



CITY OF SEQUIM News



April 2020

Meeting Dates & Locations

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

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room (Please note new date and time)	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 8—12:00 noon
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

Sequim City Council and other Board and Commission meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 threat. Please visit the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for information.

COVID—19

STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY—COVID 19

On Monday, March 23, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued a “Stay Home” order to fight the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID -19). This includes a ban on all gatherings, and closures of many businesses, unless those businesses are essential to the healthy functioning of our community, or are able to let employees work remotely from home. The ban is in effect for a minimum of two weeks, or through April 8, but may be extended.

It is still safe to go outside using social distancing of six feet, but only for essential purposes. Grocery stores, doctors’ offices and other essential businesses will remain open. This also does not prohibit people from merely going outside to enjoy a walk on a sunny spring day.

Governor Inslee stated that the goal of this order is, “To reduce social interactions where this highly contagious virus can spread. This weapon, distancing ourselves, is the only weapon against this virus. And we have proven that it can work, but only if we actually use

it.”

The order immediately bans all gatherings of people for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including weddings and funerals.

What You Can Do:

- **ACCESS ESSENTIAL SERVICES:** You can still go outside to access essential services like going to the grocery store, pharmacy, gas station and the doctor.
- **EXERCISE OUTSIDE:** You can go for a walk or ride your bike. It is important to get exercise and stay healthy. Sequim City Parks are currently closed to the public, but the Olympic Discovery Trail is open for use with appropriate social distancing.
- **WORK IN YOUR YARD:** You can work in your yard and get your garden ready for Spring. Residents who have a garden bed at June Robinson Memorial Park can work in their garden, but must maintain social distancing.
- **SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS:** Restaurants are closed to sit-down business, but many are open for takeout or delivery. You can also buy a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant to use later.
- **CONNECT WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND NEIGHBORS:** Isolation can affect our moods and attitudes. It is important to stay connected with our loved ones. Make a phone call, set up a video conference, or send a written note. If you are running to the store, check to see if you can help a neighbor who may not be able to get out for essential supplies.

Follow the Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

- **STAY AT HOME:** Stay at home except for accessing essential services. If you are sick, do not leave your home until you are symptom free for at least 72 hours. If you have questions about your symptoms, call your doctor’s office.
- **CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:** Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water especially if you have been in a public place, blow your nose, cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub until dry.

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- **SANITIZE SURFACES:** Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw the used tissue in the trash and wash your hands.

Other Ways to Help:

- **DO NOT HOARD SUPPLIES:** The supply chain is still intact, and grocery stores are able to restock efficiently. There is no reason to stockpile excessive amounts of food, water and other supplies.
- **ONLY CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES:** Do not call 911 with questions about the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Please call 911 only for emergencies. Visit the Clallam County website at <http://www.clallam.net/Coronavirus/> for the latest information from the County Emergency Operations Center and call the hotline at 360-417-2430 with questions.
- **DONATE SUPPLIES OR HELP TO MAKE MASKS:** Clallam County is accepting donations of Personal Protective Equipment especially face masks. There is also a local effort to make masks for healthcare providers. Please visit The Sequim Face Masks Challenge page on Facebook to learn more.

COVID-19 has affected everyone in our community and its effects will be felt for some time, but we will get through this together. Please follow the Governor's order, take care of yourself, your loved ones and neighbors, and support local businesses where you can. If you need community services, call the United Way "Get Help—Give Help" line by dialing 211. Please visit the City of Sequim website at <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for information updates about how the City is responding to the COVID-19 threat.

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, which 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.

In the Gallery...

2019 Audubon Winners Digital Exhibit

The City of Sequim and the Dungeness River Audubon Center will host the 2019 Audubon Photography Awards Traveling Exhibition in a digital exhibition beginning April 3.

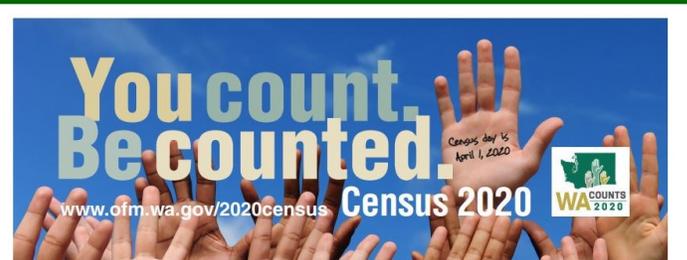
Please visit www.sequimwa.gov and www.audubon.org. We hope you enjoy this unique opportunity to witness these beautiful photographs from the comfort of your home.

Please contact Arts Coordinator Aurora Lagattuta at alagattuta@sequimwa.gov or 360-582-2477.



Coffee with the Mayor in April

Mayor William Armacost will make a decision on whether to hold the April Coffee with the Mayor meeting by the middle of the month, depending on orders from the State of Washington and the Clallam County Health Department. Please check the City's website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for the announcement.



You Count! Be Counted! 2020 Census

Why is the 2020 Census Important?

\$16.7 billion in state funding is at stake, or \$2,319 per person. The Census provides data that drives funding for health care, education, roads and construction projects, such as fire stations.

For every 100 households missed in the 2020 Census count, the state could lose up to \$5.8 million, which would affect the ability to adequately support children, veterans, senior citizens and middle- and low-income families. An accurate count of Washington's communities will ensure a fair distribution of taxpayers' funds and political representation.

Remember 10—10—10

- 10 questions on the Census questionnaire
- 10 minutes to complete
- 10 years of data for your community

Census Day is April 1, 2020

Learn more about the census at <https://www.2020census.gov/>