



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Halloween in Kalama

It's Candy drive time: October 1st- 25th! Help support the Chamber member businesses who hand out thousands of pieces of candy during the downtown Trick-or-Treat event each year by donating individually wrapped candy during the candy drive. Donations are accepted at Kalama Shopping Center at 223 N 1st Street. Chamber members who would like to receive a portion of the donations need to email kalamachamber@outlook.com to get on the list!

Trick or Treat: October 31st, 3pm-6pm

The Kalama Chamber of Commerce hosts this fun downtown Trick-or-Treat event! North 1st Street will be closed to car traffic from Elm Street to Ivy Street and businesses will be handing out candy from 3-6pm. Businesses that don't have a store front within the street closure area, but would like to join by setting up a table and/or tent, can register by emailing kalamachamber@outlook.com.

Trick-or-Treat Safety

Here are some essential tips to make this Halloween both enjoyable and safe:

- **Costume safety:** Choose bright colors, reflective tape, glow sticks, and/or flashlights.
- **Street safety:** Use crosswalks, stay in groups, and watch for vehicles.
- **Candy inspection:** Check candy before consuming, and discard anything suspicious.
- **Driver awareness:** Drive slowly, slow down in residential areas, and keep an eye out for trick-or-treaters who may not look both ways. Give your full attention while driving.
- **Safety apps/tech:** Consider using family tracking apps to monitor children's location while they're out trick-or-treating. Ensure that children have a way to contact an adult if they get lost. Equip them with a phone or write down important phone numbers.

Have a safe and spooky night!

Non-Profit Spotlight: Envision Kalama

Hello to all neighbors and friends from Envision Kalama!

Like you, we think Kalama is a great place to live: a small town situated in a truly beautiful Northwest setting. Envision Kalama is a non-profit, service group of residents founded in 2005. Our goal is “to work with all service groups here in Kalama to enhance the livability in our town.”

Our projects are funded through your donations. Your past giving has helped with new Library furniture and shelving, the Kalama History House, and funding the mural on the south side of the Library. We joined with AMALAK to purchase a grand piano for the Kalama middle./high school. Other donations include: Shop With A Cop, new computers in the Kalama Library, and facilitation of a grant from the Cowlitz Tribal Foundation for the high school’s Tiny Home Program.

Our donations to Kalama are “home grown” because they come from you-- the people who live right here in our town. To learn more about Envision Kalama, or to make a donation, please visit our website:

www.envisionkalama.net



Pictured: Eric Yakovich, sealing the mural on the south side of the Kalama Public Library.



Baby grand piano purchased by Envision Kalama and Amalak for Kalama's middle/high school.



Pictured: Molly Ciancibelli stands in the library showcasing furniture purchased by Envision Kalama.

Upcoming Budget Hearings

It's time for the City's budget hearings in preparation for the 2025 budget. Save the dates:

- October 17, 2024: Revenue hearing (including property taxes)
- November 7, 2024: Preliminary budget hearing-- expenditures
- November 21, 2024: Final budget hearing-- expenditures continued



Chief's Caribbean Dinner



Join us for the annual Chief's Caribbean Dinner on Friday, November 1st, 2024 at 6pm at the Kalama Community Building (216 Elm Street, Kalama, WA 98625).

Arrive at 6pm, dinner starts at 6:30pm. Come for delicious food, mocktails, salsa dancing, a silent auction, and fun!

Tickets are \$20 per person, and must be purchased in advance. They are available at the temporary city hall building (320 N. 1st Street, Kalama, WA 98625).

Takeout option: \$20 per meal, with a set pickup time

Purchase tickets online here: <https://tinyurl.com/e6w22sad>

A "Shop with a Cop" Fundraiser Event! Thank you for your support!

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

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



Contact the library: [360 673 4568](tel:3606734568) or
librarian@kalamalibrary.com

Storytime @ the Library

1-2-3! Count with Me! It's Storytime in October! Join us on October 2nd for lots of counting fun. Then, on October 16th, join us on Old MacDonald's Farm! Music, dance, rhymes, and LOTS of stories on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Kalama Library. Mark your calendars so you don't miss any of the fun from 10:30am - 11:15am. See you soon!

• **October 2nd**
Counting fun!

• **October 16th**
Old McDonald's Farm



Did You Know?

KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did You Know?

Did you know your library card gives you access to the Palace Project, a new mobile platform that delivers e-books and audiobooks directly to your electronic devices? Just download the Palace Project app, use your KPL library card to log in, and discover a new landscape of e-content directly at your fingertips! Note: For those who already use Libby, the Palace Project is intended as a complement not a replacement.

October Drum 4 Fun!

October classes with Judy Bain: Drum 4 Fun! \$5 per class- paid monthly (Tues only = \$25, Thurs only = \$25, All classes = \$50), 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](tel:3607627690)



- Class Schedule:**
- Oct. 1
 - Oct. 3
 - Oct. 8
 - Oct. 10
 - Oct. 15
 - Oct. 17
 - Oct. 22
 - Oct. 24
 - Oct. 29
 - Oct. 31



Celebrate with us at the Fall Friends of the Library Tea: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Kalama United Methodist Church
Tickets are \$20.00 each, and all proceeds go to Kalama Public Library.
For tickets, please text or call Chris at [619-405-1102](tel:6194051102)

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OCTOBER & UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 5th	<u>KAMA's "Autumn Art in the Park", 10am-4pm @ Toteff Park</u>
Saturday, October 5th	<u>Walk-N-Knock Food Drive @ 10am (throughout Kalama) by Kalama Lions</u>
Thursday, October 17th	Budget Hearing on City Revenues, including property tax, Council Chambers (320 N 1st St) @ 7:00pm
Thursday, October 31st	Kalama Chamber's <u>Downtown Trick or Treat</u>, 3-6pm, N. 1st Street
Friday, November 1st	Chief's Caribbean Dinner, 216 Elm St @ 6pm, Ticket info at <u>www.cityofkalama.com</u>

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](#)!

