CITY OF SEQUIM News

May 2024

Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session (As Needed)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission (As Needed)	1st & 3rd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board	3rd Monday 4:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Sequim Arts Commission	4th Monday 3:00 p.m.

The City of Sequim is currently holding hybrid meetings for the City Council and other Boards and Commissions. The public is able to participate in person or through Zoom if preferred. Visit https://sequimwa.gov, and click on the Agendas & Minutes tab.

The second City Council meeting in May will be held on Tuesday, May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.





Construction Continues on North Sequim Avenue

Final grading of the roundabout concrete work on the North Sequim Avenue Sidewalk and Bike Lane Project will occur the first week of May.

Asphalt paving is slated to take place Monday, May 6 through Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is weather dependent. North Sequim Avenue will be completely closed during this time period. There will be no through traffic allowed during this time. A detour route will be in place directing traffic around North Sequim Avenue and the adjoining streets to the roundabout. Resident access will be provided, however, drivers are encouraged to heed flaggers, cones, and construction signage, and to be cognizant of large construction equipment, trucks, and their backup alarms. Police and fire vehicle access will still be available, and will be allowed to drive through the work zone during an emergency.

Striping, signage, and landscaping will occur after paving with anticipated completion by the end of June.

Please contact the Sequim Public Works Department at (360) 683-5062 for more information.

REMINDER!
Important Upcoming Utility Billing Conversion

The City's Finance Department is in the process of converting our current utility billing to a new software system. This will impact customer utility accounts and online access as we go LIVE with the new system in late April and early May. What to expect:

- Utility bills that typically arrive on or around May 1, will likely be sent 5—7 business days later.
- The look of your utility bill will be different, and **you will have a new account number**.
- Online billing and payments will be unavailable for a few days in late April or early May to allow for implementation of the new Utility Billing Online Portal.

More details will be available in coming months. Please contact the Finance Department at 360-683-4139 with questions.

Become a Member of the City Team!

Check out our job openings and apply now at https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sequimwa

"Don't count the days, make the days count." - *Muhammad Ali*

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May is National Bike Month!

May is Bike Month and this Bicycle Friendly Community is ready to roll! Sequim Bicycle Alliance members are celebrating with a plethora of exciting opportunities to get bicyclists of all abilities outside and peddling. Visit the City website https://sequimwa.gov for more information on Bike Month 2024 activities

2023 Sequim Community Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Community Survey conducted late in 2023.

The survey provided the City with feedback on how we are doing in providing City services, the quality of life in Sequim, and what is most important to our residents. This information will be used to guide priorities and future budget items.

A Few Things We Learned:

- 90% of residents are satisfied with the quality of life in Sequim
- Satisfaction with City Services is much higher in Sequim than in other cities.
- Sequim rated above the U.S. average in 41 of 52 areas
- Satisfaction with Customer Service rated 38% above the U.S. average
- 85% of residents are satisfied with the overall level of safety in the City

Top Overall Priorities:

- Efforts by the City to Regulate Growth
- Maintenance of City Streets, Sidewalks, and Right of Ways
- Traffic Flow and Congestion
- City Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces
- Efforts to Sustain Environmental Quality
- Enforcing Codes and Ordinances

To view the complete report of results and a 25 minute video summary visit the City website at https://tinyurl.com/4ws2y4vf.

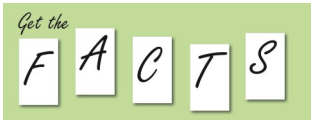
Sustainability Tip
Drought Declaration

You may have heard that the State of Washington has already made a Drought Declaration for 2024 that includes Clallam County. Low snowpack and forecasts for a dry and warm spring and summer spurred this proactive approach to encourage water conservations measures. It is always a good time to practice water wise use. Here are a couple of tips to put into practice at home:

- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or scrubbing dishes when you are not directly using the water. Share this habit with family members!
- Run only full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washing machine.

The City's Water Availability Fact Sheet (see next section) summarizes the City's water supply analysis from the 2023 Water System Plan update currently under review.

Fact Sheets Available



Sequim City Council members and staff often get asked questions about topics that might be interesting to many Sequim residents. City staff have created a variety of informational fact sheets to provide a consistent source of information on these topics. You can find the Fact Sheets on the City website at https://sequimwa.gov/1022/Fact-Sheets.

In the Gallery...

"Sequim Police Exhibit"
On display through May

National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week.

There have been 48 Line of Duty Deaths in the U.S. as of April 23 this year. The Clallam County Sheriff's office will host a Bell Ringing Ceremony in Liberty Park (next to the Clallam County Courthouse in Port Angeles) on Friday, May 17th at 1:30 p.m. to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

To learn more about National Police Week, please visit https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/

Karen Kuznek-Reese Gallery at the Sequim Civic Center
Gallery Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.