



CITY OF SEQUIM News



October 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 4:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm.	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 1—9:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

The Sequim City Council and other Board and Commission meetings will be held online during the COVID-19 pandemic. The meetings are held on Zoom. 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.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 23



Bring your prescription drugs and vaping pens without internal batteries to the Sequim Civic Center, located at 152 West Cedar Street, on Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7. Remember to turn your clock back one hour.



“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.”

- Lucius Annaeus Seneca

October Kindness Ideas:

- Paint positive messages on pumpkins
- Plant a tree
- Thank someone every week
- Run or walk a 5K for a cause



2022 Budget Calendar

The Sequim City Council was presented with an overview of the proposed 2022 budget on Monday, September 27. The proposed budget will continued to be reviewed at the following meetings:

- October 25**—Questions and answers on budget, if needed
- November 8**—Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget, Property Tax Levy, Fees and Utility Rates
- November 22**—Budget Adoption

The proposed budget can be found on the City website <https://sequimwa.gov>.

Assistance May Be Available for Renters and Landlords

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many families financially. Governor Inslee has had some protection measures in place to safeguard some tenants with unpaid rent but those measures are set to expire on October 31. If you need assistance with rent, there may be some local resources available.

- **Rental Assistance**—Please contact Serenity House at <https://www.serenityhouseclallam.org/t-rap> or 360-452-7224. Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP) may also be able to provide some assistance. Contact them at <https://olycap.org/> or 360-452-4726.
- **Assistance in Eviction Proceedings**—Contact the Northwest Justice Project at <https://nwjustice.org/home>.
- **Assistance for Landlords**—The Washington State Department of Commerce has developed the Landlord Mitigation Program. Contact them at <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/landlord-fund-programs/landlord-mitigation-program/>.
- **Dispute Resolution**—The Peninsula Dispute Resolution Center provides services to landlords and tenants who have struggled to come to a mutually accepted solution to any rental issue. Contact them at 360-452-8024 or <https://pdrc.org/>.

COVID-19 Update
WASHINGTON READY

Washington Ready

The State of Washington reopened the economy on June 30 removing some COVID-19 restrictions. However, due to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and the Delta variant, Clallam County and the State of Washington have both implemented a mask mandate for anyone aged 5 and older for indoor public spaces regardless of whether you are vaccinated or not.

Beginning on September 4, the Clallam County Health Department issued a mandate that patrons of bars and restaurants must show proof of vaccination to dine or drink indoors. Takeout and outdoor dining are an option at many businesses and require no proof of vaccination. Learn more at <http://www.clallam.net/HHS/>.

To learn more about the State's COVID-19 response, please visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>

It is more important than ever that the community follow all COVID-19 safety precautions:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice physical distancing
- Practice good hygiene
- Clean and sanitize surfaces
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Get tested if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others

To learn more about the Governor's Washington Ready plan visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/WashingtonReady.pdf> for details.

The Sequim Civic Center is Open to the Public

The Sequim Civic Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Masks are required for anyone entering City buildings to protect themselves and City staff.

The public is encouraged to conduct business with the City by telephone or on-line whenever possible. If an in-person meeting is necessary, please schedule an appointment.

The Sequim Arts Community has been working hard to be inventive and pivot on how they can continue to deliver creative content to the community. Learn more about their efforts at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B10lu1vwaik>.

Rally in the Alley Scheduled for October 23

Rally in the Alley The City of Sequim, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County and Olympic Disposal, will hold the next Rally in the Alley on Saturday, October 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or until dumpsters are full. Dumpsters will be located in at:

- Carrie Blake Park near the Pickleball Courts
- City Shop at 3rd and Hemlock

Volunteers will be on site to assist City residents with discarding unwanted items at no cost to the residents. No tires, appliances, liquid paint, gas, fuel, or oil will be accepted.

Masks will be required for all volunteers and anyone dropping off rubbish regardless of vaccination status.

Volunteers please meet at the Carrie Blake Park location at 9:15 a.m. for assignments.

Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or colleen@habitatclallam.org for more information.

Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Effective October 1

During the 2020 legislative session, the State Legislature passed a state-wide ban on single use plastic bags in an effort to reduce plastic pollution, litter, and waste. The ban was delayed due to supply chain issues, but will go into effect starting October 1.



Beginning January 1, 2022, businesses must charge 8 cents per bag for paper and heavy weight reusable plastic bags. Learn more about the single-use plastic bag ban at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Waste-reduction-programs/Plastics/Plastic-bag-ban>.

Utility Disconnects

The governor's moratorium on utility disconnects ended on September 30, 2021. Our Finance Team has been working to reach out to customers with past due balances to connect them with resources or to arrange payment plans. Please contact the Finance Department at 360-683-4139 or utilpay@sequimwa.gov to speak with a service agent about any past due balance you are struggling to get current.