



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Kalama Chamber Awards

The 2024 Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was a great success! Each year, the Chamber takes nominations to honor members of the Kalama community. This year's award winners included:

- **School Employee of the Year- Katy Pietsch**
- **Totem Award- Etc. Mercantile, Emily & Tim Swett**
- **Citizens of the Year- Judy Bain & Mel Kamerath**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award- Wayne Kallio**

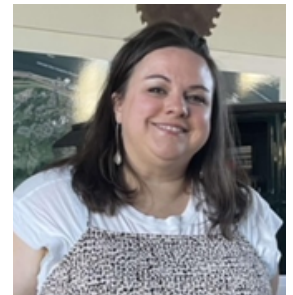
Congratulations to all award winners!



Kalama Chamber Banquet Organizers



Judy Bain (left)



Mel Kamerath



Katy Pietsch (left)



Wayne Kallio



Emily Swett

Congratulations Sergeant Kerney!

During the July 18th Kalama City Council meeting Officer David Kerney was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant, and was administered the oath of office. The department asks this wonderful community to join them in congratulating him and wishing him well on this next chapter of his career!



Summer Sewer Ends: Mid-September



We do our best to keep our residents updated on the timing of the summer sewer averaging related to utility billing. This is simply a reminder: summer sewer averaging ends in the middle of September (around the 20th of the month). To read more about our summer sewer averaging for residential customers connected to city sewer, scan the QR code or follow the link: <https://tinyurl.com/2s38zb3m>

Opt In for Alerts!

Wildfire season always presents an opportunity to encourage our community of important steps you can take NOW to ensure you receive timely alerts and emergency communications that may affect you and your family where you live, depending on the size, scope, nature, and location of an emergency.



We encourage you to scan the **HyperReach** QR code (or click the link) to opt in to an emergency community warning system that is able to send emergency messages via telephone, cellular phone, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to residents and businesses within the county. YOU MUST OPT IN TO RECIEVE ALERTS.

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mrdvkm9>



HYPER REACH

City Hall Construction Update

There's progress on the renovations at City Hall! Check out the pictures below. Please note that the temporary city hall location is at 320 N 1st Street (north of the library), which is open Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm, and closed from 12pm-1pm for lunch. Thank you to our residents and visitors for your patience while we are service you from our temporary locations.



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
more than books!
KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Did You Know?

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KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know that kids up to age five in Cowlitz County can receive a free book delivered to their home every month? This is made possible by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and signing up for books is easy at <https://imaginationlibrary.com>. Or stop by the Kalama Public Library for more information!

August Parks & Recreation

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

Storytime @ the Library

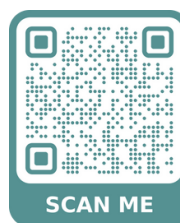
Storytime Starts in September! Each school year, the Kalama Public Library offers a program for Preschool children on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month, from 10:30am to 11:15am. Storytime provides prereading skills through rhyming, stories, songs, and movement... and lots of fun! Join us at the Library!

- **September 4th:** Opening Day!
Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!
- **September 18th:** Field Trip Day @ Rising Heights Dance Studio!



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:**
- Aug. 1
 - Aug. 6
 - Aug. 8
 - Aug. 13
 - Aug. 15
 - Aug. 20
 - Aug. 22
 - Aug. 27
 - Aug. 29

AUGUST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6th	National Night Out - Downtown from 6-8pm (in front of the post office)
Fri-Sun, August 9th-11th	Heritage Festival- @ the Westin Amphitheater, 215 Hendrickson Dr.
Fri-Sun, August 16th-18th	All City Garage Sale- hosted by the Kalama Chamber of Commerce (signup here: https://www.kalamachamber.com/allcitygaragesalesignup)
Sunday, August 18th	Untouchables Car Show- downtown Kalama. Register upon entry. More info: https://tinyurl.com/5rca5c62
Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day - City offices & library closed

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](#)!

