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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Sumner University Returns in March**

Each 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.

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**WHEN:** March 6 & 13, 2007, both 6-9 pm

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

**WHO:** This year's sessions include

- City Organization with Mayor Dave Enslow
- 10 Things You Will See This Year with City Administrator John Doan
- Neighborhood Emergency Teams – Neighbors Helping Neighbors Help Themselves with Barbara Nelson from Pierce County Emergency Management
- Low Impact Development with Public Works Director Bill Shoemaker
- East Pierce Fire & Rescue & The City of Sumner Consolidation with Fire Chief Dan Packer
- New Development in Sumner: How is Development Changing and Why? with Community Development Department
- Property Tax 101: How do They Figure Out My Property Tax with Ken Madsen, Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer
- Personal Safety with Police Chief Colleen Wilson
- What makes this 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 by February 19 at [sallya@ci.sumner.wa.us](mailto: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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