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Leroy's Legacy

In some ways, his life tells the ultimate story of the Great Generation. In other ways, he's the typical neighbor next door, always ready with a whistle and a wave. In all ways, Leroy Goff has spent years helping shape Sumner, his adopted and beloved home. His retirement from City service will in no way change that legacy.

Goff served in the Navy in World War II

His family came to Sumner in search of a better life during the Great Depression. He served in the Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Concord, a light cruiser that ran the Straits of Japan. He came home to raise his family in Sumner. Through his career, he worked nearly every job imaginable, from helping can fruit at the Cannery to driving an ambulance. He was selected to be the Civil Defence Chair for Sumner after the War and since the mid-1980s has led Sumner as Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilmember. He keeps in touch with people by e-mail and is trying to get the hang of Facebook. He loves fishing but zigzags his route out of town to protect the location of his favorite fishing holes! He is one of the leaders of Sumner's Relay for Life and loves attending events at the schools. He hangs cornstalks Downtown every fall and lights every December. And everyone will see him walking around town nearly every day of the year.

Starting in January, Sumner will continue on without Leroy Goff in a leadership position for the first time in decades. The City Council, City employees and Mayor Enslow all thank Leroy for his service. He gave countless hours solely because of his love for this city and its citizens. It is the ultimate gift a city can receive, and for that, Leroy deserves a legacy that will long be remembered in Sumner. See Leroy's last Council Column on page 2. Everyone is invited to help thank Leroy for his service at a reception at City Hall, January 10, 4-6 pm.



Goff at his last council meeting in December.

Credit Michael Hochstatter

Help Future of Sumner, By Design

The Sumner Design Commission has vacancies open and is just waiting for your input and ideas! The Design Commission reviews plans and determines whether or not they conform to the City's design regulations. In other words, it's the Design Commission who makes sure places like the Jack in the Box and WinCo fit their neighborhoods and Sumner instead of the corporate mold.

Design Commissioners are usually in professions such as engineering, architecture, planning, construction, and landscaping. You do not have to live within the City limits to apply although familiarity with the community is preferred. To apply, go online to http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us/Documents/Commission_Application.pdf.



Volunteers on the Design Commission uphold strict design standards for new buildings to ensure Sumner's unique look. Two new volunteers are needed to lend their support.

Meet Your New Sumner City Councilmembers

NANCY DUMAS

Originally from Moorestown, New Jersey, Dumas has lived in Sumner for 14½ years with her husband and two boys, who are now 10 and 12.

Throughout high school and college, she worked retail to pay for college, continuing after college in department store retail management as well as opening and managing stores for a specialty retailer and a clothing/home goods mass merchant. She moved to Washington and became a multi-category buyer, supporting small businesses to keep them competitive with mass merchants. She was the senior product manager for a local housewares company, owned her own small business for five years and was the national/international sales manager for a small manufacturer. She now works with small businesses, helping them find additional revenue streams within resources already in place. In her spare time, she's an avid scrapbooker and reader of no particular genre.

Dumas has many favorites of Sumner, but perhaps the best is that she can be outside in the dark, putting lights on trees, while the marching band is up the street, serenading her with Christmas tunes as they practice for the parade. Speaking of parades, she loves that Sumner has a parade for just about anything with anyone able to participate. She loves that the neighborhoods are neighborhoods and that people are proud to live here.

Excited to be part of Sum-

ner's future, Dumas would like the Sumner community to know that she appreciates this opportunity to serve and is grateful for the faith



Nancy Dumas and Mike LeMaster join the Council.

that Sumner residents have in her to represent them and be their voice, especially if they are not feeling heard. She hopes people will call or e-mail her whether to simply introduce themselves or to share thoughts. She believes there is always more than one solution if one dares to be creative.

MIKE LeMASTER

LeMaster was born in Olympia and grew up in Vancouver, Washington. With a bachelor's degree in history and education from Western Washington University and a master's degree in curriculum and administration from Gonzaga University, he first came to Sumner in 1991 to teach at Sumner Junior High. He and his wife Becky soon outgrew their house on Washington Street with three children, Hayden (now 19), Anna (18) and Henry (14). They moved to Puyallup for a time but returned to Sumner in 2003 and have lived here ever since.

