

Commissioners:

Austin, Bridges, Child, Crawford, Gamon, Haase, Haines, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, McCaul

Staff Liason:

Derek Barry, Community Services Manager

The city is conducting this public meeting using a hybrid model. The public is welcome to attend tonight's meeting in-person at City Hall (First Floor Conference Room), or virtually by using the meeting access link below.

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COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Approval of the November 13, 2025 meeting minutes
2. Arbor Day 2026

REPORTS

1. Cemetery Draft Brochure & Master Plan Discussion
2. Cemetery Vandalism
3. Parks, Cemetery, Forestry Updates

ADJOURNMENT

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting (Hybrid)

11/13/25 4:30-5:12pm

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of Meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note Taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Austin, Bridges, Child, Crawford, Gamon, Haase, Haines, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, McCaul

Community Services Manager Derek Barry

Minutes

Agenda Item: Approval of the October 9, 2025 meeting minutes

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the October 9, 2025 meeting minutes

Conclusion: Approved

Agenda Item: Sumner Municipal Code Update: 12.60.040 General park, trail and facility rules

Discussion: Part of a bigger conversation with multiple departments. Legal and Police Departments looking at taking this to Council. Will need communications plan and outreach.

Agenda Item: Parks, Cemetery, Forestry Updates

Discussions:

Heritage & Hops-Work continues – trees installed in alley

Main Street decorations up

Loyalty Park – Consideration of turf for PIP surfacing

RVP – fencing still up for grass around shade structures

Lucy V Ryan – fence removal scheduled for 11/17

Bennett property – RCO potential. Open house board

BHSC – RFP for redevelopment/management. Vandalism

Sk8 – Demolition underway

Watershed RFP for plan

Agenda Item:

Commissioner comments, discussion

Upcoming discussions:

Cemetery Master Plan

Arbor Day 2026 location(s) and potential alternative approaches

RCO planning

OPTIONS



Perched on the hillside overlooking the cemetery. This option allows burials with ecofriendly approaches, free of embalming chemicals, cement and metals.



Guarded by an Angel Statue, this option is available for both traditional burials and burial of cremains for children.



Memorialization

Options for Memorializing a loved one without interment.

PREARRANGED FUNERAL PLANS ALLOW SERVICES TO BE PREPAID, SAVING YOUR LOVED ONES FROM THE FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL STRESS OF PLANNING A FUNERAL.

CONTACT US

Enjoy a few quiet moments in a peaceful place, stop by Sumner Cemetery. This is a place to explore pioneer stories, natural beauty and your own options for the future.

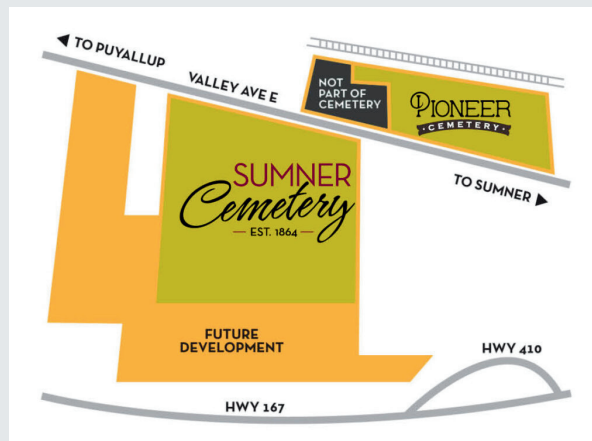
Phone: 253-299-5510

Social: @cityofsumnerwa

Website: www.sumnercemetery.org

From Sumner's Main Street, go across the Cannery Way Bridge and follow the road as it curves west. Sumner Cemetery will be on your right (Pioneer Cemetery) and left (Main area) in approximately 1 mile.

From SR 167, take the first SR 410 exit and turn left onto Sumner's Traffic Avenue. Proceed north to Main Street and at the light with Main, turn left onto the Cannery Way Bridge.



SUMNER Cemetery

EST. 1865

SUMNER CEMETERY

Reserve Your Place in History

ABOUT



Located in Pierce County, Washington, the Sumner Cemetery serves the South Puget Sound region. We are located on Valley Ave between the City of Puyallup and the City of Sumner.

Established in 1864 the Pioneer Cemetery was created to accommodate the settlers of the valley. The cemetery expanded as needed eventually including acreage across Valley Ave. The City of Sumner began managing the Cemetery in the 1920's.



We provide a range of services, a place for reflection, and a source of genealogical data, all in a historic and park like setting.

The Sumner Cemetery has many options. We offer plots with flat marker or upright monuments, to provide a more traditional burial site. We have several options for cremation interment, including traditional urn gardens, glass front niches, and granite niche wall as well as our Heritage Farm. Our newest addition is the Rainier Valley Green Burial section. This option allows those that do not wish to use modern methods for burial that include no embalming, cement vaults or metals caskets.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS



Chapel MAUSOLEUM

The Glass Front Niche offers an option for urn placement in an indoor setting.

HERITAGE FARM

Celebrating the heritage of the valley and its farming roots, this urn garden allows and companion plots single available. The wishing well allows for scattering of cremains.



Granite Niche Wall



Allows for placement of 2 urns and has a granite front ready for engraving.

NEEDS CAN ARISE WITHOUT ANY WARNING. AT THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

SUMNER CEMETERY OFFICE PROVIDES A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS AND ASK QUESTIONS **Page 5 of 5**