



CITY OF SEQUIM News



May 2014

Meeting Dates & Locations

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| 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, May 20 6:00 p.m. |
| Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave. | 2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m. |
| Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room | Quarterly—Next Meeting June 13 10:00 a.m. |

**City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26
in observation of Memorial Day.**



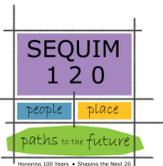
City of Sequim Parks Master Plan Update

Help shape the future of Sequim City Parks and Recreation System by participating in an all day **Visioning Workshop.**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21, 2014
WHERE: 10:00 to 6:00 (come and go at your leisure)
Pioneer Park, 387 E. Washington Street
Please see enclosed flyer

To obtain more information please contact Joe Irvin, Special Projects Manager at jirvin@sequimwa.gov or (360) 582-2457.

Thank You for Your Participation



Thank you to everyone who participated in the information gathering phase of the Sequim 120 project. Over 500 residents expressed their thoughts during the project's visioning process and establishing growth alternatives. *To learn more about the information gathered, see the enclosed flyer.* For the latest Sequim 120 news, visit

www.sequimwa.gov/sequim120

Help the Sequim Food Bank



The City will be collecting peanut butter for the Sequim Food Bank at the Sequim Irrigation Festival Grand Parade on Saturday, May 10. Bring your donations and look for the truck in the parade.

Upcoming Public Hearings

May 12—1) Wall Signs

Welcome New Employees!

Tony Cook, Public Works—4/7
Gary Butler, Public Works—4/14
Josh Henning, Public Works—4/17
All are seasonal, temporary employees

**Visit the City Booth at the
Sequim Irrigation Festival Family Fun Day
Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Downtown Sequim on Washington Street**

City of Sequim Fire Rating Improved

Clallam County Fire District 3 has been notified by the Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau (WSRB) that it has evaluated the fire protection capabilities in the City as they relate to fire insurance ratings, and that the Protection Classification rating for the City of Sequim has improved from Protection Class 5 to Protection Class 4.

The improved rating is effective on May 1, 2014 and applies to dwellings and commercial properties in the City that are within 5 miles of a fire station and have a standard fire hydrant within 1000 ft. of the home or business. The new rating may result in lower fire insurance rates for property owners. Property owners should contact their insurance providers directly to discuss whether the new rating will affect their rates. If you have questions, please contact Chief Vogel, Fire District 3 at 683-4242.

Spring Clean Up

The City of Sequim conducted another successful Spring Clean Up in April. 234 property owners participated by bringing approximately 48 tons of trash to the City Shop for disposal. Thank you to everyone who participated and for helping to keep Sequim clean and beautiful.



“Coffee with the Mayor”

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt on Thursdays, May 1 & 15 at the Rainshadow Coffee Roasting Company, 157 W. Cedar Street at 8:30 a.m. The Mayor will be at a different published location each month to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community. Please contact Candace Pratt at (360) 582-0114 or cpratt@sequimwa.gov with questions.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers Make a Difference



Volunteer Jonathan Adams working at his Adopt-a-Site location.

Jonathan Adams started his own business as a teenager when he began mowing lawns in his neighborhood. He started with 2 or 3 and then decided he could develop his business with more lawns and bigger

and better equipment. Soon he was taking on larger projects and now has his landscaping license, allowing him to continue to grow his Strait Lawn Care business, now in its 4th year.

“I always liked working outside and never saw myself sitting in an office,” Jonathan said. “Having my own business has been rewarding even with challenges.”

Understanding that it’s important to give back, Jonathan decided to see if he could lend his professional skills to the City and take on one of the Adopt-a-Site locations.

“I was hoping for the site in front of the former Jerimiah’s because it was very visible, and I knew I could make it better,” Jonathan said. He contacted Volunteer Coordinator Pam Leonard-Ray and was excited that the spot was available. His father Wayne Adams and friend Danny Sueme also help with the site.

Jonathan has completely refurbished the site by pulling up old plants and weeds and replacing the landscape fabric. He has replaced the bark mulch and planted lavender and thyme plants. He is hoping to add a third species of plants once the season has progressed and more plants are available. Once the site is complete, Jonathan is planning to maintain the site at least for this year. Thank you Johnathan for making a difference!

The City of Sequim is currently looking for volunteers to maintain the Hardy Fuchsia Garden at Bell Creek Plaza, to co-adopt the planting strip on Blake Avenue outside of Carrie Blake Park, and to join the group that maintains the terraced garden at the Water Reuse Demonstration Site. To find out how you can make a difference in Sequim by volunteering, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard Ray at 582-2447 or pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov

Keep Up to Date with the Civic Center Project

To keep the community informed of progress on the Civic Center Project, the City is posting weekly updates to the City of Sequim website www.sequimwa.gov

In addition, Lydig Construction will hold a monthly meeting the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Sequim Transit Center, 190 W. Cedar Street, to meet with the neighborhood and community and inform them of any impact on the neighborhood in the upcoming month.

