



CITY OF SEQUIM News



February 2015

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, February 3 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 March 13 10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Transit Center Conf. Room	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Public Hearings

February 9 —1) Marijuana Moratorium; 2) Amend Transportation Impact Fees

February 23—1) Parks Master Plan

City Offices will be closed on

Monday, February 16

in observation of President's Day.

Water Saving Tip of the Month

In the Kitchen and Laundry—FILL YOUR DISHWASHER

Your dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or just partially full of dishes, so be sure to fill it. Many dishwashers have a water saver cycle to save even more water!



Coffee with the Mayor Resumes in February



Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt on Thursdays, February 5 & 19 at Adagio Bean and Leaf located at 981 East Washington Street.

Mayor Pratt 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.

Toilet Paper Only Please!

The Public Works Department is asking all residents to help keep the Wastewater system clear and functioning properly by flushing only body waste and toilet paper down the toilet.

Popular bathroom wipes or pre-moistened towelettes, often advertised as flushable, are creating clogs and backups in sewer systems around the nation. The wipes will flush down the toilet, but they don't break down through the system. This can result in clogged pipes and pumps that can be expensive to replace.

Other items that should **not** be flushed include: paper towels, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, household wipes, cosmetic pads, dental floss, condoms, and medical materials.

Stormwater Stewardship

Our Water, Our Future!

And the Winners Are...

Last fall, Stormwater Stewardship Project Manager Ann Soule ran a contest asking participants to guess when Bell Creek would begin flowing through town and into the ponds at Carrie Blake Park.

There were over 100 entries, mostly predicting a January start as was seen last winter. But with the early-season storms this year, the creek began running on December 9, 2014 and hasn't stopped since.

Congratulations to Tobey Clarkin who guessed December 12 and to the third graders from Helen Haller Elementary, who guessed December 15. To learn more about Bell Creek the Stormwater Stewardship project, contact Ann Soule at asoule@sequimwa.gov or (360) 582-2436, or visit the Interpretive Center



Tobey Clarkin receives a copper fish wall hanging donated by City Utilities Manager Pete Tjsemisland.

at the City's Water Reuse Park (500 N. Blake Ave.) on Wednesdays, 8—10 a.m. or Thursdays, 12—2 p.m. You can also visit the City's website at www.sequimwa.gov for information, and sign up to receive emails on project updates at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/list.aspx> (choose email or text notifications for the "Surface Water Management" list).



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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Karen Klein Lends Her Expertise to the Community Organic Gardens program.

Karen Klein first heard about the Community Organic Gardens (COGS) program in the City of Sequim newsletter last spring.

"It sounded like fun and I decided I would like to have a plot in the June Robinson Garden," Karen said.

As a small business owner and also as a volunteer for Peninsula Friends of Animals, Karen sees herself as a goodwill



COGS volunteer Karen Klein ambassador for Sequim.

Not surprising, once she had her own garden plot, she volunteered to help with growing food for the Sequim Food Bank plots. Karen then responded to another request for help, and offered to work on the COGS new website www.sequimcogs.org.

"I have done some informational websites for a few of the other non-profits. It's a great way to learn about all of the terrific programs here in our area and to meet great people," she said.

"I would say the website has been the most rewarding aspect of my volunteer work since it is an on-going, growing project," Karen added.

Watch for news about available plots in COGS gardens later this spring.



To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the City of Sequim, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard-Ray at (360) 582-2447 or pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.

Call For Artists!

The City Arts Advisory Commission (CAAC) is accepting applications for an art exhibit to be displayed on the first floor public area of the new Civic Center. The show will run from mid-year 2015 until the end of the calendar year. The theme of the exhibit is "What Sequim Means to Me."

The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2015. All art must be able to hang on a wall.

For complete details on how to submit artwork for the exhibit, visit the City website www.sequimwa.gov or contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 360-681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.



Walls are installed in the new Civic Center



Crews install drywall in the new Civic Center.

Hanging and taping drywall on 1st and 2nd floors.

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.

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

Are you Planning on Building a Fence?

The Sequim Municipal Code, Chapter 15.04 gives the exemptions from requiring a building permit for fences that are 7 feet in height or less. The municipal code also provides direction as to the required "site triangle clearance." If you have a corner property; street or alley, the fence is limited in height to 42 inches above the grade in the site triangle. Such triangular area shall have one angle formed by the front lot line and the side lot line separating the lot from the side street, the length of which lot line sides of the triangle shall be 15 feet. The third side of the triangle shall be a line connecting the two lot lines at the 15-foot point on each.

The City Building Services encourages you to contact them if you have any questions about fences. The office is located at 615 N. 5th Avenue and the phone number is 683-4908.

