



CITY OF SEQUIM News



June 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 Board	3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 2—9:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.



City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Welcome New Employee!

Karen Abbott—Administrative Assistant—5/17

4th of July Fireworks at Carrie Blake Park

Join the City of Sequim as we celebrate Independence Day by hosting a professional fireworks display at Carrie Blake Park on Sunday, July 4 at approximately 10:00 p.m. depending on the darkness of the sky.



The show will last approximately 20 minutes. The fireworks will launch from the Albert Haller Playfields at the Water Reuse Site. The fireworks will display between 150 to 400 feet above the field and should be visible from many places in Sequim. All applicable COVID-19 safety precautions will be taken for safe viewing inside the park.

The City of Sequim banned the discharge of consumer fireworks in the city limits effective in 2018. This community show is intended as a celebration and to discourage the unlawful discharge of other fireworks.

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!

The City of Sequim Receives AWC Municipal Excellence Award

The City of Sequim has received a Municipal Excellence Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) for its Small Business Rapid Relief Grant Program in support of the local business community impacted by COVID-19. The awards were given to five cities, out of 22 applications, for putting creative ideas to use for their communities. The award and project will be recognized at AWC’s Annual Conference in June.

Coffee with the Mayor in June

Mayor William Armacost will make a decision by the middle of the month on the best format to hold the June 24 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.



Stay Safe and Legal When Burning Outdoors

When it comes to outdoor burning, residents are encouraged to know the law. Some important laws to consider are:

- State law prohibits burning yard waste in cities or Urban Growth Areas (UGA). Check your address at the link below.
- Recreational fires are allowed in most cities, but restricted to 3-ft. in diameter with clean wood or charcoal only.
- Use of burn barrels is illegal everywhere in Washington.
- Burning household waste is prohibited.
- Even when burning is legally allowed, burners are responsible for the smoke they generate.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.orcaa.org/outdoor-burning/residential-outdoor-burning/>

“Kindness is a gift everyone can afford.”

- Unknown

Be  Kind

#BeKindSequim

June Kindness Ideas:

- Be kind to your server
- Praise a local business online
- Send an encouraging email
- Buy lemonade from a stand

COVID-19 Update
HEALTHY WASHINGTON

Clallam County is in Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery Plan

Clallam County is still in Phase 3 of the Governor’s Healthy Washington plan. This means that more businesses are open and more events can take place. Please visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf> for details.

Although many adult residents are vaccinated, it is still important to follow COVID-19 safety precautions. 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://governor.wa.gov/>

Sequim Civic Center is Open for Limited Scheduled Appointments

The Sequim Civic Center is currently open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for limited in-person appointments. Please contact the department you need to work with directly:

- 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)
- All other departments (360) 683-4908

Members of the public are encouraged to limit visits to the Civic Center and to continue to conduct business remotely by phone or via internet whenever possible.

The City’s website <https://sequimwa.gov> is a good resource for information and forms needed to conduct business with the City.

Celebrate the First Day of Summer
Sunday, June 20!

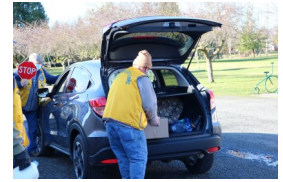
COVID-19 Food Care Package Distribution to Occur Once in the Month of June

Covid-19 Food Care Package distribution will take place on Wednesday, June 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drivers are asked to queue up at Trinity United Methodist Church on Blake Avenue 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.

The Sequim Food Bank, located at 144 West Alder Street, is open each week on Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



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, April 24. During a four hour window, 285.4 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.

Water Saving Tip– Consider a Rain Barrel

A summer rain shower can water your garden long after the clouds are gone if you have a rain barrel.

Connecting one or a few rain barrels to your roof downspouts could save you money by reducing the volume of city water used for irrigation. Every summer the total city water usage more than doubles because of outdoor irrigation. Using rain barrels conserves this precious resource.

To address rumors, rain barrels are NOT illegal in our state (or city or county), however:

- They require a commitment to maintain and use properly to avoid overflow, flooding, clogging, or backflow.
- They are not allowed for indoor domestic use without a permit from county and/or state health department.
- Never connect one to a domestic water pipe of any sort—especially without a backflow prevention device.
- Never put a hose from the house into a rain barrel and leave it here.

For more information, please visit:

State policy: <https://apps.wa.ecology.gov/docs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol1017.pdf>

General info: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-supply/Water-recovery-solutions/Rainwater-collection>

Calculator to find out how much water you’d need to store for different size lawns, etc.: https://apps.wa.ecology.gov/docs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/ecy_rwcalc.xlsm