



2018 Annual Report

Sequim Holds Two-Week Service Fest

The City of Sequim, Habitat for Humanity, and First Federal partnered to host a first-of-its-kind two-week Service Fest June 1 – 15. The event welcomed 20 Habitat for Humanity Care-A-Vanners who joined with City staff and community volunteers to assist with a variety of public and private projects as a part of the Neighborhood Revitalization program.



Projects included debris removal, building a fence, removal of a building, and painting to improve three private properties.

A Rally in the Alley was held to

encourage neighborhood clean-up. A walking path was created, a “Day of Color” was held, improvements were made to City park facilities, and community kiosks were built and installed in each of the City’s seven neighborhoods.



The kiosks are available for the community to use for announcements such as lost pets, garage sales, and neighborhood events, and will be used for emergency communications if needed. The kiosks are located at:

- West Sequim Bay Road east of Fairweather
- North Blake Avenue outside of the entrance to the Water Reuse Site
- 3rd and Hemlock at the City Shop property
- 5th and McCurdy
- On West Bracket Road
- Miller Road in front of the stormwater pond
- Sequim-Dungeness Way in Rock Plaza



Human Services Summit Paves a New Direction

The City brought more than 50 human services providers together in October to discuss the specific needs of the Sequim community, how those needs are being addressed, and where the service gaps exist. The full-day summit focused on the areas of sheltering, substance use disorder, food insecurity, physical health, and mental health. The providers divided themselves into groups that focused on one topic and created new solutions for addressing the community needs.

The solutions were presented to the public at a follow-up meeting. At both gatherings participants prioritized the solutions. All the information was presented to the Sequim City Council and is now being used to develop a “Request for Proposal” that will best address local needs in the human services area for the next three years.



27 Years of Clean Audits

The Washington State Auditor’s Office has completed a Financial Audit of the City of Sequim for 2017, and an Accountability Audit for both the City and the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017. There have been no findings in the City of Sequim audits in more than 27 years. The TBD has also received clean audits since its inception in 2010.

Pickleball Courts Completed and Open to Players

The City of Sequim and the Sequim Picklers were thrilled to cut the ribbon on eight new tournament quality Pickleball courts at Carrie Blake Park in July. The courts are a great example of members of the community working together with local government to accomplish a goal that has widespread and long-term benefits for the region. The Sequim Picklers held their first tournament on the courts in September and plan to hold at least two tournaments each year.



Water Reclamation Facility Receives 7th Outstanding Performance Award

The City’s Water Reclamation Facility has received a “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award for 2017 from the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) for the seventh year in a row. The award is for achieving full compliance with the DOE National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Only 111 out of approximately 300 organizations received the award in 2017.

Sequim Receives AWC Municipal Excellence Award

The City of Sequim was recognized by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) with a Municipal Excellence Award for its work in Community Engagement related to Neighborhood Revitalization. The awards recognize innovative projects that significantly improve the quality of life for their communities. There were five awards given in 2018.



The City partnered with Habitat for Humanity and other community partners to develop the Neighborhood Revitalization Coalition. The Coalition has been instrumental in the development of the Rally in the Alley program, neighborhood visioning meetings, and the first-of-its-kind Sequim Service Fest.

Susan Molin Recognized with the Westcott Award

The fifth annual "Westcott Award" was presented to volunteer Susan Molin for her service as a concierge for the City and her support of the Sequim Arts Advisory Commission (CAAC). Susan has been instrumental in scheduling artists to make presentations during the "Art Talk on the Art Walk" as a part of the quarterly rotating art exhibit openings at the Civic Center. She also helped to schedule and work with the musicians performing for the Music in the Park concert series and the Annual Block Party.



Each year volunteers donate their talents and thousands of hours to assist City staff with programs that help to make Sequim a great place to live.

Transportation Benefit District Renewed

In the November election, the citizens of Sequim gave 77.3% yes votes to overwhelmingly approve the continuation of the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) through 2029. The TBD has been in place since 2010 when it was first approved by City voters. The TBD collects a .02% sales tax to be used for transportation projects in the City.

