



CITY OF SEQUIM News



March 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.

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 March



Mayor William Armacost will make a decision by the middle of the month on the best format to hold the March 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.

Be Kind

#BeKindSequim

“A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.”

- William Arthur Ward

March Kindness Ideas:

- Write a positive comment on a website or blog
- Eat local
- Ask a senior about their past
- Gift an inspirational book

Welcome New Employee

Patsene Dashiell—Marketing Coordinator—2/1

What is “Dye Testing”???

Many homeowners do not realize that they have a drain connected to their sewer pipe. Public Works field crews check for these by adding a small amount of dye to the drain and observing whether or not it appears downstream. The dye is biodegradable and normally florescent green, red or yellow in color.

Dye testing along with smoke testing allows our field crews to find “Infiltration and Inflow” (I&I) into our sanitary sewer system. I&I is typically rainwater or groundwater which flows to the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) and is treated along with sewage. I&I does not need to be treated to the same degree as sewage and it takes up capacity of the sanitary sewer system including the WRF – adding to the costs of treatment and maintaining infrastructure for all our ratepayers.

Various illicit connections include roof drains, stormwater catch basins, curtain drains, and sump pumps. These are supposed to be drained to a stormwater facility or an outside area away from paved surfaces.

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 Wednesdays, March 10 and 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drivers are asked to queue up at Trinity United Methodist Church on Blake Avenue 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.



COVID-19 Update
HEALTHY WASHINGTON

Clallam County is in Phase 2 of the Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery Plan

Clallam County, grouped with Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason counties, has been moved to Phase 2 of the Governor’s Healthy Washington plan. This means that more businesses are allowed to open. Please visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf> for details.

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>



Sunny Sequim Scavenger Hunt

Gather the family and take part in the Sunny 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.

Call for Artist—Sequim Understory



SEQUIM UNDERSTORY
Creative Connected Community

The City Arts Advisory Commission (CAAC) is seeking proposals from artists that engage with the community as part of the *Sequim Understory*, a Creative Placemaking Initiative that reenvision Sequim City planning. Practicing artists of any medium on the Olympic Peninsula, who have a background or a keen interest in community engagement, are encouraged to apply.

The CAAC is looking for strong proposals that will engage with our community, illustrate, and answer the question: Who is Sequim to you?

Artists are asked to create a community engagement plan that creatively addresses this inquiry and creates a final artwork in response. The two selected artists will each receive a \$1,000.00 stipend for art expenses.

For more information, application guidelines and link please visit: <https://www.sequimcityarts.com/call-for-artists> Deadline for submissions is Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. Like the understory of a forest, hidden by the canopy yet full of life, *Sequim Understory* aspires to tell the stories and hopes that sustain our Sequim community.