



CITY OF SEQUIM News



December 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.



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

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

December 14—1) Streets & Revised Engineering Standards 2) Solid Waste Collection

Welcome New Employee!

Alexander Jones —Maintenance Worker—11/9

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



Sequim City Council and other Board and Commission meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is easier than ever to attend now that the meetings are held on Zoom. Meetings are also accessible by phone. Visit <https://sequimwa.gov>, scroll down to the Calendar of Events and click on the meeting. Open the agenda and click the link or call the phone number. We hope to "see you" there!

PLEASE NOTE: The December 28 City Council meeting is cancelled due to holiday schedules.

Drug Take Back Day a Success



Staff and volunteers from the Sequim Police Department accepted expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and non-prescription drugs during National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 24. During a four hour window, 247.3 pounds of drugs were turned in for destruction by incineration. Turning in unused drugs keeps them out of our water system and keeps the community safe. Thank you to all who participated.



Sequim 101 Application Deadline is December 7.

The City of Sequim is pleased to introduce Sequim 101, a citizens' academy where residents can learn more about government structure and City operations from elected officials and City staff.

The program will begin on January 13, 2021 and consist of 10 weekly, 90-minute sessions on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the course will be offered virtually.

Sequim 101 is open to City of Sequim and Clallam County residents. There is no cost to participate, but enrollment will be limited to no more than 15 members. Applications are due December 7, 2020. Please visit the City of Sequim website <https://sequimwa.gov> for the full curriculum and application. Please call (360) 683-4908 with questions.

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

Applications are due January 15, 2021. To learn more, please visit the City website at <https://sequimwa.gov> or call the City's Finance Office at (360) 683-4139.

"How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time."

- Morgan Freeman



“Youthful Expressions” Digital Art Exhibit Opens Friday, December 4. This exhibit, featuring local artists and Sequim High School students, shares perspectives of hope, joy, and play found during the pandemic. “Youthful Expressions” will be displayed on the City’s website <https://sequimwa.gov> and on screens viewable from outdoors in the Civic Center lobby.

**COVID-19 Update
STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY**

**Clallam County Remains in Phase 2
New Restrictions Announced**

Clallam County and the City of Sequim remain in Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee’s Safe Start plan, however the Governor announced additional restrictions on November 15 affecting indoor dining and bars, social gatherings, gyms, and other venues. To learn more about the Governor’s response to the Coronavirus and the restrictions, please visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>

In order to help curb the spread of the virus, it is very important to follow the 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 Yourself and Others**

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.

**COVID-19 Food Care Package Distribution
Continues Through December**

Covid-19 Food Care Package distribution continues twice monthly through the end of the year. The food care packages will be available on Wednesdays, December 9 and 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.

Special Family Holiday Meal Bags will be distributed on Friday, December 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drivers are asked to use the north entrance to Carrie Blake Park on Blake Avenue by the Water Reuse Site.

South Side Complete Streets Concepts to be Presented

The City Council will be updated on the preliminary design concepts for the South Side Complete Streets project at the Monday, December 14 City Council Meeting. The concepts will be presented by Framework who has worked with the City on community engagement for the project including a design charette, neighborhood walking tour, and an open house-style design studio. Visit the City website <https://sequimwa.gov> and go to the calendar listing for the agenda and information on how to join the meeting.

What is I & I?

Sounds like the latest TV crime drama, right?

“I & I” stands for **Inflow and Infiltration** and it has a huge effect on water **quality**, water **treatment**, and the **cost** of treating wastewater. December is a great time to talk about this because it’s Storm Season again!

Infiltration is stormwater and groundwater leaking into our sewer laterals, mains, and manholes. This water has to be processed just like sewage and takes up capacity and costs money to treat at the Water Reclamation Facility. The City uses cameras and visual inspections to find the leaks.

Inflows are prohibited by Sequim Municipal Code and include illicit stormwater discharges coming directly into the system, like illegal roof drain connections (downspouts), sump pumps from basements, and driveway drains, which tap into our sanitary sewer system. The City uses techniques such as smoke and dye testing (performed before the rains come in the fall) to identify where infiltration is taking place and works with property owners to separate the stormwater from the sewer.

What can YOU do to reduce I & I? Look for roof or yard drains connected to the sewer and separate them. Check that caps to your sewer cleanouts are secure. Keep nearby storm drains free of leaf litter. Avoid planting trees and shrubs over sewer lines. Roots damage the structure of the sewer pipe and cause leaks.