



# Our Town

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

City of Kalama

MARCH 2022

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Contact Us  
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Police – 911

Public Works  
360-703-0168 or 911

## TOURISM FUNDS AVAILABLE



Tourism Fund Applications are being accepted in March until April 1, 2022, for requests for funding of tourism activities to be held in 2022. 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. Applications are available on the city website at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com) or at City Hall. For questions call 360-673-4561.

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IRS SCAMS



Thousands of citizens have lost millions of dollars and had their personal information stolen because of tax scams.

Due to COVID-19, the number of individuals impacted by these scams has increased significantly. Illegal activity and schemes may include obtaining social security numbers, unemployment benefits, and even money after a natural disaster. Scammers seem to leave no one behind, as they are targeting individual taxpayers, businesses, and payroll and tax professionals.

With tax season upon us, it seems a good time to share some general tips from the IRS to remember to avoid potential tax scams:

- The IRS does not call to demand immediate payment via prepaid debit cards, gift cards, or wire transfers.
- The IRS will first mail a bill to taxpayers, then they may call to set up an appointment for discussion or come to a home or business for collection. However, a demand for immediate payment to an entity other than the U.S. Treasury will not occur.
- The IRS will not reject the opportunity for you to question or appeal the amount of money you owe.
- The IRS will not threaten to send law enforcement and have you arrested for not paying your dues.
- The IRS cannot revoke a driver's license, business licenses, or immigration status.
- Taxpayers are instructed to make payments to the "United States Treasury" with other specific guidelines provided.

If you believe you are being scammed by an IRS Impersonator, stay calm and do not surrender to any threats. Hang up immediately and report your call by calling 800-366-4484 or emailing [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

**CITY HALL HOURS-**  
**Monday-Friday-9-5**

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

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

**Finance – Accts  
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 – 9-2

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



**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**  
**Website**  
[www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com)

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

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

**SPRING IS ON ITS WAY!** Soon it will be time to activate your sprinkler systems. Be sure to check as you turn them on for leaks and it's a good time to have the backflow preventer tested. The test is required annually with a copy of the report sent to the City.



**TIME TO SPRING FORWARD – SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON MARCH 13, 2022**



**MARCH IS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

The American Red Cross has a 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering through providing services that address urgent needs in response to disasters from home fires to major floods or storm events delivering shelter, care, and hope to those affected. As an all-volunteer organization funded by generous donors the Red Cross works to make communities safer through preparedness programs, first aid training, support to military and veterans and their families, and providing lifesaving blood to the medical community. March 2022 is proclaimed “Red Cross Month” to honor the organization, its donors, and its volunteers.



**American  
Red Cross**

**FOLK Book and Basket Sale –**

**March 11 and 12 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Library.**



Just in time for Easter - Gift Baskets from \$5.00 will be available for the first time, with all kinds of fun packed inside! Don't miss our always fabulous Friends of the Library Sales and support the Kalama Public Library!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KALAMA HIGH SCHOOL  
WRESTLERS ON BEING ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONS!!!**



This is a recognition that's given to the team with the highest average GPA for their activity in each of the state's athletic classifications.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KALAMA HIGH SCHOOL  
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!!!!**

**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  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

**MEETING LOCATION**

**Kalama City Council  
Chambers  
at 320 N. First – Kalama  
Library Building**

**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

**ENROLL IN PAPERLESS BILLING. ONLINE BILL PAY AVAILABLE – ALSO AUTOPAY**

Pay online 24/7 at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com)

