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Recruiting the Next Generation



Eva Vasmanova (L) & Onja Rabenarivo (R)

Quite a few times, I have commented how lucky we are to have our city staff. From Police to the Wastewater Treatment Facility to engineers to cemetery to all our departments, our staff routinely stand out among their peers as leaders within their industries.

What are we doing to keep this high level of staffing into the future? What about diversifying our workforce more? We partnered with Degrees of Change's Seed Internship program to build a strong foundation for our future. With this program, the non-profit Degrees of Change does the recruiting on college campuses. Knowing what we need, they connect interested students with us. Through the summer, Degrees of Change gives the students professional development while we focus on the industry-specific experience of the internship.

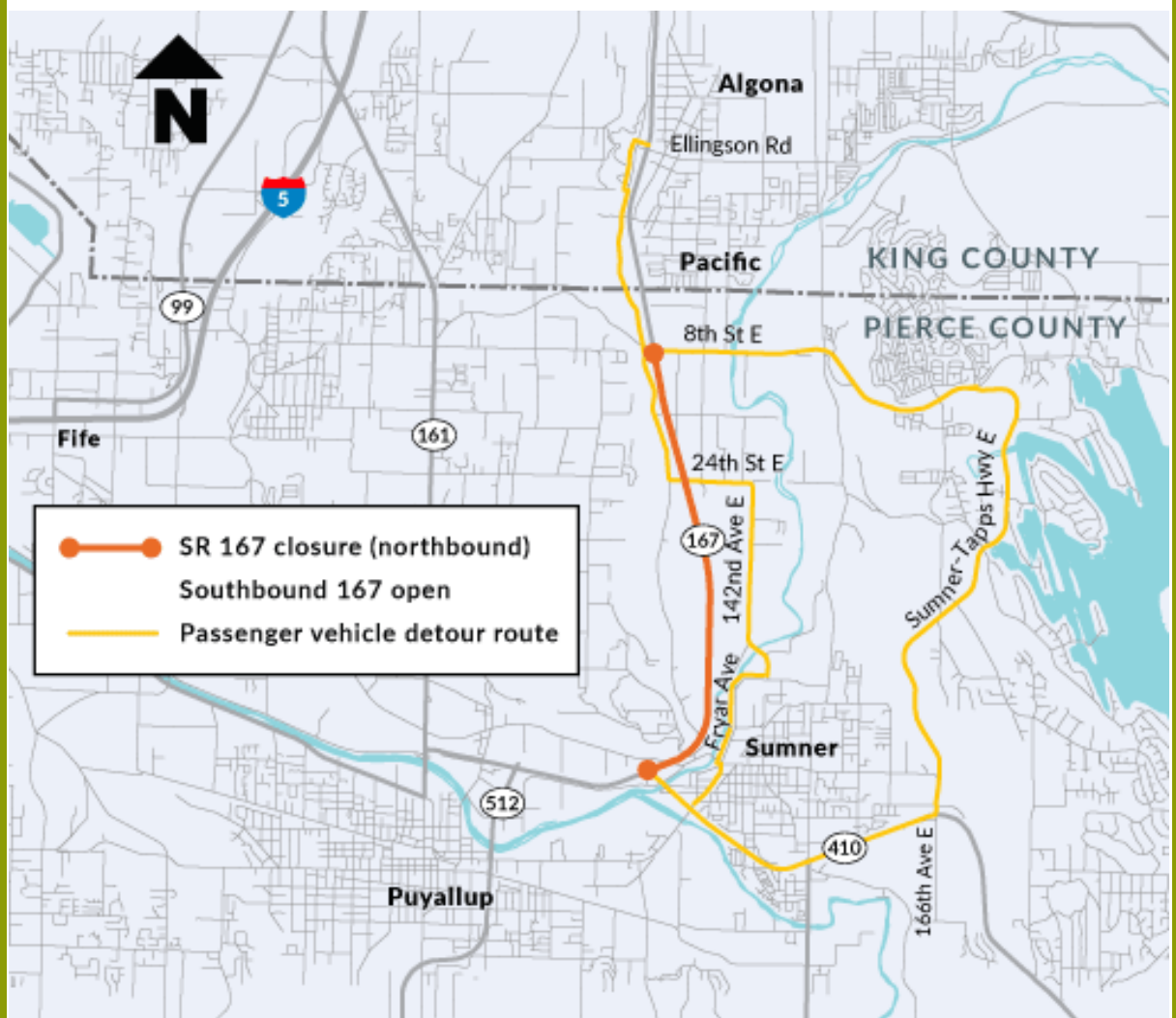
From this partnership, we currently have Eva Vasmanova working with us in public works/GIS (mapping) and Onja Rabenarivo working with us on engineering in public works. And we are very lucky to have them here. Even in their interviews, they were asking our staff more questions than we were asking them. How long have you worked for the city? Why did you make this your career? And it has continued through the summer. They are fulfilling the projects of their internships, but they're also exploring other parts of the city, asking questions and offering suggestions.

