



Our Town

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

City of Kalama

November 2021

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SHOP WITH A COP

It's that time again—Shop with a Cop is near! The Shop with a Cop program provides a Christmas gift buying and giving opportunity for under privileged children in the Kalama community. Children from low-income families are selected to receive a \$100 shopping trip to buy gifts for themselves and their family members. Police officers from Kalama donate their time to assist these children with their shopping experience. This year's program will take place on December 11, 2021, at the Woodland Walmart where we will shop with nearly 40 kids.



This worthwhile program is funded entirely by donations from Kalama area businesses, civic groups, and individuals. We have set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$4000.00 in order to fund the shopping experience for at least 40 children. We hope you will consider joining with us in taking part in this program that brings some much-needed holiday cheer to needy families in the Kalama area. Cash or check donations made out to the City of Kalama (memo line: "Shop with a Cop") can be dropped off at the Kalama Police Department or City Hall. Please contact Chief Herrera at chief@kalamapolice.com and thank you for helping the Kalama Police Department brighten the holiday season for some of Kalama's families.

2022 BUDGET HEARINGS

Save the dates! The City Council will hold hybrid budget hearings for preparing the annual 2022 budget on the following dates:

- **November 4th, 2021 @ 7p.m.: Revenue Hearing – Utility Rates & Property Tax Increases**
- **November 18th, 2021 @ 7p.m.: Budget Hearing**
- **December 2nd, 2021 @ 7p.m.: Budget Hearing**

All meetings are open to the public and they are encouraged to attend. For in-person attendance, masks are required. Information will be posted on the City website under the "agendas & minutes" section for virtual access to the hybrid meeting if participants desire to do so.

GARBAGE SERVICE

Your regular garbage service will not be disrupted for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday customers: Waste Control will **pick up your cart EXTRA EARLY on Thanksgiving morning** so that they can get home to their families, so please **put your garbage cart out the night before!**



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

Permitting
360-673-5211

Building & Planning
360-673-4555

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- Fri 12pm-5pm,
Saturdays 9am-2pm

Kalama Community
Building
360-673-4562


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www.cityofkalama.com

Police Website
www.kalamapolicy.com

Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.com

UTILITY BILLING: LATE FEES

The City has **resumed assessing late fees** on utility bills beginning October 21st. Utility bills are issued on the last day of each month and are “due upon receipt” but customers have until the 20th pay the bill.



STORY TIME EVENT



Join us for **A One Time Storytime Event in November! We're 'Riding the Rails' November 10th at 10:00 am with the Historic Steam Engine at the **Interpretive Center** (next to **McMenamin's**). Railroad songs and stories for children will be a special treat for our families. And don't miss Trent Stetz from the National Railway Historical Society who will**

be there to help the kids learn all about these big old trains! **All attendees – kids and adults – must wear masks!** All aboard for a whole lot of fun with your Kalama Public Library!

FOLK UPDATE

FOLK Book Sale! Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Do your Christmas Shopping at the Library! Our book sales are held in the City Council Chambers.

Congratulations to the two winners in our **Friends of the Library Fall FOLK Fun Reading Challenge!** Olga won a \$25.00 gift certificate to Double D's Feed and Hardware. Warner (age 3) won a gift certificate and a basket full of goodies worth \$25.00. Thanks to all our readers for entering the contest! Reading is so much fun! To learn more about FOLK go to <https://kalamalibrary.com/content/folk-friends-library-kalama>



November Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 10 th	Storytime Event @ the Port's interpretive center 10am
Friday/Saturday- November 19 th & 20 th	Kalama Fair Board- Pie Sales @ the Community Building
Friday/Saturday- November 19 th & 20 th	FOLK Book Sale: @ the City Council Chambers 10am-3pm
Saturday, November 20 th	Shop Local Saturday
Thursday, November 25 th	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday, December 4 th	Christmas in Kalama Drive through Santa/book giveaway, 12pm-4pm near Kalama Public Library
Saturday, December 4 th	WinterAleFest @ One55Elm 3pm-9pm (free entry, Willie Dick's will be catering, local craft beer)
Monday, December 6 th	Blood Drive 12pm-6pm @ the Community Building
Saturday, December 11 th	Holiday Shopping Event: 4-6pm Downtown Parade of Lighted Floats: 6-7pm, N First Street

For detailed event information, please see the City's Facebook Page, the Kalama Chamber of Commerce website at www.kalamachamber.com/events-1, the City website at www.cityofkalama.com, the Kalama Fair website at www.kalamafair.com, or the Port of Kalama's website at www.portofkalama.com.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Please remember that the Kalama City offices and the Library will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 11th**- In observance of Veteran's Day
- **November 25th & 26th** - Thanksgiving Holiday break



WHAT'S THE VALUE OF WATER?



Learn how water works for you. Visit TheValueofWater.org.

MORNINGS WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT WATER.

You may not think about how water gets to you or where it goes when it swirls down the drain. You don't have to, because we do. We run the treatment plants, pumps, and pipes that deliver clean water and safely carry away and clean wastewater. But those systems are aging. Many parts need to be fixed, upgraded or replaced to continue to provide life's most essential resource. Waiting until they break down is not an option.

Your water and wastewater bills pay for investments that guarantee clean, safe water is available from the moment you wake up. And all day, every day.

Essential. Reliable. Invaluable.

Learn how water works for you.
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To get the most current information, follow our accounts: on Facebook's public pages— City of Kalama, Kalama Public Library, Kalama Police Department, on Instagram— @cityofkalama, and on the City website at www.cityofkalama.com.

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

*Hybrid meetings, physical
location: 320 N 1st 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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Pay online 24/7 at www.cityofkalama.com

