



# Our Town

Kalama honors its legacy of community pride, rich heritage and natural beauty while embracing growth and economic prosperity

City of Kalama

February 2020

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## Contact Us EMERGENCY/AFTER HOURS

Police – 911

Public Works  
360-703-0168 or 911

CITY HALL HOURS-  
Monday-Friday-9-5

Utility Billing-Payments  
360- 673-4554

Building & Planning  
360-673-5211

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360-673- 4908

## NEW COUNCILMEMBERS TAKE OFFICE IN JANUARY WHO ARE THEY?

In **Position No. 1** is **Jon Stanfill** who was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Mike Truesdell in August of 2019. Jon and his wife moved to Kalama four years ago and have settled in for the long haul after recognizing the specialness of the community. He is an instructor of Theology at the University of Portland. He has found it rewarding to become more involved in Kalama over the last year. He is excited to “pursue new opportunities for economic development and community outreach in Kalama”. Jon will be working with the staff at the Police Department and serving on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in 2020. He states, “I’m looking forward to working with Chief Herrera as the council’s liaison to the Police Department, especially as we collaborate to establish more neighborhood watch groups in Kalama—thereby enhancing our community’s safety and strengthening the relations between our citizens and our police officers. All that to say, Kalama has a bright future, and I’m extremely grateful for the chance to be a part of it.”

**Position No. 3** is held by **Wendy Conradi** who was born and raised in Kalama. Wendy works as an RN at PeaceHealth when she isn’t spending time with her blended family including her boyfriend, and three adult children. She enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, such as hiking, skiing, fishing, walking and yoga. She states “I got involved in order to give back to my community as a public servant. I enjoyed being raised in Kalama and enjoy living here as an adult. I’d like to make sure future generations have the same positive lifestyle which I’ve been blessed with in regards to the community feel that Kalama has to offer.” Wendy will be working with the staff in the Finance Department and is chairing the Kalama Tourism Advisory Committee in 2020.

**Position No. 4** is held by **Steve Kallio** who is a 40-year resident of Kalama having graduated and raised his family here. Steve works as a millwright at Westrock and volunteers as a wrestling coach. He

Clerk/Treasurer  
360-673-4561

City Administrator  
360-673-3265

Kalama Police Office  
360-673-2165  
Hours M-F 9am- 4:30pm

Kalama Public Works  
360-673-3706

Kalama Library  
360-673-4568  
Hours – M-F Noon-5  
Sat – 9-2

Kalama Community  
Building  
360-673-4565



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[www.kalamapolice.com](http://www.kalamapolice.com)

Library Website  
[www.kalamalibrary.com](http://www.kalamalibrary.com)

enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and loves dogs and tacos. Steve's goals while on the Council are to, *"Increase revenue through a mutually beneficial relationship with the Port and helping however I can with bringing in new businesses in the new Spencer Creek Business Park. This increase in revenue can help my goal of lower taxes on the citizens. I hope to foster strong relationships with our elected officials at county and state levels, to help achieve projects in infrastructure that require large amounts of the city's budget. I also hope to mend some of the dividing issues that, at times, make us forget we're all in this together."* He will be working with the Library Board and staff as well as serving on the Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Council of Government Board in 2020.

**Position No. 5 is held by Matthew Merz** who spent his early childhood in Kalama before moving to Clark County. His interests include theatre which started at an early age and led to his becoming a producer, director, editor and screenwriter for productions in Portland, industrial videos and independent feature films. He is currently writing and editing graphic novels for various independent publishers throughout North America. Matthew developed a passion for politics from his father, earning awards in high school and has served as Campaign Manager and Media Strategist/Communications Coordinator for several campaigns in SW Washington. His run for Kalama City Council came after much deliberation and his primary goals are, *"Lowering the tax burden on citizens and increasing economic prosperity for the downtown area by developing a strong, sustainable tourism plan that compliments the amazing work done by the Port of Kalama over the past few years."*

Matthew will be working with staff on Planning and Economic Development Downtown in 2020.

**KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL  
TOWN HALL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020 @ 5:30 PM  
KALAMA COMMUNITY BUILDING**

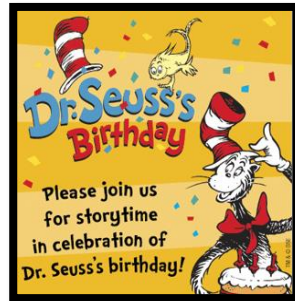
**NWIW MEETING AT FACILITY  
CONSIDERATION LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**CANCELED**

Kalama City Council will hold a TOWN HALL on February 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm at 216 Elm Street – Kalama Community Building to consider

sending a letter of support for the Methanol Facility Project to the governor. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input to the Council. The Regular City Council meeting will follow at 7pm at this location. More information is available on the City website at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!!!!



Storytime will be celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m. at the Kalama Library. We will be joined by special guest readers from the community. The Greater Woodland-Kalama Kiwanis are co-sponsoring the event. They will provide FREE Scholastic books and hats for all attendees.

## FIRE UP YOUR LIBRARY CARD IN 2020.

The Cowlitz County Adult Winter Reading Program, FIRE IT UP, begins January 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Read or listen to a book, enter to win t-shirts and gift cards to local restaurants. All entries are entered to win a grand prize – one of four Kindle Fire tablets. If you don't have a library card, this is a great time to sign up and FIRE UP your reading. Contact the Library at 673-4568 for more information.



## GROWING UP IN KALAMA JOANNA BOATMAN



In February, check out the Library's display case with Kalama artifacts promoting the McMenamins History Pub series on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, featuring our own Joanna Boatman. She will be talking about growing up in Kalama.

**GET MORE INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES ON THE KALAMA LIBRARY WEBSITE AT [www.kalamalibrary.com](http://www.kalamalibrary.com) OR ON FACEBOOK AT Kalama Public Library.**

# KALAMA'S 2020 BUDGET NOW AVAILABLE



You can access the 2020 Budget document on the City's website at <https://www.cityofkalama.com/home/showdocument?id=4853> or it is available at the Kalama Public Library or City Hall.

## KALAMA PUBLIC WORKS IS HIRING FOR A PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICIAN



Check out the job posting on the City's website at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com); closes on February 14, 2020 at 5pm.



**ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON PRESIDENT'S DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020**

**DID YOU REMEMBER???**

**RENEWALS FOR DOG LICENSES AND CITY BUSINESS LICENSES WERE DUE JANUARY 31, 2020**



### Kalama Meetings and Phone Numbers

#### WHEN DO WE MEET?

**Kalama City Council**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.

**Kalama Planning Commission**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

**Civil Service Commission**  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As needed

**Kalama Library Board**  
Bimonthly beginning in January on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

**MEETING LOCATION**  
Kalama City Council Chambers  
at 320 N. First – Kalama Library Building

#### POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911

#### PUBLIC WORKS -AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911

- Kalama Police Office Non-Emergency... (360)-673-2165
- Kalama City Offices..... (360)-673-4562
- City of Kalama Fax..... (360) 673-4560
- Comcast..... (888) 226-2278
- Cowlitz County Assessor..... (360) 577-3010
- Cowlitz County Bldg. & Planning..... (360) 577-3052
- Cowlitz Public Utilities District..... (360) 423-2210
- Fire District #5 Office Non-Emergency... (360) 673-2222
- Kalama Post Office..... (360) 673-3567
- Kalama Telephone Company..... (360) 673-2755
- Labor & Industries..... (360) 575-6923
- Utilities Locate (Call Before You Dig!)... 811 or (800) 424-5555
- Waste Control..... (360) 425-4302

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