



# Our Town

**Kalama honors its legacy of community pride, rich heritage and natural beauty while embracing growth and economic prosperity.**

City of Kalama

July 2021

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Residents!**

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT @ TOTEFF PARK

The new playground equipment at Toteff Park is ready for play! In March 2021, the City Council approved the purchase of new playground equipment at Toteff Park. The equipment was in desperate need of replacement. It is targeted for ages 2-5 years old. Most kids that use Toteff park are from the local preschools. Public works Director Kelly Rasmussen noted the Port of Kalama has playground equipment that targets a slightly older age group- both at Haydu Park and at the Marina- which is another reason the Toteff equipment is targeted at the 2-5-year-old children. The public works crew worked through June to install the equipment to have it ready in time for the sunny July weather. We are excited to be able to continue beautification of our downtown area and provide safe parks for local and visiting children to play.



## MARUHN MEMORIAL PARK

The Maruhn Memorial “pocket” park landscape was completed in time for the Memorial Day holiday. It has been hydroseeded, and the grass is popping up already!



Director Rasmussen has not yet heard back from any available concrete contractors, and the cost of the project looks to be more than originally planned with the current contractor rates, so there will not be a drive-through area for now. There will be a dedication to the Maruhn family at some time in August 2021.



## Upcoming Events!

### Public Hearing Notice: Shoreline Master Program Amendments

### 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  
Current Hours of Op:  
Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm-  
3pm

Kalama Community  
Building  
360-673-4562



## WELCOME OFFICER ALEX OLSON

The Kalama Police Department welcomed Officer Alex Olson in early May 2021. Here is a little bio from him: My name is Alexander Olson, and I started working for Kalama in April of 2021. I am 25 years old and was born and raised in the rural areas of Clark County Washington. I had enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserves in 2014 and married my high school sweetheart in August of 2015. I had worked in warehousing jobs, and as a volunteer firefighter before committing to a career in Law Enforcement. I was hired as a Deputy in Clark County, but decided to switch to an agency that has close knit ties with its community. I am happy to say Kalama is just that agency. I am blessed to work in an agency with great

officers, and work for a wonderful and supportive community. I am dedicated to serve the City of Kalama in my capacity as a police officer, and am grateful for the opportunity to do so.

## BURN BAN

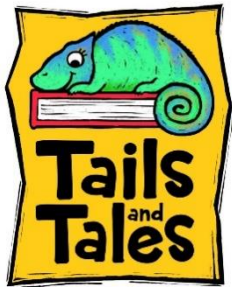
Warm weather will continue in July. Cowlitz County issued an emergency burn ban beginning Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For updates, go to [www.cowlitzfd5.org](http://www.cowlitzfd5.org).



## KALAMA LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

June 16 – July 28, 2021

Seven weeks of adventure with kite flying, puppy dogs, jungle safaris, ocean voyages, and a trip to the Animal Fair! Don't miss the fun each week as we share stories, play games, make crafts, and discover who can read the most books, create the best bookmarks, and have the most fun! Check out [www.kalamalibrary.com](http://www.kalamalibrary.com) for more information!



## PARKS & RECREATION: YOGA

Yoga instructor Ann Miller is excited to continue her morning yoga classes on June 14<sup>th</sup>! Classes will be held at the Kalama community building on Mondays and Thursdays @ 9:00am. Cost is \$50 for a "punch card" (available at City Hall or online through [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com)) which covers 10 classes. Students need to bring 2 blocks and an 8ft strap (there will be some available for purchase at time of class).



## SUMMER SEWER AVERAGE

For all Kalama water users connected to sewer: **summer sewer is NOW in effect!** Go ahead and use your sprinklers and water your plants!



## THANK YOU, KALAMA RESIDENTS!

The City would like to again thank our wonderful residents for helping conserve water during the request for water conservation near the end of June due to the chlorine supply shortage. We can always count on our town to provide great teamwork!



