



# 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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## TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD

Daylight savings time starts Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00am. Clocks need to be turned forward 1 hour.



## WELCOME NEW POLICE SERGEANT, CHAD DURHAM!



We are thrilled to welcome our newest team member, Sergeant Chad Durham, to the Kalama Police Department! Chad brings 23 years of law enforcement experience, a rich and diverse training background, and a dynamic leadership style to our organization. He's already out and about with his officers familiarizing himself with our community. He is a thoughtful, charismatic, and high-energy law enforcement professional. Please help us make him feel welcome!!

## YOU'RE INVITED, LET'S CELEBRATE!

**Who:** Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

**What:** A Drive-Through Birthday Party @ the Kalama Library

**When:** Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00am-11:30am

**Where:** @ the Kalama Library

Bring your car, your kids, your masks and drive through!

**Directions:** Start at the North Side of the Library and make the loop, finding Seussical surprises all along the way!

- "Cat in the Hat" hats
- Scholastic books
- Fun Dr. Seuss COVID masks
- Coloring/craft pages
- Dr. Seuss party favor packs

Email us ahead of time (by 3/18/21) and Library Book Bags will be waiting for your kids, checked out and ready to go! [librarian@kalamalibrary.com](mailto:librarian@kalamalibrary.com) (name, age, and interests of your kids please – 5 books/family)

*This event is sponsored by the Kalama Public Library, Friends of the Library (F.O.L.K.), the Greater Woodland Kalama Kiwanis Club, and Community Volunteers!*



## A Glimpse into Kalama's History

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### 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

## 6 QUESTIONS TO ANSWER WHEN DEVELOPING AN IDEA

We know there are many great ideas being tossed around in our local community, but how can those ideas get put into action?



### 1. Where (space, location, environment)?

Who owns the property where you would like to host your idea? As an example, someone suggested having the seniors from Kalama High put on a play at the Westin Amphitheater at the Port for service hours. Obviously, the key people to reach out to would be the Port Administration and School. Not so obvious is the City of Kalama tourism committee. The tourism committee has representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, City, Port and public therefore they would know if the event would conflict with any other event planned and they would know what additional services may be needed.

### 2. What is the Cost (purchase of land, equipment, permits, and feasibility studies, staff- labor to build)?

Is there land, equipment, or permits needed for the idea? Does it require a building or making space in a building? Does it require special insurance? Does it require staffing during event or maintenance?

### 3. What staffing is needed to organize, monitor traffic, setup, cleanup or monitor the event?

Does the event need support from the City or Port staff? Who is in charge of the event? A successful event takes lots of communication with everyone involved in the event.

### 4. What money stream will fund maintenance and ongoing costs?

If your idea can be fund raised do not forget to include cost of labor for installation and a money stream for maintenance. If it is an ongoing program – will it require continued staffing and support?

### 5. What is the public opinion?

How does the public feel about the proposal? Anytime any public money may be spent for purchasing, staffing, or maintaining they must be consulted.

### 6. Is there an active commission, committee that would oversee this idea?

The City has a tourism committee lead by a City Council member that is a clearing house for events and ideas. Members that are on the committee include representatives from the Port of Kalama, Chamber of Commerce and the City. They also coordinate events with Public Works and the Police Department. You can get your idea explored by emailing the [cityclerk@cityofkalama.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofkalama.com). The clerk will forward it to appropriate person.

*Kelly Rasmussen, Director of Public Works*  
*Sandra Macias-Hughes, Councilman Position 2*



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Police Website  
[www.kalamapolice.com](http://www.kalamapolice.com)

Library Website  
[www.kalamalibrary.com](http://www.kalamalibrary.com)



## LIBRARY APP: SimplyE

The Kalama Public Library is introducing a new app that makes accessing the library's e-audio collections easier than ever. The e-book and e-

audio collections are available using the SimplyE app.

- Go to your app store and search for SimplyE
- Once you've downloaded the app, choose "Kalama Library" from the list
- You'll be prompted to enter your library card number
- Once you're signed in, you'll be able to check out books and audiobooks in just a few clicks!

## PHASE 2: RE-OPENING WASHINGTON

March 2021 already! It's hard to believe it's been a year since the pandemic shut everything down, but we're starting to see a glimmer of light in the dim, COVID-19 tunnel. The Governor's new "Healthy Washington-Roadmap to Recovery" plan for reopening is allowing for more activities. Cowlitz County has been moved to "Phase 2" because its COVID-19 case count has decreased and continues to decline. What does this mean for our local Kalama community?



- Dining: Restaurants are permitted to have indoor dining available at 25% capacity (instead of 0%). The guide also notes: "End alcohol service/delivery at 11pm. Outdoor or open-air dining available, max 6 per table, limit 2 households per table".
- Libraries: The plan outlines services for libraries too and includes a 5-page library guidance document. Stay tuned to the library website and Facebook pages for updates. \*
- Public Meetings: City Staff is working to prepare plans for holding hybrid City Council and other public meetings but needs to follow guidelines which includes limits on room capacity of 25%- (only 19 people in the chamber) and social distancing requirements further reducing capacity. which includes accommodating social distancing. These meetings must allow for all members of the public to attend if they desire. To ensure the City meets the requirements it needs to prepare and test out the new technology that will assist the City to provide public access to all meetings, so it meets the reopening criteria and the Open Public meetings laws.

For details and up-to-date information about "Healthy Washington", follow this link:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf>

For current complete guidance see:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>

\*City Staff will continue to update the City website and Facebook pages as new information is available.

## A GLIMPSE INTO KALAMA'S HISTORY

The Lewis & Clark Expedition first camped near the mouth of the Kalama River on Nov. 5th, 1805, while on their way to the Pacific Ocean. On their return journey up the Columbia, they made camp there once more on March 27th, 1806. They noted an abandoned native village north of the mouth (called Cal-la-maks in records). The name was documented variously as both Calams and Calamus. They labeled the houses they saw as Cathlahaws, translated as "those who have cous roots", a staple of Plateau food. The first non-native to record going upriver was a Quebecois employee of the Pacific Fur Company named Gabriel Franchere, who made the journey with a Chinookan guide on May 6th, 1811, and left the following record: *"On the morning of the 6th we ascended this small stream, and soon arrived at a large village called Thlakalamah, the chief whereof, who was a young and handsome man, was called Keasseno, and was a relative of our guide. The situation of the village is the most charming that can be, being built on the little river that we had ascended, and indeed as its navigable head, being here but a torrent with numerous cascades leaping from rock to rock in their descent to the deep, limpid water, which flows through a beautiful prairie, enamelled with odorous flowers of all colors, and studded with superb groves of oak."* **Historical content provided by Councilmember Matthew Merz.**



## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick's Day is on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. How do you plan to celebrate? Wear some green, make a special dinner or order dinner from a local restaurant, decorate your home or workspace, do some baking and drinking, or something else- we hope you get to enjoy yourself!

### 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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