



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Downtown Trick or Treat Event

The annual downtown trick or treat event will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 3-6pm. This event is hosted by the Kalama Chamber of Commerce. North First Street will be closed to vehicle traffic for hundreds of costume-wearing kids and their families as they fill their bags with treats and goodies! If you DO NOT have a store front but would like to set up a booth during this event, please contact the chamber at kalamachamber@outlook.com.



Candy Drive

The Chamber of Commerce is collecting candy donations of individually wrapped candy for businesses to hand out during the trick or treat event. Drop off your donations at the Kalama Shopping Center between October 1st and 25th. If you have any questions, contact the Chamber at: kalamachamber@outlook.com.



Summer Sewer Averaging has Ended

Notice for sewer customers: As of September 22nd, the summer sewer averaging for utility bills has ended. The bill issued 10/1 is for services from mid-August through mid-September (which was based on summer sewer averaging).

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: <https://tinyurl.com/2s38zb3m>



Pump Station Mural Project

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 19th to dedicate the artistically designed pump station mural located at the intersection of N. First St. and Kingwood Dr. This mural was completed by Kalama Artists and Makers Association (KAMA) members. There are many nods to Kalama's diverse history including the City's Hawaiian heritage with the hibiscus flowers, the heritage of Kalama's strawberry festivals (with the recipe for a giant strawberry shortcake), the Kalama Chinooks logo, and many more hidden surprises. For more information about the mural and this talented group, visit their website <https://kalamaarts.org/pump-station-mural>. Thank you KAMA for this beautiful piece of art!

Prepare for Colder Weather

With fall and winter right around the corner, the public works department recommends winterizing sprinkler systems and protecting outside spigots to avoid frozen or damaged pipes. Public Works also recommends that homeowners clean their roofs and gutters to prepare for the upcoming rainy season. If you have a storm drain on your street, they are asking that you keep an eye on it to make sure it does not plug with leaves. If the storm drain plugs, please call public works at 360-673-3706, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. If you need assistance after hours or on the weekend, please call the "after hours" number at 360-703-0168.



Public Hearings: 2024 Budget

It's budget season again, so mark your calendars for the 2024 budget hearings:

- **October 19th:** Revenues
- **November 2nd:** Expenditures & Capital Facilities Plan
- **November 16th:** Expenditures & Capital Facilities Plan (cont.)

Meetings are held @ 7:00pm at 320 N 1st Street, Kalama

Update Your Utility Contact Info

The utility department is asking that you update your contact information so they can contact you with **any urgent notices** such as a boil water notice, street paving notice, hazard notice, etc. To reach the utility department, contact utilityclerk@cityofkalama.com or [360-673-4554](tel:360-673-4554).



Fresh Paving

At the end of September, the paving project for Geranium from N. 1st Street to N. 1st Place, Nectarine Street, and N. 2nd Street from Nectarine to the end of pavement was completed. This includes the parking spaces next to the library. These paving projects were funded by the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funds that the voters approved last year with the 0.2% increase to sales tax in Kalama. A big “thank you” to Director Rasmussen for facilitating these projects with Mike George Paving!



Meetings

Location: 320 N. 1st Street, Kalama (City Council Chambers)

- Tuesday, October 10th, Parks & Rec Advisory Committee meeting @ 5:30pm (320 N 1st St)
- Wednesday, October 11th, Tourism Advisory Committee meets @ 3:30pm (320 N 1st St)

FOLK Celebration

October is Friends of the Library Month and they welcome Kalama to celebrate with them! Join FOLK for a 20th Birthday Party on Wednesday, October 11th at 1:00pm at the Library. They'll be hosting a reception, and hope you'll join them! Artist Tessa DeVoe will be featured at Storytime on Wednesday, October 18th at 10:30am when children gather to learn about art and artists and the Children's Mural in the Library. Stop by to learn a bit of the F.O.L.K. history shown in the Library Display Case. F.O.L.K. helps provide for the needs and resources of the Library, and... they have a lot of fun doing it! Consider joining and becoming a part of their story as a Friend of the Library.



October Parks & Recreation

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

Tuesdays from 10am-11am

- Oct. 3 • Oct. 24
- Oct. 10 • Oct. 31
- Oct. 17

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
communityrelations@cityofkalama.com or 360-673-4908



October Events

Wed, October 11, 2023	FOLK's 20th Birthday Party @ 1pm in the library (Storytime @ 10:30am)
Tues, October 17, 2023	Library to host author Michael O. Perry (@ 7pm at the library)
Wed, October 18, 2023	"Meet the Candidates" hosted by Amalak (at Community Bldg. @ 6pm)
Tues, October 31, 2023	Downtown Trick or Treat Event (3-6pm downtown, N 1st St.)
Tues, November 7th, 2023	Election Day!


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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