CITY OF SEQUIM News

October 2026

Welcome New Employees!

Shailah Wood—Police Officer—9/17

Lee Farrell—Maintenance Worker—9/23

Become a Member of the City Team!

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

Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Hearings

The City of Sequim is inviting community members to participate in two upcoming public hearings on the proposed 2025 Draft Comprehensive Plan, its appendices, and proposed Title 18 zoning updates. The Planning Commission opened a public hearing on September 1 and extended it to its meeting on **Tuesday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m**. The City Council is expected to hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m.** following a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Please check the calendar on the City website to confirm the date of the City Council public hearing. Both hearings will be held in person at the Sequim Civic Center Council Chambers, 152 W. Cedar Street, with remote participation available.

The Comprehensive Plan provides a long-range framework for topics including land use, housing, transportation, parks, economic development, capital facilities, and environmental stewardship. The related zoning updates are intended to implement the Plan and meet applicable state requirements.

Community members are encouraged to review the materials and provide testimony at the hearing, either in person or online. Written comments may be submitted by email at PlanningDept@sequimwa.gov, online through the City's Draft Comprehensive Plan comment page, or by mail or delivery to the Department of Community and Economic Development at the Sequim Civic Center. All draft materials are available at sequimwa.gov/1301/Comprehensive-Plan, and hard copies are available at the Department of Community and Economic Development in the Civic Center and at the Sequim Library.

2027 Proposed Budget



In accordance with the State of Washington guidelines, City Manager Matthew Huish presented the Sequim City Council with an overview of the Proposed 2027 Budget at their September 28 meeting. Additional budget discussions and public hearings will take place at the November 9 and 23 meetings, which will provide public feedback to the Council. The Proposed 2027 Budget is posted on the City website sequimwa.gov.

Rally in the Alley — Saturday, October 17—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 for City of Sequim residents on Saturday, October 17, 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. No remodeling material accepted.**

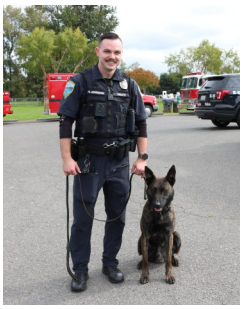
Volunteers, please meet at the Carrie Blake Park location at 9:00 a.m. for assignments. Please contact Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Colleen Robinson at (360) 775-3742 or info@habitatclallam.org for more information.

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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Public Safety Fair
Saturday, October 3—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Carrie Blake Park



Members of the Sequim Police Department and Public Works staff will join Clallam County Fire District #3, Community Emergency Response Team, and dozens of local public safety and community service organizations for a fun, free day focused on safety, preparedness, and community connection.

Activities and highlights include:

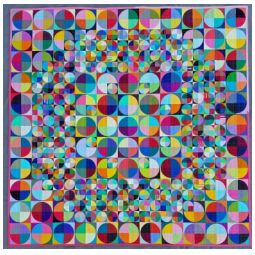
- Touch-a-Truck
- Helicopter landings
- K9 demonstrations
- Live demonstrations and speakers
- Safety house experience for kids
- Indoor and outdoor information booths
- Passport game for kids

Sustainability Tip
Buy It Where You Burn It

In August the first detection of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer was made in Washington state. This tiny pest can devastate forests and agricultural sites and make them more susceptible to fire. What can we do to protect local wood resources and our economy that depends on them? Find notable advice at invasivespecies.wa.gov/campaigns/buy-it-where-you-burn-it/ including making sure to procure wood from a local dealer for home and campsite use.



In the Gallery...



"Beyond the Canvas"
September 4 through October 23.

"Tiny Bubbles" by Marla Varner

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

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is quickly approaching and the Sequim Police Department offers up some safety tips from "Safe Kids Worldwide."

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

Top Tips:

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child' vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.
2. Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them be seen by drivers.
3. Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. Remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well-lit and trick-or-treat in groups. Please be sure to only visit homes with their front porch lights on so you know they are prepared for trick or treaters.
4. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., so be especially alert for kids during these hours.
5. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
6. Cross streets at the corner and use crosswalks where available,

Hard Fact: On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other day of the year. This year, Halloween falls on a Saturday, so streets might be even busier than usual.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 24

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 24, 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.

Community Open Music Jam October 16



Join the Sequim Arts Commission for the Open Music Jam on Friday, October 16 from 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.