CITY OF SEQUIM News

October 2025

The City Completes ADA Ramp Enhancement Project and Sets Sights on More Upgrades



The City ensures that the new ramps have the proper cross slope.

The City of Sequim recently completed a pedestrian ramp enhancement project, replacing 61 ramps to boost accessibility and safety throughout the community. While some ramps appeared visibly fine, they fell short of national standards due to improper dimensions, slopes, and surfaces. This initiative aligns with the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and has received community praise: "The Sequim Wheelers appreciate your attention to fixing this safety concern for our wheelers!" Future grant pursuits aim to extend these improvements city-wide. For the full article or to provide feedback, please see the Public Works homepage on the City website.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 25

Bring your expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs and vaping pens without internal batteries to the Sequim Civic Center, located at 152 West Cedar Street, on Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Syringes and medical waste will not be accepted.

Drugs can also be dropped off anytime during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rally in the Alley — Saturday, October 18—9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until dumpsters are full) - No Early Birds Please!

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 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until dumpsters are full. Dumpsters will be located at:

- Carrie Blake Park near the Pickleball Courts
- City Public Works 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.**

Volunteers, please meet at the Carrie Blake Park location at 9:00 a.m. for assignments. Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or info@habitatclallam.org for more information.

New ADA Path at the Water Reuse Demonstration Site



Thanks to a generous donation from the Sequim Valley Lions Club (SVLC), the City was able to move forward and complete an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) project at the Water Reuse Demonstration Site. The gravel horseshoe-shaped pathway to the north of the James Center for the Performing Arts bandshell was a packed gravel path and was not ADA compliant. With the funds from SVLC, the City was able to pave the path and connect it to the existing ADA parking spots and paved ADA pathways between the bandshell and Swisher Hall. Thank you, Sequim Valley Lions Club!

Public Meetings

The City of Sequim holds regular meetings for the City Council and other boards, commissions, and committees. Please visit the City website calendar at sequimwa.gov for the schedule. Click on the Agendas and Minutes tab for the agendas.

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In the Gallery...

"Northwest Elements"

On display through October 20.



"Lavender Fields Forever" by Jandi Small

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

Community Open Music Jam October 17

Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the Open Music Jam on Friday, October 17—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 and lyrics will be provided. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Sequim Sunshine Festival Sun Fun Color Run Registration is Now Open

Sign up now for the best prices. The Color Run will take place at Carrie Blake Park on Saturday, March 7, 2026, and offers a 1K and a 5K option for runners and walkers of all abilities. Learn more and register at visitsunnysequim.com.

Public Safety Fair

Saturday, October 4—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Guy Cole Event Center at Carrie Blake Park
202 North Blake Avenue



Members of the Sequim Police Department and Public Works staff will join Clallam County Fire District #3, the Sequim Emergency Management Department, and the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) at the Public Safety Fair. You will find over 40 public service agencies on location. The kids will enjoy "touch a truck," Safety House, and fire combat activities. Law enforcement vehicles, a Flight Life helicopter, a ladder truck, and Public Works vehicles will be on display.

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

2025 Periodic Update to the Comprehensive Plan

The City of Sequim's Planning Commission has been actively engaged in reviewing several draft chapters of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the 2025 update. The chapters reviewed to date include:

- Introduction
- Community Character
- Natural Environment
- Transportation
- Parks and Open Space
- Climate and Resiliency
- Capital Facilities and Utilities

Additionally, the Commission has provided feedback on the future land use map (FLUM) and discussed redesignation requests submitted by property owners earlier this summer.

For updates on the Comprehensive Plan process, including upcoming engagement opportunities, please visit sequimwa.gov/1301/2025-Comprehensive-Plan-Update.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the City Council Chambers, with an option to attend via Teams. The public is encouraged to attend and stay informed about the updates.

For questions, please email our staff at planningdept@sequimwa.gov.

Here Comes the Rain Again—Time for Stormwater Stewardship

Rain and snowmelt pick up pollutants like oil, fertilizers, plastics, and chemicals, carrying them untreated into local waterways where they harm fish, wildlife, human health, and ecosystems. You can make a difference! Prevent pollution at the source—through small actions like picking up pet waste, properly disposing of hazardous materials, minimizing fertilizer and pesticide use, and using commercial car washes.

Businesses and Home Owners Associations (HOA) can find additional resources on maintaining stormwater facilities at sequimwa.gov/932/Stormwater-Permitting.

Sustainability Tip—Stormwater as a Resource

As the rains return, how can we use stormwater as a resource? **Fun facts:** a single mature tree can intercept up to 4,000 gallons of rainwater each year. Rain barrels can capture thousands of gallons of water annually. Permeable pavement and green roofs can reduce runoff by up to 90% compared to conventional options. Consider landscaping and construction designs that can reduce runoff and provide water for landscaping and groundwater recharge for long-term sustainability of stormwater resources. Visit ruralstormwater.wsu.edu/ for more ideas on rural stormwater solutions.