



CITY OF SEQUIM News

July 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 North 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Design Review Board PW—615 North 5th Ave.	2nd Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) 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.



City Council Names New Multi-Use Playfields

Crews broke ground in June on the multi-use playfields at the Water Reuse Demonstration Park next to Carrie Blake Park. On Monday, June 27 the Sequim City Council voted to name the playfields **The Albert Haller Playfields** in honor of the significant monetary donation made by the Albert Haller Foundation. The playfields are being built on land donated by the City of Sequim, but the project could not have been completed without the donation made by the foundation. The project has been championed by the Sequim Family Advocates who have raised the money to make the project possible. The playfields are scheduled for completion in the fall of 2011. When the fields are complete the walking trail will be restored and enhanced to include additional trail pathways.

Customer Satisfaction Surveys

Customer satisfaction surveys will be mailed at the beginning of the month to randomly selected households. If you receive the survey, please take approximately 15 minutes to complete it and return it in the postage paid envelope. The purpose of the survey is to determine how satisfied City of Sequim customers are with city services and to help the Sequim City Council and city staff establish future priorities. Results of the survey should be complete by the end of July or beginning of August.

Upcoming Public Hearings
July 11– 1) Downtown Plan (continuation)
 2) Sign Ordinance (continuation)
July 25: 1) 6-year TIP and Resolution

Welcome New Employees !

Greg Seabolt—City Shop (Seasonal) 6/6/11
 Susanne Connelly—Human Resources Director 6/20/11



Happy Independence Day!
 City offices will be closed on
 Monday, July 4.

Lavender Weekend is Coming!

Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17 Sequim will welcome thousands of visitors who come to enjoy local lavender farms and attend community events. This year, in addition to the street fair on Fir Street, there will be a new event at the Water Reuse Demonstration Park next to Carrie Blake Park. Please be aware of the increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic throughout the city and keep in mind that there will be some street closures and revisions to accommodate the events. Most of all, enjoy the weekend!

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2010 is now available on the City's website
www.ci.sequim.wa.us

Music and Movies in the Park are Underway

Tuesday evenings throughout the summer
 6:00 p.m. James Center for the Performing Arts
 Water Reuse Demonstration Park

- Tuesday, July 5**— Ranger and the Re-Arrangers (Gypsy Jazz)
- Friday, July 8**—133rd Army Band, Washington Army National Guard (Concert Band)
- Tuesday, July 12**—MLR (Classic Rock-n-Roll)
- Tuesday, July 19**—Dixi-Blu (Standards, Jazz, Dixie)
- Tuesday, July 26**—Testify (Blues & Classic Rock) at 8:00
- Na Hula 'O Wahine 'Ilikea—Hawaiian Dancers, followed by a Movie TBD
- Tuesday, August 2**—Old Sidekicks (Country)
- Tuesday, August 9**—Kevin Lee Magner (Folk, Rock and Blues)
- Tuesday, August 16**—Deadwood Revival (Old Time Folk)
- Tuesday, August 23**—Electric Blue Sun (Original Jazz Fusion)
- Tuesday, August 30**—Stardust Big Band (Big Band and Swing) with dance lessons by Carol Hathaway —Movie TBD



How to Use a Roundabout

Summer is upon us and that brings an increase in visitors and an increase in traffic. Roundabouts are an effective way of moving traffic throughout city. This is a reminder of the way roundabouts work.

Approaching a roundabout: Reduce your speed. Always keep to the right of the splitter island (either painted or raised) on approach to the roundabout.

Watch for pedestrians: They have the right-of-way.

Entering a roundabout: Upon reaching the roundabout yield line, yield to traffic circulating from the left. Do not enter the roundabout beside a vehicle already circulating within the roundabout, as a vehicle near the central island may be exiting at the next exit. Watch out for traffic already on the roundabout, especially cyclists and motorcyclists. Do not enter a roundabout when an emergency vehicle is approaching on another leg; allow queues to clear in front of the emergency vehicle.

Within a roundabout: Do not stop except to avoid a collision; you have the right-of-way over entering traffic. Always keep to the right of the central island and travel in a counter-clockwise direction. The center lane area is not a driving lane and you could face fines up to \$412 for improper land usage. When an emergency vehicle is approaching, in order to provide it a clear path to turn through the roundabout, proceed past the splitter island of your exit before pulling over. Watch for pedestrians.

Exiting the roundabout: Maintain a slow speed upon exiting the roundabout. Always indicate your exit using your right-turn signal. Watch for and yield to pedestrians waiting to cross, or crossing the exit leg. Watch out for and be particularly considerate of people with disabilities, children and elderly pedestrians. Do not accelerate until you are beyond the pedestrian crossing point on the exit. Remember—Pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Turning at roundabouts: When turning right or exiting at the first exit around the roundabout, turn on your right-turn signal on the approach.

Motorcyclists and bicyclists: Watch out for motorcyclist and bicyclists. Give them plenty of room and show due consideration. Bicyclists will often keep to the right on the roundabout; they may also indicate left to show they are continuing on the roundabout. It is best to treat bicyclists as other vehicles and not to pass them while in the roundabout portion of the roadway.

Large vehicles: When car drivers approach a roundabout, do not overtake large vehicles. Large vehicles (for example, trucks and buses) may have to swing wide on the approach or within the roundabout. Watch for their turn signals and give them plenty of room.



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

Deadline for Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Members Extended

The Sequim City Council is seeking five members of the public to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. These positions are open to anyone within the Clallam County boundaries of the Sequim School District. At least three of these members must reside within the Sequim city limits.

The Steering Committee is charged with overseeing the process for preparing a new Comprehensive Plan over an eighteen month process. The Committee provides feedback and direction to Planning staff that facilitates the process, confirms completion of each step in the work program, makes a recommendation to the Council and Planning Commission on approving milestones, and approves readiness to proceed to the next phase of the process. The Steering Committee operates strictly in an advisory capacity to the City Council. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet between 6 and 10 times during the project.

Volunteer Applications are available at Sequim City Hall, 152 W. Cedar Street, Sequim, WA, or on the City's website at <http://www.ci.sequim.wa.us>. Please submit your application to the Sequim City Clerk at Sequim City Hall or electronically at kuznek@ci.sequim.wa.us. The positions will remain open until filled.

Sequim City Band Performs at James Center for the Performing Arts



July 4—2:00 p.m. Peninsula Men's Chorus; 3:00 p.m. Sequim City Band
July 17-3:00 p.m. Sequim City Band
August 21—3:00 p.m. Sequim City Band

Sequim History—1974

- Sequim became a "Third Class City." Mayor Henry T. "Tom" Pruett and Councilors Stephen K. Olts, Herbert W. Hecht, Carl "Mike" Holmberg, Guy Hecker, Thomas A. Boyd, and Renee Hansey were sworn in. Mr. Keller was absent. He was sworn in at the next meeting.
- The garbage pickup rate was amended to charge \$1.75 per month for one can and 75¢ for each additional can.
- John Kirner donated two lots of land located at Fourth and Pine for a park; it is now known as John Kirner Park.
- A committee was formed to plan a celebration for the "Bi-Centennial." Sequim was designated by the state as a "Bi-Centennial Community." A Bi-Centennial picnic was held in Pioneer Park.
- Council approved annexation of the area known as "Blakes Ponds." The Parks Committee developed a plan for creating a park in that area.