



Our Town

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

City of Kalama

April 2022

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Upcoming Events

KALAMA'S NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION: April 11th-15th

- **Monday, April 11th: Let's Connect! Technology Workshop** 1:00 – 2:00
Genealogy, hosted by Jeanne K., Library Staff.
An introduction to online resources
- **Tuesday, April 12th: Let's Connect! Check Out Your Library!** 1:00 to 3:00 - Open House hosted by Friends of the Library at Kalama (FOLK). Stop by and meet our Library Staff and tour the Kalama Library
- **Wednesday, April 13th: Let's Connect! With Kids!** 10:00am to 11:00am
– Storytime at the Port Interpretive Center
Boats, Rivers, Boats! with Jim Newsom, Tugboat Operator.
All children are welcome as we explore our river and its boat traffic!
- **Thursday, April 14th: Let's Connect! Technology Workshop** 1:00pm – 2:00pm
LinkedIn Learning, hosted by Elaine Bystrom, Library Director.
Introduction to online courses for in-demand skills
- **Friday: April 15th, Books and Baskets Sale** 10:00am – 4:00pm
Hosted by FOLK - Friends of the Library at Kalama
Find the perfect book or basket and support the Kalama Library, too!
- **Storytime at the Port at 10:00am on April 13th! Different Time! Different Place!**
Children and families are welcome to join us for a very special morning. We will learn about boat traffic along the Columbia River – tugboats, sailboats – all kinds of boats.



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,
Building, & Planning
360-673-5211

Finance – Accounts
Payable
360-673- 4555

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 (call City
Hall)
360-673-4908



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www.cityofkalama.com

Police Website
www.kalamapolice.com

Library Website
www.kalamalibrary.com

KALAMA LIBRARY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community programs will restart in April!

ADULT CHAIR YOGA: Thursdays at 11:00am in the City Council Chambers, starting April 7th, limited to six participants per class. Call the library to register @ 360-673-4568. (MASKS REQUIRED for this program.)

We'd like to hear from YOU regarding what other programs you'd like to see. Bridge Club? Garden Club? Computer Basic? Scrapbooking? Genealogy? Home Schooling Parents? Local History? Writers' Workshop? Please send your ideas and feedback to librarian@kalamalibrary.com.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR & BOOSTER STATION

The new 120,000-gallon Green Mountain Reservoir and Booster Station, which took the place of a 1960's badly leaking 10,000-gallon reservoir with an antiquated booster pump, have been completed. This old reservoir was identified on a Sanitary Survey from the Department of Health Office of Drinking Water as needing to be replaced. Public Works negotiated with private property owners to purchase the property, design, and build a reservoir/booster station that will provide safe, potable drinking water for many decades to come.



LOOKING FOR: LOCAL IMAGES

Do you have beautiful photos of Kalama that you would like to share with the community? The City is looking for a few new images to add to the City website, and would be happy to feature the images in the City newsletter and on the City Facebook page as well. We have a lot of local talent, and many great, local photo opportunities.

Please submit your digital images to apclerk@cityofkalama.com with the name of the person (owner of the image) to be credited. Disclaimer: images will be selected on quality and subject matter.





0.1% SALES TAX FOR STREETS

The City Council has proposed a local sales tax increase of 0.1% to fund the Transportation Benefit District (TBD). The TBD funds street repairs and maintenance. This measure would be on the ballot for the upcoming primary election in August 2022. To add this measure to the ballot, there must be 2 appointed committees to write a formal statement, both "for" and "against" the sales tax increase, for the voter's pamphlet. The committees are to be submitted to the election's office with the ballot

measure in May. If you are interested in representing one side of the issue or need further information, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster @ 360-673-4561 or cityclerk@cityofkalama.com.

SPRING CLEANING?



Does "Spring Cleaning" happen at your house? Do you find yourself with extra cardboard or recyclables? Don't forget there are 2 recycle "drop off" locations in Kalama— (1) next to the Public Works shop at 6315 Old Pacific Highway, and another (2) on Norris Pit Rd (off Kalama River Road) near Haydu Park. Accepted recyclables include cardboard, paper, and aluminum.

Are you planning to do some exterior "Spring Cleaning"? City residents: If you plan to pressure wash, please be aware the "summer sewer average" is not yet in effect (it runs the middle of May through the middle of September). What does this mean for City residents? Every drop of water has a sewer charge associated with it, so if you decide to increase your water consumption before the middle of May, you will likely notice a jump in your City utility bill. Pressure washing can be a "high water consumption" activity.



CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF LEATZOW

Congratulations Fire District 5 Chief Victor Leatzow for 30 years with the Kalama fire department! He has put in many great years of service, and we recognize his commitment to the community. Thank you, Vic for your service and sacrifice. We are sorry to see you go, but we know that your retirement is well deserved, and we congratulate you! The new fire Chief, Sammy Brown, has been learning the ropes in Kalama and is ready to take on his new title.



April Events

Monday, April 4 th	Blood Drive- Blood Mobile
April 4 th - 8 th	Kalama Schools- Spring Break
April 11 th -15 th	Kalama Library's National Library Week Celebration
April 15 th	Grand opening for Cruise Ship Dock (updates on Port's Facebook)
Saturday, April 16 th	Pie Sales (Kalama Fair Board)
Sunday, April 17 th	Easter
Friday, April 22 nd	Earth Day
Saturday, May 7 th	Annual Cleanup Day (meet 9am @ Kalama post office)
Sunday, May 8 th	Mother's Day

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.

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
Bi-monthly beginning in
January on the 19th
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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