



CITY OF SEQUIM News



May 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.



City offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Welcome New Employees!

Tim Priest—Seasonal Maintenance Worker—4/1
Jeremy Crenshaw—Seasonal Maintenance Worker 4/1

News From the City Arts Advisory Commission

The City Arts Advisory Commission is pleased to announce Marina Shipova as the Sequim Understory Artist Fellow. Shipova is a classically trained artist, photographer, and educator. Her work portrays a photographic story of local interest through the use of digital artistry. It will bring a taste of present and past through the depiction of local families, events, businesses, and landmarks. For more info: <https://www.sequimcityarts.com/art-fellow>

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 May

Mayor William Armacost will make a decision by the middle of the month on the best format to hold the May 27 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.



“When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world.”

- Harold Kushner

May Kindness Ideas:

- Remember to stop for pedestrians crossing the street or in a parking lot
- Let a stranger go in front of you in line
- Knit or crochet something for someone
- Foster a pet up for adoption

May is 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 your family.
2. The Olympic Discovery Trail is open and inviting you to share the trail with care: maintain your distance, avoid congested locations, and if you encounter others, pull up a mask or scarf for your sake and theirs.
3. Remember the trails may be full of inexperienced riders testing their skills.

Plan your ride to avoid bathroom stops—for safety, and they may be closed.

Go to the City’s webpage for <https://www.sequimwa.gov/854/Bike-Everywhere-Month> or @SequimCycling on Facebook and Instagram for

- ◆ Tips on how to get started biking again
 - ◆ Downloadable “Bike Month Bingo” card
 - ◆ Links to on-line riding challenges and other activities
- Need a tune-up? Talk to a local bike shop or Sequim Bike Works at the Sequim Farmer’s Market.

COVID-19 Update
HEALTHY WASHINGTON

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

Clallam County is still 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

The Sequim drive-through vaccination clinics are now complete. Thank you to all of the Clallam County Community partners that contributed to the success of the clinics. Although many adult residents are vaccinated, it is still important to follow COVID-19 safety precautions.

- **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 is Open for Limited Scheduled Appointments

The Sequim Civic Center is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for limited in-person appointments. Please contact the department you need to work with directly:

- 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)
- All other departments (360) 683-4908

Members of the public are encouraged to limit visits to the Civic Center and to continue to conduct business remotely by phone or via internet whenever possible.

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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The City of Sequim Receives Federal Grant for Washington Street Paving Project

The Sequim Public Works Department has secured a federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for \$633,180 out of Clallam County's 2021 Regional Federal Fiscal Year fund. The grant will be used to overlay West Washington Street from the River Road roundabout to the 9th Avenue roundabout.



The grant covers 86.5% of the project cost. The City of Sequim will provide the additional 13.5% or \$98,820 for a total project cost of \$732,000. The project was planned for in the City's 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

This section has the lowest pavement condition index (PCI) along the Washington Street corridor. The work is expected to take place in the late summer or early fall.

Please contact the Sequim Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908 with questions.

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, 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.

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.