While teaching at the Junior High and Sumner High School during the 1990s, LeMaster started the Sumner Driving School on Zehnder Street. Later, he moved into the private sector and helped start an organic stormwater and wastewater treatment company in Redmond. Currently, he is the regional distribution manager for Contech Construction Products in Washington and northwest Oregon, specializing in stormwater treatment technologies. When not working, LeMaster likes to ski, perform in community theater productions, travel with his family and read.

LeMaster likes many things about Sumner but believes his favorite is the community that exists here. Since he first came to Sumner, he has noticed how its citizens and their City government work hard to maintain the heart and soul of this community as the town has grown and changed. He has visited cities in Washington and Oregon and has observed the manner in which they manage their growth and business. He believes Sumner has done a superior job of managing these issues as well as other challenges. He is excited to do the business of the people of Sumner and contribute to the community and is concerned about the challenges Sumner faces and will face during the nation's difficult economic times.

Reach Councilmember Dumas at 253-299-5794 or ndumas@ci.sumner.wa.us and Councilmember LeMaster at 253-299-5797 or mlemaster@ci.sumner.wa.us.



Sumner's Toy Box

Help make this a great season for all Sumner families!

Now through Dec. 23!

Bring new, unwrapped toys to City Hall, and the Police will match them with local kids in need.

For more information, contact Sherrie Duggan at (253) 299-5662 or Officer Loren Houselog at (253) 255-6454. Hosted by the Sumner Police Department in partnership with the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center, East Pierce Fire & Rescue and Toys for Tots.

Mayor Column

Once again, thousands of people kicked off the holidays at Sumner's Bridge Lighting. I realized that this event is a great condensed version of what it's like to live and work in Sumner.

First, The Old Cannery donates thousands of hours and money to string the lights, provide music and pay the electricity to give us all the joy of a bridge covered in lights. Heritage Bank paid for fireworks to really kick off the season with a bang.

Next, you have a number of the groups in town making the event festive. Members of the Puyallup/Sumner Chamber of Commerce were dressed in Victorian costumes while the Sumner Downtown Association handed out "I ♥ Sumner" stickers. ACT 1 Theatre Productions led a caroling sing-along while media snapped pictures.

From the City side, almost every department helped plan the event with Public Works placing signs and barricades while Police officers and Firefighters stood by to make sure everyone was safe. City Councilmembers and Pierce County Councilmember Tim Farrell joined in the festivities.

Most importantly, I saw many of you there. I met with Santa, the Grinch, a snowman and even walking peppermint candies. There were family, friends, neighbors, visitors and people who were on different sides of issues throughout the year, gathering together to sing, warm themselves by the fire and celebrate together.

We all have different backgrounds, and we all have different opinions. We'll continue to strive for different things, which is as it should be. Yet, in the end, we all come together to celebrate our community with warmth and generosity. There's more that unites us than divides us. This is what makes Sumner so special, and it's why we'll have a great new year ahead and more wonderful new years to come.

Dave Enslow



Mayor Enslow asks Santa for a better budget as Shelly Schlumpf and Dave Radcliffe look on.

Special Council Column

As I leave the Sumner City Council, I think back at the years as your Mayor and

Councilmember and the accomplishments we have made.

It's hard to make decisions that affect the whole city, but I always had a lot of input to help me make the decisions in

the best interest of Sumner as a whole. I always considered the past, the present and the future. And I would sure listen. I'd listen to the City staff and to you, the citizens. Then, I'd

read all of the information available. After all of this consideration and study, I felt I

had enough information that I could vote.

The hard decisions lasted until the end. Deciding not to run for another term was perhaps one of the most challenging choices, and I thought long and hard before

deciding.

I want to say thank you to our great City staff, to the City Council and to the Mayor as well as all of you who gave me

input. This has been a large part of my life. As I leave for other ventures, I will miss the routine of all that reading and meetings. However, I will still be here in Sumner and will still be active. I will be a bystander, watching from the other side as a citizen when the parade goes by.

Leroy Goff

Join in
thanking Leroy for his
years of service.
JANUARY 10, 2012
4-6 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT CITY HALL

City of Sumner

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Leroy Goff 299-5797
Cindi Hochstatter 299-5795
Randy Hynek 299-5792
Ed Hannus 299-5791

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Cemetery 299-5510
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Inspection line 299-5530
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Timothy A. Jenkins 863-7635
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Cathy Pashon, 299-5621
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Carmen Palmer 299-5503
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Paul Rogerson 299-5521
Community Development Dir.

