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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-
Payments
360- 673-4554

KALAMA: LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR UTILITIES



While not new, many residents and customers may not be aware that the city offers a utility discount to low-income individuals and families. The City Council also took action that may make more households eligible for the discount by changing the source used to determine the qualifying income levels beginning January 1, 2021. The range begins with an annual income limit of \$25,520 for a household of 1 and increases based on household size. The amount of the discount is also increasing in January for a total reduction of \$24.75 per month for a water/sewer/stormwater customer. If you have questions or wish to apply, please contact City Hall - Utility Department at 360-673-4554 or utilityclerk@kalama.com.

PROTECT YOUR DELIVERIES – THE PORCH PIRATES ARE OUT

The Kalama Police Department wants to help the community stay protected from Porch Pirates who are out to steal Christmas wherever they find the opportunity. These modern-day grinchers are out looking for easy targets, but following these tips could help sink their ships:

- If you see a suspicious vehicle driving slowly in your neighborhood, get the tag number.
- Don't have packages delivered when you are not home. Consider the office if your employer will allow it or another supervised location.
- Set up a "deliver only if signed for" with the delivery company.
- Invest in a package safe.
- Home surveillance systems are cheap and effective.
- Look after your neighbors.
- If you can't be home, send it to a trusted friend or neighbor who will be home during the day.
- Stop by the delivery company and pick up your package there.
- Set up in-store delivery for online purchases from websites that have a brick-and-mortar store (i.e., Best Buy, Walmart, Kohl's, Target, etc.)

If you see suspicious activity, please report it to Kalama PD at (360) 673-2165.



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER HOLIDAY GARBAGE SERVICE



Reminder that garbage pick will be one day behind your regular schedule for the upcoming holidays. Thursdays will be on Friday and Fridays on Saturday for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. (Waste Control has confirmed this schedule)

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
360-673-4562



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Website
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Police Website
www.kalamapolice.com

Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.com

FINAL 2021 BUDGET & CIP HEARING ON DECEMBER 3, 2020

The final hearing on the 2021 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan will be held on December 3, 2020 at 7pm. It will cover the revenues and expenses for each department including staffing, benefit costs, contracted costs, utilities, materials, chemicals, and operating overhead. The hearing will be held via the virtual format Zoom. Information will be on the agendas from the City's website: www.cityofkalama.com - Click Agenda&Minutes and click on the agenda for that date.



OPENING ON THE KALAMA LIBRARY BOARD



Long-time Library Board Member Cynthia Svensson's term comes to an end on December 31, 2020. Cynthia has been a great support to the Library over the last nine years and will be greatly missed on the Board. If you would be interested in serving on the Board please submit an application for the position. Applications are available on the city website.

THANK YOU Cynthia!!!!

KALAMA VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever wanted to Volunteer for a Kalama event but not want to join an organization? Does your organization need extra hands for a Kalama event? This Facebook group page is for you! If you know of someone who does not do Facebook but would like to know of opportunities to Volunteer in Kalama please send us their email address and we will put them on a special email list. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kalamavolunteers>



<p>WHEN DO WE MEET? <u>Kalama City Council</u> 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Kalama Planning Commission</u> 2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Civil Service Commission</u> 4th Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As needed</p> <p><u>Kalama Library Board</u> Bimonthly beginning in January on the 3rd Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.</p> <p>MEETING LOCATION Kalama City Council Chambers at 320 N. First – Kalama Library Building</p>	<p>POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS - AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911</p> <p>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</p>
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