



CITY OF SEQUIM News



December 2011

Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting 12/13/11 2:00 p.m.
Centennial Committee Transit Center Conf. Room	3rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Sequim Speaks Transit Center Conf. Room	4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

The City of Sequim Receives Award for Downtown Plan

On Monday, November 14, 2011, the Sequim City Council accepted an Honorable Mention in the category of Physical Plans – Small Cities and Counties from the Washington American Planning Association and Planning Association of Washington for the recently adopted Downtown Plan. The award was presented by Richard Hart, Director of Community Development for the City of Covington and Chair of the awards committee.

“This planning project targets ‘main street’ and the important significance that downtowns play in a community’s identity, as well as the citizens’ perception of their way of life,” said Hart. “Overall, it is a great piece of planning work for a unique small town with a different demographic.”

The plan was submitted for the award by Chris Hugo, City of Sequim Director of Community Development. The award recognizes the work of the entire project team which includes the City of Sequim, LMN Architects, Studio Cascade, Fehr & Peers, Inc., Leland Consulting Group, Lorax Partners, and Solod Studio.

The development of the plan incorporated considerable community involvement including an advisory group of downtown business operators, open houses, public meetings, and working groups that allowed participants to fill out notes and post them on display boards indicating uses and ideas for downtown.

The City of Sequim is working to begin implementing many of the short-term plan goals in 2012.

Upcoming Public Hearings December 12

City of Sequim 1) Critical Areas Ordinance

Happy Holidays!



**City Offices will be closed on
December 23 & 26—Christmas Holiday
January 2—New Year’s Holiday**

December 26 City Council Meeting Cancelled

December Movie

“Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”



The City of Sequim and Olympic Theatre Arts present “Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” on Wednesday, December 21 at Olympic Theatre Arts, 414 North Sequim Avenue. The movie will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and will close at 7:10 p.m. once the movie has started. Admission is \$5 per person. Individuals 16 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Following is the schedule for the next few months:

December 21— “Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”

January 17— “The Help”

February 15— “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”

Help Your Neighbors with Food Donations

Tough economic times make the holiday season difficult for many of our neighbors. The City of Sequim asks for your help in giving to those in need. During December the City is accepting non-perishable food donations that we will deliver to the food bank before Christmas. There are three drop locations: City Hall, 152 W. Cedar Street; Public Works/Community Development building, 615 N. 5th Avenue; and the Sequim Transit Center, 190 W. Washington Street, where donations are accepted all year during public meetings. City office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Remember to Turn Off Your Irrigation System

The winter season is upon us and the weather is getting colder. Remember to turn off the water to your irrigation sprinkler system to avoid freezing pipes and frozen water on walkways.



Please bring non-perishable food items to any public meeting at the Transit Center for the Sequim Food Bank.

City of Sequim Announces On-line Payment Options for Utility Bills

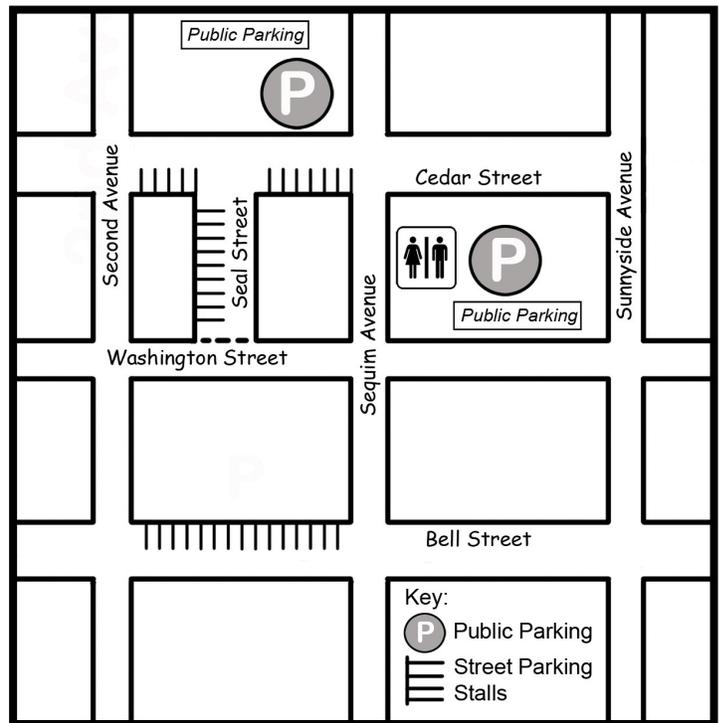
Beginning December 1, 2011 consumers who wish to make payments to the City of Sequim using credit and debit cards may do so by accessing GovPayNetSM. GovPayNet accepts major credit and debit cards for payments twenty-four hours a day, seven days week. They can be accessed through the City’s website (www.sequimwa.gov), directly online (www.govpaynow.com) or by phone (1-888-604-7888). Cardholders can make payments on their own behalf or on behalf of friends or family. They need only have some basic information regarding the payment, easily provided by the City of Sequim.

Cardholders pay a fee to GovPayNet at the time of their transaction. There is no fee to the City of Sequim for participation in the GovPayNet basic service. Improving the convenience of consumer transactions with the City of Sequim means more frequent and timely payments, and reduced expenses.

GovPayNet accepts major credit, debit and pre-paid debit card brands—MasterCard[®], Visa[®], American Express[®] and Discover[®]. The consumer pays the fee for using the service. On the next business day, GovPayNet will reconcile the day’s payment with the government office and then electronically forward payment in full to the City’s bank account.

Shop Downtown This Holiday Season There’s Plenty of Parking!

Support your local merchants and shop downtown this holiday season. There is plenty of parking in downtown Sequim to make your holiday shopping easy. In addition to parallel parking along most City streets, there are two public parking lots downtown and street parking stalls at several convenient locations. Many local businesses have their own parking lots for easy accessibility to downtown stores and services. Take advantage of all of the Holiday Happenings in Downtown Sequim.



Walmart Contributes to Brackett Road Pathway

On Monday, November 21, 2011, Tom Etchells, Walmart Market Manager, presented a check for \$20,000 to Sequim City Mayor Ken Hays to be used by the City for the construction of an interim walking pathway along Brackett Road. The pathway will provide pedestrians with safer access to the retail store for those who walk along Brackett Road.

The goal is to complete construction of the pathway by the end of December.

1976 History

- Renee Hansey resigned from City Council and was replaced by John Haller.
- There was an autograph party for the book, “Dungeness, Lure of the River” in July.
- The Police Department was setting up the Neighborhood Watch program for Sequim.
- The City was working with the railroad to repair the railroad crossings.
- Guy Cole, Parks Advisory Board chair, reported the Lions Club had completed work at Blake’s Park including trails and playground equipment.
- The wastewater treatment plant was studied and found to need many upgrades in the near future.