Please contact City Engineer David Garlington at (360) 683-4908 or dgarlington@sequimwa.gov with questions.

12th Annual Kid’s Fishing Day Saturday, May 17—8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At the Water Reuse Reclamation Site Pond just north of Carrie Blake Park



All kids 14 years of age and younger are invited to participate. No fishing license is required. Kids are allowed to keep two fish each. Worms and power bait will be available. A fish cleaning station will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Puget Sound Anglers North Olympic Peninsula Chapter.



Sequim Parks Trivia

How well do you know your City parks?

Summer is quickly approaching and it’s the perfect time to make use of Sequim’s parks. Each park has something unique to offer. How well do you know your City parks? Look for Sequim Parks Trivia each month in the newsletter, “like” the City of Sequim Government facebook page or go to www.sequimwa.gov to find out what you’ve been missing!

- 1) What is the newest park in Sequim?
 - A. Kirner
 - B. Carrie Blake
 - C. Heritage
 - D. Gerhardt
- 2) What is the oldest Park in Sequim?
 - A. Centennial Place
 - B. Keeler Park
 - C. Carrie Blake Park
 - D. Pioneer Memorial Park
- 3) Why are parks important in our busy world?
 - A. They enrich our quality of life
 - B. They enhance the beauty of our neighborhoods
 - C. They give us a place to stay fit
 - D. All of the above

Answers: 1) D 2) D 3) D



Parks Master Plan Update Visioning Workshop

Tell Us What's Important to You!

Participate in an all day Visioning Workshop to help shape the future of the City's Parks and Recreation system.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(come and go at your leisure)

WHERE: Pioneer Park

387 E. Washington Street

Sequim, WA 98382

Our goal is to develop a community-supported plan that will guide future investment, development and maintenance decisions related to our parks and recreation system. The updated Parks Master Plan will guide future parks and recreation policy over the next twenty years. The Plan will also develop a clear message on the delivery of services in a manner that meets the community's needs, while focusing on high level strategic planning and implementation strategies.

The results from the Visioning Workshop will be incorporated into the Sequim 120 process as part of the new Comprehensive Plan, which will also provide policy direction for future City expenditures to the parks and recreation system.

We want to hear from you. Please come tell us how you rate the physical condition of the Sequim Parks system, what recreational needs you have or what programs you would like to see offered?



This project will contribute to the update of the comprehensive plan.



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Nearly 500 Contribute in Sequim 120 Public Meetings

PARTICIPANTS SUPPORT A MORE CONNECTED, WALKABLE, SMALL-TOWN FRIENDLY, DIVERSE COMMUNITY.



Over the past five months, nearly 500 area residents participated in the Sequim 120 program to help prepare a new Comprehensive Plan. Today, Sequim’s population is approximately 6,700 people, but at the end of the Plan’s 20-year planning horizon, it may be over 10,000, even with a modest 2% annual growth. What do these 500 citizens think Sequim should be like in 2035? Here are a few of the directions related to the Sequim 120 Vision adopted in 2012 that stand out as these citizens judged photo images of neighborhoods in other places:

Above all else, stay “small-town friendly.” What does “small-town friendly” look like? Citizens favor images of homes with front sitting porches, rear garages off alleys, sidewalks with landscape strips and trees, and streets and paths that connect to nearby friends and neighbors. The acceptance of new housing into existing neighborhoods increases if it is similar in density, scale, type and character. Participants recognize that “complete” neighborhoods include neighborhood parks, schools, and maybe even local businesses. Neighborhoods of this character not only feel “small-town” but also provide places where spontaneous encounters with people residents don’t know produce “friendly” social interactions. Neighborhoods are a key to staying “small-town friendly.”

Preserve “Rural” for: Agriculture, passive recreation/nature, tourism and environment. Participants strongly identify with the benefits of larger rural parcels and agricultural land. Continued consumption of the rural landscape by small acreage parcels (one to four acres) reduces the attraction of Sequim, as the “rural” character slowly disappears. “Rural” is vital to the well-being of city dwellers.

Place higher density only in Downtown and where services and conveniences are provided. Residents respond negatively to higher density housing, generally, but do support apartments, condos, and townhouses in Downtown. Buildings with good design quality, fewer units, and a good street presence get the highest marks. “Cottage housing” (smaller, detached, 1- and 2-story homes sited on small-lots facing a common green space) also score highly and may be an option both for Downtown or where senior services are provided.

Plan for walking, safely and pleasantly, everywhere. Separated, tree lined sidewalks and pathways encourage walking for pleasure, health, and connection. A grid street pattern provides better connectivity to destinations and increases route options.

To schedule a meeting or join the Sequim 120 contact list, leave your contact information on the project Hotline at 582-2448, or email sequim120@sequimwa.gov. For the latest Sequim 120 news, visit www.sequimwa.gov/sequim120.



248 out of 315 participants in the Visual Preference Survey agreed that we need parks that attract families.

