



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Summer Sewer Averaging is Ending Soon

Public works will be doing water meter readings around September 18th, so the summer sewer averaging for utility bills that have sewer charges will end on that date. This means any water usage after September 18th will have a sewer charge associated with each drop of water used. To avoid an unexpectedly high bill, please reduce your watering activities-- reduce sprinkler usage, filling pools, washing cars, pressure washing, etc.



Reminder: Summer Sewer Averaging is effective from the middle of May to the middle of September. Outside of that, every drop of water has a sewer charge that goes with it. Water is metered at the meter, not when it goes down a drain. More details can be found on the city's website: www.cityofkalama.com

Storytime for Preschoolers Starts in September!



The Kalama Library offers a Storytime program for preschool children on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from September-May. Join us from 10:30am- 11:15am for stories, songs, rhymes, and movement, woven together to help children learn skills for reading, and loving it!

We're blasting off on **September 6th at 10:30am** at the Library for "Storytime with the Stars". We can't wait to meet you!

How Can I Take Part in the Discussion?



Did you know Kalama Budget hearings are coming up this fall? Are you interested in how your city government works? What is being planned and discussed for the future of Kalama? Do you know the options for attending City Council meetings so you can get first hand information? Here are a few ways to participate in the official meetings:

- **Stream the meeting live (or afterwards)** on the local government Channel at KLTV on Comcast Channel 21 or on your computer at: <https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/kltv/?page=HOME>
- **Join the meeting virtually via Zoom** from the link on the City Council agenda at <https://www.towncloud.io/go/kalama-wa> where you can comment, ask questions and participate in the discussion.
- **Attend the meetings in person!** Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7pm every month in the City Council Chambers located at 320 N. First Street, Kalama.

The elected officials and city staff **want to hear from the citizens**, would love to see more **citizen interaction** with the Kalama city government, and want to provide the information for **transparency** and to offer a clear explanation of city operations.

Labor Day

The city offices and Kalama Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Notice to residents with Monday garbage service: Garbage pickup will be on regular schedule-- put your cart out Sunday night.



Tourism Application Period

The Tourism Advisory Committee is accepting Tourism applications for 2024 events and projects from September 1st-29th at 5pm. Please submit your applications to:

apclerk@cityofkalama.com.

Applications are available at City Hall or online here: <https://www.cityofkalama.com/community/tourism>. Please reach out with any questions to 360-673-4908. Note: The Tourism Advisory Committee will meet in October to review the received applications and provide recommendations to the city council for awards.

Chief's Caribbean Dinner



Dates to Note

- City offices and the Kalama Library will be closed on Monday, September 4th in Observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, Sept. 12th, Parks & Rec Advisory Committee Workshop @ 5:00pm (320 N 1st St)
- Summer sewer averaging will end around September 18th

Do you enjoy delicious food, entertainment, raffle prizes, and supporting a good cause? Police Chief Ralph Herrera will be hosting a Caribbean Dinner fundraiser on **Friday, September 29th** to benefit the "Shop with a Cop" program. Each year the Kalama Police Department is able to sponsor dozens of Kalama kids in need to have an assisted shopping time and purchase something special.

Event info:

Tickets are \$20 each, and are available at City Hall, the Police Department, and the Kalama Library. If you wish to pay online, visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/ywr5zwm9>. Seating starts at 6:00pm

Location: 216 Elm Street @ the Kalama Community Building

"Dine in" and "Take out" options available.

September Parks & Recreation

September classes with Judy Bain: **Drum 4 Fun!**
\$20 for September (\$5 per class)

Tuesdays from 10am-11am

- Sept 5th
- Sept 12th
- Sept 19th
- Sept 26th

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



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September Events




Mon., September 4th, 2023	Labor Day (observed) - City offices & library closed
Sat., September 16th, 2023	Stargazing Party "Gaze @ the Galaxy"- Kalama High School Field- 7:00pm
Fri., September 29th, 2023	Chief's Caribbean Dinner (buy tickets- fundraiser) Comm. Bldg. @ 6pm
Sat., September 30th, 2023	Kalama Artists & Maker's Art in the Park @ Toteff Park, 10am-4pm


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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