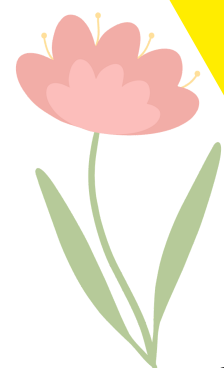




April 2026 Sequim Wheelers News



**Open
House
update**



“Adverse weather conditions, but overall a good day for the Sequim Wheelers ... special shout out to the set up crew that had to bear the worst of the weather to make the Open House happen ... thank you to Nancy also for the homemade cookies (delicious on a cold rainy day) ... Thank you to all!” John Gagan

Summary of the April Adventurers Outing in the



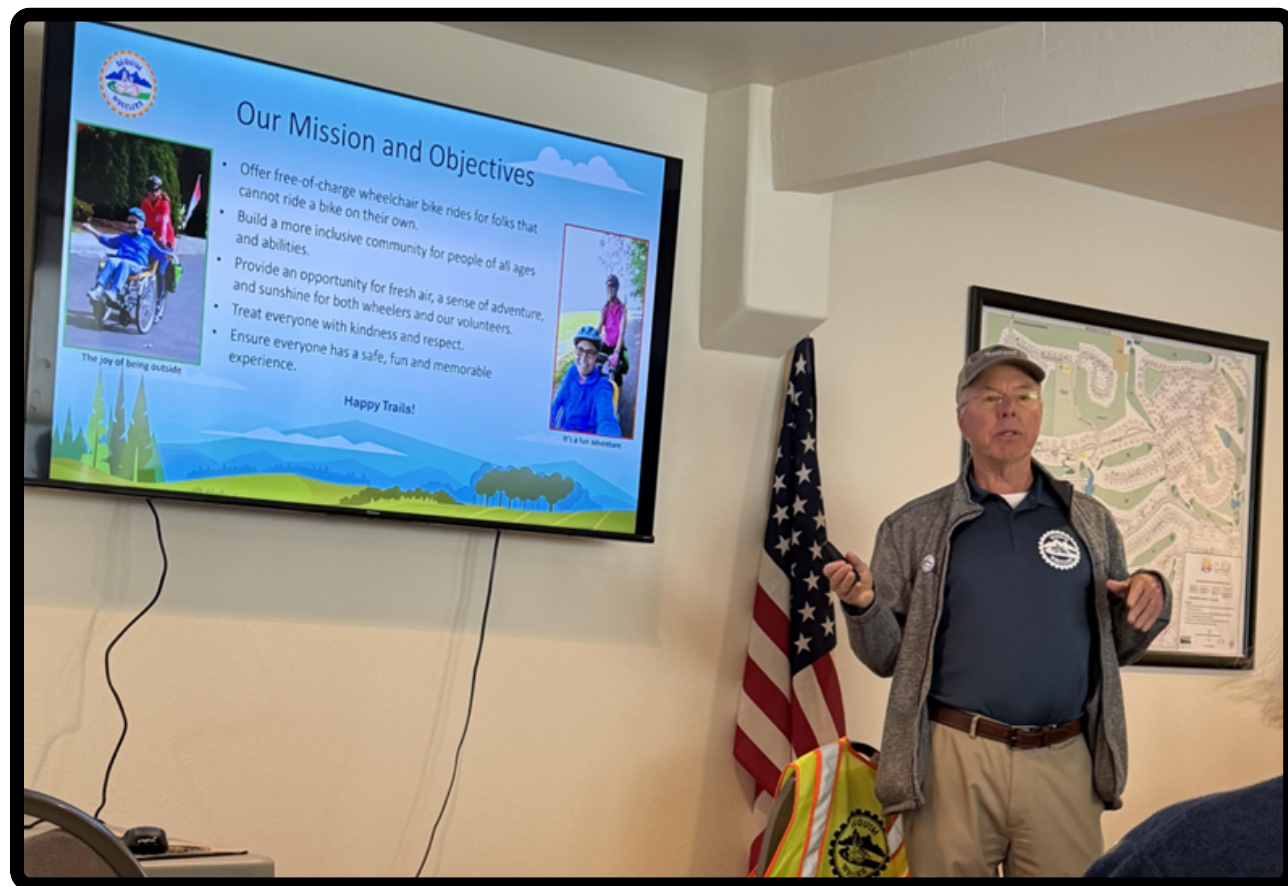
Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Oh well—you win some, you lose some! Five (yes, count them—five!) Adventurers gathered at the R.R. Park Nature Center in Sequim to learn about the inspiring work of the Sequim Wheelers. This all-volunteer nonprofit provides adaptive cycle rides along the scenic Olympic Discovery Trail for those who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to ride a bike on their own. It’s truly a gift to our community!

