CITY OF SEQUIM News

August 2026

Welcome New Employees!

Boaz Oswald—Seasonal Maintenance Worker—7/6

Justin Vincent—Development Review Specialist—7/27

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

National Night Out—August 4

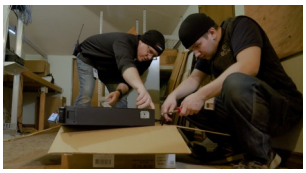
Join the Sequim Police Department for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Water Reuse Demonstration Site near the James Center Bandshell at Carrie Blake Park.

National Night Out is a nationwide community-building event that brings neighbors and law enforcement together to strengthen relationships, promote public safety, and encourage a connected, welcoming community.

This year's event will take place alongside Music in the Park, featuring SuperNostalgic, a popular local '90s tribute band. Community members can stop by to meet local officers and agency representatives, explore emergency vehicles and equipment, and enjoy family-friendly activities and games throughout the evening.

Bring the family, enjoy the music, and spend the evening connecting with the people who help keep our community safe.

Improving Internet Connectivity Across the City



The City of Sequim Information Technology (IT) Department has been working across the city to increase the connectivity of technology resources for improved communications during an emergency and for improved customer service. View our video to learn how they have worked to improve the reliability of connectivity for City vehicles and facilities, and to expand network capabilities to support the downtown experience and local economy through the Sequim Farmers and Artisans Market. youtube.com/watch?v=URFzlESGGF4&t=4s.

City Releases 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" are available for public review. 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. Residents, property owners, businesses, and other interested parties 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 through August 13. In addition, an in-person open house will be held August 4, from 4:30–5:30 p.m. before the Planning Commission meeting, 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. A previous in-person open house was held on July 21.

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.

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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Sustainability Tip

Make Every Drop Count This Summer

Water demand rises quickly in the summer—from gardens to kiddie pools to firefighting needs. At the same time, last winter's low snowpack has contributed to lower flows in local rivers.

You may have heard from local water providers relying on snowpack-dependent surface water declaring a "water shortage," asking customers to conserve water as a result of this winter's unusually low snowpack and early snowmelt. The City of Sequim's municipal water supply comes primarily from deep wells and aquifers. This difference provides greater resilience in your Sequim water system to these low snowpack conditions. Being resilient in this way means the City has not needed to issue similar water declarations at this time.

Even with a reliable groundwater-based supply in the City of Sequim, water remains a shared and valuable resource we continually and innovatively plan around and seek to protect. As part of this, we recognize and encourage water conservation as a smart practice—for both your indoor and outdoor use. Small actions can make a big difference and help reduce your water bill. Check irrigation systems and toilets for leaks, water landscapes during the cooler morning hours, use drip irrigation where practical, and consider allowing established lawns to go dormant during the summer.

For other water-saving tips, visit WSU Extension's conservation resources: extension.wsu.edu/clallam/water-conservation/.

The Department of Ecology has launched an initiative on water resources statewide. Register for the public input session on August 4 or learn more at ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/washington-water-future.

In the Gallery...

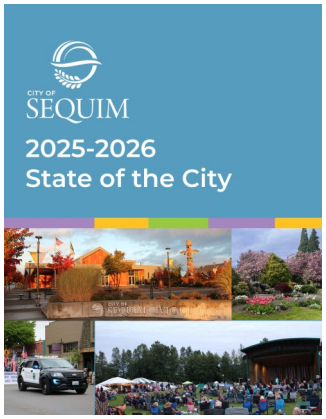
"Narratives: Stories in Art"

On display now through August 20.

Community Open Music Jam August 21

Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the Open Music Jam on Friday, August 21 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. Bring your acoustic instrument, percussion, or voice. The music and lyrics will be provided. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

2025—2026 State of the City Report



The City of Sequim 2025-2026 State of the City Report is now available on the City website. The report covers key events and accomplishments of the past 18 months, while thoughtfully and strategically looking to the future. It highlights community engagement, customer service, technology advancements, capital projects, emergency preparation, partnerships, and other key areas to ensure our city is connected, safe, smart, and forward focused. Read the report at sequimwa.gov/1216/State-of-the-City.

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.

August 4—Super Nostalgic Band
August 11—Black Diamond Junction
August 18—Backwoods Hucksters
August 25—Sound Advice

Clallam County Burn Restrictions in Effect

Clallam County Burn Restrictions are in effect through October 1, unless conditions warrant an earlier closure.

The Burn Restrictions apply to all outdoor burning except recreational fires used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, cooking, or similar purposes. Recreational fires are permitted unless further banned by extreme weather conditions.

Note: Recreational fires are limited to 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Fires for debris disposal are not legal under any circumstances and are not considered recreational.

If conditions arise, the restrictions may be upgraded to a HIGH FIRE DANGER; this will prohibit all outdoor burning, which includes recreational fires. The exception is within the Olympic National Park and other controlled campgrounds.

Contact your local fire district for more information or visit clallamcountywa.gov.