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MEDIA ADVISORY

Free “University” Now Taking Registrants

This spring, Sumner residents go "back to school" with Sumner University, an award-winning two-night course about their City and its history, government and traditions. Students receive refreshments and a course book. Those attending both sessions also get a diploma and official t-shirt.

WHEN: April 12 & 19, both 6-9 pm

WHERE: Sumner City Hall, 1104 Maple Street, Sumner WA 98390

WHO: This year's sessions include

- Welcome/City Organization with Mayor Dave Enslow
- 10 Things You Will See This Year with Diane Supler, city administrator
- Policing: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow with Chief John Galle
- Public Works and You! with Bill Pugh, public works director
- The Future of Sumner with Supler and Paul Rogerson, community development director
- Where is Farming Headed with guest panelists
- Emergency: Neighbors Helping Neighbors with Katie Gillespie of Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams
- The Sumner Story with Ryan Windish and special guests
- What Makes Sumner a Great Place? with all participants

HOW: Sumner University welcomes new students and returning graduates. Registration is free, but space is limited. To register, contact Sally Abrams at sallya@ci.sumner.wa.us or 253-299-5520.

OF INTEREST: When the City of Sumner adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in 1994, it called for new commissions in Design and Forestry as well as an expanded role for the Parks Board. The Planning Commission wanted a way to share the vision for the future of Sumner with these groups of citizen advisors. Picking up on a seed of an idea from the new City of Newcastle, Sumner University was born. It soon expanded to educate all citizens and became a popular tradition in the community. In 1998, it received the Municipal Achievement Award from the Association of Washington Cities.

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