Projects funded by the TBD include:

- Street paving and chip seal
- Sidewalks and paths
- Street renovations
- Bicycle improvements
- Wheelchair/scooter ramps
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- Street crack sealing
- Energy-efficient street lighting
- Traffic signals
- Street maintenance



Kitchen Renovation Completed at Guy Cole Event Center

Phase Two of the Guy Cole Event Center was completed in March with a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the upgraded commercial kitchen. The kitchen renovation upgraded equipment, replaced the entire ventilation system, added new lighting and flooring, and improved working space. The final phase of the project, construction of breakout rooms at the Center, is expected to be complete in 2019.



Public Works Continued to Focus on Pavement Rehabilitation Projects in 2018

Pavement rehabilitation includes pavement reconstruction (spot repairs), pavement overlay, and chip sealing. All projects were funded in part by the Transportation Benefit District.

Chip Seal

- River Road
- E. Silberhorn Road
- South 7th Avenue
- Northeast Sequim Avenue
- East Fir

Reconstruction

- Washington Harbor Loop
- Reservoir Road
- West Brackett Road
- West Deseret Avenue
- West Spruce
- North 9th Avenue

Overlay

- South 7th Avenue
- East Silberhorn Road



Sequim Graduates from the Innovation Academy The Vege-lantes Program Tested

A ten-member team of City staff graduated from the Innovation Academy through the Alliance for Innovation. The nine-month program included instruction on how to develop innovative thinking within an organization and required the development and testing of a program that embodies creative problem solving and delivery. The team wanted to solve a real problem within the City and focused on a pilot project to test the use of goats to manage vegetation on City property. The City used two goats, nicknamed the “Vege-lantes,” to test the program and learn how much



vegetation can be consumed in a confined area within a designated period of time. This information was used to help develop a longer-term program utilizing goats to help manage the vegetation around City stormwater basins. The basins have steep slopes and are difficult for staff to maintain. The team presented their findings at the Transforming Local Government Conference in Tacoma in April.

Two New Websites for the City

In September, The City launched updated versions of its two websites; the official City of Sequim website <https://sequimwa.gov>, and the Sequim tourism website <https://visitsunnysequim.com>.

The new websites have updated technology that makes them fully responsive, meaning they will adapt to whatever device the visitor is using, including desktop, tablet, and phone. Both websites have a fresh new look and improved navigation to more easily find the information that is most often viewed by website users.

The City Purchases an All-Electric Vehicle

The City of Sequim has purchased an all-electric vehicle, the Mighty E-Truck, for janitorial and maintenance staff usage to support City Facilities. The vehicle is designed for local or neighborhood use with a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour and a charge that will last for up to 50 miles. It is estimated that the electric vehicle will save 87% of fuel costs incurred by the 1997 Aerostar Van that it replaced, and save 7230 pounds of CO2 emissions each year, a 99% reduction. The purchase supports the City Council goal to invest in infrastructure and equipment to reduce carbon emissions.



Sequim Police K9 Team Passes Certification

The Sequim Police Department's latest K9 team completed more than 400 hours of state mandated training, passed certification testing, and began patrolling the streets around Sequim in April.



Sequim Police Detective Paul Dailidenas and K9 “Mamba” began their training in early January along with teams from three other law enforcement agencies. Mamba, now a two-year-old German Shepherd, is trained to conduct human tracking and apprehension,

building searches, evidence searches and handler protection. Detective Dailidenas and Mamba also passed additional testing to achieve accreditation from the Washington State Canine Association.

Emerald Coast Opportunity Zone Designation

Partners throughout Clallam and Jefferson Counties, including local tribes and the City of Sequim, worked together to achieve the Emerald Coast Opportunity Zone designation from the bipartisan federal Investing in Opportunity Act. The new program allows investors with capital gains to invest in low-income or distressed areas with tax deferral incentives. Potential projects and investors for the Opportunity Zone are being discussed.



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