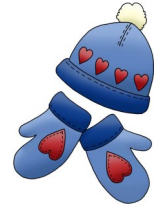




# CITY OF SEQUIM News



January 2021

## Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Brd	3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.	Quarterly—Next Meeting March 3—9:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- January 11—1) Accessory Dwelling Units  
2) Grading and Clearing 3) Building Code  
4) Engineering Street Standards

City offices will be closed on Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



## Sequim City Council Proclaims 2021 as The Year of Kindness



The Sequim City Council approved a proclamation naming The Year of Kindness 2021 at their Council meeting on December 14.

The proclamation stated the social and economic impact of the global pandemic, racial and equity tensions, the restrictions on in-person gatherings, the presidential election, and community polarization due to the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinic as reasons to encourage community members, businesses, and nonprofits to initiate a series of activities in support of acts of kindness to reignite our sense of community.

Throughout the year, the City will be giving tips and offering activities that support kindness in the community. To see the full proclamation, visit <https://sequimwa.gov>.

## Coffee with the Mayor to Resume in January

Mayor William Armacost will make a decision by the middle of the month on the best format to hold the January 28 Coffee with the Mayor meeting depending on the orders from the State of Washington and the Clallam County Health Department. Please check the City's website <https://sequimwa.gov> for the announcement.



## Kids' Fishing Pond Reminders



The North Olympic Peninsula Chapter—Puget Sound Anglers in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the City of Sequim continue to plant catchable trout in the Carrie Blake Park Water Reclamation pond. Please remember that fishing in the pond is available for kids 14 and younger. Adults can assist, but the kids need to land their own fish. There is a two fish limit.

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!

## Keep Your Home Rodent Free

Winter's chill drives rodents to see warm nesting places. Don't let that place be your home!

- Block any holes along your foundation, around doorways, and where plumbing enters your house.
- Keep bird feeders far from the house. Rodents love bird seed!
- Keep shrubs and vegetation trimmed back away from the foundation of your house.
- Set traps along known rodent paths. (Use traps designed not to hurt children or pets.)
- Seal garbage bins.
- Keep foods sealed.

For more information, visit <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Pests/Rodents>

*"Always be a little kinder than necessary."*

- James M. Barrie

## 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.

## “Youthful Expressions” Digital Art Exhibit on Display until March 5.

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://www.sequimwa.gov/705/Current-Exhibit> and on screens viewable from outdoors in the Civic Center lobby.

## 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>.

## COVID-19 Update STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY

### 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. With the vaccine arriving, we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. However, in order to help curb the spread of the virus, it is very important to continue 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, and wear a face mask to protect yourself and others. To learn more about the Governor’s response to the Coronavirus and the restrictions, please visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>

### 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.

## COVID-19 Food Care Package Distribution Extended Through March

Covid-19 Food Care Package distribution continues twice monthly through the month of March. The food care packages will be available on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month 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.

Visitors to Carrie Blake Park should use the north entrance on Blake Avenue for park access during that time.

## South Side Complete Streets Concepts to be Presented on January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The Sequim community will be updated on the preliminary design concepts for the South Side Complete Streets project at a meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. 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.



## 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 2021). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$27.31 for water and \$27.31 for sewer (rates through December 2021) per month.



**You will need to contact the Civic Center at 360-683-4139 or [utilpay@sequimwa.gov](mailto:utilpay@sequimwa.gov) 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 Civic Center 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.**