



# CITY OF SEQUIM News



September 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 4:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 1—9:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

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

**Special City Council meetings on September 9 and 10 for City Manager interviews. Please visit the City website <https://sequimwa.gov> for the schedule and agendas.**

## 2022 Budget Calendar

The Sequim City Council will be presented with an overview of the proposed 2022 budget on Monday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.  
**September 27**—Proposed 2022 Budget presented to City Council  
**October 25**—Questions and answers on budget, if needed  
**November 8**—Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget, Property Tax Levy, Fees and Utility Rates  
**November 22**—Budget Adoption

*“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”*

- Maya Angelou

### September Kindness Ideas:

- Share your favorite recipe
- Leave a generous tip
- Bring reusable bags to the grocery store
- Pick up trash around town



City offices will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

*Welcome New Employees!*

**Austin Wagner**—Associate Engineer— 8/2

**Daniel Martinez**—Police Officer - 8/16

## Congratulations to Interim City Manager

### Charisse Deschenes

City of Sequim Interim City Manager Charisse Deschenes was recognized with the Outstanding Assistant Award for populations under 10,000 by the Washington City/County Management Association (WCMA) for her role as Assistant City Manager at the WCMA annual conference on August 12.



“The award recognizes outstanding achievement and exemplary work by a local government professional who provides valued assistance to a chief local government administrator/manager and who has made significant contributions toward excellence in leadership,” said WCMA Executive Director Tracy Burrows.

Deschenes became City of Sequim Assistant City Manager in 2018 following her roles as Assistant to the City Manager and Senior Planner. She was acknowledged for her participation in the City’s facilitation team, Sequim Service Fest, legislative advocacy, regional childcare, management of housing funding, COVID-19 Emergency Coordination Center support, LEAN program support, launching the City’s Performance Management Program, and supporting fellows and interns. She has served as Interim City Manager since February 2021.

Deschenes is a graduate of the Northwest Women’s Leadership Academy, Leadership ICMA, and the Senior Executive Institute, and serves on the NextERA Advisory Group with the Alliance for Innovation. She has a Bachelor of Science in Parks and Resource Management and a Master’s in Business Administration.

### 911 Memorial Ceremony



Please join us on Friday, September 10 at 7:45 a.m. on the Civic Center Plaza for a ceremony to recognize the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks and to honor the fire fighters, police, and EMT/paramedics who responded, and the nearly 3,000 victims who lost their lives that day.

### COVID-19 Update WASHINGTON READY

#### Washington Ready

The State of Washington reopened the economy on June 30 removing some COVID-19 restrictions. However, due to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and the Delta variant, Clallam County and the State of Washington have both implemented a mask mandate for anyone aged 5 and older for indoor public spaces regardless of whether you are vaccinated or not. To learn more about the State's COVID-19 response, please visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>

It is more important than ever that the community follow all COVID-19 safety precautions:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice physical distancing
- Practice good hygiene
- Clean and sanitize surfaces
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Get tested if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others

To learn more about the Governor's Washington Ready plan visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/WashingtonReady.pdf> for details.

#### The Sequim Civic Center is Open to the Public

The Sequim Civic Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Masks are required for anyone entering City buildings to protect themselves and City staff.

The public is encouraged to conduct business with the City by telephone or on-line whenever possible. If an in-person meeting is necessary, please schedule an appointment.

**Due to recent circumstances, Coffee with the Mayor meetings are currently on hold.**



### Congratulations to the First Leadership Sequim Class

The City Council recognized City employees Mike Hill, Carolee Edwards, Devin McBride, Connie Anderson, Joel Dressel, and Tiffany Banning for their successful completion of the inaugural Leadership Sequim program at the August 9 City Council meeting. The year-long internal professional development program gave the employees the opportunity to gain direct knowledge of high-level City Government management and operations, and the community we serve, through interactive learning, exposure, and service.

The Leadership Sequim program supports the City's organizational value of continuous improvement and invests in staff to build capacity for future leaders through succession planning.

### Participate in the Sequim Parks and Open Space On-Line Open House



The public is invited to participate in an on-line open house to provide input to the City of Sequim on its Parks and Open Space Plan. To participate in the Open House, please visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SequimOOH)

[SequimOOH](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SequimOOH) now through September 6.

The City of Sequim updates its Parks and Open Space Plan every six years. The plan provides a blueprint for park and open space improvement. In the Open House you will learn more about the plan and provide your ideas and feedback on what park and recreation programs, services, and facilities are important to you. The feedback from the Open House, along with a previous survey, will provide input for the draft of the new plan.

Please contact Interim Parks Manager William Langevin at [wlangevin@sequimwa.gov](mailto:wlangevin@sequimwa.gov) or (360) 582-2458 with questions.