CITY OF SEQUIM News



July 2026

Welcome New Employees!

Karen Tarmichael—Public Works Specialist—6/1
Ben Stein—Maintenance Worker—6/1
Christopher Goins—Public Works Director—6/8
Connan Hatch—Maintenance Worker—6/16
Dante Breuder—Public Works Engineering Intern—6/22

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

Sequim City Staff Earn New Credentials

Congratulations to City staff members who pursue continuous improvement by learning and growing in their fields and earning new credentials.



Becky Erskine, Finance Project Manager, earned the Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) credential from the Government Finance Officer Association. The certification required passing seven exams: one each in Accounting and Financial Reporting, Compensation and Benefits, Debt Management, Planning and Budgeting, Procurement, Risk Management, and Treasury Investment and Management.

This program prepares individuals for leadership positions in state and local governments by enhancing fundamental skills and increasing knowledge of best practices in public finance.



Matthew Lawson, IT Network Administrator, earned the CompTIANetwork+ certification, a widely recognized credential that validates foundational IT networking knowledge and skills. The certification demonstrates competency in areas such as network infrastructure, troubleshooting, protocols, security, and network operations. To earn the certification, candidates must pass a comprehensive exam covering both technical concepts and practical support scenarios.

The certification is valuable because it confirms the skills needed to support reliable and secure connectivity, which is essential to IT operations and service delivery.



Sequim City Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

4TH OF JULY PARTY@THE PARK

Join us as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary at the 4th of July: Party at the Park from 4:00 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, at Carrie Blake Park, 202 N. Blake Avenue, in and around the Guy Cole Event Center.

Enjoy a full afternoon of family-friendly fun with classic field day games, a pop-up splash zone, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and the America250 Experience Hall, all leading up to a fireworks show at 10:00 p.m.

Guests are invited to bring swimsuits and towels for the splash zone, along with chairs and picnic blankets for the evening. Because the park will be dark at exit, flashlights or headlamps are encouraged.

The Sequim City Band will present a "Sounds of America" concert at the James Center for the Performing Arts in the Reuse Demonstration Site on the north side of the park at 3:00 p.m.

Please contact the Parks division at 360-683-5062 with questions.

Consumer Fireworks Banned



Sequim residents and visitors are reminded that the discharge of consumer fireworks is banned within the Sequim city limits. Sparklers, poppers, and other flammable novelty items are also not allowed at the Party at the Park.

The Annual Water Quality Report is complete. To read the report, please visit sequimwa.gov.



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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Save the Date!
National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4.
Watch for details on an event soon!

Sustainability Tip

Practice the "Underconsumption Core"

Do you practice the "underconsumption core"? This "new" social media trend promotes frugality, reuse, and sustainability by encouraging people to maximize the utility of existing possessions rather than buying new items. It has roots in eras like the Great Depression when resources were scarce and precious. In any decade, being conscious of consumption is a great habit that can save you money, employ creativity and skillfulness, and reduce your impact on the planet.

City Staff Support Events Throughout the Year



Sequim residents enjoy a culturally rich community in stunning natural surroundings. The City and many local organizations provide our community with events and activities that bring us together to learn, celebrate, and honor our history. Watch our video and learn more about how City staff support these events throughout the year. youtu.be/IkjBLrqOC_E.

Music in the Park Concert Series Continues

The City of Sequim and the Sequim Arts Commission are pleased to co-sponsor the 2026 Music in the Park Summer 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 on the north side of Carrie Blake Park. Bring your chair, blanket, and a picnic and enjoy an evening of summer entertainment.

June 30—Olympic Express Big Band
July 7—Salty All Day
July 14—Mars Garden
July 21—Buck Ellard Band
July 28—Bread & Gravy
August 4—Super Nostalgic Band
August 11—Black Diamond Junction
August 18—Backwoods Hucksters
August 25—Sound Advice

City to Release Draft 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations

The City of Sequim's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is pleased to announce that the "Draft 2025 Comprehensive Plan" and "Development Regulations – Title 18" will be released for public review and comment starting **July 13, 2026**. These documents represent a significant milestone in the City's long-range planning efforts and will guide future growth, land use, housing, transportation, and community development.

Community participation remains a vital part of the developmental process. Beginning July 13, residents, property owners, businesses, and other interested parties will have several opportunities to learn about the draft documents, ask questions, and provide feedback through a 30-day online open house available on the City's website at sequimwa.gov/1301/2025-Comprehensive-Plan. In addition, in-person open houses will be held on July 21 and August 4, from 4:30–5:30 p.m. before Planning Commission meetings, providing a chance to speak with staff and review key elements of the proposed updates. Online and in-person public comment opportunities will remain open throughout the public hearing period.

Public hearings are anticipated before the Planning Commission on **September 1** and before the City Council on **September 28**. Submitted written comments will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council during the public hearing process.

DCED encourages everyone to review the draft documents and participate in shaping the community's future. Additional information, including links to the online open house, draft documents, meeting details, and methods for submitting comments, will be available on the City's website at sequimwa.gov/1301/2025-Comprehensive-Plan beginning July 13.

In the Gallery...

"Narratives: Stories in Art"
On display now through August 20.



"A Black Tie Affair" by Jandi Small

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