



# CITY OF SEQUIM News



May 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	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 pandemic. Please visit the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for information.



City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

## COVID—19 Update

### STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order is still in effect at least through May 4. While the Governor is hoping to begin lifting some of the restrictions of the order this month, he has said that it will be more of a dial than a light switch and he will move slowly to ensure that the proper measures are in place to ensure that we don’t see a second wave of the virus. While the restrictions have been difficult, the good news is that social distancing is working and the numbers appear to be moving in the right direction. Thank you to everyone for adhering to the rules and working to keep our community safe. Remember to:

- **Stay Home**—except to access essential services
- **Continue to Practice Good Hygiene**—wash your hands
- **Clean and Sanitize Surfaces**—do this daily
- **Cover Coughs and Sneezes**—using your elbow or a tissue
- **Wear a Face Mask**—to protect others

## Have you completed your census form yet?

It's vital because the census directly affects public health funding, including for pandemics.

### Help your neighbors and community:

Complete your census form ONLINE or by PHONE:

**ONLINE:** Go to [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) and click Respond.

**BY PHONE:** Contact the US Census Bureau between 4 am and 11 pm at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

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Clallam County  
**COUNT!**



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**Census  
2020**

## You matter - please be counted before October 31!

### Coffee with the Mayor in May



Mayor William Armacost will make a decision on whether to hold the May 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. The City is working on a virtual solution to hold the meeting if it is not possible to hold it in person. Please check the City's website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for the announcement.

### Thank You Sequim Sunshine Festival Sponsors!

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the Sequim Sunshine Festival in March. It seems like a lifetime ago now, but what fun we had! A special thank you to our sponsors for supporting this new event!



- Sound Community Bank
- Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau
- Anderson Homes
- Rudd Orthodontics
- Turella Oral Surgery
- Tedesco's Italian Fresh
- Design2Scan3D

### May is Still BIKE MONTH



Bicycling is a great way to get moving, get some fresh air, and stay safe if you are symptom-free and not known to have been exposed to COVID-19. Please follow this simple guidance:

1. Ride solo or with you family.
2. Parks are closed but the ODT is open and inviting you to share the trail with care:
  - a. Maintain your distance.
  - b. Avoid congested locations.
  - c. If you encounter others, pull up a mask or scarf for your sake and theirs.
3. Remember that trails may be full of inexperienced riders testing their skills!
4. Plan your ride to avoid bathroom stops—for safety, and they may be closed.

Find @SequimCycling on Facebook or “Bike Everywhere Month” on the City’s website (<https://www.sequimwa.gov/854/Bike-Everywhere-Month>)

### What Not to Flush!

The City of Sequim Public Works crew is reporting that residents are flushing items in the toilet that are creating problems in the wastewater system. Here are reminders of things you **SHOULD NOT** flush. Please throw them away and dispose of them properly.



- 1) **Baby Wipes** – Even the flushable wipes don’t disintegrate the way toilet paper does. Please place in a trash receptacle.
- 2) **Q-Tips & Cotton Pads** – These products clump together when flushed creating sewer backups. Please toss into the trash.
- 3) **Feminine Hygiene Products** – They expand in your pipes and cause backups.
- 4) **Condoms** – They don’t break down so they to aid in clogged pipes and pumps.
- 5) **Diapers** – These shouldn’t even fit but somehow they do. Diapers swell up and clog your plumbing so please place them in a waste basket.
- 6) **Dental Floss** – Dental floss does not break down. It wraps itself around impellers and pumps and chokes them slowing the speed and raising the amps that allow your system to function properly.
- 7) **Paper Towels** – They are not designed to break down like toilet paper, and they don’t. Please place them in the waste basket.
- 8) **Medications** – Toilet water does not break them down properly. Medication gets into the water and causes environmental impacts. When the Civic Center is open again, bring medications to the lobby receptacle for proper disposal.
- 9) **Kitty Litter** – This is not flushable. Most toilets do not flush enough water to move the litter along properly. It sits in the belly of pipes and creates sewer backups.
- 10) **Cigarette Butts** – Cigarette butts are toxic and they aid in clogged pipes. Be sure they are extinguished and throw them out properly.
- 11) **Hair** – Like dental floss, hair forms a sort of net when you flush it and it gets caught on everything and does not dissolve.
- 12) **Gum** – Does not break down. It can adhere to the inside of your pipes and help cause clogs.
- 13) **Cooking Grease** – Congeals when it cools, which means it does the same in your pipes causing big grease logs that can backup sewer lines.
- 14) **Fish** - They don’t break down in the water thus causing backups. Stick to a proper burial instead.
- 15) **Food** – Flushing food that has not been digested can cause problems for your plumbing too. Although its biodegradable it can sit in your pipes for long periods of time and help cause sewer backups.
- 16) **Bleach** – Although this is a great cleaner you should not flush it. Try using vinegar instead.