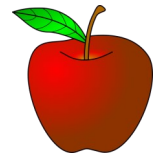




CITY OF SEQUIM News



September 2020

Meeting Dates

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 December 7—12:00 noon
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

City of Sequim offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

COVID—19 Update

SAFE START

Clallam County Remains in Phase 2

Clallam County and the City of Sequim remain in Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee’s Safe Start plan. As more people are out and about in the community, it is very important to follow safety rules to keep yourself and the community healthy.

- Stay Home if You Are Sick
- Practice Physical Distancing
- Practice Good Hygiene
- Clean and Sanitize Surfaces
- Cover Coughs and Sneezes
- Wear a Face Mask to Protect Others

You can learn more about the Governor’s approach to reopening at <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-signs-new-covid-19-order-for-phased-re-opening-of-washingtons-economy-ad5ea919ab56>

Sequim Civic Center Remains Closed to the Public

The Sequim Civic Center will remain closed to the public until Clallam County enters into Phase 3 of Governor Inslee’s Safe Start plan and will continue to have limited staff in the building at that time. Members of the public are encouraged to call City staff with questions or concerns.

- Public Works/Department of Community Development (360) 683-4908
- Finance/Utility Billing (360) 683-4139
- Police (Non-emergency) (360) 683-7227
- Always call 911 in the case of an emergency

The City’s website <https://sequimwa.gov> is a good resource for information and forms needed to conduct business with the City. Under the “Residents” menu, there is a staff directory with individual phone numbers and email addresses.

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 more information.

City Council 2021 Budget Meeting

The Sequim City Council will be presented with an overview of the proposed 2021 budget on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. Please check the calendar on the City website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for information on how to access the meeting.

Additional budget presentations will be made at the City Council meetings in October as needed, with anticipated adoption of the budget in November.

Continue to Conserve Water

Summer and early fall is the season of lowest flow in our local streams. Please conserve water to help keep our streams healthy.

Water Saving Tip of the Month:

Water your garden early in the morning to reduce evaporation losses. An occasional, ample watering is more effective than numerous shallow waterings.

Avoid Coronavirus Scams

The Covid-19 pandemic has developed a new wave of scams. The Federal Trade Commission offers valuable advice on how to stay safe:

- Learn how to [tell the difference](#) between a real contact tracer and a scammer. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information.
- Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.
- Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits. Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent Covid-19 without proof that they work.
- Be wary of ads for test kits. Most test kits being advertised have not been approved by the FDA and are not necessarily accurate.
- Hang up on robocalls. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. Use sites like [coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) to get the latest information. And, don't click on links from sources you don't know.
- Do your homework when it comes to donations. Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.

Learn more at <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>


News from the City Arts Advisory Commission




"Fluidity" Digital Art Exhibit through October 26. View the exhibit on the CAAC Exhibits page on the City website: <https://www.sequimwa.gov/705/Current-Exhibit>. The exhibit includes 50

pieces of work from 40 different artists. The exhibit is also available for view on screens at the Civic Center each Friday—Sunday.

Visit our new CAAC Arts Blog on the City website. <https://www.sequimwa.gov/956/CAAC-Arts-Blog>



Autumn begins
Tuesday, September 22!



Wi-Fi Access in Sequim

During the Covid-19 pandemic more work, studying, and socializing is taking place virtually. There are numerous Wi-Fi locations throughout Sequim. Find the access location closest to you from this link on Google Maps <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1wAzcdDzMX-Jt68pmraNPjr59rBpwmDyt&ll=48.078325344589004%2C-123.1052734&z=14>



Take the 2020 Census Today! Deadline September 30



The 2020 Census deadline has been moved to September 30. Please take the census today if you have not already done so. The census is ten questions and only takes a few minutes.

The census is vital and directly affects funding, including public health funding for Clallam County.

Complete your census form online at [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov) click respond, or by phone between 4:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. at (844) 330-2020.

You Count—be counted before September 30!

Coffee with the Mayor in September



Mayor William Armacost will make a decision on the best format to hold the September 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. If an in-person meeting is not possible, the Mayor will either hold a radio call-in meeting or an online virtual meeting. Please check the City's website <https://www.sequimwa.gov> for the announcement.

Take the Clallam County Broadband Study

The County and its Community Broadband Team partners are performing a Broadband Feasibility Study focusing on ways to enhance and expand broadband access to the Internet throughout the County. An important part of this study is use of the State Broadband Speed Test. You can help shape the future of broadband in the County by clicking on wabroadband.speedtestcustom.com and taking the test. The more residents and businesses that take the test, the more accurate the results.

