



CITY OF SEQUIM News



February 2021

Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Brd Meets Tues, Feb 16 due to holiday	3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.	Quarterly—Next Meeting March 3—9:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.



Facts About Your Water Reclamation Facility

The City of Sequim owns and operates a Class "A" Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). What is a Class "A" WRF?

The Water Reclamation Facility utilizes a highly engineered, multi-step treatment process that speeds up nature's restoration of water quality. The process requires a high level of Ultraviolet disinfection, dedicated Operators, redundancy, reliability and a forward-thinking City Council to assure that only water meeting stringent State and Federal permit requirements leaves the WRF.

How has our Class "A" Reclaimed Water been used?

- * Irrigation
- * Groundwater Recharge
- * Street Cleaning
- * Construction
- * Processes at the WRF
- * Stream Augmentation

The WRF is funded from sewer utility rates. Sewer rates support both the transmission of sewage (away from the home or business) and the treatment of sewage (upon arrival at the WRF). Transmission of sewage is approximately 35% of the operational cost of the utility, while the treatment constitutes the remaining 65% of the cost. The WRF also serves as a regional provider of sewage treatment for three additional local jurisdictions, effectively reducing the cost to the individual user by spreading the fixed costs of the utility across a wider customer base.

There are only 23 other Class "A" Water Reclamation Facilities in the State of Washington.

The City of Sequim WRF has received the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award for the last six years in a row, given for achieving full compliance with its National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Sequim City Council and other Board and Commission meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is easier than ever to attend now that the meetings are held on Zoom. Meetings are also accessible by phone. Visit <https://sequimwa.gov>, scroll down to the Calendar of Events and click on the meeting. Open the agenda and click the link or call the phone number. We hope to "see you" there!

Coffee with the Mayor in February



Mayor William Armacost will make a decision by the middle of the month on the best format to hold the February 25 Coffee with the Mayor meeting depending on the orders from the State of Washington and the Clallam County Health Department. Please check the City's website <https://sequimwa.gov> for the announcement.



"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."

#BeKindSequim

- Henry James

February Kindness Ideas:

- Send a surprise postcard to a friend
- Smile with your eyes at everyone in the grocery store
- Start a piggy bank for a good cause
- Leave a kind note in a book when you return it to the library

“Youthful Expressions” Digital Art Exhibit on Display until March 5.

This exhibit, featuring local artists and Sequim High School students, shares perspectives of hope, joy, and play found during the pandemic. “Youthful Expressions” will be displayed on the City’s website <https://www.sequimwa.gov/705/Current-Exhibit> and on screens viewable from outdoors in the Civic Center lobby.

COVID-19 Update HEALTHY WASHINGTON

Clallam County is in Phase 1 of the Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery Plan

Clallam County, grouped with Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason counties, is currently in Phase 1 of the Governor’s new Healthy Washington plan.

Vaccination Clinics

Vaccinations are underway in Clallam County and Sequim. The Sequim vaccination clinics are being administered by the Jamestown Family Health Clinic. Please visit their website <https://jamestownhealth.org/> for the most current schedule and instructions.

It will likely take several months to get everyone vaccinated who wants to be. In the meantime, to help curb the spread of the virus, it is very important to continue to follow the 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 yourself and others**

To learn more about the Governor’s response to the Coronavirus and the restrictions, please visit <https://governor.wa.gov/>

Sequim Civic Center Remains Closed to the Public

The Sequim Civic Center remains closed to the public. 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.

Sequim Sunshine Festival—March 5 & 6



The Sequim Sunshine Festival looks different this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the festival committee wanted to bring some fun to the community by focusing on what we can do. Help us make some sun as we look forward to the spring and summer months.

Registration is now open for the Sun Fun Color Run

A huge hit last year, 2021 will feature a live event on Saturday, March 6 and a virtual event available March 6—31. The run follows all state and county guidelines for safety. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Sequim/SunFunColorRun>



Seeking Sequim Sunshine

Gather the family and take part in the Sequim scavenger hunt that will take you to local businesses and landmarks on your journey while you learn more about this special place.

Light Up the Night

Enjoy the lights throughout town with special displays to light up the winter night. And be sure to look for reminders of the Year of Kindness as you wander.

Go to <https://www.visitsunnysequim.com> for details.

Road Priorities During Winter Storms

The winter months are upon us and that means the possibility of winter storms.

During snow storms, the City crew concentrates on clearing the main arterials first. Washington Street, Sequim Avenue, 5th Avenue, 3rd Avenue, overpasses, and school routes (when school is in session) are the top priorities.

As cold weather approaches, City crews spread magnesium chloride, a liquid de-icing agent, on areas that are prone to freeze.

The City asks the community to help by clearing snow from sidewalks that adjoin their homes and businesses.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.sequimwa.gov/583/Snow-and-Ice-Removal>.

COVID-19 Food Care Package Distribution Extended Through March

Covid-19 Food Care Package distribution continues twice monthly through the month of March. The food care packages will be available on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drivers are asked to queue up at Trinity United Methodist Church where they will be directed to volunteers who will load their car with non-perishable foods and dairy products.

Visitors to Carrie Blake Park should use the north entrance on Blake Avenue for park access during that time.