CITY OF SEQUIM News

January 2026

Parks and Facilities ADA Transition Plan: Survey Deadline is January 15



The City is developing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to improve accessibility in our City parks and City-owned facilities with public access. The City is seeking input from the community, especially those with accessibility concerns, to ensure the plan meets real needs and priorities.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and will help the City shape a more inclusive environment for everyone. Community feedback will guide the identification of accessibility barriers and the development of solutions for improved public access. The survey will be available online at sequimada.com through January 15.

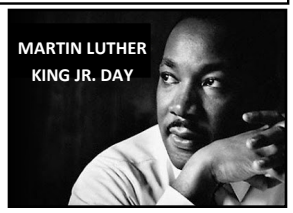
Please contact Parks and Events Manager Hannah Merrill at hmerrill@sequimwa.gov or 360-681-3434 with questions.

Compost Your Tree & Holiday Greenery



Recycle Christmas trees and other holiday greenery into your yard waste bin on your regular yard waste pick up day. Extend the season of generosity to our hard working collection crews; cut trees into 4-foot pieces and put into the bin if possible. If you don't receive yard waste service, businesses like Lazy J Tree Farm also recycle holiday greenery for a small fee. Take care to remove all the tinsel and trappings so that when these green materials are ground for composting, only biodegradable materials get included in the compost mix!

City offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day and on Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Welcome New Employee!

Scott Radden - Senior Planner—12/1

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

Sequim Sunshine Festival March 7

Shake off the winter blues and welcome the spring and summer seasons at the Sequim Sunshine Festival March 7, at Carrie Blake Park. The day will be filled with family-friendly events, including the popular Sun Fun Color Run, Sunshine Market, live music, delicious food and drinks, and the fantastic illuminated drone show. The Interactive Light Experience will be held at the Pioneer Memorial Park Club House on the evening of Friday, March 6, and on Saturday, March 7.

Go to visitsunnysequim.com for the latest information and to register for the Sun Fun Color Run.

New in 2026: Shine On, Sequim! The First Community Talent Show!



Got talent? Whether you sing, dance, juggle, or dazzle in your own way, step into the spotlight at our first-ever community talent show during the 2026 Sequim Sunshine Festival on March 7! Amateur performers of all ages are welcome. Auditions are on Saturday, January 24, at the Guy Cole Center. All auditionees must submit an application by Monday, January 12. Learn more and find the application at sequimsunshinefestival.com.

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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2026 Budget Approved

The City Council approved the 2026 budget at their meeting on November 24, 2025. The budget, reflecting the City's priorities, is the financial plan for the upcoming calendar year and is focused on balancing the increasing demands of a growing community that extends beyond city limits, while maintaining and improving service levels within the constraints of City resources. The approved budget includes balanced revenue and expenses in all the operational funds and complies with reserve level policies.

In addition, the budget includes rates for water and sewer utilities, and the 1% property tax increase allowed by law.

You can find a summary of the 2026 Budget and the full Budget Book on the City website at sequimwa.gov/1327/2026-Adopted-Budget.

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

Utility rate reductions are available for qualifying low-income residents. You may qualify if your income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, and if you qualify for the Clallam County PUD discount, you will also qualify for the City's discount. The exact amount of your discount is determined upon receipt of all of the applications for the 2026 program. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their February 1 utility bill.

Applications for the 2026 discount are due **January 16, 2026** and are available at the Sequim Civic Center, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St. Vincent de Paul, Serenity House, United Way, and the Shipley Center. Applications can also be downloaded from the City website sequimwa.gov. Please feel welcome to call the Finance office at the Civic Center at (360) 683-4139 with any questions.

In the Gallery...

"Black & White"

On display now through January 21



"Dungeness Meadow" by Susan White

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

Garden Plots are Available at June Robinson Memorial Park



Applications are now open for new gardeners to apply for a plot at the community gardens at June Robinson Memorial Park. Plot rental is $45 per year for either a raised bed or ground plot and is dependent on availability.

Apply online at portal.laserfiche.com/r7962/forms/survey/newgardenerapplication by January 16. Please contact Parks and Events Specialist Carrie Kann at ckann@sequimwa.gov or 360-582-2454 with questions.

Public EV Charging Rate Change

The City of Sequim's Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations, installed in 2019 in partnership with the Clallam County PUD at their lot on 150 N. Govan off Washington St., have continued to serve the community by filling the need for public EV charging in downtown Sequim, meeting sustainability objectives, and attracting tourism. The City recently amended SMC Chapter 3.68 Rates and Fees, updating the EV station user charge to $0.34/kwh for each kwh of charge. The Govan site hosts two Level 2 EV Stations with one port each. Charging stations are operated by Blink.

Community Open Music Jam January 16



Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the Open Music Jam on Friday, January 16—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.

Sustainability Tip

Double Your Energy Efficiency Payback!

Starting in 2026, Clallam County PUD is doubling the rebate amount they offer for heat pump water heaters. It's never been a better time to think about upgrading your water heating systems to one of the most efficient technologies available. The PUD has a list of professionals who can install your heat pump water heater to maximize its energy efficiency, or you can do it yourself. Visit clallampud.net/ways-to-save/ to learn more abut energy efficiency rebates and incentives that can help manage long term electricity costs by reducing daily use.