CITY OF SEQUIM News



April 2026

City Staff Graduate from the ERWOW Water & Wastewater Apprenticeship Program!



Congratulations to Moses McDonald, Michael Madison, and Josh Rees, the City of Sequim's first graduates of the Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW) Water & Wastewater Apprenticeship program! This two-year program includes 4,000 hours of on-the-job training, 288 hours of related instruction, worksite checks, monthly performance evaluations, and mentoring by senior employees.

Long hours of virtual and classroom training, work sessions, facility tours, and conferences meant time away from their families, while these dedicated employees also performed their full-time jobs.

The apprenticeship earned them each state-level certifications in their respective fields, the ability to build relationships and network within their industries, and increased knowledge of current technologies and methods that will benefit the City's infrastructure.

National Prescription Drug Take Back

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, on Saturday, April 25, 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.

Welcome New Employees!

Jubal Harpster - GIS/Business Analytics Administrator—3/16
Juan Davila—IT Intern—3/16
Joseph Camerson—IT Intern—3/16

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

City of Sequim Budget Earns International Award



The City of Sequim 2026 Budget has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy internationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Guidelines are designed to assess how well the City budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communication device.

The budget document was required to be rated proficient in all four categories, and in fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award.

Congratulations to the City Finance Team who are responsible for the budget document! Read the City budget at sequimwa.gov/1327/2026-Adopted-Budget.

Celebrate Arbor Day With Us!



Please join the City of Sequim as we celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, at 12:00 noon by planting trees near the retention pond at the Water Reuse Site 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) 683-5062 for more information.

Public Meetings

The City of Sequim holds regular meetings for the City Council and other boards, commissions, and committees. Please visit the City website calendar at sequimwa.gov for the schedule. Click on the Agendas and Minutes tab for the agendas.

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The City of Sequim Comprehensive Plan Progresses

The Planning Commission and the City of Sequim, with input from the community, have been working hard on the Comprehensive Plan that sets the roadmap for the City vision and planning for the next 20 years.

Look for Comprehensive Plan documents to be released throughout April and May.

View our video at youtu.be/472XC-Yr6lw to learn more about the plan development process and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), who is leading this initiative.

Sustainability Tip

Celebrating Earth Day!

Earth Day was first held on April 22, 1970, to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Sequim and our surrounding areas are rich with opportunities to appreciate, learn about, and take action for the environment we love and depend on. Check out the Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network's events calendar to find fun and rewarding events and volunteer opportunities from organizations across the Olympic Peninsula to celebrate every day as Earth Day! straitern.org/calendar.

In the Gallery...

"7th Annual High Schools of the Olympic Peninsula"

On display through April 9

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

Community Open Music Jam April 17



Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the Open Music Jam on Friday, April 17—6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Swisher Rehearsal Hall at the James Center for the Performing Arts, 506 N. Blake Avenue. Bring your acoustic instrument, percussion, or voice. The music and lyrics will be provided. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Rally in the Alley — Saturday, April 25, 9:30—11:30 a.m. (or until dumpsters are full) - No Early Birds Please

The City of Sequim, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County and Olympic Disposal, will hold the next Rally in the Alley on Saturday, April 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until dumpsters are full. Dumpsters will be located at:

- Carrie Blake Park near the Pickleball Courts
- City Public Works Shop at 3rd and Hemlock

Volunteers will be onsite to assist City residents with discarding unwanted items at no cost to the residents. **No tires, appliances, liquid paint, gas, fuel, or oil will be accepted.**

Volunteers, please meet at the Carrie Blake Park location at 9:00 a.m. for assignments. Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or info@habitatclallam.org for more information.

The Growing Season is Upon Us Once Again…



This is a FRIENDLY REMINDER requesting your voluntary cooperation in maintaining and mowing your property throughout the growing season based on the requirements in the Sequim Municipal Code (SMC) 8.04.040(A).

The code stipulates that the following can be considered a public nuisance:

Growing on purpose or through neglect, any vegetation that:

1. Overhangs, encroaches upon, obstructs, or in any manner interferes with the full and free use by the public of any street, sidewalk, or sight vision at a corner; or
2. Constitutes a detriment to the public health, safety, or welfare, by creating a fire hazard or a breeding place or habitation for insects or rodents; or
3. Is so overgrown that it degrades the neighborhood's character and is an average length of 12 inches or more.

Thank you for your involvement in providing an attractive, safe environment to live and work in. With the cooperation of everyone, we can maintain the visual aesthetics and welcoming nature of Sequim.