



Butch Zaharias, a captain and division chief with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), checks in on drivers and fellow CERT members in festive garb during the Family Holiday Meal Bag distribution in Sequim's Carrie Blake Park. (Matthew Nash/Olympic Peninsula News Group)

Sequim event hands out 1,200 holiday meals

Volunteers gather at Carrie Blake Community Park

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SEQUIM — The Family Holiday Meal Bag distribution event this month in Carrie Blake Community Park surpassed November's tally, organizers said.

Sequim Food Bank, along with community partners and volunteers, offered boxes of meals for Christmas in a drive-through event on Friday.

They provided more than 1,100 boxes of food in November and organizers said they provided 100 more meal bags at December's event.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members — along with volunteers from Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, the Sequim Food Bank, Sequim Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sequim Sunrise Rotary Club, Sequim Valley Lions Club, Trinity United Methodist Church and others — helped with food packing and distribution.

The Sequim Food Bank is typically open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, and from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 360-683-1205.

The food bank will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

A free community dinner is available to all community members from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Day in the Sequim unit of the Boys & Girls Club, 400 W. Fir St. There will be turkey, mashed potatoes and pies.

Multiple donors make the event possible, including food donated by the food bank and space by the Boys & Girls Club. New toys for all ages can be donated at Sequim Shell Station, 194 W. Washington St.

For more information about the Sequim Food Bank and/or to donate online, visit sequimfoodbank.org; mail to: Sequim Food Bank, P.O. Box 1453, Sequim WA, 98382, or drop off a donation with staff at 144 W. Alder St.

A car wreck in the lineup for the meal distribution event occurred about 1 p.m. on Blake Avenue after a man in his late 60s had a medical emergency, according to Clallam County Fire District 3 officials.

He was transported for evaluation after a non-life-threatening episode to Olympic Medical Center by Olympic Ambulance, fire officials report.



