



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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RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

There's additional funding available to help households with rent and utility assistance that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. See below for a list of local programs that may be able to extend assistance:



Residential:

Lower Columbia CAP- 1526 Commerce, Longview, WA

Call: 360-425-3430 or visit <https://www.lowercolumbiacap.org/>

Please call to get on the waitlist today!

Business:

Cowlitz Economic Development Council- PO Box 1278, 1452 Hudson St, Suite 208, Longview, WA 98632

Contact: Ted Sprague or Lindsey Cope @ 360-423-9921

www.cowlitzedc.com or www.facebook.com/ColwitzEDC

If you would like to set up a payment plan for past due balances, please contact the utility clerk at 360-673-4554.

WELCOME OFFICER ROBBIE SATTERLY



Greetings, I'm Robbie Satterly, the newest member of the Kalama Police Department. I was born and raised in Eastern Colorado. I have three brothers, two older and one younger. I've been married to my wife, Tara, for the last ten years, and we have five children between the two of us. I enjoy sports, college football mainly, *GO HUSKERS*, and the outdoors. I played college football and some professional indoor football, where I met and played with many former NFL players. Faith and

family are my priorities in my life. I graduated from Adams State College with a BA in Criminology. After graduation, I began working for a private prison company in Burlington, CO, where I worked as a corrections officer, Sergeant, Gang Coordinator, and Training Manager. In 2006, I was hired by the Montrose Police Dept. in Montrose, CO, where I worked until the spring of 2017. Working for MPD made me a well-rounded officer. In 2017, I took a position with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, where I worked as a Liquor Officer and finally as a Marijuana Enforcement Officer. I look forward to serving you and creating new and lasting relationships.

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



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Police Website
www.kalamapolice.co
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Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.co
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THE DR. SEUSS DRIVE THROUGH WAS A SUCCESS!

The Dr. Seuss Drive through celebration was a success! Thank you to all the volunteers, participants, and donors! We had approximately 40 kids attend the event, and everyone had a great time (despite the rainy weather)! Thank you, Kalama Library and Volunteers!

RE-OPENING CITY HALL & COUNCIL CHAMBERS

City offices will re-open April 5th, 2021. City Council will hold hybrid meetings beginning April 1st, 2021. Now that Washington state has moved to “Phase 3” of the Governor’s re-opening plan, we will be opening City offices, the public library, community building, and City Council chambers for City Council meetings—with some limitations. Masks and social distancing will be required, and occupancy limits will be adhered to in all public buildings. City Hall office doors will be unlocked on April 5th, 2021 and will be open to walk-in services from 9am to 5pm.



Entry will be at the wheelchair access ramp on First Street and will exit through the main doors. Masks will be required to enter the building. The City Council will hold its first “hybrid” meeting (in-person/virtual mix) on April 1st, 2021—but is encouraging the public to attend virtually, as space in the Council Chambers is very limited due to social distancing requirements. There is only room for the Council and 3 staff members, plus 6-8 members of the public. If more members of the public want to attend in person than there is room for, the meeting will have to be adjourned and rescheduled as a virtual meeting due to the rules set out by the State. Masks will be required for all attendees, including Council and staff. The virtual meeting through Zoom will be open and attendance by this option will be available as it has for the past year.

PARKS & RECREATION CLASSES

The City is excited to be looking at restarting the Yoga classes and to offer a Zumba Gold class beginning in May or June. Yoga classes with Ann will be a rejuvenating reunion! She is so excited to reconnect with students! Local Zumba instructor Ginger Roberts will be starting her regular Zumba classes in April at the community building (check her out on Facebook @ Kalama Zumba). Look for more information on the City webpage-Facebook-and Kalama Parks & Recreation Facebook Group page soon.





LIBRARY RE-OPENING

Beginning on Monday, April 5, 2021, the Kalama library staff welcomes patrons back to the library building. While we look forward to seeing people in person, we encourage patrons to continue use of curbside pickup. Services and days and hours of operation will be limited. The

library will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 pm-3 pm. Masks will be required, and hand sanitizer must be used upon entry. Occupancy will be limited to five patrons at a time. Visits must be short: no longer than 15 minutes. Computer use will be limited (essential use only, at the librarian's discretion). Library cards may be issued or renewed. No group gatherings or programs. We still cannot accept book donations. As we open the doors, we ask for your patience and cooperation.

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



LinkedIn Learning

Now available **FREE** with your library card
LinkedIn Learning online training

Keep up to date with technology
Build career boosting business know-how
Explore hundreds of topics in management,
leadership, and marketing
Gain multimedia, design, web development,
and social media skills
Get immediate, in-time answers to questions

For more information contact a librarian at
Kalama Public Library: 360-673-4568



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

The flowers are in bloom all around us! The daffodils downtown are “showing off”! Get out and enjoy the beautiful colors of spring! Aren’t we lucky to live in such a beautiful area of the Pacific Northwest?



IMPORTANT NOTICE: SUMMER SEWER



For all Kalama water users connected to sewer: **summer sewer does not go into effect until the middle of May (week of the 17th)**. Remember, any extra water consumption before then will be billed at the regular rate. To keep your bill from skyrocketing, please minimize activities like pressure washing, turning on sprinklers, and/or any of the other extra water consumption until the middle of May 2021. For questions contact the utility department at 360-673-4554.

TOURISM APPLICATIONS

Tourism Applications are being accepted until April 19th, 2021 for requests for funding of tourism activities to be held in 2021. The City has funds in the current budget that are reserved for events that will draw people into the community. The intent is that these visitors will also include an overnight stay in Kalama.



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 20th
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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Pay online 24/7 at www.cityofkalama.com

