



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Summertime Fun in Kalama

Kalama is small but mighty when it comes to community events. Many of the local events happen in the summertime when the weather is nice and kids are out of school. We want to take a moment to acknowledge the community members, volunteers, event coordinators and hosts, sponsors, and safety personnel that make Kalama's events safe, fun, and successful! These people are truly wonderful, and we are lucky to have them as part of our Kalama community. THANK YOU!

Here's what's coming up in August

National Night Out 2023! This year our **National Night Out** will be held **August 1st @ 6PM** on N. First Street in front of the Kalama Post Office. This event is fun for the whole family and includes agencies throughout Cowlitz County such as the Kalama Police Department, Cowlitz Fire District 5, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Department and SWAT, Waste Control, Kalama Public Works, Port of Kalama, and many other local organizations.

If you get a chance, come out and visit for free food, activities, and fun.

Next up is the **Kalama Heritage Festival** happening **August 4th-6th**. This event celebrates cultural diversity and highlights Kalama's Hawaiian Heritage. Activities and authentic performances include music, dance, workshops, artistic demonstrations, vendors and

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delicious food (including a luau) honoring the culture and traditions of Kalama's Hawaiian roots. The Pacific Ohana Foundation is the host of this event at Marine Park and the Westin Amphitheater. Their mission is to preserve the heritage of the Pacific Islanders in order to protect the future generation as they continue to pass on their traditional practices from generation to generation. For a schedule of events, visit: <https://kalama-heritage-festival.perfectgolfevent.com/> (click the link). Admission is free, donations are accepted.

McMenamins Kalama Harbor Lodge will be hosting its 3rd Annual Brewfest at the Westin Amphitheater, 215 Hendrickson Dr, Kalama, on Saturday, **August 19th from 1-8pm**. You can buy tickets and find more details on the website at <https://www.mcmenamins.com/events/239732-kalama-harbor-lodge-3nd-annual-brewfest>.



The All City Garage sale will be running August 18th- 20th, with an added feature this year. The Chamber is renting "vendor spaces" at Haydu Park for \$20 per 10x10 space. Sign up online at www.kalama.chamber.com.



The 26th Annual Untouchables Car Show will be held on **Sunday, August 20th, 2023** in downtown Kalama. This is one of the City's highest attended events, with hundreds of registered cars (last year there were over 400 cars registered), and thousands of people throughout the day. Registration opens early at 7:00am, and the cost is \$20 per entry (includes a dash plaque and goody bag). An award ceremony will be held at 3:00pm. The Untouchables Car Club spearheads this event with support from the Kalama Chamber of Commerce.

Show info: 360-423-0125

Vendor info: 360-673-4869



Mark your calendars for **Friday, August 25th** for this FREE fun-filled event that is sure to be a blast! You won't want to miss out! Dance-A-Palooza is a summer event that will be hosted by your local dance studio Rising Heights Dance! There will be dozens of amazing vendors, bounce houses, raffles, performances and entertainment by the dancers, and so much more! This will be a day full of games for kids of all ages, plus fun things planned for parents too! This event will be at the **Westin Amphitheater** near the Kalama waterfront from 3-8pm. Don't miss out! **Click [HERE](#)** to follow the event for more details! The color of the day is PURPLE--you'll see it throughout the event.

Citizen of the Year & Totem Awards

Each year the Chamber of Commerce takes nominations from the Kalama community for the Citizen of the Year award. This award is intended to recognize a citizen who contributes personal effort and/or resources to benefit the community. Kalama resident Bridget Pooley received the award. She is involved with the Friends of the Library of Kalama (FOLK) group that supports the library, she volunteers her time throughout the year in the community, and she organized the entire Kalama community building. Thank you, Bridget!



Citizen of the Year, Bridget Pooley

The Chamber also accepts nominations for the Totem award, which is intended to recognize a business or organization that contributes resources to benefit the community of Kalama. The

recipient of this award was the Kalama Artists and Maker's Association (KAMA), a local non-profit organization made up of local artists and makers. This group offers community paint & sip and craft classes, a local coloring book, and has painted an interior library mural and an outdoor mural for one of the public works' pump houses. Other awardees included the school employee of the year, Eric Nerison (school district superintendent), and the Lifetime Achievement award went to residents Fred & Maxine Nieman, and Don Armeni.



August Parks & Recreation

August classes with Judy Bain: **Drum 4 Fun!**
\$25 for August (\$5 per class)

Tuesdays from 10:15am-11:15am

- August 1st
- August 8th
- August 15th
- August 22nd
- August 29th

Location: 216 Elm Street, Kalama, WA 98625
at the **Kalama Community Building**

Bring your water bottle and free weights if you have them. Other equipment is provided. Bring a check to class, or register here:

<https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal>

Need more info? Contact Emily Moore
apclerk@cityofkalama.com or 360-673-4908

Dates to Note

- City offices and the Kalama Library will be closed on Monday, September 4th in Observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, August 8th, Parks & Rec Advisory Committee Meeting @ 5:30pm (320 N 1st St)
- Summer sewer averaging will end in the middle of September





August Events

August 4th-6th, 2023	Kalama Heritage Festival (at the Westin Amphitheater)
Sunday, August 20th, 2023	26th Annual Untouchables Car Show (Downtown)
August 18th-20th, 2023	City-wide garage Sale (sign up: Chamber of Commerce)
August 25th, 2023 (3-8pm)	Dance-a-palooza (free event, hosted by Rising Heights Dance at the Westin Amphitheater)

Meeting Info

- City Council : 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm
- Planning Commission: 2nd Thursday @ 6pm
- Civil Service Commission: 4th Thursday @ 5:30pm
- Library Board: 3rd Wednesday @ 5:15pm (bi-monthly beginning January 19th)
- Parks & Rec: 2nd Tuesday @ 5:30pm

Meeting Location: 320 N 1st St, Kalama, WA 98625 (and via Zoom, click [Agenda](#) for info)

Contact Us



- Public Works 360-673-3706
 - (emergency) 360-703-0168
- Police (office) 360-673-2165
 - (emergency) 911
 - (non emergency) Cowlitz County dispatch 360-577-3098 and press 3



- City Hall 360-673-4562
- Library 360-673-4568
- Building/Planning 360-673-5211
- Utility Billing 360-673-4554
- Community Building 360-673-4908

Helpful Contacts

- City of Kalama - Main ---- 360-673-4562
- Comcast ---- 888-226-2278
- Cowlitz County Assessor ---- 360-577-3010
- Cowlitz Bldg & Planning ---- 360-577-3052
- Cowlitz PUD ---- 360-423-2210
- Fire District #5 (office) ---- 360-673-2222
- Kalama Post Office ---- 360-673-3567
- Kalama Telephone Co. ---- 360-673-2755
- Labor & Industries (L&I) ---- 360-575-6923
- Utilities Locate ---- 800-424-5555
- Waste Control ---- 360-425-4302



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