CITY OF SEQUIM News

February 2025

Meeting Dates

City Council Regular Meeting Attend in person or online	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	3rd Monday 4:00 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee	Quarterly—Next Meeting March 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Sequim Arts Commission	4th Monday 3:00 p.m.

Special City Council Meetings on Monday, February 3 & February 6 at 5:00 p.m. to interview Council applicants.

Get Ready for the Sequim Sunshine Festival March 7 & 8

Join us as we "Celebrate the Sun" by shaking off the winter blues and looking forward to the spring and summer seasons. The festival is filled with family-friendly activities that will help us summon sunshine, including the bigger-than-ever illuminated drone show, Interactive Light Experience, Sunshine Market, Sun Fun Color Run, and more! Go to visitsunnysequim.com for all of the details.



Sign up now for the Sun Fun Color Run on Saturday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Sequim/SunFunColorRun**.**

Be a part of the festival team by volunteering!

To volunteer for the Sun Fun Color Run please visit https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/WA/Sequim/SunFunColorRun.

To volunteer for all other festival events visit https://visitsunnysequim.com/283/Volunteer-Opportunities-at-the-2025-Sequ.

All volunteers receive a volunteer T-shirt!

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents Day.

Welcome New Employee!

Andrew Shofner—Maintenance Worker—January 2

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

Join Us for Public Safety Career Events

Public Safety Career Information Open House
Wednesday, February 12
Sequim Civic Center, 152 W. Cedar Street

This is an opportunity for potential candidates to learn about careers in law enforcement, dispatch, and corrections. The event is hosted by the Sequim Police Department with neighboring agencies including the Port Angeles Police Department, Port Townsend Police Department, Clallam County Sheriff's Office, Clallam County Corrections, and PENCOM dispatch.

5:00 to 5:30 p.m.—Open recruitment "tabling" session where candidates can connect individually with participating agencies.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.— Panel discussion about day-to-day work in public safety careers, the application process, and to answer candidate questions.

Light refreshments will be served.

Public Safety Testing
Sunday, March 2
Sequim Civic Center, 152 W. Cedar Street

Taking a written exam through Public Safety Testing (PST) is the first step in starting a career in law enforcement, dispatch, corrections, and firefighting. The exam fee is waived for candidates applying to the Sequim Police Department.

Testing Times:

9:30 a.m.—Police, Corrections, and Fire candidates

10:00 a.m.—Dispatch

Register for the exam at www.publicsafetytesting.com Please contact HR@sequimwa.gov with questions and visit at https://www.sequimwa.gov/1294/Recruitment-Events for more information.

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Save Your Pipes-Don't Flush Wipes!

Public Works needs YOU to help keep the wastewater system functioning right by flushing only body waste and toilet paper down the toilet. Popular bathroom wipes or pre-moistened towelettes, often advertised as flushable, do not disintegrate like toilet paper but become sticky strands that create clogs and back-ups in sewer systems. This can damage pumps and other critical infrastructure that is expensive to replace. Other items that should not be flushed include paper towels, baby wipes, period products, disinfectant wipes, cosmetic pads, dental floss, condoms, and medical materials.

Sustainability Tip

Time to Prune Trees

Trees play a vital role in the environment by improving air quality, providing shade and food, and a home for wildlife. Late winter is the right time to prune some trees. Find tree care resources at https://extension.wsu.edu/and check out their Master Gardener Home Orchard Series.

Community Open Music Jam

Friday, February 21—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.

"Trashion Fashion" Workshop

Saturday, February 22—11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Guy Cole Event Center at Carrie Blake Park

Join us for the "Trashion Fashion" workshop and learn how to create fashions out of reusable materials. Please RSVP by contacting Arts Coordinator Sarah Hurt at shurt@sequimwa.gov.

In the Gallery...

"High Schools of the Olympic Peninsula Arts Exhibition" February 7—April 21

Join us for the exhibition opening reception, Friday, February 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Also in the gallery that evening enjoy the **"Trashion Fashions"** display and presentation.

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

Code Compliance *CORNER*

Junk and Abandoned Vehicles

Why does the City regulate junk and abandoned vehicles?

By regulating these vehicles, we avoid potential hazards and nuisances to keep our neighborhoods free of vehicle clutter.

What is a junk vehicle? (RCW 46.55.010) (SMC 8.05.020)



Junk vehicle standards are set by the state and must meet three of the four requirements below:

- Three years or older
- Extensively damaged
- Inoperable
- Market value equal to the value of the scrap in it

What is an abandoned vehicle? (SMC 10.13.030)

Abandoned vehicles are vehicles left in an unstable manner and unattended. If they are considered a public hazard, they can be towed immediately.

Any vehicle that meets three or more of the following on City property or rights-of-way can be towed if given 72 hours notice and not removed:

- Expired license
- Registered owner does not live in the city
- Inoperable
- Being used for storage
- Complaint received
- Hasn't moved in 30 days
- Flat tires
- Broken windows
- Extensive body damage
- Dismantled in any way or in a condition that would inhibit or prevent usage

To report this type of activity or any other concerns, contact the Sequim Police Department at (360) 683-7227 or report online at codecompliance@sequimwa.gov.

Paying City Utility Bills Through Bank Bill Pay Service

If you use a bill pay service through your bank to pay your City utility bills, please remember to update your check requests to show your 11-digit utility account number. The City of Sequim updated our utility billing system in May of 2024. All account numbers are now 11 digits long.

If you are unsure what your current account number is, please email utilpay@sequimwa.gov or call 360-683-4139 for assistance.