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Sequim council chooses Utah administrator to lead city

Contract negotiations begin next week

BY MATTHEW NASH
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After a three month search, Sequim city councilors agreed Friday to begin negotiations with Sandy, Utah's chief administrative officer Matt Huish as the next

city manager. He was one of four finalists including interim city manager Charisse Deschenes to go through an interview process on Sept. 9-10. Huish said last Saturday he'd prefer to wait until negotiations are finalized to comment on the



HUISH

position and being selected. In a virtual public reception on Sept. 9, Huish said he "wants to be known as someone who builds teams, is in the middle, and listens to all sides." "I care deeply about transparency, and representation from

all points of view," he said in an interview later Thursday night. He added that one of his biggest personality traits is collaboration, too. He's lived in Utah for the last 21 years. As a preschooler, he moved to Seattle with his family and grew up in the Tacoma area graduating from Stadium High School and completing a Bachelor's of Science in Physical Therapy, Athletic Train-

ing from the University of Puget Sound. He remembers going to the Olympic Game Farm as a child and the Sequim area, and enjoys hiking and sailing now. He started his career in physical therapy before transitioning into healthcare administration and later city administration.

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THE COOKING CRUNCH



Cook Roberto Lara prepares an omelette on Monday at the Oak Table Café. Managers hope to have enough staff in the coming weeks to reopen seven days a week and reoffer a lunch menu after staffing shortages led them to close for two days at first, and then one day a week. Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash

Eateries seek support and workers during hiring crisis

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

As cooks and servers hustled to get pancakes and omelettes to tables and to-go boxes at the Oak Table Café earlier this week, general manager Bill Zuzich said he couldn't quite pinpoint one reason why he's seeing a shortage of employees.

"A lot of people left the food industry because of uncertainty, or people used their down time in the pandemic to go back to school," he said. This summer marked the first time in three decades the restaurant wasn't open seven days a week. However, Zuzich hopes to soon have enough staff to reopen fully after periods of time at five, and six days a week open.

That includes bringing back a lunch menu tentatively at the end of September, as Zuzich said, "it takes a whole other cook to do that, too." But the Oak Table Café isn't alone in longstanding practices changing. Of Sequim's 60-plus restaurants and coffee shops, more than half are hiring.

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Three more deaths from COVID-19 on peninsula

New cases may be leveling off, but activity remains high

BY ZACH JABLONSKI
Olympic Peninsula News Group

Three Clallam County residents died from COVID-19 over the weekend, raising the total number of deaths on the North Olympic Peninsula due to the disease to 49, with 36 in Clallam.

The deaths include a man in his 70s and a man in his 50s, both of whom were unvaccinated, said Dr. Allison Berry, health officer for Clallam and Jefferson counties. The

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Sequim council splits, passes resolution on vaccine passports

Majority says Constitutional rights being violated

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

A narrowly-passed resolution by the Sequim City Council Monday night seeks to express "support for small businesses and essential workers' individual rights." With a crowd outside and councilors and many staff calling in remotely, councilors voted 4-3 to among other things "uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington and to stand in strong support of the people in the City of Sequim and anyone else in the

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9/11 REMEMBERED



A crowd gathers at the Sequim Civic Center Friday morning, joining Sequim Police, Clallam County Fire District 3 and City of Sequim staffers in remembering the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and paying tribute to those who lost their lives and those who survived. See story and photos, A-4. Sequim Gazette photo by Emily Matthiessen

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Many Sequim restaurants and eateries change hours, services

BY MATTHEW NASH
Sequim Gazette

Here are updated hours, services and contact information for Sequim area eateries and restaurants. If we missed an establishment or service, email that information to mnash@sequimgazette.com.

