



CITY OF SEQUIM News



December 2023

Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting (No Meeting December 25)	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session (As Needed)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission (As Needed)	1st & 3rd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board	3rd Monday 4:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 4—9:00 a.m.
Sequim Arts Commission	4th Monday 3:00 p.m.



City offices will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26 for the Christmas holiday and on Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Welcome New Employees!

Robert Kellso—Accounting Manager—11/1
Cameron Harrison—Maintenance Project Worker/Operator—11/1

Become a Member of the City Team!

Check out our job openings and apply now at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sequimwa>

Congratulations to City Staff Members for New Credentials



Devin Scott & Thomas Rossi

Thomas Rossi and Devin Scott from the Public Works crew have received their Collections License III and I respectively, from the Washington Wastewater Collection Personnel Association

(WWCPA). A Level I license requires 12 years of general education, one full year of experience or six months of experience and 33 classroom hours or equivalent CEU's in specialized training. A Level III license requires 14 years of education, four years of experience, and successfully passing the WWC Group III test.



Timmy Wright

Additionally, Timmy Wright has earned his Water Reclamation Facility Operator III Certificate from the Washington State Department of Ecology. A Group III certificate requires 14 years of education, four years of operator experience, and successfully passing the Group III certificate exam.

The City of Sequim is currently holding hybrid meetings for the City Council and other Boards and Commissions. The public is encouraged to participate through Zoom when possible. Visit <https://sequimwa.gov>, scroll to the Calendar of Events and click on the meeting. Open the agenda and click the link or call the phone number to join the meeting.

Community Survey

We Want to Hear From You!

Please Take the Community Survey

Your input is important! Community Surveys have been mailed to City residents and should arrive in mailboxes in early December. You can return your survey by mail or take the survey online at <https://sequimsurvey.org/>. The results of the survey will help guide future programs and work plans so the City can continue to improve the services it provides to the community.



Bring Your Donations for the Sequim Food Bank to the Sequim Civic Center



Help to ensure a happy holiday for everyone in Sequim. The City is accepting donations of non-perishable foods for the Sequim Food Bank now through Friday, December 22. Just look for the big red barrel in the lobby. The Civic Center is open

Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



“Real generosity is doing something for someone who will never find out.”

- Frank A. Clark

Sign-up for E-Notifications and get the latest City of Sequim news! <https://www.sequimwa.gov/list.aspx>



Sustainability Tip Enjoy Sustainable Holidays!

Make your holidays merry with sustainability in mind and check these ideas off your list:

- Shop locally and with a reusable tote.
- Recycle your holiday tree into compost.
- Buy vintage and thrifted; both gifts and decorations.
- Plan menus to avoid food waste; freeze or compost leftovers.
- Wrap gifts in recyclable or reusable gift wrap.
- Give the gift of experience or time instead of stuff!

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 2023). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$28.13 for water and \$28.13 for sewer (rates through December 2023) per month.

You will need to contact the Civic Center at 360-683-4139 or 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 the Sequim Civic Center at 360-683-4139 at least **two** 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.**

Another Successful Drug Take Back Day



Thank you to everyone who dropped off medication for destruction at the October 28 National Drug Take Back Day. The City of Sequim collected 39.3 pounds of prescription and non-prescription drugs, keeping them out of the landfills and water systems.

Drugs can be dropped off at the Sequim Civic Center anytime during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Become a Member of the Sequim Planning Commission

The Sequim City Council is seeking applicants for in-city resident positions on the Sequim Planning Commission. Commissioners volunteer their time to serve the Sequim community by advising City Council on plans, policies, regulations, and capital spending related to growth and development. To learn more visit <https://sequimwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1352>.

Keep Your Home Safe While Traveling Over the Holidays

Many people will travel over the holidays to visit friends and family. The Sequim Police Department wants to be sure your home is safe while you are away. Here are a few tips so you can enjoy your vacation:

- Install a security system
- Use lights with timers or smart lighting
- Keep a car in the driveway
- Use a friend or a house sitter
- Be careful what you announce on social media
- Continue home service provisions
- Unplug devices
- Hide your valuables
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries
- Check the weather
- Lock your garage

Visit <https://todayshomeowner.com/safety/guides/ways-to-protect-your-home-while-on-vacation/> to learn more about keeping your home safe.

In the Gallery...

“Elemental; Fire, Water,
Wood, Earth, Metal, Air”
October 6—January 2

“Coming Home” by Lauren Churchill



Karen Kuznek-Reese Gallery at the Sequim Civic Center
Gallery Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.