



# Our Town

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

City of Kalama

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**Police - 911**

**Public Works  
360-703-0168 or 911**

**CITY HALL HOURS-  
Monday-Friday-9-5**

**Utility Billing-  
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360- 673-4554**

**Building & Planning  
360-673-5211**

**Finance - Accts  
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360-673- 4908**

**Clerk/Treasurer  
360-673-4561**



## SUMMER SEWER RATES NOW IN EFFECT

**Do you raise a garden in the summer? Water your lawn? Fill a swimming pool? Other activities that use additional water? These are the reasons the City established a summer sewer rate back in the 1970's. How does it work?**

**Regular sewer rates are based on the water consumption as metered. For the utility bills sent out in June through September, the City allows the sewer rates to include only the average winter water usage plus 10%, instead of charging the sewer on 100% of the water used. This recognizes that water for gardens and pools does not go through the sewer system for processing. So, enjoy a green lawn and stay cool in your pool!**

## MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT Continued from May Newsletter



My name is **Steve Parker** and I am currently the police sergeant for the Kalama Police Department. I started as a temporary officer on July 2, 1999 and was hired full time on December 15, 1999, after having served for 5 years as a deputy for the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office. I was promoted to sergeant in September 2004 and have served as acting police chief on several occasions. I was also the department's narcotics detection K9 handler, working with K9 Bati from 2007 to 2010, and K9 Amy from 2011 to 2014. During my time in Kalama, I have witnessed much growth in the city and the police department, and I am proud to have been a part of improving the overall image of the police department within the law enforcement community.

I was born and raised in Montana and after graduating high school in 1985, I started college at Montana State University to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. Life intervened and I ended up moving to Washington in 1988 while taking a break from college. I worked security at Trojan Nuclear Power Plant from 1988 to 1993 and met several retired police officers and a few current reserve officers, which started my interest in a law enforcement career. After a few "ride-alongs" and a short stint as a reserve deputy, I was hooked and did not return to school for engineering. I transferred my college credits to Centralia College and added a few more courses there to complete my Associate of Technical Arts degree in law enforcement in 1999. My father was a parts department manager for several auto dealerships over his career, so I grew up around cars and learned to work on them myself. In fact, it was a requirement upon getting my first car that I performed all the maintenance on it. This led to my hobby of working on my own vehicles, fixing them up and occasionally taking them to the drag strip to race. I still have my high school graduation present (and second car), which was my mom's 1972 Dodge Charger SE. You may have seen it a couple of times at the Kalama car show.

**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)

I am married to my wonderful wife, Linda, who I met at work when she worked in the jail. We have been together since 1996 and have 8 kids total, who were all raised together as equals regardless of biological origin. I currently have 8 grandchildren, with the oldest being 13 years old and the youngest almost 11 months. Linda and I are both looking forward to my retirement from police work, which will likely take place sometime within the next 2 years. In the meantime, my goal is to help prepare and train the next generation of officers for the Kalama Police Department.



My name is **David Kerney**. I grew up in California and Texas, then moved to Seattle in 1997. After high school and some community college I enlisted on active duty in the United States Marine Corps from 2009 to 2013. While on active duty I deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan with VMM-161 where I served as the Corporal of the Guard at Camp Bastion and as an aerial gunner on combat missions.

After leaving active duty, I attended Eastern Washington University focusing on Athletic Training and History, where I also worked as a personal trainer at the gym and in the campus VA office. At Eastern I also served three years with the Marine Corps Reserved artillery unit Battery P 5/14 as an “A” gunner. While at Eastern Washington University I began applying at police departments and was hired with Benton County Sheriff’s Office. I served with Benton County for one year before leaving the department and starting at Kalama Police Department in 2018. In my off time I enjoy working out, spending time with my fiancé and our two dogs, minor woodworking, and if I am not working, attending shooting competitions.



**Summer Reading Program 2020 is Coming Soon!**  
**Summer Reading Program - Kalama Library**  
**Strive for Five - Kalama Elementary**  
**Two great reading programs mean one great summer!**  
**Join us in July and August!**  
**Updates at [www.kalamalibrary.com](http://www.kalamalibrary.com)**

**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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