



CITY OF SEQUIM News



April 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 Board	3rd Monday 5:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 2—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!

COVID-19 Food Care Package Distribution to Occur Once a Month Through June



Covid-19 Food Care Package distribution will take place once a month through June. The food care packages will be available Wednesdays, April 28, May 26, and June 23 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.

The Sequim Food Bank, located at 144 West Alder Street, is open each week on Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Congratulations to the First Sequim 101 Graduating Class



Graduates Janine Bocciardi, John Bridge, Dave Eberle, Ben Fisher, Katina Hester, Karen Hogan, Cathy Kurtz, Tim Kurtz, Catherine McKinney, Kevin Roth, Jon

Sneed, Autumn Wolfgang, Charla Wright, and Nicole Wright completed a 10-week program designed to educate on government structure and City operations. The City will be announcing another session of Sequim 101 later in 2021. Please contact the City at 360-683-4908 with questions.

Rental Assistance

The past year has been challenging for many residents. The City of Sequim has partnered with OlyCAP to provide rental assistance to qualified applicants. If your rent is past due, go to OlyCAP.org and submit a Housing Assistance Request. Be sure to have your ID, income verification, and your lease agreement.

Coffee with the Mayor in April



Mayor William Armacost will make a decision by the middle of the month on the best format to hold the April 22 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 whenever possible. It is always possible.”

- Dalai Lama

April Kindness Ideas:

- Leave quarters at the laundromat
- Help out in the kitchen
- Organize a cleanup party
- Write a thank you note to someone new each week



COVID-19 Update
HEALTHY WASHINGTON

Clallam County is in Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery Plan

Clallam County is now in Phase 3 of the Governor's Healthy Washington plan. This means that more businesses are allowed to open and more events can take place. Please visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf> for details.

Vaccination Clinics

Vaccination clinics continue 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, eligibility, 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.

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Sequim Sunshine Festival—Thank you Sponsors



Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the modified Sequim Sunshine Festival. The sun did indeed shine and everyone had a great time! We are already looking forward to 2022 when we will hopefully be able to bring back a

full festival. Special thanks to our sponsors for their continued support of the event:

- Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau
- Rudd Orthodontics
- Turella Oral Surgery + Implants

It's Tax Season—MONEY MATTERS

Just what does my Utility Payment pay for?

The City of Sequim operates two utilities: water and sewer. Your utility payment pays for the short-term operating expenses of the utility and contributes to the long-term capital repairs and replacement of existing infrastructure.

Do you know that Public Utilities are Enterprise funds? This means that they are self-supporting. They do not receive revenue from any source other than the ratepayers who use the utility. And utility revenue does not pay for any expense that does not serve the utility. Literally Non-Profit.

The majority (about 90%) of most public utility expenses are fixed. They occur even if water or sewer flows decrease dramatically. Examples of these costs are equipment, insurance, and most employee salaries and benefits. A small portion of the overall costs is variable, i.e. fuel, supplies, taxes (based on total sales).

The City of Sequim, like most utilities, has a mix of base and volume rates. The base rate helps to recover those fixed costs which stay the same no matter what. The volume rate recovers the remaining fixed costs and variable costs. Having a higher base rate ensures stability of revenue for the utility throughout the year, and conversely, stability of monthly bills for the ratepayer. A rate structure weighted more heavily on usage promotes conservation but leads to volatility of revenues for the utility and a fluctuating monthly bill for the ratepayer. About 35% of the City of Sequim's water revenue comes from usage rates, while 10% of the sewer revenue is derived from usage rates.

The City of Sequim Utility Crews are dedicated to providing reliable, safe, and sustainable utility services for citizens both now and for future generations.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 360-683-4908 with any questions.