- 7 Cedars Casino, 270756 U.S. Highway 101; dine in, to-go; (360) 683-7777; cedars.com/dining. Hiring.
- The House of Seven Brothers; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Napoli's Stone-fired Cuisine; 9 a.m.-1 a.m. (limited menu 9 a.m.-11 a.m.) 360-582-4749. Jamestown Java; 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Rainforest Bar; 4 p.m.-midnight, Sunday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
- Adagio Bean and Leaf, 981 E. Washington St.; 6 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; dine in, outside, drive-thru, phone orders; 360-582-0024. Hiring.
- Alder Wood Bistro, 139 W. Alder St.; 4-8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; outside dining (RSVP recommended), to-go; 360-683-4321; AlderWoodMenu.com. Hiring.
- Applebee's, 130 River Road; 11 a.m.-midnight daily; curbside, dine in, to-go; 360-683-9090; restaurants.applebees.com/en-us/wa/sequim; Hiring.
- The Back Alley Café, 138 W. Washington St.; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; to-go, dine-in, dine outside, curbside; 562-983-6236; Thebackalleycafe.com.
- Baja Cantina, 825 W. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; curbside, dine in, outside, to-go. 360-681-2822; bajacantina.sequim.com.
- Bento Teriyaki, 1243 W. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; takeout only; 360-683-5668. Hiring.
- The Big Elk Restaurant, 707 E. Washington St.; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday; curbside, dine in, to-go, online; 360-328-7106; clover.com/online-ordering/the-big-elk-restaurant-llc-sequim.
- Black Bear Diner, 1471 E. Washington St.; 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Monday; dine in, outside, online, to-go; 360-504-2950; blackbeardiner.com. Hiring.
- Blimpie's, 20 Carlsborg Road; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday; drive-thru, to-go (phone OK); 360-681-2290. Hiring.
- Blondie's Plate, 134 S. Second Ave.; 4-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 2-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; curbside, dine in, outside, to-go; 360-683-

- 2233; blondiesplate.com. Hiring.
- Burger King, 680 W. Washington St.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; drive-thru only; 360-683-8435; Hiring.
- Cedars at Dungeness 7cedars.com/careers. Dine in, to go.
- Double Eagle Steak and Seafood; 4-9 p.m. daily; 360-582-4906.
- Stymie's Bar and Grill; 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; 360-683-3332.
- The Cracked Bean, 10191 Old Olympic Highway; 5 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; dine in, to go; 360-681-2560. Hiring.
- Dairy Queen, 720 W. Washington St., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; drive-thru only; 360-681-0250; Hiring.
- David Family Taqueira, 300 E. Washington St., 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday; to-go, curbside, dine-in, dine outside; 681-5124. Hiring.
- Dockside Grill, 2577 W. Sequim Bay Road; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 4-9 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; dine in by RSVP, to-go; 360-683-7510; docksidegrill-sequim.com.
- Domino's Pizza, 755 W. Washington St.; 10 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; delivery, take out, online; 360-582-1600; pizza.dominos.com/washington/sequim. Hiring.
- Dupuis' Restaurant, 256861 U.S. Hwy 101; 4-8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; dine in, to-go; 360-457-8033; dupuis-restaurant.com.
- Dynasty, 380 E. Washington St., reopens Oct. 1. Previously 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 360-683-6511.
- Ely's Cafe, 206 N. Sequim Ave.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 8 a.m.-noon Wednesday-Sunday; dine in, to-go; 360-683-2121.
- Essence Coffee Roasters, 461 W. Washington St.; 7-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sequim Farmers and Artisans Market; dine in, phone and online orders; 360-683-8206; essencecoffee.roasters.com. Taking resumes.
- Fortune Star Chinese Restaurant, 145 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-9 p.m. Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday; to-go, dine in; 360-681-6888.
- Gabby's Java and Gourmet Grub, 471 Business Park Loop; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; Smoke House 12:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; drive-thru, outside seating, to-go (call in advance); 360-683-8839.
- Galare Thai, 120 W. Bell St.; 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; dine in, to-go; 360-683-8069.
- Golden Star Restaurant, 990 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; dine in, to-go; 360-683-8860.

