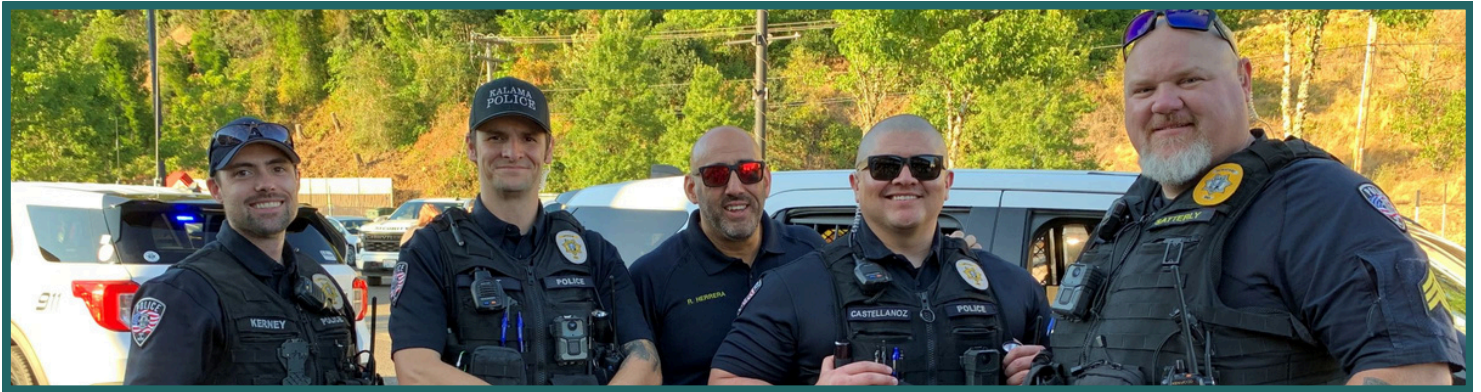




# OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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## National Police Week

During the month of May, we would like to take a moment to express our appreciation for our law enforcement officers -- not only our City of Kalama officers, but those across our County, State, and Nation as well. Thank you for your service and sacrifice. The official dates for National Police Week are May 12th - May 18th, 2024. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

On May 15th, there will be a special Candlelight Vigil held at the Port of Kalama's Westin Amphitheater to honor fallen law enforcement officers of 2023. This event will be open to the public starting at 7pm. The entire Kalama community is welcome to stand in solidarity with Kalama's police officers.

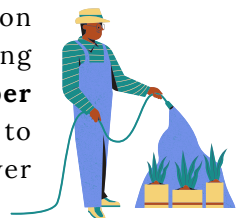


## Summer Sewer Notice

Attention residents connected to city sewer: Each year, Kalama City residents connected to sewer will receive "summer sewer averaging" on their utility bill for water that is used between mid-May through mid-September. Scan the QR code for information about summer sewer averaging. To avoid a surprise bill, we recommend that residents do any heavy water consumption activities (such as pressure washing, filling a pool, running sprinklers, etc.) **between approximately May 22nd and September 20th**. We will keep our website and social media pages updated to notify residents of the "start" and "end" of summer sewer averaging.



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## Non-Profit Spotlight: Listen Line



save the date  
**June 1, 2024**  
FUNDRAISER DINNER &  
AUCTION  
AT THE BATTLE GROUND  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
**HELPLINE 833.488.9888**  
call BEFORE  
it's a crisis

tickets available to  
the public at  
[listenline.life](http://listenline.life)

Affectionately known as “Listen Line”, we are a 501c3 non-profit mental health organization servicing Clark and Cowlitz counties. We have local lines staffed 24/7 to listen to and support callers with any mental health/crisis questions and concerns for themselves and loved ones and help direct them to resources. We are passionate about creating a community free of mental health stigma.

Please visit us at [www.listenline.life](http://www.listenline.life) for more information and to make donations & purchase tickets to our upcoming dinner & auction.



**HELPLINE:**

**We urge to Call BEFORE it's a crisis! 833-488-9888**

**Find & Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ListenLine.Life](https://www.facebook.com/ListenLine.Life)**

## Residents & Business Owners: Have Your Voice Heard

We thought it would be beneficial to communicate to residents and local business owners the best way to get in touch with your Kalama elected officials. These officials include the mayor and five City Council members. These are the people who make decisions on the City's behalf, and they want and need to hear from their constituents.

- 1. Connect with your elected officials via email.** When you put your comments and/or concerns in writing to a current city-issued email address, it becomes a public record. Contact info for elected officials can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/32432z3e>. When addressing an item on an agenda, your comments can become part of the official record. Once the agenda is generated, your correspondence should be attached. Agendas can be found here: [www.towncloud.io/go/kalama-wa](http://www.towncloud.io/go/kalama-wa). If you have an issue or concern not already before the Council, you can complete an agenda item request form to have it considered for an upcoming agenda or send your concern directly to a councilmember. Staff may reach out and help resolve the issue rather than placing it on an agenda if there is applicable code and a remedy already in place. Agenda item form: <https://tinyurl.com/3az3vphm>
- 2. Send your correspondence to the City Clerk/Treasurer.** City staff is able to forward requests or concerns to the proper department or to the Council which can include adding your official, written correspondence to an agenda and part of the official record. The City Clerk/Treasurer's email address is: [cityclerk@cityofkalama.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofkalama.com).
- 3. Join any public meeting (in -person or through virtual attendance).** Most public meetings are held at the City Council Chambers located at 320 N. 1st Street. During each City Council meeting there will be a section for public comment where members of the public can address an issue (whether on the agenda or not) directly to the elected officials. Members of the public can sign in (on the sign in sheet) and write that they would like to speak during a public meeting. If attending virtually, the public can “raise” their hand (in Zoom) or include a comment in the chat.

**Note:** Social media posts on the City's social media sites are public records and the City will respond to questions when possible. The City does not maintain or monitor public or private groups for input on community issues. To contact the City through social media, send an instant message through the City's direct social media pages.

## Memorial Day: Offices Closed



City offices and the Kalama Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Monday garbage pickup will be on the regular schedule.

*“On this Memorial Day, it is right for us to remember the living and the dead for whom the call of their country has meant pain and sacrifice. A grateful nation is in their debt.” ~ Lyndon B. Johnson, 1966*



## 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](mailto:librarian@kalamalibrary.com)

**Watercolor with Marie**  
KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
more than books!

### Watercolor Class

Join Marie on Saturday May 25, 11-1pm, in the City Council chambers to learn to paint with watercolor! No experience required - just a desire to learn! \$5 per person covers use of all materials. Sign up at the library or call [360-673-4568](tel:360-673-4568).

### May Parks & Recreation

May classes with Judy Bain: Drum 4 Fun! \$5 per class- paid monthly (Tues only = \$20, Thurs only = \$25, All classes = \$45), 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](mailto:communityrelations@cityofkalama.com) or  
[360-673-4908](tel:360-673-4908)



### Storytime

#### May 1st: Let's Have a Parade!

Join us as we parade around the Library - and about town! Animals, elephants, music, kids... so much fun! Wednesday, May 1st is the day, and 10:30am is the time! Don't miss it!

#### May 15th: Summer's Coming!

Our last Storytime of the school year! Lots of fun celebrating a fabulous year of stories, songs and games! And... looking forward to summer fun! Join us on Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30am, and bring your sunglasses!



### Did You Know?

Did you know your library card allows you to check out Washington Discover Passes that provide access to lands managed by State Parks and the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish & Wildlife? You can also check out passes to the Portland Art Museum and the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria. Stop by the library and let your adventures begin! [360-673-4568](tel:360-673-4568)

#### Class

#### Schedule:

- May 2
- May 7
- May 9
- May 14
- May 16
- May 21
- May 23
- May 28
- May 30



Saturday, May 4th	<b><u>Shirley Lowman Spring Cleanup Day!</u> (meet @ Kalama Post Office at 9am)</b>
Saturday, May 4th	<b>Poultry &amp; Small Animal Market @ Haydu, 10am-4pm</b>
Fri/Sat, May 10th & 11th	<b>Plant &amp; Garden Sale at the Haydu (5/10 from 9am-4pm &amp; 5/11 9am-3pm)</b>
Saturday, May 11th	<b>Mother's Day Art in the Park hosted by KAMA (10am-4pm @ Toteff Park)</b>
Wednesday, May 15th	<b>Police Memorial- Candlelight Vigil @ Westin Amphitheater, 7:00pm</b>
Monday, May 27th	<b>Memorial Day - City Offices Closed</b>

## 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
  - (after hours) 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](#)!

