



CITY OF SEQUIM News



November 2015

Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at 152 W. Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	Tuesday, November 17 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	1st Monday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 14 10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 8:30 a.m.

City Council Adopts Comprehensive Plan

The City Council adopted the new comprehensive plan at the October 26, 2015 meeting. The Plan sets the policy for growth and development in the City for the next 20 years. To read the plan visit www.sequimwa.gov.

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions will be available for qualifying low income residents effective for January 2016 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. **Even if you already receive the low income discount, all applicants must reapply annually.**

Applications are due January 15, 2016 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 the Finance Department at (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

Upcoming Public Hearings and 2016 Budget Calendar

Budget presentations are scheduled on the meeting dates listed below. All meetings are at the Civic Center, 152 West Cedar Street. Visit www.sequimwa.gov for meeting updates.

November 9—1) 2016 Budget, revenue sources, property tax levy, rates & fees 2) 2016 TBD Budget 3) TBD 2015 Budget Amendments 4) Wi-Fi Moratorium

November 23 - 1) 2015 Budget Amendments (Tentative) 2) Final hearing and adoption of 2016 City and TBD budgets

Welcome New Employee!

Matt Klontz—City Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director 10/28

City Offices will be closed on

Wednesday, November 11 in observation of Veteran's Day, and

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Master Site Plan for Carrie Blake Park and Water Reuse Site

A Master Site Plan is currently under development for Carrie Blake Park and the Water Reuse Site. **Two Open Houses for public input are planned for Monday, November 2 and Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Civic Center, 152 W. Cedar St. Your input on the future location of park functions is important to the success of the plan.

Reporting Excessive Jet Noise

Please contact the Navy directly by email at comments.NASWI@navy.mil or call (360) 257-6665 to address concerns, complaints, or questions regarding noise from Navy jets over the Sequim area.

Permits Required



Did you know a permit is required for new development, most remodels, temporary activities, home businesses, signs, and change-of-occupancy use? The best way to start a new activity – a development, a business, a utility connection, a site improvement, a temporary event, a move to another city location, or other change to the status of any property – is to contact the City at 360-683-4908. This call will connect you with Community Development or Public Works staff that will provide information on applicable codes, site conditions, and opportunities that might benefit your interests. Please, call before you buy or dig!

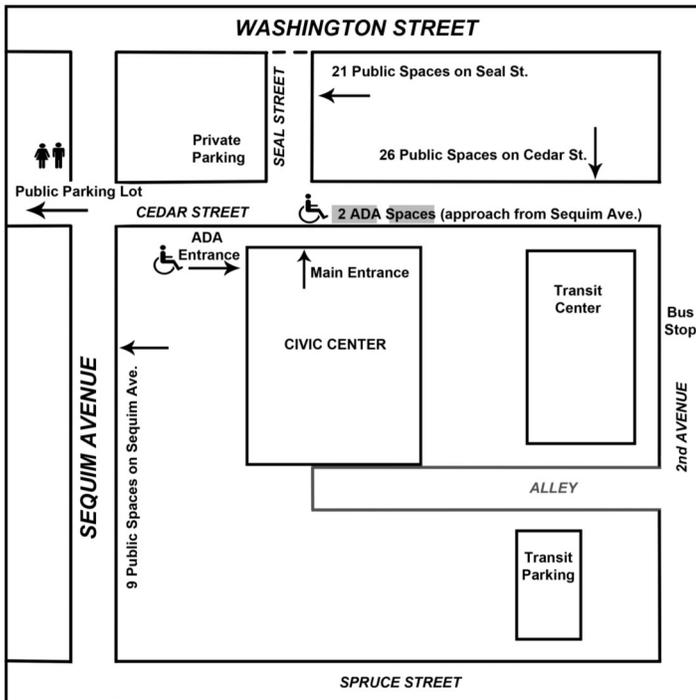
Water Saving Tip of the Month

In the Bathroom—TAKE SHORT SHOWERS OR SHALLOW BATHS. Simply taking shorter showers will save gallons of water. For long exposures to the water, a partially filled bath instead of a shower will use less water.



Parking at the Civic Center

Wondering where you should park when you come to the Civic Center located at 152 W. Cedar Street? In addition to the public parking lot across Sequim Avenue, there are 9 parallel parking spaces on Sequim Avenue, 26 spaces on the south side of Cedar Street, 21 spaces on Seal Street and two parallel designated ADA parking spaces on the north side of Cedar Street directly in front of the building. City staff has designated parking off of the City streets, so there should be plenty of spaces available for your visit.



Coffee with the Mayor in November

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt on Thursdays, November 5 and 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Adagio Bean & Leaf, located at 981 E. 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.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Sequim Volunteers in Police Service Provide Support to Project Lifesaver



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) who provide support to the Project Lifesaver Program: Bill Hegarty, Jane Andersen, and Mark Schildknecht.

Help to Protect Your Loved Ones!

The Project Lifesaver program helps to protect and locate loved ones of all ages who may wander due to autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's or other cognitive disorders.

Project Lifesaver is a national program using short-range radio tracking techniques (methods) to assist in locating a missing person. A participant or client is fitted (wrist or ankle) with a watch-size radio transmitter, emitting a unique signal once a second. When 9-1-1 dispatchers are notified of a missing client, local teams quickly initiate a search, using tracking equipment tuned to the client's transmitter frequency. Typical searches have taken less than 30 minutes, although this can depend on how quickly the search is initiated and the mobility of the client.



Program participants wear a wrist (or ankle) watch-size radio transmitter emitting a unique signal.

The program is jointly managed through the Sequim Police Department and the Clallam County Sheriff's Department and is available through generous funding from the Ray and Donna Guerin Family Foundation. If you live in Clallam County, any adult or child who is prone to wander due to Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, Down syndrome or other related cognitive impairment is a candidate for Project Lifesaver.

For a one-time enrollment fee of \$50, Project Lifesaver can help to provide peace of mind to families knowing that their loved ones have protection and safety if they wander.

If you know of someone in our community that could potentially wander from home and lose their way back, they could be a candidate for Project Lifesaver. For additional information or to sign up, call 360-683-7227.

To learn more about how you can volunteer with the City and make a difference in the community, contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.