Who knows if their future includes working at the City of Sumner or any city, for that matter. But no matter where they go and what they do, they'll remember what they learned this summer in Sumner and we'll always have that connection. We have grown as an organization as well from their thoughts, insights and work. If you run a business, or another city, and haven't looked into the Seed Internship program yet, I highly recommend you do so. We all know it's been tough lately to find good people to fill our jobs, and this is playing the long game for qualified, experienced students to fill our workforce in the future.

Mayor Bill Pugh

[Seed Internship Program](#)

SR 167 Congestion Management



The Weekend that Sumner has NOT been looking forward to is finally here! Weekend closure of northbound SR 167 from Sumner to Pacific is scheduled for **Aug. 20-23**. During the closure, drivers will follow two signed detour routes that are specific to passenger vehicles and trucks. **Backups may exceed 10 miles**. Drivers are encouraged to only travel if necessary and avoid discretionary trips, use transit, carpool, vanpool or work from home or remote office locations, or travel earlier in the day or later in the evening when traffic volumes are lower. If drivers do need to use the *detour routes* that weekend, travelers will want to add at least 90 minutes of travel time. Work is weather sensitive and could be rescheduled.

[WSDOT Project Page](#)

[WSDOT Detour Map](#)

Water Savings Partnership



Fortunately, Sumner's water supply has been maintaining throughout our record breaking hot and dry summer. Even though the usage rates remain high, we are lucky to still be in the "Every Day" stage of water conservation. It's always a great time to conserve water. Check out the tips below for everyday conservation, as well as protocol for when we call need to come together and save.

Water Conservation Tips

ALLOWED



MANUFACTURED PORTABLE DEVICES

Barbeques and patio warmers used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

Approved fuels in appropriate device: NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE GAS - **CHARCOAL NOT ALLOWED**

NOT ALLOWED



ALL RECREATIONAL FIRES

Any outdoor fire such as a backyard fire pit or campfire using chopped firewood or charcoal.

Recreational fires are restricted until this order is lifted or unless otherwise permitted by law enforcement or authorized agencies.

The City of Sumner and many surrounding Pierce County cities are currently under a burn ban, the graphics above show what is currently allowed.

Rather Than Burning, Consider These Alternatives...

- HAUL IT! Rake up your excess material and haul it to your nearest Recycling/Transfer Station. Also, check with your local waste disposal company for curbside yard waste recycling availability.

- **COMPOST IT!** Composting yard and garden waste protects the air, land and water resources while providing a rich garden fertilizer.
- **CHIP IT!** Some residents are choosing to chip their debris. Chippers may be rented or a chipping service hired to take care of your material. Wood chips make excellent mulch around trees and shrubs and can also be used to soften garden paths.
- **MULCH IT!** By mulching, we can easily put nature's recycling system to work in our own backyard. Spread yard and garden debris around shrubs, trees, and other plantings. Mulching keeps the soil loose and moist, smothers weeds, prevents soil loss and releases nutrients as it decomposes.

Residential Burn Map





NOW OFFERING

CHILD CAR SEAT INSPECTION & INSTALLATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- Get one-on-one personalized instruction on how to properly use your child's car seat
- Receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and seat belts
- Get your child's car seat installed properly

Contact CSO High to schedule an appointment
PHONE: (253) 299-5660
EMAIL: brittanieh@sumnerwa.gov

We are excited to announce that Community Service Officer High recently completed the training necessary to become a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician!
What does this mean? This means CSO High can inspect child car seats and help you install them properly.

You can call (253) 299-5660 or email her below to schedule your appointment.

Email for Appointment



LADDER 113

Tractor Drawn Aerial

PUSH-IN CEREMONY



August 12, 2021
9 AM
Sumner, WA

On August 12, Mayor Bill Pugh, Deputy Mayor Kathy Hayden, Councilmember Barbara Bitetto helped East Pierce Fire and Rescue celebrate Sumner's new apparatus for our Station 113. Ladder 113 is the longest apparatus in Washington State, and we helped with the ceremonial Push-In. Sorry, due to COVID, this couldn't be a community-wide event, but you'll see Ladder 113 through the city for many years to come. In the meantime, enjoy videos and photos from the event above..

THE FACE I MAKE WHEN
I HEAR MY OWNER SAY

INDOOR PETS DON'T NEED
TO BE LICENCED



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