



CITY OF SEQUIM News



January 2018

Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at 152 West Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 5:30 p.m. Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting March 9 —10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

Coffee with the Mayor in January

Coffee with the Mayor will resume on January 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1471 E. Washington Street. Each month the Mayor or their designee will be available at a published location to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community.



In the Gallery...

“Raining Cats & Dogs”

Through March 31, 2018



**Opening Reception
Friday, January 5
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Watch the calendar at <http://visitsunnysequim.com> for opening night details.

Please contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 360-681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



City offices will be closed on Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day and on Monday, January, 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Sequim Picklers Contribute to the Construction of New Pickleball Courts



From left: Sequim Picklers Robert Rankin, JoAnne Yerkes, Katinka Nanna (Treasurer), City of Sequim Assistant City Manager and parks representative Joe Irvin, Arvo Johnson (President), Denise Cordero (Secretary), Jan Tatom (Communications Director), and Christiane Johnson (Project Architect.)

Members of the Sequim Picklers presented the City of Sequim with a check for \$217,700 on December 20 to contribute to the construction of eight tournament quality Pickleball courts at Carrie Blake Community Park. Learn more about their efforts at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=696>.



Rock Hollow Neighborhood Clean-Up February 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The City is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County and Olympic Disposal for the next Rally in the Alley in the southwest portion of the City. Dumpster locations will be published on the Neighborhood page of the City's website <http://www.sequimwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=784>.

Volunteers will be on site 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.

Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or colleen@habitatclallam.org for more information.



Passport Services Discontinued

The City of Sequim will no longer offer passport services beginning January 1, 2018. To learn more please visit the City website at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=685> or contact City Manager Charlie Bush at 360-681-3440 or cbush@sequimwa.gov.

WATER RATE INCREASE
Utility customers can expect to see a 2% increase in water rates on their February 1st bill. For a residential customer using 460 cubic feet of water per month that translates to a \$0.56 increase in their bill. Sewer rates will stay static for residential customers in 2018.

Water Saving Tip of the Month
In the Kitchen—KEEP WATER IN THE REFRIGERATOR, instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.



Homelessness and Human Services

Along with other cities around the nation, Sequim recognizes homelessness and human service issues as a priority in our community. At the direction of the City Council, City staff created a leadership team to investigate human services needs and to develop a plan. The team presented needs and gaps to the City Council at the Work Session on November 27, 2017. The presentation and additional information concerning homelessness and human services can be found on the City's Human Services webpage at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/index.aspx?nid=647>.

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents Changes to Qualifying Criteria for 2018

To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions are available for qualifying low income residents. For those that have not qualified in the past, we've made changes to the eligibility criteria to enable more households to participate in the program. You may qualify if your income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty guidelines (increased from 125% in prior years). We are also eliminating the \$25,000 cap on income to allow larger families to qualify. There is an additional net asset-based test to determine qualification, which now eliminates the primary residence in that eligibility calculation. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications for the 2018 program. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their January usage bill.

Applications for the 2018 discount are due January 15, 2018 and are available at the following locations: Sequim Civic Center, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St Vincent De Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.sequimwa.gov>. Please don't hesitate to call City Hall (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

Service Fest June 4—15, 2018



The City of Sequim is working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and First Federal to sponsor a group of volunteer RV "Care-A-Vanners" to work on neighborhood improvement projects during Service Fest June 4—15. If you are

a Sequim resident and a homeowner with the following needs: exterior paint, window/door repair, minor siding/trim repair, stair or ramp repair, and/or landscaping and yard clean-up, please contact Habitat for Humanity at info@habitatclallam.org.

In addition to the project types listed above, neighbors are walking the streets and reviewing where there is a need for improvement within their neighborhoods. These improvements are broader than those listed above. Examples heard so far include: community garden, path connections in neighborhoods and fence repair for a neighborhood. If you would like to be connected to your neighborhood group or you have project ideas for Service Fest, please contact Joe Irvin, Assistant City Manager, at jirvin@sequimwa.gov or at 360-582-2457. View the City's Neighborhood webpage for more information: <http://www.sequimwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=784>.

Over 25 Years of Clean Audits for the City

The Washington State Auditor's Office has completed a Financial Audit of the City of Sequim for 2016. There have been no findings in City of Sequim audits in about 26 years.

Financial Audits check the adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting and ensure accurate financial statements and disclosures. The audit determined that the city's financial statements met the requirements of Washington state regulations and were fairly presented.

The State Auditor's Office is charged with auditing all agencies in Washington state. Their goal is for government to work better, cost less, and earn greater public trust.

The audit reports are available on the Washington State Auditor's Office website www.sao.wa.gov and on the City of Sequim website www.sequimwa.gov. Please contact City of Sequim Administrative Services Director Sue Hagener at (360) 681-3426 or shagener@sequimwa.gov with questions.