of Engineers and Pierce County's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) are teaming up to offer you a chance to learn the best sandbag techniques and be ready if the water rises this winter.

November 5, 10 am - 3 pm
At the end of Riverside Drive, against Hwy 410

Questions? Call DEM at 253-798-6595



Some Tips to Know:

- You need 2-3 people
- One person places the bottom of the empty bag on the ground; one person shovels material in; and a third stacks the open bags.
- Open the bag by folding outward about 1- 1½ inches to form a collar.
- Don't hurry. Haste only adds work.
- Untied bags should be filled approximately one-half to two-thirds full. Tied bags can be filled slightly more with enough room left to tie off.
- Always use gloves to protect your hands during the filling operation.

Take Advantage of Amnesty for Pets

Is your lab on the lam?
 Is your beagle legal?
 Is your kit legit?



Metro Animal Services is joining other Pierce County animal control services to waive all late fees for pets licensed in September and October. That means you can show your pet(s) that you care enough about them to make your relationship legal while avoiding up to \$20 in late fees that may be due. Take this chance to show your own pets that they're worth a license.



Sign up for e-newsletters of the latest information for pet owners in Sumner at www.metroanimalservices.org.

Tell us about your pet on Facebook!



Come on in!

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IMPROVE YOUR "CONNECTION"

Get news between mailed newsletters with the e-newsletter. Sign up on the City's website at www.ci.sumner.wa.us.

"Our days are a kaleidoscope. Every instant a change takes place. ... New harmonies, new contrasts, new combinations of every sort." -Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

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City Hall Calendar



SEPTEMBER

- 19 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 21 CD/Parks Committee, 4:30 pm
- 22 Arts Commission, 5 pm
- 26 Council Study Session, 6 pm
- 27 Finance Committee, 5 pm

OCTOBER

- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 6 Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 10 City Council Study Session, 6 pm
- 11 Parks Board, 4 pm
- 11 Public Works Committee, 5 pm
- 13 Forestry Commission, 4 pm
- 13 Design Commission, 6:30 pm
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 pm

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- 11 Holiday--City Offices Closed
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- 16 CD/Parks Committee, 4:30 pm
- 17 Public Safety Committee, 4:30 pm
- 21 City Council, 7 pm
- 22 Finance Committee, 5 pm
- 24-25 Holiday--City Offices Closed
- 28 City Council Study Session, 6 pm



Autumn Evening

Community Events

SEPTEMBER

- 24 History Walk, 11 am, Sumner Downtown Association
- 25 Sounder service from Sumner to Seahawks game, 10:37 & 11:02 am

OCTOBER

- 1 Autumn Evening Scarecrow Celebration, 10 am - 8 pm, Downtown Sumner
- 2 Sounder service from Sumner to Seahawks game, 10:37 & 11:02 am
- 3 Monthly test of the lahar siren, noon
- 8 Come Walk With Me, 9 am, The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse
- 15-30 *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Manestage Theatre Company, Performing Arts Center
- 29 3rd Annual Sunset Festival of Bands, 8 am, Sunset Chev Stadium
- 30 Sounder service from Sumner to Seahawks game, 10:37 & 11:02 am
- 31 Street of Treats, 5-7 pm, Downtown Sumner

NOVEMBER

- 7 Monthly test of the lahar siren, noon
- 12 Hometown Holiday Living Art, Downtown Sumner
- 13 Sounder service from Sumner to Seahawks game, 10:37 & 11:02 am
- 25 Bridge Lighting, Cannery, 5 pm
- 26-Dec 11 *A Christmas Carol*, Manestage Theatre Co., Performing Arts Center
- 27 Sounder service from Sumner to Seahawks game, 10:37 & 11:02 am

Come Walk With Me

