CITY OF SEQUIM News



August 2025

Meeting Dates	
City Council Regular Meeting **Attend in person or online** **No City Council Meeting 8/25** **Work Session (As Needed)**	**2nd & 4th Monday** **6:00 p.m.** **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 August 4 at 9:00 a.m.
Sequim Arts Commission	4th Monday 3:00 p.m.

Construction Update

No doubt you've encountered construction sites in and around the city as "construction season" is underway. Most projects occur during summer because dry and warm weather is required to cure asphalt, concrete, and paint. Construction does come with delays, localized closures, and detours during work hours. It is very important to heed flaggers, cones, and construction signage, and to be cognizant of large construction equipment, vehicles, and backup alarms for both worker and personal safety. For more information on specific projects, please visit https://www.sequimwa.gov/1019/Current-Public-Works-Projects. Thank you for your patience!

Used Oil Recycling Discontinued at City Shop

As of September 1, 2025, the City will no longer offer public used oil recycling. Alternative options for recycling used oil are Blue Mountain Transfer Station and the Regional Transfer Station in Port Angeles. Transfer Station locations and hours can be found here: https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/389/Oil-Antifreeze. You can also check with automotive service retailers for additional recycling availability. Thank you for responsibly recycling used oil.

Call for Artists for the 2026 Sunshine Festival Poster Art

Applications are due on Friday, August 8 at 4:00 p.m. Learn more and find the link to the application at https://www.sequimwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1506



City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Welcome New Employee!

Shannon Pierce, Legal Assistant, 7/16

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

Clallam County Burn Ban

A full burn ban is in effect for Clallam County now through October 1. The burn ban has recently been upgraded due to the dry, warm weather conditions and applies to all outdoor burning. Learn more about the burn ban at https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=441.

The County asks residents to maintain a 30-foot defensible space around structures on your property to aid firefighters in responding to any wildfires. Learn more about Defensible Spaces at https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/885/Defensible-Space-Around-a-Structure.

REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PETS OR VULNERABLE PERSONS IN THE CAR ON SUMMER DAYS.



Even when parked in the shade, on a warm day animals, kids, and the elderly can succumb to heatstroke or death if left in a car unattended. If you see a pet or person in distress, do not attempt to remove them yourself. If it is not an emergency call the Sequim Police Department at 360-683-7227, if you feel that it is an emergency, please call 911.

IF IT'S THIS HOT OUTSIDE:	IT TAKES THIS LONG:	TO REACH THIS INSIDE:
75 degrees	10 minutes	100 degrees
75 degrees	30 minutes	120 degrees
85 degrees	5 minutes	90 degrees
85 degrees	7-8 minutes	100 degrees
100 degrees	15 minutes	140 degrees

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Music in the Park Summer Concert Series Continues Through August

The City of Sequim and Sequim Arts Commission are pleased to co-sponsor the 2025 Music in the Park concert series with Sequim Community Broadcasting/ KSQM FM 91.5 Radio. All concerts are Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the James Center for the Performing Arts bandshell at the Water Reuse Site at Carrie Blake Park, 500 N. Blake Avenue. Bring your chair, blanket, and a picnic and enjoy an evening of summer entertainment.

August 5—Black Diamond Junction
August 12—Lovesick Fools
August 19—SuperNostalgic
August 26—Sound Advice

Department of Community and Economic Development Staff Earn New Credentials

Members of the City of Sequim Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) staff have earned new credentials.


Emily Coler

DCED Specialist Emily Coler has completed the Plans Examiner course through the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) Accreditation Program. She previously completed the Permit Technician and Building Inspector courses through WABO. Each course represents a nine month commitment. Coler is among 38 Accredited Permit Technicians in the State of Washington.


Joel Dressel

Building Official Joel Dressel has completed the Building Official course through the WABO Accreditation Program. This accomplishment designates Dressel as one of four Accredited Building Officials in the State of Washington.

'Agents of Discovery' Exploration App For Kids


Meet Agent Sunny

The Sequim Parks Division has launched 'Agents of Discovery', a cell phone app for kids that encourages exploration, education, and fun. Download the app and learn more on the City website https://sequimwa.gov/1314/Agents-of-Discovery. Join the first campaign "Reclaimed Water Wonders" and learn more about reclaimed water usage at the Water Reuse Site at Carrie Blake Park.

Sustainability Tip—Water Wisely

As the warmer, drier half of summer comes on, make sure you are employing water-wise gardening methods. Tip #1: Mulch! Spread a 2-inch-thick layer of mulch over your soil to shield the soil from the sun and keep it cooler. This puts less stress on roots and slows moisture loss due to evaporation. Anything made from organic matter—shredded wood, pine straw, a mix of grass clippings and shredded leaves—will work for mulch. As it decomposes, the mulch will help improve soil structure and add nutrients. Tip #2: Most common garden plants prefer an average of 1 inch of water a week. Apply that inch all at once to encourage plant roots to sink down more deeply in the soil. Water directly to the ground rather than wetting a plant's foliage for effective application that avoids leaf damage; drip irrigation systems and soaker hoses are great for this job.

Lead and Copper Monitoring

The City of Sequim staff operates a Group "A" water system for the citizens of Sequim. The staff members follow guidelines and requirements from the State of Washington Department of Health and US Environmental Protection Agency. In these yearly requirements there are many tests we are obligated to do. One of the testing protocols is Lead and Copper Monitoring. During the months of July and August the City's Water Department are conducting lead and copper water sample testing. Thirty tests are required. You may be asked to provide a sample from your house. Please help us keep our water clean and safe to drink. Test results will be available upon return from the lab. If you would like to learn more about Lead and Copper Monitoring, visit the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) website at http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Publications/331-111.pdf

Community Open Music Jam August 15

Join the Sequim Arts Commission on Friday, August 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Swisher Rehearsal Hall at the James Center for the Performing Arts, 506 N. Blake Avenue, for the Open Music Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument, percussion, or voice. The music and lyrics will be provided. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

In the Gallery...

"Over the Rainbow"

On display through August 18. Join us for the First Friday Art Walk on Friday August 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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