



OUR TOWN

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Back to School Safety

It's that time of year: students are back to school! Whether you have a little Chinook of your own or you drive through the Kalama school zones during your day-- please use caution in these areas. Drivers: slow down and be alert!

Pedestrian Safety

- Crosswalks: Always use designated crosswalks and obey crossing guards.
- Visibility: Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- Sidewalks: Walk on sidewalks where available; if not, walk facing traffic.

School Bus Safety

- Bus Stops: Arrive early at the bus stop and wait in a safe location away from the road.
- Boarding/Exiting: Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting on or off, and cross the street in front of the bus only when the driver signals it's safe.
- Behavior: Stay seated, keep noise to a minimum, and follow the driver's instructions.

Distracted Driving

- Focus: Keep your eyes on the road and avoid distractions such as texting or eating.
- Speed: Slow down in school zones and be prepared for sudden stops.
- Awareness: Watch for children walking, biking, or getting on and off school buses.

Let's all do our part to create a safe environment for our students as they head back to school. Stay alert, stay safe!

Labor Day: Offices Closed

City Offices and the Kalama Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



Non-Profit Spotlight: FOLK

Friends of the Library at Kalama has one important focus – our incredible Kalama Public Library. Our mission and purpose is to highlight the importance of the Library through special programs, outreach, and financial support. We work with the City of Kalama, Library Staff, local merchants, and you to improve and help provide for the needs and resources of the Library. Have you noticed the red Little Libraries around town? Have you stopped by one of our Book and Basket Sales? Have your kids come to Storytime the Summer Reading Program, or Dr. Seuss Day? These are just some of the efforts F.O.L.K. supports, that help connect our community and the Library. We're a growing, vibrant group of people, using our energy and ideas... and we have a lot of fun! We meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Library. Join us, and become a part of our story as a Friend of the Library.



The Fall Friends of the Library Tea



You're Invited!

When: Saturday,
October 12, 2024 @ 2pm

Where: Kalama United
Methodist Church

Tickets: \$20 per person.
Please text or call Chris @
[619-405-1102](tel:619-405-1102)



Join FOLK for fairies, dreams, friends, and fun at the Fall Friends of the Library Tea! **All proceeds support the Kalama Public Library.**



Silent auction baskets will be available this year (cash or check please). Tickets are non-refundable, and a limited number is available. (no children under the age of 14, please.)

Summer Sewer Averaging 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>

Tourism Applications

The Kalama Tourism Advisory Committee is accepting applications September 1st-30th, 2024 (deadline: 5pm on 9/30/24) for tourism events and projects for 2025. Please find details about tourism funding here: <https://www.cityofkalama.com/community/tourism> For questions, please contact Emily Moore at communityrelations@cityofkalama.com or [360-673-4908](tel:360-673-4908).



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

Wednesdays from 1-3pm @
320 N. 1st Street



It's Time for a F.O.L.K. Book and Basket Sale! Friday and Saturday, September 13th and 14th from 10am to 4pm. We've uncovered all kinds of books to sell this month and can't wait for you to stop by! Come shop and support the Kalama Library... and you might find a gift basket for a special someone, too!

Did You Know?

The glass case in the Library can be available to show off your collections. Display your collection of dinosaurs, dolls, stamps, Legos, whatever. How about a hobby; knitting, origami, art? Share your interests with the community and we'll add books that will go with your display. Bring your items by Labor Day and show them off through September. Call the library at [360-673-4568](tel:360-673-4568) to learn more.

September Drum 4 Fun!

September 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

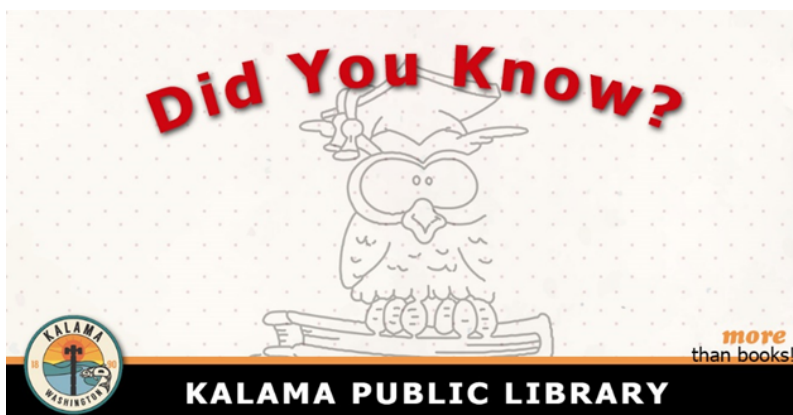
Location: 216 Elm Street, Kalama, WA 98625 at the **Kalama Community Building**
Bring your water. Equipment is provided. Bring a check to class, or register here:
<https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal>
Need more info? Contact: cityhall@cityofkalama.com or 360-762-7690



Storytime @ the Library

Storytime Starts in September! Preschool, Homeschool, Kids are welcome to join us this school year for music, dance, rhymes, movement, and LOTS of stories on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Kalama Library! The fun starts on Wednesday, September 4th with Bugs! Lots and lots of bugs from 10:30 - 11:15!

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



Did You Know?
KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY
more than books!

- Class Schedule:**
- Sept. 3
 - Sept. 5
 - Sept. 10
 - Sept. 12
 - Sept. 17
 - Sept. 19
 - Sept. 24
 - Sept. 26

SEPTEMBER & UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day- City Offices & Library Closed
Saturday, September 7th	<u>Music Healing Many Festival</u> , 10am-9pm @ the Westin Amphitheater, 215 Hendrickson Dr.
Saturday, October 5th	<u>KAMA's "Autumn Art in the Park"</u> , 10am-4pm @ Toteff Park
Saturday, October 5th	Walk-N-Knock Food Drive @ 10am (throughout Kalama) by Kalama Lions
Thursday, October 17th	Budget Hearing on City Revenues, including property tax, Council Chambers (320 N 1st St) @ 7:00pm

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 360-762-7690

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](#)!

