



CITY OF SEQUIM News



January 2020

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 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting March 13—10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

Utility Rate Changes

The 2020 budget includes a 4% increase in water rates and a 0% increase in sewer rates. The overall impact to the average household using less than 600 cubic feet of water per month is a \$1.21 increase or 1.3% because water bills are smaller than sewer bills. The changes will be reflected in the February 2020 statements.

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 does not include the value of the primary residence in that eligibility calculation. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications for the 2020 program. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their February 1 bill.

Applications for the 2020 discount are due **January 15, 2020** 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 <https://www.sequimwa.gov>. Please don't hesitate to call the Civic Center at (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Welcome New Employee!

Shawnie Peters—Development Engineer—12/9

How to Recycle Right Do the "Core Four"



Please see the attached flyer to learn the correct way to recycle the Core Four: metals, plastics, mixed paper, and corrugated cardboard. Magnets with the information are available at the Sequim Civic Center, 152 West Cedar Street after the first of the year.

In the Gallery...

"Illuminations" January 3—March 27



Join us for the First Friday Art Walk on Friday, January 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Art Talk on the Art Walk at 5:00 p.m. features artist Ross Brown presenting "What is light and how it has become the subject in current art forms."

Open Jam 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., an informal gathering of people who like to make music.

Please contact Assistant City Manager Charisse Deschenes at 360-681-3432 or cdeschenes@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Gallery Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Guy Cole Event Center Closed for Additional Renovations

The Guy Cole Event Center at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim is closed for renovations through February 29, 2020 to complete the breakout room on the east side of the building and to perform maintenance.

Please contact the Sequim Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908 with questions.

Sign Up for the Polco Survey System



Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for Polco and for providing important feedback to the City.

Polco is an online polling service. You can sign up at <https://polco.us/sequim> and approximately every two weeks you will receive a notice that there are 4—7 new questions available for you to answer. Sign-up will ask for your name, email, zip code, and for you to set up a password.

Please check the City's website for summary reports of past surveys.

We look forward to your participation and feedback. Please contact Communications and Marketing Director Barbara Hanna at 360-681-3422 or bhanna@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Rally in the Alley Scheduled for January 25

Rally in the Alley The City of Sequim, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Murrey's Olympic Disposal, will hold the next Rally in the Alley on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or until dumpsters are full. This event focuses on the southeast quadrant of the City. Dumpsters will be located at:

- Elk Creek Apartments
- Still Road and E. Hammond St. south of Adagio Bean & Leaf

Volunteers will be on site to assist city residents with discarding unwanted items at no cost to the residents. No tires, appliances, liquid paint, gas, fuel, or oil will be accepted.

Volunteers please meet at 9:15 a.m. at the Elk Creek Apartment location.

Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or colleen@habitatclallam.org for more information.

Pest Control

Realizing you have a rat or mice problem can be scary and stressful. Here are some tips from Tomcat pest control on how to avoid and eliminate pests:

- Look for signs of activity
- Separate the pests from their food source
- Plug up any openings in your house
- Use rats' feeding system against them (they are wary of new foods)
- Decide whether traps or bait will work best for you
- Deprive them of food and water

You can learn more at <https://www.tomcatbrand.com/en-us/library/tips-and-strategies/how-get-rid-rats> and <https://www.terminix.com/blog/diy/how-to-get-rid-of-rats/>.

You Count! Be Counted!

2020 Census

Remember 10—10—10

- 10 questions on the Census questionnaire
- 10 minutes to complete
- 10 years of data for your community

Census Day is April 1, 2020

Learn more about the census at

<https://www.2020census.gov/>

Congratulations Westcott Award Winner Deborah Weaver



Deborah Weaver with Mayor Dennis Smith and Emily Westcott

The City of Sequim presented the sixth annual "Westcott Award" to Deborah Weaver for her 2018 service as a Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) at the City Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Weaver joined the program in 2016 and in 2018 volunteered 418 hours with the Police Department. Her work included: signing up new members of the Project Lifesaver program and conducting monthly battery checks; event assistance at the Irrigation Festival, Lavender Festival and Boys and Girls Club fundraiser; signing up new businesses and providing support for the Business Watch program; and offering front desk assistance at the Police Department.

The Westcott Award was named for Emily Westcott in recognition of her tireless commitment to volunteer service within the community. Westcott received the first award in 2014.

Road Priorities During Winter Storms

The winter months are upon us 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 school is 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.

The City asks the community to help by clearing snow from sidewalks that adjoin their homes and businesses.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.sequimwa.gov/583/Snow-and-Ice-Removal>.



How to Recycle Right: Do the "Core Four"



Metals
But no foil



Plastics #1 and 2
Bottles & jugs **ONLY**



Mixed Paper
(Includes paperboard)



Corrugated Cardboard
Flattened with no tape



EMPTY & CLEAN

No greasy pizza boxes or leftover peanut butter...

Scrape, rinse, recycle with **NO LID!**

Keep paper and cardboard dry.



NO PLASTIC BAGS

They clog sorting machines.

Don't bag your recycling — keep it loose!



WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT OR THROW IT OUT!

Recycling markets are in transition and one thing is clear: We all need to Recycle Right! Putting items into your recycling bin that don't follow the rules is "Wishcycling" and contaminates the recycling stream.

When in doubt ask City of Sequim's hauler, Murrey's Olympic Disposal (360-452-7278, cust2112@wcnx.org) or the experts at Clallam County Solid Waste (360-417-2441). Or get the "**Recyclopedia**" at www.clallam.net.

Other items can be recycled locally *if you Self Haul*:

- Glass:** Drop boxes are at Sequim Utility Shop (162 W. Hemlock) and Evergreen Collision (703 E. Washington)
- Plastic bags:** QFC and Safeway (see www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)
- Blue Mountain Transfer Station (1024 Blue Mountain Rd.) accepts recycling as well as used oil and antifreeze.
- Household hazardous waste** must go to the Regional Transfer Station (3501 W. 18th St., Port Angeles)

Pick up a handy
fridge magnet, FREE
at Sequim City Hall



MORE TIPS:

Remember the “**Core Four**” for residential customers (**Metals, Plastic Bottles & Jugs, Mixed Paper, Cardboard**) to avoid “contaminating” the recycling stream.

- ☒ No lids, please. Also, if any item is smaller than your fist, throw it out.
- ☒ Most plastic items (*clamshells, Solo cups, and coffee pods*) CANNOT be recycled at this time, unfortunately. *Don't be a Wishcycler!*
- ☒ Wet paper and cardboard can't be processed—don't let it get wet. Ideally, cardboard should be flattened with no tape.
- ☒ “Mixed Paper” includes cereal & cracker boxes but NOT paper cups (*sorry coffee cups!*).
- ☒ Shredded paper is no longer collected but First Federal and others host shredding events periodically.
- ☒ Alkaline batteries are safe for the trash, but Lithium Ion (rechargeable) batteries are hazardous waste. Regular Lithium batteries should be recycled (see “*Recyclopedia*” below).

Murrey's Olympic Disposal is the garbage, recycling, and yard waste hauler for City of Sequim. For a [COLLECTION CALENDAR](#) or questions on billing, bin sizes, etc., contact them at 360-452-7278, cust2112@wcnx.org or online: www.wcolympicpeninsula.com

FUN FACTS:

- ★ North Olympic Peninsula industries recycle our corrugated cardboard to make new products. Support local jobs and our economy by recycling cardboard right.
- ★ New markets for other recycled materials are forming since China banned the import of most paper and plastic in 2018. By **Recycling Right** we avoid contaminating the recycling stream and we encourage innovative industries and our regional economy.
- ★ The “Chasing Arrows” recycle symbol is no guarantee the item can be recycled in our area. Different regions have different buyers of recycling. Plastics #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) bottles and jugs have good market potential at this time in Washington state.

CIRCLES & CYCLES:

One person's waste is another person's treasure! Re-think waste and teach kids to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE—and RE-THINK, too.

- ➔ The “**Recyclopedia**” is a great local source of information! Find it at www.clallam.net.
- ➔ **Prevent waste** in the first place by thinking before buying items with excessive packaging.
- ➔ **Keep food out of the trash** to avoid harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Learn about composting and food waste options from WSU Extension (www.extension.wsu.edu/clallam).
- ➔ Keep usable items out of the landfill by utilizing a local donation center listed in the “**Recyclopedia**” or the online exchange www.2Good2Toss.com.