



# CITY OF SEQUIM News



March 2020

## Meeting Dates & Locations

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

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| City Council Regular Meeting<br>Council Chambers                                      | 2nd & 4th Monday<br>6:00 p.m.                |
| City Council Work Session<br>Council Chambers (when<br>required)                      | 2nd & 4th Monday<br>5:00 p.m.                |
| Planning Commission<br>Council Chambers   | 1st & 3rd Tuesday<br>6:00 p.m.               |
| Parks, Arbor, and Recreation<br>Board<br>Community Conf. Room                         | 3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.                         |
| Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.<br>Community Conf. Room<br>(Please note new date and time) | Quarterly—Next Meeting<br>March 9—12:00 noon |
| Arts Advisory Commission<br>Community Conf. Room                                      | 3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.                         |

## Coffee with the Mayor in March

Meet Mayor William Armacost at Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, March 26 at 8:00 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner located at 1471 East Washington Street. Assistant City Manager Charisse Deschenes will join the Mayor. Each month the Mayor will be available to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express concerns, or make a comment about the City or the community.



Assistant City Manager Charisse Deschenes



Mayor William Armacost



**Water Saving Tip**  
**THROUGHOUT YOUR HOME—Fix leaky faucets immediately.** A leaky faucet may simply need a new washer. Small faucet leaks can waste 20 gallons of water a day. Large leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.

Remember to “Spring Ahead” on Sunday, March 8 to Daylight Savings Time.



## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- March 23—1) Interim Controls Related to Subdivision Guarantees  
2) Moratorium for Manufactured Home Parks

## Welcome New Employees!

**Travis Simmons**—Administrative Assistant—2/24  
**Aurora Lagattuta**—Arts Coordinator—3/2



## You Count! Be Counted! 2020 Census

### Why is the 2020 Census Important?

\$16.7 billion in state funding is at stake, or \$2,319 per person. The Census provides data that drives funding for health care, education, roads and construction projects, such as fire stations.

For every 100 households missed in the 2020 Census count, the state could lose up to \$5.8 million, which would affect the ability to adequately support children, veterans, senior citizens and middle- and low-income families. An accurate count of Washington’s communities will ensure a fair distribution of taxpayers’ funds and political representation.

### 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/>

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Read the City Manager Weekly Updates at [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov)

### *In the Gallery...*

#### **“Illuminations” January 3—March 27**

Join us for the First Friday Art Walk on Friday, March 6 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



- **4:45 p.m.** Sunshine Festival Ribbon Cutting
- **5:00 p.m.** Art Talk on the Art Walk “How Light Works” with Ross Brown
- **7:00 p.m.** Movie Screening “Look to the Sky”
- Don’t miss the opening of the “Interactive Light Experience” at **6:00 p.m.** at Pioneer Memorial Park.

Please contact Arts Coordinator Aurora Lagattua at [alagattuta@sequimwa.gov](mailto:alagattuta@sequimwa.gov) or 360-582-2477.

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



### **Community Garden Plots Available**

The City of Sequim is reserving garden plots for the Community Organic Garden (COGS) at June Robinson Memorial Park on the corner of Spruce Street and Sunnyside Avenue for 2020. The plots are available in raised beds and ground beds. The fee per bed is \$45.00 per calendar year. The gardening season runs March through October.

The garden will have a Clean and Weed day Monday, **March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** to clean the area, weed, and prepare for planting.

Organic soil, seeds and pest control will be available after **March 10**.

There will be a full-day orientation class for COGS gardeners on **Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Burkett Community Conference Room at the Sequim Civic Center, 152 West Cedar Street.

Please contact Parks and Arts Manager Jason Lohle at (360) 582-2458 or [jloihle@sequimwa.gov](mailto:jloihle@sequimwa.gov) to reserve a plot.

### **Sign Up for E-Notifications**

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### **New Sequim Sunshine Festival March 6 & 7, 2020**



We’re beginning to see signs of spring, and that makes it a perfect time to celebrate the sun at the new Sequim Sunshine Festival, March 6 & 7, 2020.

Locals know that in a typically wet western Washington, Sequim has an average annual rainfall of just 16 inches. It might not always be sunny in Sequim, but the odds are better than anywhere else in the region. And if the sun doesn’t shine, no worries, we’ll help you make your own sun with activities that focus on light, art, physical activity and positive energy for all ages.

Friday night will kick off with the Sequim First Friday Art Walk and a special “Illuminations” exhibit at the Sequim Civic Center. Local galleries and businesses will feature original artwork and many restaurants are offering specials as a part of the festival.

Saturday brings a full day of activities starting with the [Rolling Sunshine](#) bicycle ride and the [Sun Fun Color Run](#). Both events start at Carrie Blake Park, are geared for the whole family, and are a great way to get energized for the rest of the festival. Join us back at the park for music and fun before heading off to other events.

A must stop is the [Interactive Light Experience](#) at Pioneer Memorial Park. This custom-built, interactive environment blends art and science encouraging visitors to look at light as an artistic design element and the physical properties of light. Art lovers will also want to observe as [3-D chalk artist](#) Naomi Haverland works her magic and creates a custom chalk design for the festival in downtown Sequim.

You’ll find live performances throughout Sequim including an [“open jam” session](#) on Saturday afternoon. Bring your acoustic instrument and join in the fun.

Throughout the day, find the symbols of sunshine throughout Sequim and post to social media to earn “glow-bling” for the evening events.

The festival will culminate with a gathering back at Carrie Blake Park to take in the spectacular illuminated drone show produced by the Firefly Drone Show Company <https://www.fireflydroneshow.com/>.

The evening ends with the [Sound Community Bank Beach Party Dinner and Dance](#) with live music with Black Diamond Junction and Bread & Gravy and a catered Hawaiian pork loin dinner by Kokopelli Grill.

View the whole schedule of events at [Sequim Sunshine Festival](#). To volunteer, please contact Communications and Marketing Director Barbara Hanna at (360) 681-3422 or [bhanna@sequimwa.gov](mailto:bhanna@sequimwa.gov).