



# 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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## WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICER, ERIC JOHNSON!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Eric Johnson as Kalama's newest police officer. Eric is a Washington native, a father of two boys, and the proud husband of a middle school teacher who is the love of his life. We are excited to see this young man's career blossom with the Kalama Police Department! Welcome to our LE family! #KalamaProud



## FEBRUARY OFFICE CLOSURE

City hall will be **closed** on **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021** to recognize President's Day.

## CITY BUILDINGS CONTINUE TO BE "CLOSED"

Please note City hall continues to be "closed" until we move into Phase 3 of the Governor's plan for re-opening. **We are still available via phone, email, or you can call and set up an appointment!**



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Support our local Kalama businesses this Valentine's Day! Spread the love by purchasing flowers, chocolates, coffee, local store or restaurant gift cards, or other goodies Kalama has to offer for that special someone, a friend, or even a neighbor!

## CITY EMAILS HAVE CHANGED

As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, City Hall and Public Works staff emails have changed *from* "xxxx@[kalama.com](mailto:xxxx@kalama.com)" *to* xxxx@[cityofkalama.com](mailto:xxxx@cityofkalama.com). This change is to improve compliance with records retention. Thank you for your patience as we migrate to the new email addresses! To find email addresses listed by name, see [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com), then select "contact us" up at the top, right of the page to see the staff directory.

**Contact Us**  
**EMERGENCY/AFTER HOURS**

**Police – 911**

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

**CITY HALL HOURS-**  
**Monday-Friday:**  
**9AM-5PM**

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

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

**Finance – Accounts 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 – 9AM-2PM**

**Kalama Community Building**  
**360-673-4562**

  
**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**  
**www.cityofkalama.com**

**Police Website**  
**www.kalamapolice.com**

**Library Website**  
**www.kalamalibrary.com**

**KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Now available at your Kalama Public Library: The “Check Out Washington” program is offered by Washington State Parks in partnership with Washington State Library. Kalama library cardholders may check out a Discover Pass, which offers FREE access to all Washington State Parks and other state recreation areas! For more information, contact library staff at 360-673-4568.



**ZOOM: NOTES & TIPS**

Many of us have been involved in virtual meetings during this pandemic. If you haven't, you can experience a Zoom meeting by attending one of our City Council meetings which are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday night of each month at 7:00pm. To access the link, go to [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com), and select the “Home Events” (or “upcoming events” from a mobile device) section where you can see the upcoming public meetings. Next, select the agenda, and a Zoom link (highlighted in blue) should be available. From your web browser, choose “open Zoom meetings” to get into the meeting. You are not required to download the application. The agenda will also show details for how to call in to a meeting by using your phone. Tips: To rename yourself, click on “participants”, then select your own name in the participant list, select “more” and then “rename”. You can start your video or leave your camera off (you can change this in the bottom, left of your Zoom screen). Enjoy the meeting!

**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 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.**

**MEETING LOCATION**  
**\*Currently holding VIRTUAL meetings in accordance with the Governor’s orders\***

**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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