Unfortunately, classic April showers had other plans, and we weren’t able to experience the ride firsthand. Still, a highlight of the day was spotting our own Jessica from the Fellowship as a new volunteer—congratulations, Jess!



A good day for the Sequim Wheelers ...



Our presentation to the Sequim Hospital Guild went well ... they operate the Thrift Shop at 2nd Street and Bell Street in Sequim and donate significant funds to local nonprofits and healthcare-focused causes. (People could say the Sequim Wheelers are a "healthcare organization on bikes").

Our 10-slide PowerPoint presentation ("Introduction to the Sequim Wheelers") + the King 5 Evening video from 2023 takes about 20 -25 minutes ... it's fun to do, and we got to meet a great group of people from the Sequim Hospital Guild ... the business and rack cards plus the buttons are cost-effective communication tools (Most participants left the meeting wearing one of our buttons, and a few picked up business and rack cards ... good conversation starters also.

Anyone interested in participating in these speaking opportunities when they come up, please let me know, and we'll get you involved.

John Gagan

Nice job yesterday at the Orientation Meeting for new volunteers... lots of good information was shared, and we set the tone by presenting the Sequim Wheelers as a safe, fun, and memorable experience that helps participants continue the process of becoming active volunteers. 26 new potential volunteers attended the Orientation and were interested in joining the Sequim



Know someone interested in Volunteering?

- Our volunteers must be at least 18 years old. In addition, they must pass a background check and sign some forms.
- We have multiple volunteer opportunities
- Not just as a “Pilot” (who pedals the adaptive bikes)
- As a “Safety” (who rides on his/her own bicycle to warn of hazards and to control cross traffic)
- We also need administrative help
- **Contact:** volunteers4sequimwheelers@gmail.com.

National "Celebrate the Trails"

Day on 4/25.



How to become a Pilot or Safety

These are the steps needed to be eligible

1. APPLY 2. WAIVER

3. BACKGROUND CHECK 4. TRAINING

Fill out our Volunteer Application form

See website:

<https://sequimwheelers.com/volunteers/>

New Volunteer training begins on Monday, April 27th

All volunteers who have completed their forms and background checks should begin signing up for their training sessions in Sign Up Genius.

The Irrigation Festival Saturday, May 9th.

Please join us and decorate your bikes!

The theme is

" Let's go Sequimming"!

New volunteer training will start the week of April 20th

Followed by Refresher training for all returning volunteers.

If we have enough volunteers trained and the weather cooperates, we will start our season rides on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.

Hi Volunteers! Ready, Set, Let's Ride

This season's volunteer Ride Leaders experienced sunny, dry weather during their initial trainings on the Fun2Go, Trishaw, and the new Opairs, Chat, and VeloPlus) bikes. The new bikes are amazing and provide smooth rides. All have front and rear lights and the same technology (start-up, boost, speedometer, etc.). AND the ability to back pedal. Specific training on lowering the footrest on the Chat (to ease loading our Wheelers) and on loading/unloading Wheelers with wheelchairs is an important addition to this season's training. The new bikes, as well as the Trishaw, now have wax chains (the Fun2Go will have an oil chain). Why wax chains in the Pacific NW?

Here is what our mechanic, Chuck Seelye, shared.

- Wax chains have improved efficiency and a longer lifespan, especially with routine service. In dry weather, the waxed chain can provide low-friction service for 300-400 kms.
- Waxing keeps the chain clean, reducing the need for frequent maintenance and making the ride much more pleasant.
- Using wax is more environmentally friendly compared to oil-based lubricants, as wax residues are less likely to contaminate the soil or water.
- The plan is to purchase a number of wax chains, which will incur an upfront cost, that will last throughout this season and ideally longer. Having multiple chains on rotation, along with a wax-based drip lubricant to top them up, will keep our bike chains in excellent condition.
- By cleaning and waxing multiple chains from the start, Chuck can simply remove the chain, swap in a freshly waxed one, and re-wax the original. We are ready to ride with no delays.
- If you hear a dry or squeaky sound, notify Chuck after the ride. The chain may need re-waxing. Chuck and Grant Rollins will track bike mileage and note when the chain might need to be swapped/replaced.
- If you have a wet ride, the chain will need re-waxing (or at least cleaning/drying) as soon as possible to prevent corrosion. If this happens on your ride, notify Chuck (his contact number is on the bulletin board in the Shed).

Chuck has been working all through the off-season to get our bikes ready to ride. Please give Chuck a warm hello if you see him puttering around the Shed. We are SO lucky to have him (and Grant) keep our bikes in tip-top shape, with quick repairs and back on the trail.