Brett Vinson 299-5610
City Attorney

Beth Anne Wroe 299-5541
Financial Operations Director

Steve Zamberlin 299-5591
Human Resources Manager

EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

Main Number 863-1800
Jerry Thorson, Fire Chief

How to Go with the Flow During Winter Weather

Winter can throw some nasty curve balls, whether you are driving, walking or simply trying to stay home. Make sure you know how to keep things flowing, whether at home or on the road.

1. Take steps to keep your pipes from freezing but if they do freeze, **do not shut off your own water meter.** During the last freeze, many Sumner residents made this mistake and broke the meter, costing themselves more money on top of an already bad situation. Instead, call the City at 253-299-5740 to correctly shut if off for you!
2. If it snows, shovel your sidewalk. You and many others, especially the elderly, will rely more on walking during icy conditions and need a clear path to travel. The City can't do this one for you as City crews will be busy sanding the streets.
3. Make sure your car has plenty of gas. Throw in some water, food and blankets as well! You don't want to be one of the cars stuck for hours on an icy Highway 167, but if you are, make sure you're prepared to stay warm, hydrated and fed.



City Council Action September-December 2011

Approved Ordinance 2368 amending code for timing of payments of sewer and water system development charges

Accepted the 2011 Chip Seal and Fog Coating Project

Confirmed mayoral appointments of Steve Allwine, Arla Holzschuh, Melony Kirkish, Dale Loseth, and Emily Terrell to the Sumner Historic Preservation Commission

Adopted Ordinance 2370 repealing and replacing code for warrants with code for payments of claims and obligations

Adopted Resolution 1333, designating the Bank of America at 921 Alder Avenue as the City's Qualified Public Depository

Accepted the 2011 Street Striping Project

Accepted the Primary Digester By-Pass Piping Project

Adopted Ordinance 2371 amending code for surplus real property

Authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with Carter and Company, Inc. to construct the White River Trail Extension

Adopted Resolution 1335 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Auburn for resurfacing East Valley Highway

Authorized the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to execute the

Seven Principles Framework Agreement for Orton Junction

Adopted Resolution 1336 authorizing property purchase at 13220 63rd St East (320 Harrison St) for expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Adopted Ordinance 2372 extending repayment of the Interfund Loan for the Stewart Road project

Adopted Ordinance 2372 extending repayment of the Interfund Loan between Animal Control Fund and General Fund

Adopted Resolution 1337 setting the 2012 Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy

Adopted Ordinance 2374 amending sign code

Accepted the Emergency Storm Repair on Wright Avenue project

Accepted the Stewart Creek Culvert Replacement project

Authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with Titan Earthwork LLC for West Valley Storm Repair

Authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design of the treatment system for the Central Well Development project

Authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lighthouse Law Group

Approved Legislative Agenda for the State's 2011 Special Session

Adopted Resolution 1338 allowing employees to take Dec. 23 as a paid holiday for Christmas Eve

Authorized the Mayor to execute the 2010-2012 Collective Bargaining Agreements with Sumner Police Guild, representing commissioned and non-commissioned police employees

Adopted Ordinance 2376 amending the 2011-2012 budget

Appointed Mayor Enslow as City of Sumner representative of the Pierce Transit Public Transportation Improvement Conference

Adopted Ordinance 2377 for the 2012 Compensation Schedule

Adopted Ordinance 2381 annexing approx. 16 acres for expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility

Adopted Ordinance 2379 amending code for parking

Adopted Ordinance 2380 amending code for the Police Department

Authorized the Mayor to enter into Goods and Services contracts with Edgewood Veterinary Clinic, Puyallup Valley Veterinary Clinic and Sumner Veterinary Hospital

Confirmed mayoral appointment of Jon Swanson to the Planning Commission

Adopted Resolution 1342 ratifying amendments to the County-Wide Planning Policies

County Unanimously Approves Orton Junction

On October 25, the Pierce County Council approved their Comprehensive Plan Amendments, including U-3a, which added about 182 acres in the Orton Junction area to Sumner's Urban Growth Area, and U-3b, which removed about 284 acres on the East Hill out of Sumner's Urban Growth Area. The amendment package passed unanimously.

