



# Our Town

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

City of Kalama

December 2022

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Garbage pickup for December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> should be uninterrupted. If your pickup is missed, please email [utilityclerk@cityofkalama.com](mailto:utilityclerk@cityofkalama.com) with your address and a note that your garbage was missed.

- **City offices:** closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Library:** closed December 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>



## STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

**It's a Storytime Christmas!** Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 11:15am. Santa, Rudolph, Snowmen, and Jingle Bells, too! Kid-sized for children up to age 6 with songs, stories, rhymes, movement, and fun! Join us at the Kalama Public Library, 312 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. (Our next Storytime will be Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>!)

**Books and Gift Baskets for Christmas:** Shop Friends of the Library for gift baskets and book sets and support the Kalama Library, all at once! Our **FOLK Sale** runs December 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the Council Chambers. Don't miss our Christmas surprises!

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It's also a time when busy people become more vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared, or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors.

### During the holidays:

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks, and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through windows/doors.

### If you are shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close your windows, and hide all gifts and shopping bags in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket.
- Have your keys ready to enter your vehicle when you approach it. Use your "panic button" on your key fob if you become nervous or think you are being followed.
- Lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle.

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

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

- Shopping with the kids? Teach your kids to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated, and don't allow your kids to go off by themselves.

**After the Holidays:**

- Don't advertise expensive toys, electronics, or other gifts received by the boxes left for garbage collections. Compress large boxes and place them in black garbage bags for pick-up.
- Add new items to your home inventory. Take photos or video of all items of value in your home and list each item's make, model, serial number, and other information.
- Engrave new items to help identify them in the event they are stolen.

The Kalama Police Department wishes you a safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season.



Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parade of Lighted Floats & downtown shopping event (downtown 4-6pm)
Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holiday Bazaar (Kalama Fair Board @ the Community Building)
Wednesday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Storytime @ the Library 10:30am-11:15am
December 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	FOLK book and basket sale, 10am-4pm @ Council Chamber
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	City Offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday
Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day
Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve
Monday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Offices & Library closed
Wednesday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Storytime @ the Library

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), the Kalama Fair website at [www.kalamafair.com](http://www.kalamafair.com), or the Port of Kalama's website at [www.portofkalama.com](http://www.portofkalama.com).

<p><b>WHEN DO WE MEET?</b></p> <p><b><u>Kalama City Council</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 7 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Kalama Planning Commission</u></b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Civil Service Commission</u></b> 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 p.m. (as needed)</p> <p><b><u>Kalama Library Board</u></b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Bi-monthly beginning in January on the 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>MEETING LOCATION</b> Hybrid meetings; physical location: 320 N 1<sup>st</sup> St, Kalama</p>	<p><b>POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC WORKS - AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER</b> <b>(360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911</b></p> <p>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. &amp; 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 &amp; Industries..... (360) 575-6923 Utilities Locate (Call Before You Dig!) <b>811</b> or (800) 424-5555 Waste Control..... (360) 425-4302</p>
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