



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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Monday-Friday-9-5

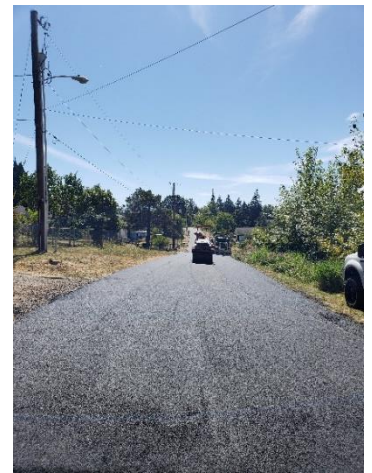
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360- 673-4554

LOCAL AREA STREETS REPAVED - DATE & CEDAR



For those living in the area south of the school in the Date and Cedar area, you have new pavement on some of the local streets. Earlier this year, a water line was improved that ran through Date, so that is being repaved with Water funds, while the other area streets including Cedar (left), Chehalis and 11th (below) Streets are repaved using the Transportation Benefit District funds the City has accumulated from the vehicle **license tab fees**

in previous years. **Those fees have been repealed, so future repairs on other city streets are in limbo until funding is available.** The City crew will be repainting crosswalks and street markings in September, so if you see cones at an intersection, beware and avoid driving through the wet paint.



PUBLIC INPUT - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



As we move into the budget process, hearing from the public becomes more important, but we are still not able to hold in-person meetings, so how can you communicate with Staff and the Council? You can **send comments and/or concerns by email** to any of your elected officials, to the city clerk - cityclerk@kalama.com, or other department heads. Staff and Councilmember's emails are available on the City website at www.cityofkalama.com. Comment on the agenda post on Facebook and that will be provided to the Council. You can also participate through the virtual meetings as outlined below.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM



City Council, Planning Commission, Library Board, and the Civil Service Commission are holding virtual meetings via Zoom during the state mandated closures. It is still new to all of us, but we are working to ensure public access to the meetings is available to all during the changing times. Meeting links are available from the City

Building & Planning
360-673-5211

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



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Website
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Police Website
www.kalamapolice.com

Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.com

website and meetings can be joined via computers, tablets, cell phones, and by telephone alone for audio only or in conjunction with a computer for audio. Cameras are not required to join a meeting. KLTV does broadcast the City Council meetings live on the first and third Thursdays at 7pm.



SUMMER SEWER RATES END IN SEPTEMBER – The sewer averaging rate ends with the utility readings in September and the bill issued 9/30/2020.

LIBRARY – HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE

Do you have issues with internet access and need a temporary fix to look for work or for school access? The Library now has portable hotspots available for check out for two weeks if you have a valid library card and are over 18 years of age. These have been made available to the Kalama Library through a state grant, so the Kalama Public Library will have them available for the next year as a trial period. More information is available on the Library website. We hope area residents will find the program useful. Check in with the library staff on Tuesdays 10am-1pm or Fridays 12noon to 3pm when they are on site for curbside book services or leave a message at 360-673-4568.



CONGRATULATIONS SUMMER READING PROGRAM WINNERS!

Kalama kids read a total of 348 books this summer during the Kalama Library’s SRP! WOW! Lillian Harbell won the Junior Fiction Prize, reading 56 books. Kinley Neal won the Picture Book prize, reading 112 books. Congratulations and thanks to all those kids who read so much, kept track of their reading, and participated in our Summer Reading Program!

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Kalama City Council
1st and 3rd Thursdays -
7:00 p.m.

Kalama Planning Commission
2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Civil Service Commission
4th Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As
needed

Kalama Library Board
Bimonthly beginning in
January on the
3rd 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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