CITY OF SEQUIM News



December 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 December 2 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. Visit https://sequimwa.gov, and click on the Agendas & Minutes tab.

No City Council Meeting on December 23

Another Successful Drug Take Back Day

Thank you to everyone who dropped off medication for destruction at the October 26 National Drug Take Back Day. The City of Sequim collected 51.61 pounds of prescription and non-prescription drugs, keeping them out of landfills and water systems.

Drugs can be dropped off at the Sequim Civic Center anytime year round Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sign up for the City of Sequim Digital Newsletter!

Sign up for the digital version of this newsletter and receive other important announcements, including emergency information, directly to your email. Visit https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/XnTodqT to subscribe. You can unsubscribe at any time.

SEQUIMAGINE
PLANNING TODAY, SHAPING TOMORROW

Please visit https://www.sequimagine.org to stay current with the City's 2025—2045 Comprehensive Plan update.



City offices will be closed on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25 for the Christmas holiday and on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Welcome New Employee!

Rachel Weed—Legal Assistant—November 1

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

The City is Conducting a Business Survey

The City of Sequim is interested in hearing from the business community regarding satisfaction with City services relative to the Sequim business environment. In November, surveys were mailed to businesses that have a City of Sequim business license endorsement. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be returned by mail or taken online at https://sequimsurvey.org. All Sequim businesses are encouraged to participate.

Water Conservation Forum: Looking at the 2024 Drought & Beyond

Tuesday, December 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sequim Civic Center

Join the WSU Extension Office, City of Sequim Staff, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to learn more about local drought conditions and how to be better prepared for the future.

Civic Center Holiday Tree Lighting



Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the annual Civic Center Holiday Tree Lighting and Open House on Friday, December 6, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., at 152 West Cedar Street. The tree will be decorated with ornaments created by local 4th grade or 9 year old students with the theme "What Brings You Joy." Live music and light refreshments will be provided. Following the tree lighting, enjoy the "To Move, Focus on Movement or Motion" art exhibit in the Karen Kuznek-Reese Gallery.



"To kindness and love, the things we need most. " - *Grinch*

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Registration is Open for the 2025 Sun Fun Color Run

Registration is open for the 6th Annual Sequim Sunshine Festival Sun Fun Color Run. The run is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025. Register on-line at https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Sequim/SunFunColorRun.

To learn more about the run and the 2025 Sequim Sunshine Festival, go to visitsunnysequim.com.

Prepare Your Pipes for Fall and Winter

Winterize your outside water connections.

Unhook any attached hoses from outdoor taps and drain any remaining water from the hose. Cover the taps with a Styrofoam connector, which you can purchase from a hardware store, to help prevent freezing.

If you have pipes that are not underground, disconnect them from the water source, if possible, and blow air through them. If disconnecting them is not possible, put insulation on or over the exposed piping.

Going out of town for a few months?

If you live in the Sequim city limits and are on City water, consider having your water shut off at the meter by the City. There is a one-time charge of $45.00 (rate through December 2024). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of $28.97 for water and $28.97 for sewer (rates through December 2024) per month.

You will need to contact the Civic Center at 360-683-4139 or utilpay@sequimwa.gov to have your water turned off.

After the meter has been shut off, there may still be water in the lines. Turn a faucet on until no remaining water comes through, then turn off the faucet. If possible, turn off your water valve going into the house, if you have one.

When you are ready to return, call the Sequim Civic Center at 360-683-4139 at least **two** business days prior to your arrival to have the water turned on. **Please note: Someone will need to be at your home when the meter is turned on.**

In the Gallery...



"Foot Race" by Hattie Kauffman

"To Move, Focus on Movement or Motion"

Now through January 21, 2025

Karen Kuznek-Reese Gallery at the Sequim Civic Center
152 West Cedar Street, Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sustainability Tip

Make the Most of Holiday Leftovers

Looking for holiday-leftover recipes and other tips for preventing food waste during the most culinary centric time of year? Visit usefoodwell.org to get tricks and tips to make your holidays sustainable and bright!

Keep Your Home Safe While Traveling Over the Holidays

Many people will travel over the holidays to visit friends and family. The Sequim Police Department wants to be sure your home is safe while you are away. Here are a few tips so you can enjoy your vacation:

- Install a security system
- Use lights with timers or smart lighting
- Keep a car in the driveway
- Use a friend or a house sitter to stay at your house
- Be careful what you announce on social media
- Continue home service provisions
- Unplug unnecessary devices for fire safety
- Hide your valuables
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries
- Check the weather
- Lock your garage

Visit https://todayshomeowner.com/safety/guides/ways-to-protect-your-home-while-on-vacation/ to learn more about keeping your home safe.

The Holidays Can Also Bring an Increase in Mail Theft

Protect yourself by:

- Using the letter slots inside the Post Office for mail
- Picking up mail promptly after delivery
- If you don't receive a check or other valuables as expected, contact the issuing agency immediately
- Don't send cash in the mail
- Tell the Post Office if you will be out of town so they can hold mail until your return
- Report all suspected mail theft to the Postal Inspector
- Consider starting a neighborhood watch program
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes

Happy and Safe Holidays to Everyone!

Community Open Music Jam

Friday, December 20—6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Swisher Rehearsal Hall at the James Center for the Performing Arts, 506 N. Blake Avenue.

Bring your acoustic instrument, percussion, or voice. The music with lyrics and chords will be provided. All ages and experience levels are welcome.