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# SEQUIM NEWS

June 2010

## Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting - Transit Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session - Transit Center (when required)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Park Advisory Board PW - 615 North 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Design Review Board PW - 615 North 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Sequim Marketing Action Committee (LTAC) - Transit Center Conf. Room	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:00 p.m.
Centennial Committee Transit Center Conf. Room	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Sequim Speaks - Transit Center Conf. Room	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE

**Paul Haines**, Public Works Director, started with the City on April 19, 2010. Paul has extensive experience in public works and recently worked at Holden Village, WA. Please welcome Paul when you see him out and about.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Day

The City of Sequim thanks the **Puget Sound Anglers (PSA)** for its on-going support of the **Annual Kids Fishing Day** at the Reuse Water Pond. The entire pond edge was lined with kids and their families from early morning to dusk on May 15. It is estimated over 600 kids attended the event and over 800 fish were caught. PSA planted almost 3,500 pounds of trout of all sizes this year so that children 14 and under can fish throughout the summer. Thank you **PSA** for your help with this great community event!!

## COUNCIL PRIORITIES

In March of this year the City Council completed some initial strategic planning for the City and identified the City Council priorities for 2010-2011, including, in no particular order,

- **Rethink transportation in Sequim;**
- **Review City-wide zoning and implement zoning reform;**
- **Evaluate options to improve parks and recreation services;**
- **Decide on future use of Guy Cole facility;**
- **Encourage development of Sequim Speaks;**
- **Establish Sequim as a solar center;**
- **Complete annexation and extend services to Battelle;**
- **Develop and adopt a Downtown Plan and select a site for a new City Hall.**

At the May 24 Council meeting Council discussed four of the above priorities. This newsletter will review some of the thoughts and ideas on one priority: transportation. Future newsletters will include information on other priorities.

### Rethink Transportation

**What problem are we solving?** How to best move people and materials; how to help flow of traffic through the center of town and reduce congestion; what roads should be replaced and resurfaced; and consider multi-modes of transportation.

**What are the key goals for this problem/priority?** Make the City pedestrian friendly; create additional bicycle lanes; realize the goal of a vibrant urban center; and improve interconnectivity, including the Simdars interchange.

**What are the expected outcomes/deliverables?** Create a list of values; innovation – diagonal crosswalks; pedestrian traffic should keep a rural feel; downtown parking needs; potential truck route; improve downtown alleys.

**What are some of the suggested tasks or strategies that might be involved in the project?** Find out what other cities are doing; alternative downtown traffic routes – other than Washington Street; review biking studies; install bike racks; review traffic flow for safety and best use of funds.



## MUSIC AND MOVIE IN THE PARK SCHEDULE



James Center for the Performing Art, 563 N. Rhodefer Road, Tuesday, 6-8 pm

June 29	Air National Guard Band of the Northwest	Concert Band (Sequim City Band has been invited to join in to play a few marches)
July 6	Electric Blue Sun	Original jazz fusion
	FUTURE SCHEDULE IN JULY NEWSLETTER	

*Thank you to all businesses and citizens that donated funds or in-kind services to sponsor this program.  
We couldn't do it without you!!!*

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**Spring Cleanup Food Bank Donations**

Thank you to all citizens who took advantage of the Spring Cleanup held April 15-17. The Sequim Food Bank received \$700 and 1,000 pounds of food due to your contributions. Don't forget you don't need a special occasion to donate to the Food Bank. They are located at 144 W. Alder Street, 683-1205.

**Water Testing Notice**

The City of Sequim staff operates a Group "A" water system for the citizens of Sequim. The staff follows guidelines and requirements from the State of Washington Department of Health and US Environmental Protection Agency. In these yearly requirements there are many tests we are required to do. One of the testing protocols is Lead and Copper Monitoring. During the months of June and July the City's Water Department will be conducting lead and copper water sample testing. Thirty (30) tests are required. You may be asked to provide a sample from your house. Please help us keep our water clean and safe to drink. Test results will be available upon return from the lab. If you would like to learn more about Lead and Copper Monitoring visit the Washington Department of Health's web site at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Publications/331-111.pdf>, visit the City of Sequim's Public Works Department at 615 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, or call 360-683-4908.

**City of Sequim Receives WellCity Award**

The **City of Sequim** was recently honored with the **WellCity Award** by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) at their Employee Health Academy. **Sequim** was one of 35 Washington cities and towns that received recognition for its workplace wellness program. The **WellCity Award** recognizes cities and towns that demonstrate best practices in employee health promotion. A city must meet the minimum criteria in each of 9 WellCity standards to receive the award. Beginning in 2011, programs that qualify for the **WellCity Award** will earn a 2% premium discount on Regence/Asuris employee and spouse premiums.

Congratulations to the Wellness Committee Members, Karen Kuznek-Reese, Bobbie Usselman, Ann Holgerson, Rick Irish, and Kathy Brown, for their hard work in promoting the City's Wellness Program and for making this award possible and saving you, the taxpayers, money.

**Sequim History – 1964**

- Planned street improvements were approved from the Sequim Avenue stoplight south to Bell, east on Bell to 1<sup>st</sup> Street (now Second Avenue), and north to Washington. The streets were designated as arterials.
- The City Attorney was instructed to draw up an agreement to purchase 3-1/2 acres from Fred Schmuck for the sewerage disposal system. The transaction was finalized in March.
- Robert Matriotti and Lyn Dunlap requested City water and sewer for 30 acres adjoining the Knapman Addition. The City agreed that extensions would be put in at property-owner's expense to City specifications.
- A petition by 50 people protesting the location of an airstrip partially within the town limits was read. It was mentioned the town was not able to approve or disapprove the airstrip and this would be forwarded to the FAA.
- The Matriotti/Dunlap addition annexation was approved.
- Iris Marshall was re-appointed Fire Chief.
- A resolution was passed that prior to the acceptance of plats, the plat must grade and gravel streets and install water and sewer lines to the City's standards.