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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner Chosen as One of Best Tiny Towns in Washington

Sumner, WA—On May 4, 2009, KING 5's Evening Magazine announced the winners of their Best of Western Washington contest, and Sumner won third place for Best Tiny Town. First place went to Leavenworth and second place to La Conner. As Sumner works on reclaiming its traditional designation as the Rhubarb Pie Capital of the World, this vote of confidence from the people who live, work and visit Sumner reinforces the popularity of this little town.

“This is a great honor,” said Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow. “We know we like Sumner, but it’s great to hear from other people that they enjoy visiting. They commented a lot about how friendly everyone is in Sumner, and that’s exactly what we want people to experience here.” Upcoming opportunities to visit Sumner include the Sumner Arts Commission's Music Off Main, every Friday in July at 6:30 pm in the gazebo at Heritage Park plus Sumner Downtown Association's Mutts Off Main dog show on July 11, Classy Chassis car show on August 23, and Mystery Wine Walk on September 12. The wine walk will feature Sumner's recent "pairing" with the city of Prosser in eastern Washington.

Voters had the opportunity to comment along with their vote, and many comments focused on Sumner’s small-town atmosphere. A few of the comments posted included:

“Sumner is complete charm. A lot of my favorite shopping spots are in Sumner. It is the perfect mix of modern and vintage with a friendly homespun feel. Sumner also has some of the best restaurants around. A day spent in Sumner is a happy day for sure.” Posted by CIH360

“Sumner is absolutely adorable. Main Street is covered with great mom and pop shops where you can find almost anything. Then there’s the Old Cannery

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Warehouse which is the BEST place to find any kind of quality furniture. Surrounding town are fields of flowers and the majestic view of Mt Rainier makes it picturesque. Mostly though I love the people. Everyone is warm, welcoming and inviting. Walking down the street or enjoying music in the park makes me feel like I've stepped back to a time when neighbors knew one another and kept an eye out for each other's children. Sumner is an ideal place to spend time." Posted by Traci422

"As soon as you drive under the railroad bridge on Thompson street you get the sense that you have gone back in time where life was simpler. I almost expect to see nothing but cars from the 40's and 50's everytime I make that turn. Walk down Main street and see storefronts that haven't changed a lot in years but this is a vibrant and busy little town. There are concerts in the park during the summer and any number of things to keep a person entertained. The houses that surround the downtown are mostly well kept and it feels safe. A great fire department and progressive police department are found here too. Everything combines to make Sumner the place I never want to leave." Posted by Mike147

The full description, posting and comments for Sumner can be viewed in KING 5's website at the following link: <http://best.king5.com/sumner-wa/biz/189391>.

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More information about visiting Sumner can be found on the following websites:



City of Sumner
www.ci.sumner.wa.us



Sumner Downtown Association
www.sumnerdowntown.com