



CITY OF SEQUIM News

September 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.
Design Review Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	2nd Monday 11:00 a.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.

Upcoming Public Hearings
September 26) Wall Sign Standards for Regional Retail

Welcome New Employee !
Pete Agostine—Mechanic 8/1/11

City Offices will be closed on
Monday, September 5 in celebration of Labor Day.

Sequim Police Officers to Bring Back Artifact from Fallen World Trade Center

Police Chief Bill Dickinson, Detective Darrell Nelson and Officer Randy Kellas will leave Sequim on September 1, and drive across the country to pick up a piece of the fallen World Trade Center.

The artifact, a piece of plate steel approximately three square feet in size, will arrive in Sequim at 12:00 noon on Sunday, September 11, 2011, marking the ten year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. The artifact will be on display upon arrival at the Museum and Arts Center DeWitt Administration Center located at 544 N. Sequim Avenue (directly across from the old Sequim High School) from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. when it will be moved to the Sequim Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Building at 169 E. Washington Street. The artifact will be at the VFW Building until approximately 4:00 p.m.

“The Police Department requested the artifact as a memorial to remember the nearly 3,000 victims of the September 11 attack and to honor the dedication and lives of the 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and eight EMT/paramedics who ran into the twin towers to save lives as others were running away from the scene,” said Police Chief Dickinson.

The Police Department will be proposing to the Sequim City Council that the artifact be made into a permanent, local memorial to those who gave their lives.

The officers will be making the 6,000 mile journey in Detective Nelson’s personal vehicle and are personally paying for the trip. The Sequim Police Department has already received donations to help the officers cover their expenses for the trip. If members of the community would like to contribute to the cause, they can drop off a check at City Hall, 152 W. Cedar Street or at the Police Department, 609 W. Washington Street. Checks should be made out to the City of Sequim 9/11 Fund.

 **Annual Water Report**
The Annual Water Report results are attached to this newsletter. To read the entire report, visit the City’s website at, www.ci.sequim.wa.us.

The New Comprehensive Plan Project Seeks Citizen Participation. Please call 681-4908 to be contacted for future planning events.



Volunteers paint fire hydrants around the city during the 2010 National Day of Service and Remembrance.

National Day of Service and Remembrance— September 10

The City of Sequim will participate again this year in the National Day of Service and Remembrance, Saturday, September 10. If you would like to volunteer to help with community projects for that day, contact the City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 683-4139, www.volunteer@ci.sequim.wa.us, or meet at the opening ceremony at 7:45 a.m. on September 10 at City Hall, 152 W. Cedar St.

City Council Puts New Downtown Plan into Action

The Sequim City Council took a major step towards insuring the long-term growth, attraction and vitality of downtown Sequim when it adopted the Downtown Plan and Land Use Regulations in July. The plan is already making a difference. One example is a small, pedestrian-oriented projecting sign, as encouraged in the plan and now allowed in the sign code, that is already a reality for one new business on Cedar Street. Additionally, bike racks are being installed at City Hall and other Downtown locations.

Streetscape improvements are high on the list for the next three years. Some that are being considered include additional flower baskets/planters and coordinated street furniture (trash receptacles, street signs, lighting, and bench seats).

Parking is an important component of the new plan. In the short term, the City will pursue more parking signage to help identify public parking areas and direct visitors and customers to those locations. Restriping some streets to angled parking to improve visibility and rethinking parking on Washington Street for duration and customer accessibility are also part of the short-term plan.

The largest short-term project identified in the Downtown Plan is the development of a new City Hall and Police Station in the heart of Downtown Sequim. The City is exploring potential sites, property acquisitions and funding options. The creation of this new complex in the center of Downtown will increase efficiency in City operations, stimulate private investment, and serve as a center for the community's civic life. Currently City offices are located in three separate locations which reduces effectiveness in coordination and communication of City operations and means that tax dollars are being spent on rent rather than being invested for the long-term.

Parks and Recreation Survey

Results from the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment survey will be reviewed with the Sequim City Council at the September 26 meeting. The survey was designed to assess how well the parks and recreational needs of the community are being met. The outcome of the survey will determine whether additional services are desired and if so, how those additional services might be provided and paid for.

Pavement Management Study

The Sequim Public Works Department will be commissioning a Pavement Management Study this autumn. All fifty-four miles of public streets and alleys within the City limits will be photographed, measured, and have an evaluation made of the pavement condition. The resulting report and software model will allow Public Works to plan projects and budgets that will result in the most efficient upgrade and maintenance programs for City streets.

The City also contains seventeen miles of private streets. Street owners and Home Owners Associations that are interested in having their streets evaluated are encouraged to contact the City Engineer at 683-4908 at the Public Works Department by October 7th. The cost for private street evaluations will be determined during the pavement study bidding process.



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

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Results from the Customer Satisfaction Survey were reviewed with the Sequim City Council at their meeting on August 22. The survey was conducted to measure the overall satisfaction level of citizens with City services and to help the Sequim City Council and City staff establish future priorities. A summary of the results included the following:

- The City of Sequim is moving in the right direction
- Police services and City water and wastewater services are the most important services to provide
- Reduction of traffic congestion and improvement of streets are the most important capital improvement projects
- Sequim rates highly as a place to live and retire
- Overall satisfaction levels are comparable to cities of similar size

To read the entire survey report, visit the City's website, www.ci.sequim.wa.us



The City of Sequim and Olympic Theatre Arts

Partner to Provide Monthly Movies

The movie "Grease" will be featured at the first **Sequim/OTA at the Movies**. Beginning September 21, movies will be shown the third Wednesday of each month at Olympic Theatre Arts, 414 North Sequim Avenue. The movies will be shown at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. and will close at 2:10 and 7:10 p.m. once the movies have 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 rest of the year:

September 21— "Grease"

October 19— "Some Like it Hot"

November 16— "North By Northwest"

December 21— "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"

Thank You Music and Movies in the Park Sponsors!

Thank you from the City of Sequim to the sponsors of the 2011 Music and Movies in the Park program. Our sponsors supported the presentation of 10 weeks of music and three movie nights throughout the summer.

Sponsors: Jarmuth Electric; Olympic Ambulance; Seven Cedars Casino; Clark Land Office; Bekkevar Logging and Trucking; Gray & Osborne; First Federal; Brokers Group Real Estate Professionals; Pacific Office Equipment; and US Bank. **Special thanks** to James & JoAnn Roberts and David & Sandra Marsh for their individual contributions to the program. Finally, thank you to those who provided **in-kind services:** Sequim Gazette; Peninsula Daily News and Sequim This Week; Bill's Plumbing; Quality Inn; Dungeness Courte Alzheimer's Community; Les Schwab Tire; and Kitsap Bank.

Donations and sponsors are being accepted now for the 2012 program. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 683-4139. Donation boxes are also available at the James Center for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible.