



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Animal Control Services in Kalama

In the City of Kalama, the police department and its officers are tasked with Animal Control Services. The Cowlitz County Humane Society does not provide animal control services for the City or County, nor do they accept strays that are found in Kalama. In addition to providing education and enforcement for animal issues such as excessive barking, leash laws, animal bites and animal welfare, the Kalama police department also partners with area organizations to ensure a safe and secure environment for the people and animals of Kalama. These organizations can occasionally assist the department with short term fostering, medical care, and adoption services. The department has certain operational limitations and is most often called upon to reunite found dogs with their families. Though rare, in cases where an owner can't be located, the department adopts out found dogs after 72 hours. For deceased animal found on Kalama county roads, contact Cowlitz County Public Works @ [360-577-3030](tel:360-577-3030).

Felines present a unique challenge for the department since it lacks the kennel/sheltering resources for animals smaller than a small dog. In extreme cases, the department can lean on its partnerships to assist with stray cats. Residents are encouraged to remember that many owners have inside/outside cats, and while they might wander, they often return home on their own. Officers will use discretion in responding to reports of found cats depending on available information and if the matter is creating a nuisance or health issue. Officers are available 24/7. They can be reached at [360-673-2165](tel:360-673-2165), or through the Dispatch Center (Cowlitz 911) at [360-577-3098](tel:360-577-3098). To report an emergency, dial 911.



Congratulations Mayor Reuter!



We wanted to take a moment to recognize Mayor Mike Reuter for his successful completion of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) municipal leadership training program. The program recognizes elected officials for accomplishing training in 5 core areas including (1) roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements, (2) public sector resource management, (3) community planning & development, (4) effective local leadership, and (5) diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. To earn the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, he completed more than 60 hours of training and demonstrated local community service! In addition to his mayoral duties, he has a family and a full time job. We appreciate his time and dedication to the Kalama community. Thank you Mike!

Non-Profit Spotlight: KAMA



Kalama Artists & Makers Association



Join Kalama Artists & Makers Association at our third annual Mother's Day Art in the Park on Saturday, May 11th from 10am-4pm at Peter D. Toteff Memorial Park! Scan the QR code or [follow the link here](#) for more details.

KAMA was founded to encourage, support and promote artists in Kalama. We seek to highlight the rich diversity of artists in our community, and to make Kalama a destination for unique works of art in the Pacific Northwest.

Now Accepting Tourism Applications



The Tourism Advisory Committee will be accepting tourism applications for tourism related events and projects for 2024 from March 1-31st. The application period closes at 5:00pm on March 31st. Please submit all applications to communityrelations@cityofkalama.com or return to city hall at 195 N. 1st Street, Kalama, WA. Mail to: PO BOX 1007, Kalama, WA. Applications & more information available here: <https://www.cityofkalama.com/community/tourism>

March Parks & Recreation

March classes with Judy Bain: Drum 4 Fun! \$5 per class- paid monthly (Tues only = \$20, Thurs only = \$20, All classes = \$40), Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-11am

Location: 216 Elm Street, Kalama, WA 98625

at the **Kalama Community Building**

Bring your water. 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



Class

Schedule:

- Mar. 5
- Mar. 7
- Mar. 12
- Mar. 14
- Mar. 19
- Mar. 21
- Mar. 26
- Mar. 28

What's Happening at the Library?

THE GATHERING PLACE
Drop by to spend time with other seniors!
*Chat, play cards, share recipes
do puzzles, knit, make art.....*
Library card not required

KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY *more than books!*

Contact the library: **360 673 4568** or
librarian@kalamalibrary.com

Storytime

It's Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party at Kalama Public Library! Preschool age children are welcome to come on Wednesday, **March 6th at 10:30am** for a great time with the Cat in the Hat, our Kalama Police and Fire Departments, Kiwanis, and all kinds of hilarious fun! So many stories, so much fun! It's time to get started! The fun has begun! March doesn't end at the Library until we've gone "Where the Wild Things Are"!

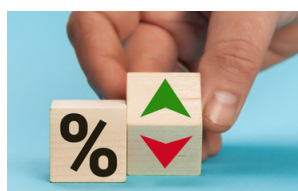
Bring your kids to Storytime on Wednesday, March 20th at 10:30am, as we explore Maurice Sendak's fabulous adventure! We always explore amazing things at Storytime!



Where can you buy a great book for a buck or 'just the right gift'? At the Friends of the Library Book & Basket Sale! Come to the Kalama Library on **March 8th and 9th** from **10:00am to 4:00pm** and find some great buys while also supporting our Library!

Low Income Discount: City Bill

Complete an application for the "low income" discount at City Hall or online. It needs to be notarized (we can do this at City Hall) and income needs to be verified. All household Income must be reported. Scan (or click) the QR code for more details about the low income discount, or contact the Utility Clerk: [360-673-4554](tel:360-673-4554) or utilityclerk@cityofkalama.com for answers to your questions.



Sales Tax Decrease- Effective April 1st

Yes, you read that right! Effective April 1, 2024, the Kalama Sales tax rate will **decrease from 8.1% to 8.0%**. due to the expiration of the county-wide "mental health tax". To read more, visit our website here <http://tinyurl.com/4kwrztr5>

"The Gathering Place"

Adult drop-in gathering
Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

Adult Chair Yoga

Thursdays, 11am-11:45am
City Council Chamber
Call Library to register
(required)

March 13th: A Red Cross representative will be available to teach a "hands-only CPR" class.

March 27th: Joanna Boatman--lifelong Kalama resident with colorful stories and knowledge of Kalama-- will present a little "Kalama history".

CELEBRATE Dr. Seuss's Birthday

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FOLK Book & Basket Sale!

MARCHEVENTS

March 1st - 31st	Tourism application period (closes 3/31 by 5pm - digital submission welcome, communityrelations@cityofkalama.com)
Wednesday, March 6th	Dr. Seuss' Birthday Event @ the library! (see www.kalamalibrary.com)
Sunday, March 10th	Daylight Savings Time Starts (turn your clock forward 1 hour)
Saturday, March 30th	Riverview Community Church - Easter Egg Hunt @ Toteff Park (11am)
Monday, April 1st	Blood Drive- Red Cross @ the Community Building (216 Elm St)

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 17th)
- 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



We are on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)!

