



CITY OF SEQUIM News



December 2012

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	Tuesday, December 4 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 14 10:00 a.m.
Centennial Committee Transit Center Conf. Room	3rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

The City of Sequim is Accepting Donations for the Sequim Food Bank

The Sequim Police Department, located at 609 W. Washington Street, and Sequim City Hall, located at 152 W. Cedar Street, are accepting donations of non-perishable food items now through Friday, December 21 for the Sequim Food Bank.

Business hours for the Police Department are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) will be monitoring the container and delivering the donations to the Sequim Food Bank.

Business hours for Sequim City Hall are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

There is an additional non-perishable food donation container for the Sequim Food Bank at the Sequim Transit Center, located at 190 W. Cedar Street, throughout the year. Sequim residents are reminded to bring a donation whenever they attend meetings at the Sequim Transit Center.

The City is Seeking Applications for Boards and Commissions

The Planning Commission is seeking applications from City residents to fill one vacant position. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is seeking two City residents to fill vacancies on the Board. Applications are at City Hall or www.sequimwa.gov



Happy Holidays

**City Offices Will be Closed on
Monday, December 24 & Tuesday December 25
for the Christmas Holiday, and
Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day**

December 3—Special Joint Meeting—Sequim City Council, Clallam County Commissioners, Clallam County PUD Commissioners

Upcoming Public Hearings

December 10— 1) 2012 City & TBD Budget Amendments, Public Hearing Continued

December 26- City Council Meeting Cancelled



At the Movies Program Resumes

The City of Sequim and Olympic Theatre Arts are once again partnering to present the "At the Movies" program. All movies will be shown at Olympic Theatre Arts, 414 North Sequim Avenue. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie and close 5 minutes after the start. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Individuals 16 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The new schedule is:

Wednesday, December 19, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – "Snow White & the Huntsman"

Saturday, January 26, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. – "Mama Mia"

Saturday, February 23, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. – "Ted"

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

City is Accepting Skate Board Helmet Donations

The City is looking for donations to support the helmet program at the Skate Board Park in Carrie Blake Park. All users of the Skate Board Park are encouraged to wear helmets and the City maintains a cupboard that allows skaters to borrow a helmet if they don't have their own. The City welcomes donations of used helmets or money for the purchase of helmets.

Please contact Jeff Edwards, Public Works Administrative Manager at 681-3443 or jedwards@sequimwa.gov with questions or to make a donation.



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



The Sequim Centennial Celebration has Begun!

Upcoming Activities Include:

Paint a Centennial Tile —December 1 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Soroptimist Gift Gala at the Boys & Girls Club

Centennial Cookbook—The Centennial

Committee is producing a historical, anecdotal cookbook to celebrate the rich history and agricultural heritage of the City of Sequim and the Sequim-Dungeness Valley. Whether you've lived in Sequim for two years or 50, share your story along with a family photo and favorite recipe. Deadline for entries is **December 31, 2012**.

Contact Communications and Marketing Director

Barbara Hanna at 681-3422 or bhanna@sequimwa.gov

Utility Box Vinyl Wrap Public Art Project—The Centennial Committee is seeking to commission up to four artists to produce art to be displayed on traffic utility boxes in the city. The deadline for proposals is February 1, 2013. See all the details at www.sequimwa.gov.

Centennial Merchandise is available for purchase at City Hall, 152 W. Cedar Street, and at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center at 192 E. Washington Street.

Information about all of the Centennial activities and events can be found at www.sequimwa.gov or contact City Clerk

Karen Kuznek-Reese at 681-3428 or

kkuznek@sequimwa.gov



Road Clearance for Winter Storms

With the snow season approaching, citizens are reminded that during heavy snows, the City crew concentrates on clearing the main arterials first. Washington Street, Sequim Avenue, 5th Avenue, 3rd Avenue, overpasses and school routes (when schools are in session) are the top priorities.

In the event of a snow storm, the City asks the community to help by clearing snow from the sidewalks that adjoin their homes and businesses.



Help the City Prevent Flooding

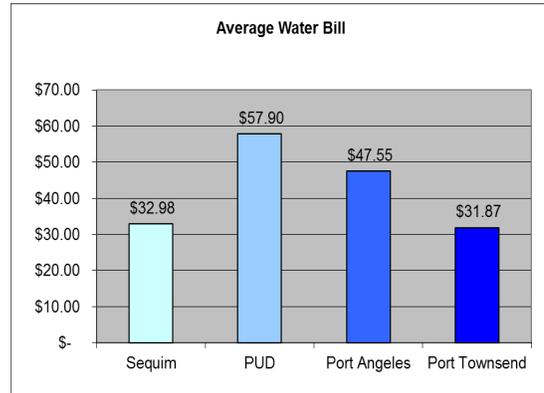
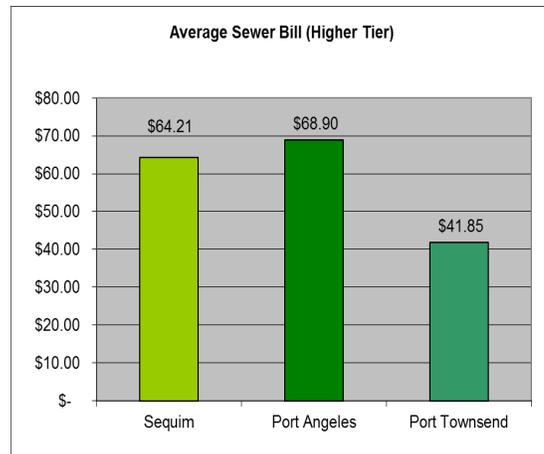
Winter storms can also bring heavy rains, the City requests that all citizens that are able, assist in keeping drains and catch basins free of debris and leaves. During the stormy winter months, City crews can get spread thin, your assistance in keeping the street clean is vital to the City's ability to respond to extreme precipitation and the prevention of flooding.

We appreciate your help!

Utility Rates to Increase in 2013

As part of the 2013 budget approved by the Sequim City Council on November 26, 2012, there will be a 3% rate increase for the Sewer Utility and a 4% increase for the Water Utility. The sewer increase represents \$1.61 (low tier user) or \$1.87 (high tier user) per month for single-family residential ratepayers. The water increase represents approximately \$1.09 per month for average single family usage.

Regional Utility Rate Comparison



Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

The City of Sequim recognizes these are tough economic times. To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions will be available for qualifying low income residents effective for January 2013 usage. If your income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or \$25,000/year, you may be eligible. There is an additional net asset-based test to determine qualification. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their January usage bill.

Applications are due December 31, 2012 and are available at the following locations: City Hall, 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 www.sequimwa.gov. Please don't hesitate to call City Hall (360) 683-4139 with your questions.