



CITY OF SEQUIM News



December 2018

Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at 152 West Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 5:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 14—10:00 p.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

No City Council Meeting on December 24.

Road Priorities During Winter Storms

The winter months are here and that means the possibility of winter storms.



During snow storms, the City crew concentrates on clearing the main arterials first. Washington Street, Sequim Avenue, 5th Avenue, 3rd Avenue, overpasses, and school routes (when schools are in session) are the top priorities.

As cold weather approaches, City crews spread magnesium chloride, a liquid de-icing agent, on areas that are prone to freeze.

There are 54 miles of City-owned roads and alleyways in the City of Sequim, in addition to parking lots and sidewalks. There are also 19 miles of private streets and roadways within the city limits that the City does not clear. The City asks the community to help by clearing snow from sidewalks that adjoin their homes and businesses.

Sign Up for E-Notifications

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City offices will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25 for the Christmas holiday, and on Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Welcome New Employee!

Jason Loihle, Management Analyst—November 26

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Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions are available for qualifying low income residents. You may qualify if your income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. There is an additional net asset based test to determine qualification, which now eliminates the primary residence in that eligibility calculation. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications for the 2019 program. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their January usage bill.

Applications for the 2019 discount are due **January 15, 2019** and are available at the following locations: Sequim Civic Center, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St Vincent De Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.sequimwa.gov>. Please don't hesitate to call City Hall (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

Bring your Donations for the Sequim Food Bank to the Sequim Civic Center



Help to ensure a happy holiday for everyone in Sequim. The City is accepting donations of non-perishable foods for the Sequim Food Bank now through Thursday, December 20. Just look for the big red barrel in the lobby. The Civic Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





No Coffee with the Mayor in December due to holiday schedules.

Water Saving Tip of the Month



In the Kitchen: DO NOT USE WATER TO DEFROST FROZEN FOOD; thaw foods overnight in the refrigerator.

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Prepare Your Pipes for Fall and Winter Winterize your outside water connections.

 Unhook any attached hoses from outdoor taps and drain any remaining water from the hose. Cover the taps with a Styrofoam connector, which you can purchase from a hardware store, to help prevent freezing.

If you have pipes that are not underground, disconnect them from the water source if possible and blow air through them. If disconnecting them is not possible, put insulation on or over the exposed piping.



Going out of town for a few months?

If you live in the Sequim city limits and are on City water, consider having your water shut off at the meter by the City. There is a one-time charge of \$45.00 (rate through December 2018). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$24.77 for water and \$24.77 for sewer (rates through December 2018) per month.



You will need to come in to City Hall and sign paperwork to have your water turned off.

After the meter has been shut off, there may still be water in the lines. Turn a faucet on until no remaining water comes through, then turn off the faucet. If possible, turn off your water valve going into the house, if you have one.

When you are ready to return, call Sequim City Hall at 360- 683-4139 at least two (2) business days prior to your arrival to have the water turned on. **Please note: Someone will need to be at your home when the meter is turned on.**



Be Fire Smart This Holiday Season

As you prepare to deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Here are a few tips for your Christmas tree:

- Choose a fresh tree that has green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Cut 2" from the base of the tree trunk before placing in tree stand.
- Keep tree a minimum of 3 ft. away from any source of heat like fireplaces, candles, and heat vents.
- Do not block an exit with the tree.
- Keep the tree watered daily.
- Use lights that are labeled from a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights that are worn or have broken cords or connections.
- Never use lit candles for tree decorations.
- Turn off the Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Call to Artists

If you want to learn what rotating exhibits are coming up in the Civic Center Lobby, sign up to receive "Call for Entry" notices on the City website, <http://www.sequimwa.gov> and go to **Notify Me**. From there you can sign up under **Bid Postings**.



In the Gallery...

Rocks, Gems, and Jewels Exhibit

October 3—December 21, 2018



Please join us for the Civic Center Tree Lighting Ceremony, Friday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.



Please contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov with questions.
Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.