- Hiway 101 Diner, 392 W. Washington St., 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday; curbside, dine in, outside, to-go; 360-683-3388. Hiring.
- Hurricane Coffee Company, 104 W. Washington St.; 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday (dine-in Monday-Friday with vaccine passport); outside seating, facebook.com/hurricanecoffee.
- Jack in the Box, 1280 W. Washington St.; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; drive-thru only; 360-681-4069; jackinthebox.com. Hiring.
- Jose's Famous Salsa, 126 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, to-go, dine-in, 360-681-8598; josesfamoussalsa.com.
- Koto Teriyaki & Sushi, 1252 W. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; take out, online ordering; 360-681-3220; koto-teriyaki.com. Hiring.
- Las Palomas, 1085 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday; curbside, dine in, to-go; 360-681-3842. Hiring.
- Leo's Cafe at Shipley Center, 921 E. Hammond St.; 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dine in, to-go; 360-683-6806; the-cafe-at-shipley-center.square.site. Volunteers welcome.
- Little Devil's Lunchbox, 261372 U.S. Highway 101; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; dine outside, to-go; 360-681-8777; Littledevilsgrill.com.
- Mariner Cafe, 609 W. Washington St., Suite A; 7-8 p.m. daily; dine in, outside, to-go, curbside; 683-1055.
- McDonald's, 107 S. Seventh Ave.; 5 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 5 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday; to-go, drive-thru, online; 360-683-4192; mcdonalds.com. Hiring.
- Moon Palace, 323 E. Washington St.; 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-8 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday-Monday; bar closed; to-go, dine in, curbside; 360-683-6898. Hiring.
- Nourish, 101 Provence View Lane; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday; dine in, outside, to-go (Dine at Home meals prepped on Wednesdays); 360-797-1480; nourishsequim.com.
- Oak Table Cafe, 292 W. Bell St.; 7-3 p.m., daily, closed Tuesdays; dine in, outside, to-go (breakfast only); 360-683-2179; oaktablecafe.com. Hiring.
- The Oasis, 301 E. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, bar open till 10 p.m.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, bar open

- till 2 a.m.; to-go, dine in, curbside; 360-582-3143; Theoasissequim.com.
- Ohana Coffee, 41 Gilbert Road; 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; drive-thru, call-in; 360-683-6003.
- Old Mill Cafe, 721 Towne Road; 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday. Curbside, dine in, outside, to-go; 360-582-1583; old-millcafe.com. Hiring.
- The Old Post Office, 751 Carlsborg Road; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; curbside, dine in, to-go; 360-681-8014.
- Pacific Pantry, 229 S. Sequim Ave.; 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; outside dining, to-go; 360-797-1221.
- Pane d'Amore Artisan Bakery, 104 E. Washington St.; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; take out. 360-681-3280.
- Papa Murphy's, 680 West Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; pickup, online orders; 360-683-8102; order.papamurphys.com. Hiring.
- Paradise Restaurant, 703 N. Sequim Ave.; 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; to-go, dine in; 360-683-1977.
- Peninsula Taproom, 210 W. Washington St., Suite No. 4; 2-9 p.m. daily, noon-9 p.m. Saturday; curbside, dine in, outside, to-go; 360-504-3793.
- Rainshadow Café, 157 W. Cedar St.; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; dine in, outside, to-go; 360-797-1654, rainshadowcafe.com.
- RedDog Coffee, 521 S. Sequim Ave.; 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily; drive-thru, outside seating; 360-681-0304. Hiring.
- Salty Girls Seafood Co., 210 W. Washington St., Suite No. 3; 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; curbside, dine in, outside, online, to-go; 360-775-3787; saltygirlsseafood.com. Hiring.
- Sawadee, 271 S. Seventh Ave.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 4:30-8:40 p.m. daily, closed Wednesdays; dine in, to-go; 360-683-8188.
- Sequim Kabob House, 173 W. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday; dine in, to-go; 360-504-2598. Hiring.
- Sergio's, 271 S. Seventh Ave.; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; dine in, to-go; 360-582-1006.
- Shadowline Burgers and Brews, 179 W. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; curbside, dine in, to-go; 360-683-8117; shadowlineburgers.com. Hiring.

