

A True Partnership

July 2026 Sequim Wheelers News



When Sequim Bay Post Acute (SBPA), one of our facility partners, was looking for an option to transport their residents to the start of their ride at the Nature Center, Sierra Smith, the Activity Director and Sequim Wheeler volunteer, found a creative option.

SBPA wheelers have variable mobility, many needing wheelchair (w/c) transport accommodation. The SBPA van has a 2-passenger limit. To bring more than 4 wheelers requires scheduling 3 or more trips with Clallam County transit or driving the SBPA van back and forth to the Nature Center 6 times in the 2-hour window. Conflicting requests for other resident transport needs added to the challenge of scheduling rides to the Nature Center.

A call to Sarah Sheets at Dungeness Courte Memory Care provided a solution. Sarah has known about and been involved with Sequim Wheelers since 2018, after attending a Sequim Wheeler introductory meeting hosted by our founder Nicole Lepping. Sarah is a big fan and advocate of Sequim Wheelers. Her knowledge of the obstacles and challenges of transporting wheelers for our rides is invaluable.

Partnering with Sierra and securing the support and approval of the agencies' directors, Sarah and the Dungeness Court bus now provide round-trip pick-ups, drop-offs, and returns for SBPA wheelers.

Sierra shared that having the bus not only allows flexibility for last-minute ride changes but also safe, timely transport. She spoke about the value of collaborative community partnership, administrative support, as well as the value of the Sequim Wheeler ride experience. The look on the faces of both wheelers and volunteers, during and after the rides, says it all.

Sarah offloading
Sequim Bay
Post Acute
Wheelers



The Wheelers ride with Clallam mosaic



Successful ride today with Jim and Joyce Newport as our Wheelers ... Jeri Nieberding as our Safety (seasoned veteran already, future ride leader material) ... Annette Hanson as our Pilot (first time, did great) ... one hour of ride time from the Nature Center to Kitchen-Dick Road and back.

At the Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Transportation Manager, Wendy Clark stated that the bid package for improvements on the ODT Crossing of the Carlsborg Road was "99% complete" and ready to go ... construction would be done this fall 2026 meaning that the road improvements should be ready to go for the Sequim Wheelers' 10th season in 2027



The Cottages

Lead rider Eric Mahnerd led the ride for the cottages with 8 Wheelers, a total of 10 Pilots and Safeties.

We celebrated our 250th birthday!

We decorated all the bikes and put a Red, White, and Blue headpiece on each Wheeler's helmet!



St. Andrew's Place Takes Its Maiden Ride with the Sequim Wheelers

Smiles, laughter, and the joy of the open air filled the day as the residents of St. Andrew's Place Assisted Living in Port Angeles experienced their very first ride with the Sequim Wheelers. The journey began when John Gagan, President of the Sequim Wheelers, introduced Kim McElravy to the organization's mission of bringing joy, connection and adventure to those who may no longer be able to experience cycling on their own.

Inspired by the presentation, Kim enthusiastically signed up St. Andrew's Place--and what a wonderful decision it was!

With seven Wheelers enjoying the ride, the day was made possible by an incredible team of volunteers. Char Reeves served as Ride Leader, while pilots Robb Kimbrough, Craig Wilson, Steve Reeves, Gayle Selby, and Angela Regan safely pedaled the adaptive bicycles. Supporting the ride were safety volunteers Tom Coonelly, Ray Seko, Roberta Larson, and Char Reeves, ensuring every rider had a comfortable and memorable experience.

The impact of the ride was captured perfectly in Kim's heartfelt message afterward:

"Good evening, Char. We can't thank you enough!!! The residents absolutely loved it and had an amazing time. They all talked about it and how good they will sleep tonight. Your group is amazing, and we look forward to our next ride."

Those words remind us why the Sequim Wheelers exist—to create moments that lift spirits, spark conversations and bring people together. Congratulations to everyone who made this maiden voyage such a tremendous success. Here's to many more rides, happy memories and smiling faces at St. Andrew's Place! ❤️

Kim McElravy, Director of Activities-St. Andrews Place)



Angela Regan (SW Volunteer)