CITY OF SEQUIM News

April 2024

Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting	**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 June 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Sequim Arts Commission	4th Monday 3:00 p.m.

The City of Sequim is currently holding hybrid meetings for the City Council and other Boards and Commissions. The public is able to participate in person or through Zoom if preferred. Visit https://sequimwa.gov, and click on the Agendas & Minutes tab.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The City of Sequim is updating its Transportation Master Plan and creating a new Safety Action Plan to guide mobility and safety improvements over the next 20 years.

To understand what challenges users of the transportation system face and identify potential ways to improve conditions, we invite you to participate in this 10-minute transportation focused survey.

Scan the QR code or visit www.sequimtransportationsurvey.com



Welcome New Employees!

Nicole Eagan, Police Officer—March 1
Bill Poindexter, Maintenance Worker—March 1
Chris Moon, Police Officer—March 18
Freddie Christian, Maintenance Worker—March 18
Parker Elias, Maintenance Worker—March 18

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

Celebrate Arbor Day With Us



Please join the City of Sequim as we celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. by planting five fir trees around the Water Reuse Site Pond and additional fir trees along Bell Creek at Carrie Blake Park.

The celebration recognizes Sequim's designation as a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Please contact the City of Sequim Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908 for more information.

Important Upcoming Utility Billing Conversion

The City's Finance Department is in the process of converting our current utility billing to a new system. This will impact customer utility accounts and online access as we go LIVE with the new system in late April and early May. What to expect:

- Utility bills that typically arrive on or around May 1, will likely be sent 5—7 business days late.
- Starting in May, the look of your utility bill will be different, and **you will have a new account number**.
- Online billing and payments will be unavailable for a few days in late April or early May to allow for implementation of the new Utility Billing Online Portal.

More details will be available in coming months. Please contact the Finance Department at 360-683-4139 with questions.

"Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you."

- Mary Lou Retton

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5th Annual Sequim Sunshine Festival Thank you to our Sponsors!

We hope everyone enjoyed the 5th Annual Sequim Sunshine Festival on March 1 & 2. We had a great time and appreciate everyone who attended and participated in festival activities! It takes a village to put on this type of event and it would not happen without our sponsors, volunteers, community partners, and planning committee. **Thank you to all!**

2024 Sponsors:

- The City of Sequim
- Sound Community Bank
- Peninsula Behavioral Health
- Clallam County PUD
- Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau
- Anderson Homes
- Sequim Gazette
- KSQM FM 91.5 Radio
- Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Holiday Inn Express
- First Fed
- Rudd Orthodontics
- Turella Oral Surgery and Implants
- Michaels

The City of Sequim is Accepting Applications for the Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Advisory Board

The Sequim City Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Advisory Board by a resident that lives within the Sequim School District boundaries. The position is a three-year appointment and will expire on June 30, 2026.

Visit the City website https://sequimwa.gov for more information and the application.

In the Gallery...

"High Schools of the Olympic Peninsula Creative Crafts & Arts Exhibit" April 12—28



"Jellyfish" by Jennica Nino

Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the awards ceremony and artist reception on Friday, April 12 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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

Keep Yards Trimmed and Help Reduce Fire Hazards

The Department of Community Development (DCD) would like to remind residents that it is almost the time of year for fire hazards. As per SMC 8.04.030(A), a public nuisance is defined, in part, as grass, weeds, etc., being an average length of 12 inches or more and causing degradation to the neighborhood's character. Please take the time to keep your yards trimmed and as a result, help to reduce fire hazards. We invite you to visit our webpage at https://www.sequimwa.gov/1102/Fire-Mitigation-and-Defensible-Space to learn more about fire mitigation.

Please contact Community Development at buildingdept@sequimwa.gov or 360-683-4908 with questions.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 27



Bring your expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs and vaping pens without internal batteries to the Sequim Civic Center, located at 152 West Cedar Street, Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Syringes and medical waste will not be accepted.

Drugs can also be dropped off anytime during regular office hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sustainability Tip

Food Waste Prevention Week!

April kicks off with Food Waste Prevention Week! Wasting food is expensive with an estimated loss of $400 per person annually. Stopping food waste is the #1 personal action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. You can reduce food waste and wasted food by: shopping smart, storing food properly, understanding date labels on food, donating or freezing edible food and composting at home. Learn more at foodwastepreventionweek.com/learn.

Save the date Saturday, April 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the 23rd Annual Kid's Fishing Day at the Reuse Water Demonstration Pond on the north side of Carrie Blake Park.

First Friday Open Music Jam on Friday, April 5



Join the Sequim Arts Commission for an Open Music Jam at the Sequim Civic Center on Friday, April 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring your acoustic instrument and/or your voice and join us for an informal gathering of people who like to make music. Chairs provided.