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

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



### UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS LIST

Wednesday evenings, starting July 7 <sup>th</sup> – August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Concerts at the Westin Amphitheater @ 6pm
Saturday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Downtown Kalama Parade @ 11am
Saturday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kalama Community Fair @ Haydu Park
Thursdays, starting July 15 <sup>th</sup> - September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kalama Farmers & Artisan Market 11am-3pm (North Kalama library parking lot)
Saturday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Centennial Event @ the Port of Kalama
August 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , & 15 <sup>th</sup>	All City Garage Sales (sign up form: @ Double D's, \$10 to participate)
Sunday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Untouchables Car Show, 1 <sup>st</sup> Street in downtown Kalama
Thursday nights, starting July 8 <sup>th</sup> – August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Movies in the Amphitheater (Put on by McMenamins)

For detailed event information, please see the City's Facebook Page, the Kalama Chamber of Commerce website at [www.kalamachamber.com/events-1](http://www.kalamachamber.com/events-1), the City website at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com), or the Port of Kalama's website at [www.portofkalama.com](http://www.portofkalama.com).

### PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE KALAMA SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM AMENDMENTS- JULY 8, 2021 @ 6PM

A Public Hearing before the Kalama Planning Commission will be held Thursday, July 8th, 2021 via Zoom for a virtual meeting at 6:00 p.m. to take public comment on the revisions to chapters of the City of Kalama Shoreline Master Program Amendment. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on the proposed Shoreline Master Program. The hearing may be continued without additional publication if time, date, and place are announced at this hearing. Those wishing to comment are encouraged to attend and participate at the public hearing via Zoom. Meeting access information is available on the meeting agenda as well as the City website: [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com). Written comments may be submitted to PO Box 1007, Kalama, WA 98625 or by email to [cityclerk@cityofkalama.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofkalama.com). A copy of the proposed Shoreline Master Program can be picked up at City Hall 195 N. First Street, Kalama or contact City Hall at 360-673-5211.

## WHAT'S THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM ABOUT?

Shorelines regulations are a zoning and environmental tool used to protect land adjacent to significant rivers, streams, and lakes. The Shoreline protections address environmental benefits of the shoreline as well as the community benefits of public access to the water.

The City of Kalama began the Comprehensive Update process of updating the 1977 Shorelines Master Program (SMP) in 2012. That update was funded through a collaborative effort with other Cowlitz County jurisdictions. The collaborative effort was in part funded through a grant from the Department of Ecology and resulted in the completion of many of the required deliverables. This resulted in initial drafts of the updated SMP and Ecology SMP adoption checklist but did not result in an Ecology Approved SMP.

The local ecological and community goals for shorelines are unique in Kalama from other jurisdictions in Cowlitz County. The city of Kalama has identified funds to complete the Kalama SMP for acceptance by Ecology and adoption by the city. There is also an additional grant from Ecology which will be included in the funding for this work. This process is not anticipated to include any other Cowlitz County jurisdictions but will utilize the work completed as guidance for addressing the remaining Ecology comments. The City of Kalama is also due for a Periodic update to the SMP, which occurs every 7 years. This periodic update is happening as a part of the conclusion of the Comprehensive Update that was started previously. Once developed, this SMP will include the latest guidance for shorelines management and will build on the previous work.

The July 8<sup>th</sup> hearing at the Planning Commission meeting is the first part of the approval and adoption process for the new shorelines regulations. The Kalama Planning Commission will hold the first public hearing on this new code and will forward their recommendations on to City Council for their consideration at a public hearing in August. For additional information about the Shorelines Master Program Update, contact: Todd Johnson, City of Kalama Consulting Planner, [todd@trjplanning.com](mailto:todd@trjplanning.com), or view the available documents at: City Hall, 195 N. First Street, Kalama, WA 98625.

### 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**  
\*Hybrid meetings, physical  
location: 320 N 1<sup>st</sup> St, Kalama

### 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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