



CITY OF SEQUIM News



October 2020

Meeting Dates

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 December 7—12:00 noon
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

Sequim City Council and other Board and Commission meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for more information.

Civic Center Solar Dashboard is LIVE

The energy generated by solar panels on Sunny Sequim's Civic Center rooftop can now be tracked online via the dashboard link at www.sequimwa.gov/965/Civic-Center-Solar. Yet another reason to enjoy Sequim's sunshine! The 50kW installation addresses a 2018-2019 City Council goal to promote solar as an alternative source of energy and was funded one-third by a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce.



October 24 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Bring your prescription drugs and vaping pens without internal batteries to the Sequim Civic Center, 152 W. Cedar Street between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24.

2021 Budget Calendar

The Sequim City Council will be presented with an overview of the proposed 2021 budget on Monday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please check the calendar on the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for information on how to access the meeting.

- **October 12**—Proposed 2021 Budget presented to City Council
- **October 26**—Questions and answers on budget, if needed
- **November 9**—Public Hearings on 2021 Budget, Property Tax Levy, Fees and Utility Rates
- **November 23**—Budget Adoption

Welcome New Employee!

Michael Madison—Maintenance Worker - 9/17

Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing to Take Place

The City of Sequim Public Works crew will be testing the sanitary sewers with smoke to find defects, breaks, leaks, and faulty connections in the sewer system. The tests will begin on October 5 in the area between West Hendrickson Road and McCurdy Road and South Priest Road and Sequim Avenue. Residents will be notified by door hangers before smoke testing occurs in their neighborhood. To learn more about the sanitary sewer smoke testing program, visit <https://www.sequimwa.gov/354/Sewer>. Please contact the Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908 with questions.

Water Stations Installed in City Parks

Nine water stations have been installed in City parks. The stations were the community's first choice in the People's Project, the participatory budgeting process held in 2019 for inclusion in the 2020 budget.

The stations are located at Carrie Blake Park near the Dog Park, Pickleball Courts/Skate Park, Water Reuse Interpretive Center, and at the southwest corner of the Albert Haller Playfields. Additional stations are at Seal Street, Pioneer, Gerhardt, Margaret Kirner, and James Standard Parks. The stations include a water bottle filling station and drinking fountains. Six contain pet watering bowls.

Coffee with the Mayor in October

Mayor William Armacost will make a decision on the best format to hold the October Coffee with the Mayor meeting by the middle of the month, depending on orders from the State of Washington and the Clallam County Health Department. If an in-person meeting is not possible, the Mayor will either hold a radio call-in meeting or an online virtual meeting. Please check the City's website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for the announcement. No Coffee with the Mayor in November and December due to holiday schedules.

COVID-19 Update—SAFE START Clallam County Remains in Phase 2

Clallam County and the City of Sequim remain in Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee's Safe Start plan. As more people are out and about in the community, it is very important to follow safety rules to keep yourself and the community healthy.

- **Stay Home if You Are Sick**
- **Practice Physical Distancing**
- **Practice Good Hygiene**
- **Clean and Sanitize Surfaces**
- **Cover Coughs and Sneezes**
- **Wear a Face Mask to Protect Others**

You can learn more about the Governor's approach to reopening at <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-signs-new-covid-19-order-for-phased-re-opening-of-washingtons-economy-ad5ea919ab56>

Sequim Civic Center Remains Closed to the Public

The Sequim Civic Center will remain closed to the public until Clallam County enters into Phase 3 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start plan and will continue to have limited staff in the building at that time. Members of the public are encouraged to call City staff with questions or concerns.

- Public Works/Department of Community Development (360) 683-4908
- Finance/Utility Billing (360) 683-4139
- Police (Non-emergency) (360) 683-7227
- Always call 911 in the case of an emergency

The City's website <https://sequimwa.gov> is a good resource for information and forms needed to conduct business with the City. Under the "Residents" menu, there is a staff directory with individual phone numbers and email addresses.

News from the City Arts Advisory Commission

"Fluidity" Digital Art Exhibit through October 26. View the exhibit on the CAAC Exhibits page on the City website: <https://www.sequimwa.gov/705/Current-Exhibit>. The exhibit includes 50 pieces of work from 40 different artists. The exhibit is also available for view on screens at the Civic Center each Friday—Sunday.



Visit our CAAC Arts Blog on the City website. <https://www.sequimwa.gov/956/CAAC-Arts-Blog>.

Call for Entries—Youthful Expressions

The Commission is seeking entries for the next digital exhibit, "Youthful Expressions" to be displayed online at the City website beginning December 4, 2020. The deadline for submission is Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m. To enter, complete the form at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/alagattuta/youthful-expressions>. Artists will be notified of their status via email by November 13, 2020. This exhibit will run until March 1, 2021.

COVID-19 Food Care Package Distribution Continues Twice Monthly



Covid-19 Food Care Package distribution continues through the end of the year, but will take place twice monthly beginning in October. The food care packages will be available on the following Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

- October 14 and 28
- November 11 and 25
- December 9 and 23

Drivers are asked to queue up at Trinity United Methodist Church where they will be directed to volunteers who will load their car with non-perishable foods and dairy products.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Remember to turn your clock back one hour.

Save the Date for a Sequim Community Broadband Meeting

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.

"Having issues with internet connectivity? Have you been told that internet access is not available, or you have connection, but can only travel at a snail's pace? The Clallam County Broadband Team invites you to discuss these issues with local stakeholders at the Sequim Community Broadband Meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. More details will follow on how you can participate and make your voice heard.