

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



In this month's newsletter, I will be providing an update on community events in Sultan and ways to help build community coming up later this year.

Our community events are one of the hallmarks of our Sultan and Sky Valley community. Residents, businesses, the City, and local organizations come together to provide family-friendly events throughout the year. These events are opportunities to meet your neighbors, see friends, and spend quality time with family. They strengthen the relationships and bonds that hold our community together.

Unfortunately, over the past two years, we have had to cancel or seriously limit our community events due to the pandemic. That changes this year. In partnership with the Sultan Community Alliance and Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce, we are bringing our beloved community events back!

The Sultan Community Alliance is energized and planning new events as well as preparing for some of our most well-attended events like the Trunk-or-Treat and Lighted Parade along with others. As more information about specific events and dates is available, we will be sharing updates on our Facebook page and monthly newsletter.

The Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce and City of Sultan are bringing back the Sultan Shindig after a two-year hiatus. The Sultan Shindig is a great opportunity to appreciate our community's heritage through the logging show, enjoy great entertainment at the gazebo main stage, eat way too much food, support local businesses, and laugh with family and friends.

The Shindig is enjoyed by long-time residents, new members of our community, and visitors alike. While some things may look different this year, we are looking forward to bringing this treasured community tradition back! This year's Shindig will be held the weekend of July 8th–10th. Make sure to check out www.sultanshindig.com for more details.

Our community events are a blast to attend but can also be a blast to volunteer at! Our events are made possible by volunteers and donations to keep many of them free to the community. With so much excitement around these events coming back, we need a great team of volunteers to help make it happen.

Volunteering at these events is very rewarding and helps build a stronger community. Whether you have just a couple of hours or a couple of days of time, we can all help make this year's (and future years') events better than ever.

If you would like to volunteer with friends or family for any of these events, please contact me at russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or Debbie Copple at the Chamber of Commerce at debbie@skyvalleyvic.net.

I look forward to these events and seeing many of you again out and about throughout the year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the City of Sultan, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360.454.4145. Take care.


Sincerely,

Russell Wiita
Mayor, City of Sultan



MARCH 2022 MEETING CALENDAR

All Meetings Held in the Community Room
at 319 Main Street Unless Otherwise Noted

MARCH 1	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote attendance only
MARCH 3	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MARCH 3	Council Workshop—7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
MARCH 8	Community Alliance Meeting—5:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
MARCH 10	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MARCH 10	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
MARCH 15	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote attendance only
MARCH 17 	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MARCH 24	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MARCH 24	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
APRIL 5	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote attendance only
APRIL 7	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
APRIL 7	Council Workshop—7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone



PUBLIC WORKS



PLANNING/BUILDING CORNER



Projects

- At the February 24, 2022 Council Meeting, the Council approved to move forward with a dog park that's going to be installed at Traveler's Park. Please watch for updates in the newsletter and the website.
- Osprey Park Sports Fields—City crews are working to construct covered seating for the dugouts and the bleachers.
- More projects are planned for other seating in Osprey Park.
- Reese Park—Crew has installed automatic door locks in the restrooms which will allow bathrooms to be open regularly.
- Crews cleaned the guardrails on US-2 near the bridge and will be continuing cleaning along US-2 going east.



Tired of Using Snail Mail to Pay Your Utility Bill?

The City of Sultan has an online payment system that is fast, easy, safe and free!

Just go to: www.sultanwa.merchantransact.com/Login

and choose either "Sign Up" to register your utility account and be able to manage payments and statements online OR choose "Utility Payments" to make a one-time payment on your utility account.

If you have any questions or issues, you can contact Janice Mann at 360.793.1129 or janice.mann@ci.sultan.wa.us.

DO YOU ENJOY COFFEE?

ARE YOU LOOKING TO MEET OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY OR LEARN WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOUR CITY?

THERE ARE TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TOGETHER WITH NEW OR OLD FRIENDS AND BOTH MEET AT CITY HALL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

SENIOR CENTER COFFEE TALK

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Where a great group of folks share stories and talk about what is going on in the City.

COFFEE WITH THE CITY

Thursdays at 9:30am

A chance to hear what is going on at the City and ask questions about different projects.

We hope to see you there.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

Physical Address: 319 Main Street #200, Sultan WA 98294
Mailing Address: PO Box 1199, Sultan WA 98294
Office Hours: Monday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Tuesday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed daily between 12:00 pm—1:00 pm for lunch

Phone 360.793.2231 · Fax 360.793.3344

Website: www.ci.sultan.wa.us

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sultanwashingtongovernment>

GRAFFITI

Graffiti is a crime, has a negative impact, and causes harm to our community. Tagging is the most common form of graffiti. Taggers go out during the hours of darkness and tag on surfaces around town. Since they are fast, it makes it difficult to catch them.

With collaboration across several departments, the City aims to remove graffiti on public property as soon as possible. For private properties, the Code Enforcement division will first notify the property owner of the graffiti and provide a reasonable amount of time to remove it.

What can the public do to help?

If you see graffiti or vandalism in progress, call 911. **DO NOT** approach those involved in what you believe to be criminal activity.

TIPS for parents

Most parents have no idea their children are involved in vandalism or graffiti crime.

- Check backpacks for markers and/or spray paint, aerosol cans and/or nozzles.
- Look for sketch books, pieces of paper with graffiti "tags" on them and photographs of graffiti pieces or murals.
- Check school papers for graffiti "tags". Students will practice their tags.
- Paint on your child's fingertips.

Graffiti can be reported to Code Enforcement directly at 360.793.1125.

For more detailed information on graffiti, please go to our website at <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/350/Graffiti>

Online Permitting Now Available

Did you know the city currently allows residents to apply for any building or land use permit through the city website? You can complete the whole process from home with no need to come into City Hall. As always, our staff is here to help and answer questions about the process.

If you have questions on how to submit or what activities require permits, please feel free to reach out to the Community Development Department.



CURIOUS WHAT THE CITY IS UP TO?



HAVE YOU VISITED THE CITY'S WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE RECENTLY?

You can find us at www.ci.sultan.wa.us or on Facebook under "City of Sultan, Washington – Government". We encourage you to visit these two social media sites where you can find information on such things as important news items, upcoming events, council discussion items, current city projects, and so much more. Like us on Facebook or sign up on the website to be notified when new items or topics you are interested in are posted. In addition, we always appreciate input on ways to improve our communications with the residents of our community.

You can send your comments and questions to cityhall@ci.sultan.wa.us

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SULTAN UTILITY BILL?

If you are having financial issues and need help with your utility bill or to make payment arrangements, please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231