



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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National Night Out

The Kalama Police Department will be hosting it's 2024 National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 6, 2024** from **6pm to 8pm in Downtown Kalama**. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Organizations host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits, and much more.



Here are the Details:

Kalama's event will be held in the 400 block of N 1st Street (**in front of the Kalama Post Office**). Local service organizations will be represented with informational tables/booths showcasing their services and available resources to the community. There will be music, a dunk tank, free food and drinks, as well as first responder vehicle show and tell, family games/fun, and public safety demonstrations.



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



Non-Profit Spotlight: Emergency Support Shelter



The Emergency Support Shelter (ESS) located out of Longview, WA is a non-profit organization providing FREE emergency shelter and advocacy services to victims involved in domestic violence, sexual violence, and many other types of crimes. Their mission is to end sexual and domestic violence while providing education, safety, and support to our community. To learn more about how to volunteer or support ESS, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.emergencysupportshelter.com/>

If you or someone you know is being abused ESS can help. Please call **360-425-1176**.

Tall Grass Notice



It's that time of year where grass and brush can get unruly. Tall grass and unkept brush pose a fire hazard during these hot, summer days. As a reminder, please make sure not to allow your grass or brush to get too tall. To check the current burn ban status in the Kalama area, visit Cowlitz Fire District 5 online @ <https://www.cowlitzfd5.org/>. If you have a tall grass complaint/fire hazard risk for a property inside Kalama city limits, please contact city hall at 360-673-5211 or building@cityofkalama.com.

Congratulations Public Works Employees!

Congratulations to **Bryce Drabek** (left) for achieving his level 2 Water Distribution Managers license and congratulations to **Tom Wright** (right) for obtaining his Level 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator license! These employees have shown dedicated commitment to their work with the City. Thank you!



City Hall Construction Update

Here's a peek inside City Hall as renovations continue. This building is over 100 years old! A cracked structural beam was found, which holds up the 2nd floor. The contractor architect and structural engineer have come up with a solution to remedy structural issues and preserve the building while upgrading the efficiency of the interior space. Stay tuned for more updates!

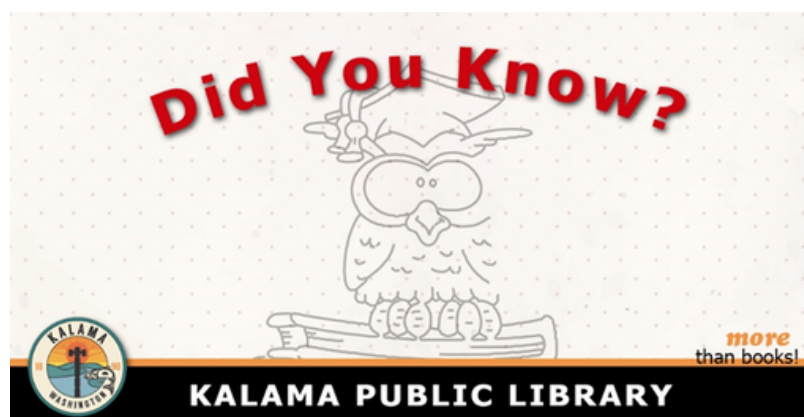


What's Happening at the Library?



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

Did You Know?



Did you know that we have a “Library of Things”? Your library card now lets you check out an assortment of non-traditional items like a birdwatching kit, with binoculars and bird books; a DVD player; pickleball paddles and balls; Washington State Discover Passes; passes to the Columbia River Maritime Museum; and WiFi Hotspots. Watch our website for new additions to the Library of Things!

July Parks & Recreation

July classes with Judy Bain: Drum 4 Fun! \$5 per class- paid monthly (Tues only = \$25, Thurs only = \$15, All classes = \$40), Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-11am (**no class on July 4th**).

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](tel:360-673-4908)



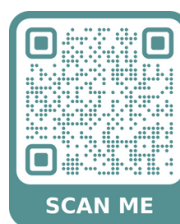
Summer Reading Program

The Kalama Public Library Summer Reading Program began on June 27 and will 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.



The Library is on YouTube!

You can check out the Kalama Public Library on YouTube! Scan or click on the QR code to check out the introduction. Share this video with neighbors, friends, and visitors!



Class Schedule:

- July 2
- July 9
- July 11
- July 16
- July 18
- July 23
- July 25
- July 30



JULY EVENTS

Thursday, July 4th	<u>Kalama Summer Lights on the Fourth</u> @ Westin Amphitheater 11:30am-8pm hosted by the City of Kalama
Thursday, July 4th	City offices & the library will be closed in observance of Independence Day
Tuesday, July 16th	<u>Awards Banquet & Fundraiser</u>- Chamber of Commerce 6-9pm (ticket entry) @ the Port of Kalama's Interpretive Center
Thurs-Sat, July 18th-20th	<u>Kalama Community Fair</u> @ Haydu Park hosted by the Kalama Fair Board
Saturday, July 20th	<u>Annual Downtown Summer Parade</u> (N. 1st Street @ 11am) hosted by the Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Info

- City Council : 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm
- Planning Commission: 2nd Thursday @ 6pm
- Civil Service Commission: 4th Thursday @ 5pm
- 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](#)!

