



OUR TOWN

The official newsletter of Kalama, WA



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Cold Weather Preparedness

Before the onset of cold weather, prevent freezing of water supply lines and pipes by following these recommendations:

- Drain water from pools and sprinkler lines following manufacturer's directions. Do NOT put antifreeze in water lines, it's poison!
- Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain.
- Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas (e.g. basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under sink cabinets).

During cold weather, take preventative action:




- Let cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running even a trickle of water through the pipe(s) helps prevent freezing.
- If going out of town during cold temperatures, leave the heat on in your home, set temperature no lower than 55°F

To thaw frozen pipes:

- Frozen pipes are usually against exterior walls or where your the water service enters the home through the foundation. Keep the faucet open. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice.
- Apply heat to the section of the pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hairdryer, portable space heater (away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes in towels soaked with hot water. Do not use open flame devices to heat.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you cannot located, thaw, or access the frozen area, call a licensed plumber.

Upcoming City Offices & Library Holiday Closures

City offices and the library will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, **November 11th**, Veteran's Day   
- Thursday & Friday, **November 28th & 29th**, Thanksgiving holiday



Non-Profit Spotlight: Kalama Lions Club



The Kalama Lions Club is made up of local residents supporting the humanitarian needs of the Kalama community. They proudly support local projects, fund scholarships, volunteer (and support) the Kalama Helping Hand food bank, and many events throughout the year.

You might see them at the Westin Amphitheater on the 4th of July hosting a beer garden, knocking on doors to collect donations for the annual "Walk and Knock" food drive, flipping pancakes at the annual Father's Day breakfast hosted at the Kalama Community Building, or even helping the Easter bunny hide eggs on Easter morning at the Camp Kalama RV Park. These people give back to their community in so many ways. Find out more at their website: <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/kalama/index.php>
The Lions meet at the Community Building (216 Elm Street, Kalama) on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6pm. For questions, contact kalamalions@kalama.com.

Holiday Garbage Schedule Notice



Veteran's Day: Normal Schedule
Thanksgiving Day: Normal Schedule
Christmas Eve: Normal Schedule
Christmas Day: Collection delayed 1 day
New Years Day: Collection delayed 1 day

To view more details, visit the link:

<https://www.wastecontrolrecycling.com/pickup-schedule>

We recommend that residents put out their garbage cart the night before their garbage day, because these pickups often come extra early on and near holidays.

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

To review agendas and attached material, visit the link below, and select the meeting in which you are interested.

<https://www.towncloud.io/go/kalama-wa>

If you would like to attend a meeting through Zoom, the virtual attendance information is included at the top of the agenda, including a Zoom link to access the meeting. We encourage the public to attend Council meetings. Meetings are at 7:00pm in the City Council chambers at 320 N. 1st Street, Kalama.



City Hall Renovation Update

We appreciate your patience while we are under renovation. We are still offering service from our temporary location at 320 N. 1st Street, Kalama. One of the things we are most excited about are the new city hall windows that will offer immense natural light. Unfortunately, these also seem to have the longest lead time. We are hoping to move back into the office by the holidays in December. Lighting, windows, HVAC, and furniture installation are hopefully happening soon.



What's Happening at the Library?

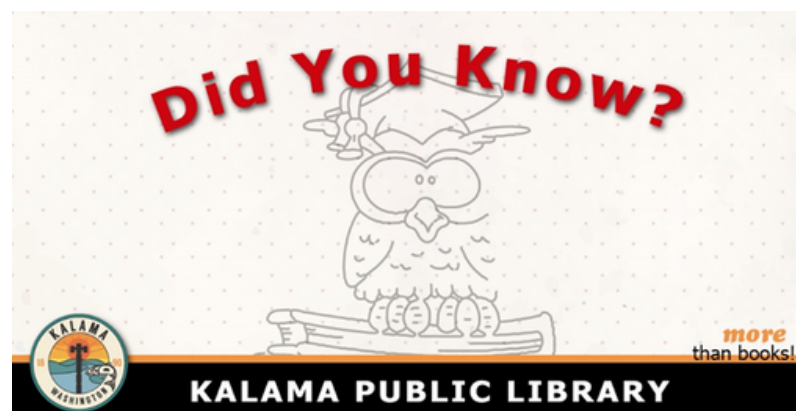


THE GATHERING PLACE
Drop by to spend time with other seniors!
*Chat, play cards, share recipes
do puzzles, knit, make art.....*
Library card not required
KALAMA PUBLIC LIBRARY
more than books!

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



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



Did You Know?
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Did You Know?

Did you know the Kalama Public Library sponsors history talks? Join longtime Kalama resident Pete Poulsen on Saturday, November 16th in the City Council Chambers (320 N. 1st Street) from 2pm-4pm as he shares his recollections about growing up in Kalama over the past several decades. He'll provide personal stories and anecdotes about the people and events that made Kalama the community we know today.

November Drum 4 Fun!

November classes with Judy Bain: Drum 4 Fun! \$5 per class- paid monthly (Tues only = \$20, Thurs only = \$15, All classes = \$35), Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-11am
NO CLASS on THANKSGIVING DAY.

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:360-762-7690)

Storytime @ the Library

Preschool Children and their families are welcome to join us at Storytime for stories, rhymes, songs, games, learning, and fun! We meet at the Kalama Library at 10:30am - 11:15am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

- **November 6:** Let's Go! Bicycle, Wagon, Car, Bus... You Name it... We're on our Way!
- **November 20:** Helping Hand is Coming to Storytime! Stacey Bridges and volunteers from Kalama's Helping Hand are coming to tell us about how we can be Helpers! Bring something to help people who need help - especially this time of year: warm socks, soups, canned foods, toiletries, toothbrushes, gravy packets, salt/pepper, etc. Kids can be Helping Hands!



Thank you for your support at our FOLK Fall Tea! Such fun, nice company, good conversation, and a lovely time together!
FOLK Book & Basket Sale: November 8 and 9, Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day at the Kalama Public Library. Let's get ready for Christmas!

Class Schedule:

- Nov. 5
- Nov. 7
- Nov. 12
- Nov. 14
- Nov. 19
- Nov. 21
- Nov. 26



UPCOMING EVENTS


Thurs & Fri, Nov 28th & 29th	City offices & library closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
Saturday, Nov. 30th	Small Business Saturday- "Shop Local" (<u>Chamber of Commerce</u>)
Fri & Sat, Dec. 6th & 7th	<u>Winter Ale Fest & Market @ 155 Elm St, 12/6 3pm-9pm, 12/7 9am-9pm</u>
Saturday, Dec. 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Bazaar (Kalama Comm. Fair) 9am-4pm @ Kalama Elementary • Parade of Lighted Floats @ 1st Street (Chamber of Commerce) @ 5pm • Hot Cocoa, photos w/ Santa, and letters to Santa @ 4pm (Council Chamber) • Polar Express Movie Viewing @ 6:30pm (Port of Kalama) @ the Interpretive Center

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](#)!

