



# OUR TOWN

*The official newsletter of Kalama, WA*



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## City Hall Renovations

The staff is thrilled to have Council's approval to start the renovations at City Hall (195 N. First Street)! Construction will begin on June 3rd, and access to staff will look a little different. Temporary offices will be set up for utility payments, the building department, and other needs requiring **in person contact at 320 N. First -the Library building- where city hall used to be located** before 2016. Two staff members will be present daily to serve our customers in person from 9am-5pm with the office closed from 12pm to 1pm for lunch. As always, **payments** can be mailed by US Postal Service to: City of Kalama, P.O. Box 1007, Kalama, WA 98625. Drop box payments can be made at 195 N. First St (green box), but online payments are strongly encouraged. For online payments, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2hwct9eu>

Other staff members will be working in other city locations or from home and available by phone or email for appointments. You can still call city office(s) at the same phone numbers listed in the staff directory on the city website at [www.cityofkalama.com](http://www.cityofkalama.com). **Notary services will be provided by appointment only during this construction period.**

The renovation of the City Hall space will provide professional and efficient office space, to meet the current and future staffing needs of the growing community. When the building was purchased, the City made very minimal improvements to the interior before moving into the facility, after the flood of 2015, and even utilized the existing bank furnishings that were left behind. The current bank configuration is not efficient for the many department functions that are performed by city staff. The staff has worked diligently during the design process to keep costs low while working to meet the current and future staffing levels to best serve the community.

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City Hall Renovation Continued...

City Hall staff will do their best to be accessible during this transition time. We thank you in advance for your flexibility and look forward to serving the community with a more efficient space. The project is expected to take from 4 to 6 months, and we hope to be back in our fresh new space in November 2024!

### Non-Profit Spotlight:

Kalama Mixtape is a free, family friendly, community concert series which takes place every third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm located at One55elm (155 Elm Street, Kalama, WA). Performances are generally 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Kalama Mixtape takes place in a beautifully renovated 100 year old building with outstanding natural acoustics. We are a community group whose goal is to bring music & the arts to Kalama.

Visit: [Facebook.com/KalamaMixtape](https://facebook.com/KalamaMixtape)



## Notice: The July 4, 2024 City Council Meeting has been canceled.



### Kalama Summer Lights on the Fourth!

Come celebrate with us this Independence Day at the 2nd annual Kalama Summer Lights on the Fourth event at the Westin Amphitheater! We will have live music, a beer garden provided by the Kalama Lions club (12-8pm), free face painting (2-8pm), food trucks, artisan vendors, and beautiful waterfront views!

**New This Year:** This year we have added a free shuttle experience to offsite parking at the Kalama middle school lot (near the Chinook Stadium) for a climate-controlled ride down to the event at the waterfront thanks to "Peak Tours and Transit". These vehicles can accommodate 13-15 passengers, with high ceilings and large tinted windows. No food or drinks allowed in the shuttles.



There will be a sign with a QR code at both pickup/drop off points so that you can track where each shuttle is currently located and a phone number to contact the driver(s) as well. We look forward to partnering with Peak Tours and Transit for this year's event!



For more event details, follow along on our Facebook event page!

<https://tinyurl.com/3npkntvy>

### Live Music Lineup

12-2pm: The King Brothers, 3-5pm: Evergreen Chill Acoustic Duo, 6-8pm: The Low Keys



### Juneteenth: Offices & Library Closed

City offices and the Kalama Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Wednesday garbage pickup will be on the regular schedule.

## What's Happening at the Library?

## Summer Reading Program

**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  
more than books!  
**KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Contact the library: **360 673 4568** or  
[librarian@kalamalibrary.com](mailto:librarian@kalamalibrary.com)

## Did You Know?

**Did You Know?**  
more than books!  
**KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Did you know your Kalama Public Library card gives you access to books at the Longview Public Library? If the Kalama library doesn't have the book you're looking for, a librarian will search for it among the thousands of books at Longview. We will then order it for you, pick up your selection, and return it for you. Simple as that!

## June Parks & Recreation

June 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](mailto:communityrelations@cityofkalama.com) or

[360-673-4908](tel:360-673-4908)



The Kalama Public Library Summer Reading Program will begin on June 27 and run through July 25. The program is intended to encourage kids to read during summer break and activities will include Storytime at the Kalama Fair and an ice cream party with book giveaways! Children who read ten books – either their own or from the library – can get a bookmark, stamped at the library, to take to Kalama's Burger Bar for a free kid's ice cream! Check out the Kalama Public Library [website](#) for specific dates and details.

## Storytime



Storytime is taking a break for the summer, but will be back in September. See you then!

## FOLK

It's time to Celebrate! FOLK Appreciation Day, Saturday June 22nd at 11:00; Kalama Public Library. Once a year, the Friends of the Library at Kalama celebrates members, staff, and volunteers who have served in different ways to bring time and energy in support of our Library.



This year, we honor Theresa Barker and Gayla Marple – two members – examples of initiative and encouragement. Join us, as we celebrate these members, and all those who continue to contribute to our work together.

### Class Schedule:

- June 4
- June 6
- June 11
- June 13
- June 18
- June 20
- June 25
- June 27



# JUNE EVENTS

Monday, June 3rd	Blood Drive @ Community Building (216 Elm Street)
Monday, June 3rd - November	City Hall closed for construction
Sunday, June 16th	Father's Day breakfast - Kalama Lions @ Community Building (8-11am)
Wednesday, June 19th	City Offices & Library Closed- Juneteenth Holiday
Sat- Sun, June 29-30th	<u>Big Smoke in Little Kalama</u> @ Haydu Park
Thursday, July 4th	Kalama Summer Lights on the Fourth @ 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 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](#)!