- Starbucks (Safeway), 680 W. Washington St.; 6 a.m.-7 p.m. daily; take out.
- Starbucks (Sequim Village Marketplace), 1095 W. Washington St., drive-thru, outside seating, to-go, online ordering; 360-681-2449; starbucks.com. Hiring.
- The Sweet Spot, 609 W. Washington St., Suite 11; 1-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; curbside, dine in, outside, to-go (phone). 360-504-2121. Hiring.
- Sunshine Cafe, 145 W. Washington St.; reopens Sept. 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; dine in, curbside, to-go; 360-683-4282; facebook.com/SunshineCafe. Hiring.
- Suzon's Coffee Lounge, 145 E. Washington St., Unit D; 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; to-go, dine in; 510-206-1976; instagram.com/suzonscoffeelounge/.
- Subway, 680 W. Washington St.; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; curbside, to-go, online orders; 360-683-8573; subway.com. Hiring.
- Taco Bell, 11 Lee Chatfield; 8 a.m.-midnight daily; drive-thru, online orders; 360-698-8600; tacobell.com. Hiring.
- Taco Time, 110 River Road; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; online ordering, drive-thru only; 360-683-7082; order.tacotimenw.com/menu/sequim. Hiring.
- That Takes the Cake, 171 W. Washington St.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; curbside, to-go; 360-565-6272; Thattakesthecake.com.
- Tedesco's Italian Fresh, 210 W. Washington St.; 4-8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; dine in, outside, online ordering, to-go; 360-504-3821; tedescosfresh.com. Hiring.
- Tootsie's, 537 W. Washington St.; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; drive-thru, dine outside; 360-683-9524. Hiring.
- WeDo Fudge, 11 Valley Center Place; noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday (through December); drive-thru; 360-232-4656; wedofudge.com.
- Westside Pizza, 540 W. Washington St.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; delivery, online ordering, takeout; 360-683-3100; westsidepizza.com. Hiring.
- White Cup Espresso, 91 W. Washington St.; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily; drive-thru, dine outside, to-go (online, phone, text orders); 360-683-1232; whitecupespresso.com. Hiring.
- Wind Rose Cellars, 143 W. Washington St.; 1-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; curbside, dine in; windrosecellars.com; 360-681-0690.

Eateries

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Dozens have changed their hours — closing entire days or trimming some hours off — or they've built on efforts from last year to keep people coming through the door by offering to-go options and/or outdoor, covered seating areas.

Bret Wirta, owner of Black Bear Diner, said they've been temporarily closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays as they seek out more cooks.

On the bright side, he said, "we are planning on beginning to at least be open for take-out only on Tuesday and Wednesday beginning the last week in September."

Some, like Angee Garcia, co-owner of Jose's Famous Salsa, say the business has been lucky through the pandemic with staffing. She's kept 13 part-time and full-time employees on staff the last year-plus.

"We've seen some turnover, but we make it work," she said. "All of our employees are really awesome. If not for them, then I'd be struggling."

Dominique Hall, owner of Rainshadow Café, said she's always hiring, and since the pandemic, her business has gotten busier. With school starting back up, she lost four employees to go off for college, and now she's seen her employee demographic

become younger.

"It's usually people in their 20s and now it's 18 or 19," Hall said.

Why the shift? She feels there's been a "huge shift" in people moving away or coming here, and "because of the pandemic, people want to get out of the big cities or come closer to their families."

Unemployment, mandates

Some business owners hope there may be an uptick in employment following the end of COVID-19-based benefits for unemployed workers earlier this month.

Cindy Lee, co-owner of Moon Palace, said like others her business has a staff shortage in the kitchen and it's led her to close the bar.

"Maybe it could change with unemployment out," she said. But even hiring teens as dishwashers has been difficult in recent years, Lee added.

Since the vaccine mandate went in place on Sept. 4 for proof of vaccination against COVID-19 in Clallam County to eat in bars and restaurants, Lee said she's seen a dip in overall business with a slight increase in takeout orders but not enough to offset the dip.

As for her interactions with people about the vaccination cards, she says, "some four people are nice, and some are not, which makes it very difficult."



Julian Hernandez, right, cuts chicken meat as Jose Garcia preps a meal on Tuesday at Jose's Famous Salsa. The business was recently highlighted on King's 5's Evening program. Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash

"Some have their card ready, and some not," she said. "I tell them, 'We didn't set the rules.' It's very difficult for business owners. It's been tough during this pandemic."

"I hope people understand that and show some respect."

Val Culp, co-owner of the Old Mill Café, said she's had to change her hours a few times in recent months as she's currently using a two-hour window on Tuesday-Thursday afternoons for prep time as she seeks staff too.

She said they are checking vaccine cards, but offer

covered, outside seating as an alternative.

"We're trying to offer different options," Culp said.

As to why she checks, Culp said she has a health condition, and she's concerned for older clientele.

Editor's notes: For interviews with business owners/managers for hours and services, they were not asked if they check for vaccination proof. Gazette staff felt it more appropriate to see how residents can generally support them whether eating inside, outside or via takeout.

We've reached out to as many restaurants and places as possible, and ask for any omissions, expanded services, future hour changes be sent to editor@sequimgazette.com and/or mnash@sequimgazette.com.

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