



CITY OF SEQUIM News

November 2016

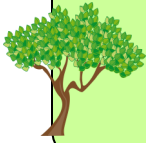


Meeting Dates & Locations

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 Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	1st Monday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 9 —10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

Join the City as we plant trees in our first celebration of Arbor Day on November 16 at 12:00 noon.



The City of Sequim is anticipating the designation as a "Tree City USA" later this year. In celebration, the City will be planting eight fruit trees on the south side of the Gebhardt/Zwicker Trail behind QFC. All are welcome!

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions will be available for qualifying low income residents effective for January 2017 usage. If your income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or \$25,000/year, you may be eligible. There is an additional net asset-based test to determine qualification. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their February 1st bill. **Even if you already receive the low income discount, all applicants must reapply annually.**

Applications are due January 13, 2017 and are available at the following locations: Sequim Civic Center, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St. Vincent de Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.sequimwa.gov. Please don't hesitate to call the Finance Department at (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

November 14 —1) City of Sequim and Transportation Benefits District 2017 budget, revenue sources, property tax levy, rates and fees

2) Updating Sequim Municipal Code related to Stormwater Plan

3) Amend Plat Vacations/Alterations

November 28—1) Final hearing and adoption of 2017 City of Sequim and Transportation Benefits District budgets

City Offices will be Closed on Friday, November 11 in Observance of Veterans Day and on **Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Road Priorities During Winter Storms

The winter months are approaching and that means the possibility of winter storms.

During snow storms, the City crew concentrates on clearing the main arterials first. Washington Street, Sequim Avenue, 5th Avenue, 3rd Avenue, overpasses, and school routes (when schools are in session) are the top priorities.

As cold weather approaches, City crews spread magnesium chloride, a liquid de-icing agent, on areas that are prone to freeze.

There are 54 miles of City-owned roads and alleyways in the City of Sequim, in addition to parking lots and sidewalks. There are also 19 miles of private streets and roadways within the City limits that the City does not clear. The City asks the community to help by clearing snow from sidewalks that adjoin their homes and businesses.



Coffee with the Mayor in November

Meet Sequim Mayor Dennis Smith as the Coffee with the Mayor program continues in November. Administrative



Mayor
Dennis Smith

Services Director Sue Hagener will join the Mayor at the Bell Creek Bar and Grill, located at 707 E. Washington Street, at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the



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community. Please contact Dennis Smith at dsmith@sequimwa.gov with questions.

2017 Budget in Progress

City staff is working to present a balanced 2017 budget to the City Council that incorporates the Council's highest priorities. Budget presentations are scheduled on the meeting dates listed below. All meetings are at the Sequim Civic Center, 152 West Cedar Street. Visit www.sequimwa.gov for updates.

November 14—Public Hearing on Property Tax, Revenues, Fees and Utility Rates

November 28—City Council Adopts 2017 Budget & Property Tax Levy, Revenues, Fees, and Utility Rates.

Prepare Your Pipes for Fall and Winter Winterize your outside water connections.

Unhook any attached hoses from outdoor taps and drain any remaining water from the hose. Cover the taps with a Styrofoam connector, which you can purchase from a hardware store, to help prevent freezing.

If you have pipes that are not underground, disconnect them from the water source if possible and blow air through them. If disconnecting them is not possible, put insulation on or over the exposed piping.



Going out of town for a few months?

If you live in Sequim City limits and are on City water, consider having your water shut off at the meter by the City. There's a one-time charge of \$44.00 (rate through December 2016). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$23.80 for water and \$23.80 for sewer (rates through December 2016) per month.

You will need to come in to City Hall and sign paperwork to have your water turned off.

After the meter has been shut off, there may still be water in the lines. Turn a faucet on until no remaining water comes through, then turn off the faucet. If possible, turn off your water valve going into the house, if you have one.

When you are ready to return, call Sequim City Hall at 360-683-4139 at least two (2) business days prior to your arrival to have the water turned on. **Please note: Someone will need to be at your home when the meter is turned on.**



GET THE LATEST NEWS!

There are now more ways than ever to keep up with what is happening in the City of Sequim.

E-Notifications—Sign up to receive City news and announcements directly through your email. Visit www.sequimwa.gov and click on E-Notifications.

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Water Saving Tip of the Month

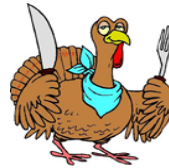
In the Bathroom—TURN OFF THE WATER WHILE SHAVING, BRUSHING TEETH, ETC.

Don't let the water run when you brush your teeth, wash your face, or shave. This can save 3 to 7 gallons of water per minute.



Be Safe this Thanksgiving

Use Extra Caution When Using a Turkey Fryer



It's hard to beat the speed of deep-frying a turkey, or the irresistible flavor and juiciness that result. But turkey fryers have the potential to cause fire and serious injury, which is why some organizations, like the Underwriters Laboratories and National Fire Protection Association, advise against using them. If you plan to deep-fry your holiday bird, be sure you know how to safely use the fryer, and take precautions to protect yourself, your guests, and your home.

RAINGARDENS AND MORE—OPEN HOUSE

At the Interpretive Center at Carrie Blake Community Park

When: Thursday, November 10 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Who: Building permit applicants and anyone with a drainage issue on their property

What: Guidance from City staff on how to comply with stormwater management rules

More information from: Ann Soule, Public Works
asoule@sequimwa.gov or 582-2436



Mark Caughey Receives 2016 Westcott Award

The City of Sequim announced Mark Caughey as the recipient of the 2016 Westcott Award for his volunteer service with the Departments of Community Development and Public Works at the City Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.



Mark Caughey is presented with the Westcott Award from City Manager Charlie Bush.

Caughey began volunteering at the City in 2012 after he had retired from a 25 year career as a city planner and contract administrator. On average he volunteers 10 hours per week or more. Caughey's service has helped the City to complete tasks that would not have been possible otherwise. He was instrumental in helping City staff develop the 2016 – 2021 Capital Improvement Plan. Other projects he has worked on in the past year include the creation of a timeline and scope of work to assist with the implementation of a new software program, assisted with the development of a Project Management Manual for Public Works, developed a project tracking tool, and assisted with the development of a Safety Manual.

"Mark has been a key player in the Public Works and Community Development Departments," said Public Works Management Analyst Sarah VanAusdle. "The City is very fortunate to have such a capable and generous volunteer on its team."

The Westcott Award was named for Emily Westcott in recognition of her tireless commitment to volunteer service within the community. Westcott received the first award in 2014. Pamela Leonard-Ray received the award in 2015.