



# Our Town

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

City of Kalama

JULY 2020

## In This Issue

Street Projects

Summer Reading Program 2020 and Story Time on Facebook LIVE

Upcoming Events

COVID-19 Relief

Mask Mandate

Tall Grass

Contact Us  
EMERGENCY/AFTER HOURS

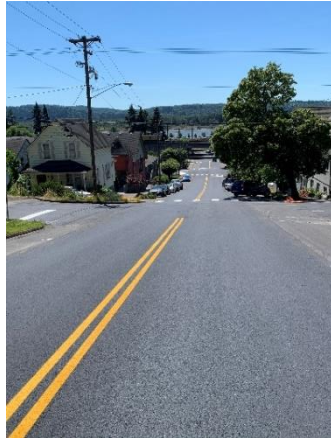
Police – 911

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



## PUBLIC WORKS STREET PROJECTS

The Kalama Public Works Crew spruced up the downtown with some freshly painted crosswalks and benches located on both sides of North First Street. Elm street has also received new life with an overlay and median striping thanks to Advanced Excavating Specialists LLC (AES) and WA State Transportation Board who awarded a grant for 95% of the cost.

## 2020 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 24<sup>th</sup>- August 12<sup>th</sup>

The Library is closed, but Summer Reading is open! Sign up and check out SRP packets at **Kalama Shopping Center** or [contact@kalamalibrary.com](mailto:contact@kalamalibrary.com) to start earning prizes! Who will read the most books this summer? Who will have the most fun? Watch our Summer Reading Storytime on the Kalama Public Library Facebook page or the Library website YouTube link each week. Special prizes for special projects!



**Kalama Public Library will offer curbside pickup for on-line orders of materials from the online catalog beginning July 7, 2020.**

Updates & More Information at: [www.kalamalibrary.com](http://www.kalamalibrary.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please watch City of Kalama's Facebook page and the City website at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com) for the most up-to-date information on events, as things are ever-changing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## COVID-19 RELIEF

Please contact City Hall if you have been drastically **affected by COVID-19 and need assistance with your utility bill(s)**. We are asking for

Finance – Accts Payable  
360-673-4908

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



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
Website  
www.cityofkalama.com

Police Website  
www.kalamapolice.com

Library Website  
www.kalamalibrary.com

**communication** with our office. Contact City Hall at 360-673-4561 or 360-673-4554.

## MASK MANDATE



A “statewide mandatory face covering” order was put into effect on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for Washington. As with previous orders, there will be specific exemptions for those who may be adversely impacted by wearing a facial covering. These exemptions include those with certain medical conditions and children under the age of two, who should not wear a face covering. Children aged two, three and four are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face covering in public with the assistance and supervision of an adult. Additional information can be found at <https://medium.com/@WAStateGov/inslee-announces-statewide-mask-mandate-812c9ba7a92>. Cowlitz County Health and Human Services and the Incident Management Team will continue to provide local updates on the Cowlitz COVID-19 coronavirus webpage at [www.cowlitzcovid19.com](http://www.cowlitzcovid19.com). Local enforcement’s approach will be through information and education.

## TALL GRASS?

As a reminder, please make sure not to allow your grass to get too tall, as it can present a potential fire hazard during these hot summer days.



## KEEP HYDRATED—THE SUNSHINE IS HERE!

Hydration hack: Keep a large, reusable water bottle with you, and be sure to refill it often. Tip—add a little mint or lemon for flavor

### 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

ENROLL IN PAPERLESS BILLING. ONLINE BILL PAY AVAILABLE – ALSO AUTOPAY

Pay online 24/7 at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com)