What happens next?

Two planning processes begin immediately and run simultaneously: the Joint Planning Agreement and the Planned Mixed-Use Development.

The Joint Planning Agreement is an agreement between the City of Sumner and Pierce County. It outlines how jurisdiction will be shared during the transition of this land from the County to the City.

The Planned Mixed-Use Development (PMUD) is the overall plan for the area. It begins to lay out the streets and infrastructure as well as design how this area will be complete, compact and connected within itself and to the rest of the city. The PMUD is the next planning step for adding detail to zoning. This plan will go through a full City public process through this winter. Watch the City website for specific dates and upcoming agendas to public meetings.

What is the Seven Principles Agreement?

Forterra, formerly called the Cascade Land Conservancy, negotiated an agreement with the City of Sumner and Orton Farms LLC, one of the major landowners and developers of the Orton Junction area. This agreement became part of the proposal that passed on October 25. Among other things, it requires anyone developing land to conserve four acres of active farmland for every one acre developed within Orton Junction. That's four times the County requirement of buying one acre for every one acre developed. The full agreement is available on the City website at www.ci.sumner.wa.us. This agreement is quite revolutionary in that it has the City, an environmental group and a developer working together to both put growth where it makes sense and protect farmland and open space at the same time.

How does annexation work?

Property owner(s) start the annexation process by filing a letter of intent with the City Council that represents at least 10% of the value of land in question for annexation. If/when the Council authorizes the petition, then it must be signed by owners representing at least 60% of the land value. Then, it goes to the Council for a decision.

What will go there?

The vision is for a planned mixed-use development that incorporates the YMCA, a MultiCare facility, retail and restaurants, an agricultural industry support program and a mix of housing options. There is also the potential for a fire-training facility and a movie theater.

When will we get details?

Soon! It didn't make sense to plan the area before the Pierce County Council decision. Now that the project has approval, those property owners wanting to develop will begin working with the City of Sumner on the PMUD, the master-planned vision for the area.

What's going on with the YMCA?

The Sumner YMCA is moving forward:

- Approximately \$5.9 million has been raised, and six acres of land has been donated.
- BCRA Architects has been hired to complete the design of the 50,000 to 70,000 square foot facility.
- The Sumner YMCA will be modeled after the recently opened Silverdale Y.
- Anyone who is interested in learning more about the YMCA should contact Michelle LaRue at mlarue@ymcapkc.org or 253-534-7842.

Citizens Academy Takes Reality Experience to a Whole New Level

Tuesdays
at 6 pm,
February 28
through
April 24, 2012

FREE!



Drive a real patrol car (above) and search for the suspect throughout an empty City Hall (left) plus practice making a traffic stop and firing a weapon.



The 2010 Citizen's Academy class included a variety of people who live and work in Sumner. Join the 2012 class, and treat yourself to a unique experience. Applicants must be 18 years of age or a high school senior, live and/or work in the City of Sumner, have no felony convictions or outstanding warrants.

Sign up at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us /Government/Police/Sumner_police_citizens_academy.htm](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us/Government/Police/Sumner_police_citizens_academy.htm).

Check Out THIS "Pill Box"

Puget Sound starts here in Sumner. Medication flushed down toilets or washed down sinks can end up in rivers and streams and ultimately the waters of Puget Sound. Throwing it away in the garbage may be putting it into the hands of kids or adults who will misuse the medication.

Instead, turn in unused medications at the green kiosk in Sumner City Hall's Police lobby, open Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm. It works like a mailbox--just come in and drop in your medications, no questions asked!



ASK DR. SUMNER: How does the City support Sumner's downtown?

The City supports every neighborhood according to its own unique needs. The Downtown is the heart of the community, giving Sumner its unique character.

