



CITY OF SEQUIM News



May 2016

Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at 152 W. Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	Tuesday, May 3 & 17 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	1st Monday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 10—1:30 p.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

How Do You Learn About City News?

We want to know how you find out about what is happening with the City of Sequim, and how we can help to keep you informed. Please visit www.sequimwa.gov and take our 6 question survey now through Friday, May 27.

14th Annual Kid's Fishing Day

Saturday, May 21 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At the pond on the north side of Carrie Blake Community Park



All kids 14 years of age and younger are invited to participate. No fishing license is required. Kids are allowed to keep two fish each. Worms and power bait will be available. A fish cleaning station will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Puget Sound Angler North Olympic Peninsula Chapter.

Spring Clean Up

The City of Sequim conducted another successful Spring Clean Up in April. 233 property owners participated by bringing over 53.5 tons of trash to the City Shop for disposal. Thank you to everyone who participated and for helping to keep Sequim clean and beautiful.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

May 9 —1) Fence Standards

Welcome New Employees!

Dustin Baker—Public Works 4/25
Paul Hodgson—Public Works 4/25
Michael Anderson—Public Works 5/2
Blake Swegle—Public Works 5/16

All new employees are temporary seasonal.

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.



FOR THE LOVE OF SEQUIM!

Join us for a special event with internationally recognized author and community engagement expert Peter Kageyama.



Monday, May 9

2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Sequim Civic Center, 152 W. Cedar Street

During the workshop, Peter will lead the community through discussions and activities aimed at harnessing what we love about Sequim into more tangible action and results that will produce citizen engagement, ownership, and emotional attachment to our city. To learn more about Peter, visit <http://fortheloveofcities.com>.



Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 1



The Sequim Police Department will participate in The Torch Run, a Special Olympics Fundraiser by Law Enforcement, on Wednesday, June 1. The run will follow the Olympic Discovery Trail through Sequim. You'll most likely see Sequim Police officers on the trail around 11:30 a.m. on Hendrickson Road near Kendall Road. Come out and cheer on the runners. Please contact the Sequim Police Department at 683-7227 to make a donation.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

“Volunteering Helps Me to be a Good Friend”



VIPS Lorri Gilchrist

Lorri Gilchrist uses the skills she learned in the military and her experience working for the City’s Community Development and Public Works departments for over six years in her role with the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. As a volunteer, she mostly works in the office

answering phones, helping customers, filing cases,

completing monthly reports and helping with special projects. She also has fun helping with the local festivals and parades to ensure everyone has a good time.

“Volunteering helps me to be a good friend to those in need; my neighbors, my community, and myself,” Lorri said. “It is not all about me, but about making the neighborhood, community, and country a great place to live. Then I reap the results. It makes me happy.”

Lorri’s family moved to Sequim in 1960 when her dad retired from the Navy. A graduate of Sequim High School, she went on to college and a military career before moving back to Sequim in 2002. Lorri has been making a difference ever since.

In addition to volunteering with the Police Department, Lorri works part-time at Discovery Memory Care, writes the Veteran’s Corner column for the Sequim Gazette, volunteers with Peninsula Friends of Animals and Voices For Veterans. She is a member of the American Legion, Military Officers Association of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, The Mayflower Society, Sequim Alumni Association, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, and a local hiking group.

“I love doing all kinds of different things to keep my mind and body active and healthy. Use it or lose it, as my Mom always said!”

To learn more about how you can remain healthy and active by volunteering with the City, contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.

Reporting Excessive Jet Noise

Please contact the Navy directly by email at comments.NASWI@navy.mil or call (360) 257-6665 to express concerns and complaints or to ask questions regarding noise from Navy jets over the Sequim area.

Coffee with the Mayor in May

Meet Sequim Mayor Dennis Smith as the Coffee with the Mayor program continues in May. City Manager Charlie Bush will join the Mayor at Bell Creek Bar and Grill, located at 707 E. Washington Street, at 8:30 a.m. on



Mayor Dennis Smith



City Manager
Charlie Bush

Thursday, May 19, to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community. Please contact Dennis Smith at dsmith@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Keep Your Child Safe!

Free Child Car Seat Safety Awareness Event

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eastern Hills Community Church

91 Savannah Lane, Carlsborg

Childcare will be provided.

Due to limited space, you

MUST sign up in advance.

Contact carrie_johnson82@hotmail.com

- Safety seats & the law
 - Demonstration of correct installation
 - Installation workshop
- Give your child the best chance to survive a car crash.**



Hosted by Volunteers in Police Service of the Sequim Police Department.



Water Saving Tip of the Month

In the Garden—APPLY MULCH. A thick layer of mulch over your planting beds helps keep the soil cool and moist and inhibits weeds, which compete for moisture and nutrients. You can mulch with chipped limbs and wood, leaves, grass clippings, bark or any combination. In addition to conserving soil moisture, mulch adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil as it decomposes. Soils with increased amounts of organic matter absorb and retain water better.



Emergency Preparedness

Make a Family Disaster Plan—Start by taking the following steps:
Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster. For example, during an earthquake you will need to “drop, cover, and hold on” under a sturdy desk or table.

Choose multiple meeting places. Different disasters may require you to go to different meeting places. Make sure you choose a meeting place in your neighborhood, a meeting place just outside your neighborhood, and a meeting place out of town.

Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.

PRACTICE. Review these plans with all members of your family. Practice your disaster plans by running drills with the whole family.

Don’t forget pets! Think about what you would do with your pets, because they may not be allowed in emergency shelters.

To learn more about Emergency Preparedness and Response, visit <http://emergency.cdc/preparedness>.