CITY OF SEQUIM News

November 2025

Calendar for 2026 Proposed Budget



The 2026 Proposed Budget was presented to the Sequim City Council in September. The Council is now reviewing it to make any adjustments prior to adopting it in December.

The 2026 Proposed Budget is available on the City website sequimwa.gov.

The public is invited to attend the following public hearings and provide feedback to the Council.

November 10—Public Hearing on the 2026 Proposed Budget, Property Tax Levy, Fees and Utility Rates.

November 24—Potential Budget Adoption

How The Public Works Department Works for You

Public Works affects daily life in Sequim in numerous ways: maintaining streets and sidewalks traveled to get to school and work, providing water and sewer service to homes and businesses, and sustaining parks and facilities for enjoyment, commerce, and recreation.

Public Works staff made a series of informational presentations to the City Council in 2025 as a part of the proposed budget. These presentations, along with frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers, can be found on the City website sequimwa.gov.

Registration Fees Go Up December 1 for the Sequim Sunshine Festival Sun Fun Color Run

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.

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and on Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Welcome New Employee!

Karla Boughton, Interim DCED Director, 10/1

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

City Council and Planning Commission to Hold Joint Meeting on November 17 on Housing and the Economic Future

The Sequim City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting on Monday, November 17, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sequim Civic Center, 152 West Cedar Street. This meeting will feature a presentation by Leland Consulting Group on the recently completed Housing and Economic Market Analysis Report, which will play a key role in shaping the City's Comprehensive Plan update.

The report is divided into five key sections: Housing, Economic Development, Real Estate Market Trends, Zoning Analysis, and Non-Zoning Challenges. The report will be available on the Comprehensive Plan Update section of the City website sequimwa.gov on November 10.

As Sequim prepares for the next 20 years of growth, city leaders are seeking to understand how best to foster both housing and economic development. The Comprehensive Plan update aims to identify opportunities for expanding housing options, attracting high-wage jobs, and making regulatory changes that support a thriving, balanced community while preserving Sequim's unique character.

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...



"Black & White"
On display November 7 through January 21

"Aleutian Express in Winter" by Steve Jones

Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the exhibit opening reception on Friday, November 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. during the First Friday Art Walk.

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 November 21

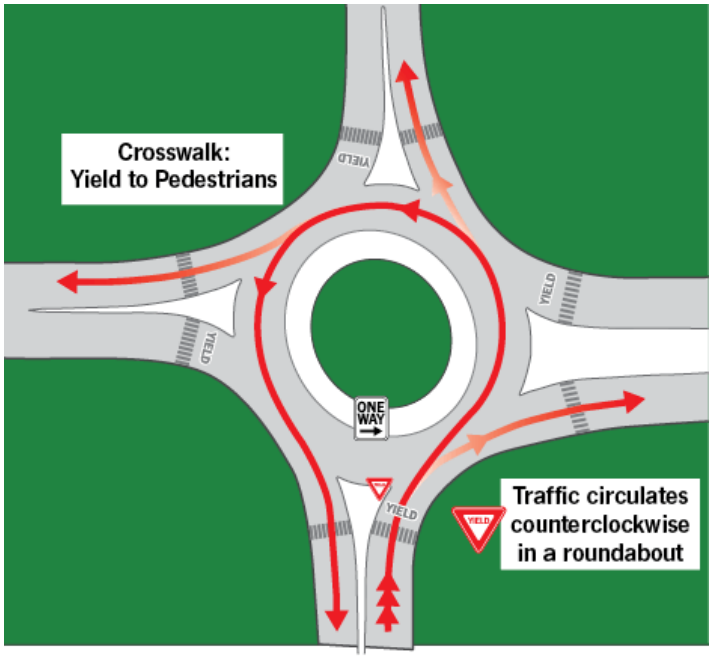
Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the Open Music Jam on Friday, November 21—6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Swisher Rehearsal Hall at the James Center for the Performing Arts, 506 N. Blake Avenue. Bring your acoustic instrument, percussion, or voice. The music and lyrics will be provided. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Turkey Fryer Safety

Deep frying is a popular and delicious way to prepare the Thanksgiving turkey. However, with more cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day than on any other day of the year, safety is essential. Please follow these rules if you are deep frying your turkey:

- Wear protective gear in case oil splatters. Wear oven mitts and an apron to prevent oil splashes on your skin, and safety glasses in the event oil splashes up into your eyes.
- Deep fry in an open, outdoor area. Deep frying a turkey should always happen outside, never inside. Garages, even with the doors open, and wooden decks are fire risks.
- Remember that oil and water, liquid or frozen, don't mix. Water causes oil to bubble and spill over, which can quickly result in a fire. Stick with turkey-approved marinades and rubs. And never attempt to cook a frozen turkey as the excess moisture will cause the oil to boil violently and possibly start a fire.
- Have a fire extinguisher on hand located a few feet away. A medium-sized, ABC dry chemical extinguisher is recommended. If the grease catches fire, just stay calm and extinguish it. And remember, **never throw water on an oil fire**.

How to Drive in a Roundabout



Yield to all traffic before entering roundabout

Some residents still ask about roundabout rules. Roundabouts are designed to move a lot of traffic safely through an intersection and minimize waiting. Here are a few tips for driving correctly in a roundabout:

1. Slow down.
2. Look and plan ahead.
3. When entering or exiting a roundabout, yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk.
4. Look to the left, yield to all traffic already in the roundabout, find a safe gap, and then go.
5. Don't pass vehicles in a roundabout.
6. Once in the roundabout, **do not stop to allow another vehicle to enter.** Being "polite" can result in being rear-ended.

Sustainability Tip—Connect to the Great Outdoors

Fall is a beautiful time of year to be awed by the outdoors! Here are some resources for delightful and environmentally low-impact experiences to enjoy in nearby nature.

Dungeness River Nature Center—nature-related education and events dungenessrivercenter.org.
Olympic Discovery Trail—maps and events on the Olympic Discovery Trail olympicdiscoverytrail.org.
City Parks—City parks and amenities sequimwa.gov.
Things to Do—tips and outdoor things to do on the tourism website visitsunnysequim.com.
Olympic National Park—fee-free day on Veterans Day, November 11 nps.gov/olym/index.htm.