For five years, the City supported the Downtown with "seed" money of \$25,000 per year to grow and strengthen the Sumner Downtown Association (SDA). Having to cut the City budget back by over \$3 million meant no longer being able to afford such direct cash support. The City has transitioned to in-kind efforts that allow us to keep supporting the Downtown without pulling money away from essential services. Here are a few examples:

- The City gives SDA office space and pays all the utilities.
- The City continues to maintain and clean the Downtown restrooms, which costs over \$7,000 each year.
- City staff hang lighted snowflakes in winter and water flower baskets every day from spring to fall.
- City staff, including Community Development, Police, and Public Works, support events, often on overtime pay on weekends. SDA submitted their 2012 event applications before event fees went into place, so that support comes at no charge to SDA this year, excluding the fee to hang banners.
- The City promotes the Downtown and SDA events through this newsletter, the e-news, and the website www.rhubarb-piecapital.com as well as through regional media and tourism efforts. Recently, efforts included using lodging tax funds (which can only be used to encourage tourism) to put up wayfinding signs directing toward Downtown, to rent a billboard on Highway 167 for a month and to help the Chamber open the Visitor Center at The Old Cannery.

- The City launched the Historic Preservation Commission to help protect old buildings, especially important in the Downtown.
- Through the Arts Commission, the City pays for and hosts outdoor concerts each summer with Music Off Main.
- The City worked with Tully's and Pomegranate Center to transform the Main Street alley into a gathering space.

The list goes on, but don't let it fool you. The most special thing about the Downtown isn't the buildings or the gifts bought there. Rather, it is the way it brings people from all over the world together. Please consider joining the City in helping to preserve the Downtown and keep it the vibrant heart of our city. Contact Dale Loeth at 253-720-9846 or sda@sumnerdowntown.com to find out how you can get involved.



Daron Uphaus and Tony Utanis put out barricades and help keep the Downtown's Santa Parade moving smoothly and safely.

SAFETY SALLY SAYS: Give the Gift of Safety



From the holidays to Valentine's Day, winter is the season for giving gifts.

It's also the season for being prepared for some of nature's worst weather. This year, consider giving the gift of safety. Nothing tells your loved ones you care like helping them get through a snowstorm or a power outage. After all, candlelight can be romantic, but it may also be necessary!

PREPAREDNESS GIFT IDEAS

- Bag: select a good, durable bag that's easy to grab, light enough to carry, holds lots of things, is waterproof and can withstand harsh conditions.
- Portable, battery-powered radio: there are many options ranging from compact and basic to multi-functional with lots of extras such as a cell phone charger or solar power.
- Flashlight and extra batteries: think about durability and long-term need. Flashlights can now be traditional style, lantern style or even head-lamps.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket: remember to get enough for everyone in the family so that no one is left in the cold.
- First aid kit: this option can range from a large kit for home or car to a small kit for a desk or purse/briefcase.



Giving Pets as Gifts?

Metro Animal Services has a lot of great cats and dogs like these just waiting in line for a good home. Can you give a pet as a gift? Yes, if done correctly.



The old puppy jumping out of a box (with holes) trick is not a good idea because future owners need to meet and choose pets who will fit them well. Think of it as dating for pet owners.

Instead, wrap up a dog toy or a cat collar and then come to the Metro Animal Services shelter with your excited loved one to pick out a pet together.



www.metroanimalservices.org

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"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." -Seneca (4 BC - 65 AD)

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City Hall Calendar



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- 15 Public Safety Committee, 4:30 pm
- 19 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
- 21 Finance Committee, 5 pm
- 23 Holiday, City Offices closed
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JANUARY

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Community Events

DECEMBER

- 17 Annual Santa Run, East Pierce Fire & Rescue drives Jolly Old St. Nick through Sumner neighborhoods, www.eastpiercefire.org for route map
- 24 Ride Sounder to the Seahawks game, Sumner Station, 10:37 & 11:02 am, www.soundtransit.org

JANUARY

- 2 Monthly test of the lahar siren, noon
- 28 History Walk, 11 am, Sumner Downtown Assoc., www.sumnerdowntown.com

FEBRUARY

- 4-19 *The Wizard of Oz*, Performing Arts Center, www.manestagetheatre.com
- 6 Monthly test of the lahar siren, noon
- 11 Wine Walk, 4-7 pm, Sumner Downtown Assoc., www.sumnerdowntown.com
- 25 History Walk, 11 am, Sumner Downtown Assoc., www.sumnerdowntown.com



Wine Walk gift certificates available at www.sumnerdowntown.com

March 9, 2012
Holiday Inn Express Sumner

Mayor Dave Enslow will present the State of the Cities to the Puyallup/Sumner Chamber of Commerce

www.puyallupsumnerchamber.com

