



CITY OF SEQUIM News

December 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.

No City Council Meeting on December 26

City Manager Weekly Reports Now Available on the City Website

Each week City Manager Charlie Bush provides an update to the City Council regarding staff progress on Council goals, projects, and issues or concerns that have come to the City's attention. These updates are now posted on the City website <http://www.sequimwa.gov>.

Holiday Light Safety

Always Read the Manufacturer's Instructions First

Lighting the Tree:

- ◆ Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- ◆ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- ◆ Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- ◆ Always turn off holiday tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

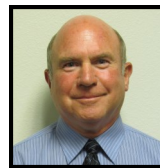


City Offices will be Closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday and on Monday, January 2 for New Years.



Coffee with the Mayor in December

Meet Sequim Mayor Dennis Smith as the Coffee with the Mayor program continues in December at the Bell Creek Bar and Grill, located at 707 E. Washington Street, at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15. The Mayor will be available 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.



Mayor
Dennis Smith

Bring your Donations for the Sequim Food Bank to the Civic Center

Help to ensure a happy holiday for everyone in Sequim. The City is accepting donations of non-perishable foods for the Sequim Food Bank now through Friday, December 16. Just look for the big red barrel in the lobby. The Civic Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Crew from the Department of Natural Resources to Help with City Parks

This winter a crew from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources will be providing valuable assistance at Carrie Blake Park, Gerhardt Park, on the Gebhardt/Zwicker Trail, and along Bell Creek. The crew will be on site for one month sometime between December 1, 2016 and February 28, 2017 to remove non-native invasive plants, re-vegetate with native plants, and lay mulch. If you see them out working, please thank them for their help.

Call to Artists

If you want to learn what rotating exhibits are coming up in the Civic Center Lobby, sign up to receive "Call for Entry" notices on the City website, <http://www.sequimwa.gov> and go to Notify Me. From there you can sign up under Bid Postings.



Water Saving Tip of the Month

In the Bathroom—TAKE SHORT OR SHALLOW BATHS. Simply taking shorter showers will save gallons of water. For long exposures to the water, a partially filled bath instead of a shower will use less water.



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.

Road Priorities During Winter Storms

The winter months are here 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.



Sequim Police Sergeant Darrell Nelson, Chief Bill Dickinson, Deputy Chief Sheri Crain, and Sergeants Mike Hill, and Sean Madison accept the Police Department Accreditation plaque on behalf of the City from WASPC President and Kennewick Police Chief Ken Hohenberg.

Sequim Police Department Earns Accreditation

Congratulations to the Sequim Police Department on their recent accreditation from the Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC.) The department is now one of 63 State accredited law enforcement agencies in Washington State. To learn more visit <http://www.sequimwa.gov>.

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.**

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