

# MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



We are giving downtown Sultan a facelift! By partnering with the University of Washington's Storefront Studio program, we are finding ways improve the look and feel of Main Street and create spaces for more events in the future.

This project is the result of the outreach we did during the Strategic Plan and Vision project last year. During that outreach, we heard from community members that you want to see nicer storefronts, a more welcoming environment on Main Street, and more opportunities to have fun downtown.

To make that a reality, we began with the Storefront Studio group. This is a group of architecture students from the University of Washington and they are collecting feedback from the community and proposing improvements downtown.

They began with a kickoff on April 1<sup>st</sup> where we met in the City Council Chambers and they introduced themselves and heard from residents and business owners about how they envision downtown.

Then they returned for an open house on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Compass Financials on Main Street. At the open house, the Studio group hung posters on the wall with concepts for how downtown could be improved. The ideas ranged from additional meeting, event, and market places to better lighting to outdoor seating for dining establishments and much more.

Residents and business owners had an opportunity to put stickers on the ideas they liked most and provide feedback or questions on ideas they weren't sure about. Thank you to everyone who came out and provided their input to the process.

Storefront Studio is currently taking this feedback and starting to create conceptual images of how these ideas would be incorporated into our downtown. This will allow residents and business owners to see how some of these improvements might look in our downtown.

There will be additional opportunities to provide feedback and engage with the project so make sure to check the City's website and Facebook page for updates.

Once the Storefront Studio project concludes this summer, we will begin the next step of our downtown improvement plans by creating a grant program for the proposed improvements. The grants will be funded using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding we received from the federal government.

The grant program will allow the City to partner with local businesses and provide matching funds to these businesses to improve their facades and storefronts. This public-private partnership will help implement the plan shortly after it is completed.

I am thankful to the businesses and residents who have participated in this process so far and the City Council for listening to our community and moving forward on your priorities for the City.

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](mailto:russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us) or 360.454.4145. Take care.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita



## MAY 2022 MEETING CALENDAR

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

MAY 3	Planning Board—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
MAY 5	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MAY 5	Council Workshop—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
MAY 10	Community Alliance Meeting—5:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
MAY 12	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MAY 12	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
MAY 17	Planning Board—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
MAY 19	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MAY 24	Community Alliance Meeting—5:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
MAY 26	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
MAY 26	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
JUNE 2	Coffee with the City—9:30 am
JUNE 2	Council Workshop—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>
JUNE 7	Planning Board—7:00 pm <b>In person and remote attendance via computer or phone</b>

## THE PUBLIC WORKS CREW HAS BEEN BUSY!

### Key Active Projects

Working on a future parking lot behind City Hall



Completion of Osprey Park Baseball Field improvements

Weeding and mulching landscape areas throughout town



Dog Park at Traveler's Park

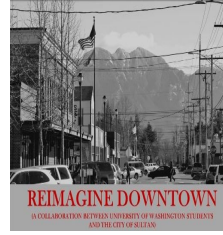
- \* Crew will be installing a water line to the park
- \* Opening Day is coming soon!

### Day to Day Maintenance

Mowing all parks and open spaces  
Pressure washing the downtown parks

## PLANNING/BUILDING

### Storefront Studio



This year the City has partnered with the University of Washington's College of the Built Environment for the Storefront Studio. This program has brought a team of undergraduate architecture students into our downtown to look at ways we can improve the downtown experience. This will include how the character of downtown can be revitalized through improvements to local businesses, city owned properties, and common spaces.

To make this project a success, we want to hear from the community. You will have the opportunity to see what they are working on and give feedback at the three open house meetings hosted by the program on May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and June 10<sup>th</sup>.

For more information please take a look at the City website or contact the Community Development Director, Andy Galuska at [andy.galuska@ci.sultan.wa.us](mailto:andy.galuska@ci.sultan.wa.us) or 360.793.1311.



### THE CITY OF SULTAN HAS THREE JOB OPENINGS!

#### Full Time Seasonal Utility Help

- ◆ Qualified people 18 years or older
- ◆ Likes to work outdoors
- ◆ Interested in helping out in the community to make it a beautiful place to live.
- ◆ 40 Hours per week through the summer
- ◆ \$18.47 Per Hour

#### Full Time Building Inspector/Plans Examiner

- ◆ Experience in plan review
- ◆ Will perform building inspections
- ◆ 40 hours per week—Represented Position
- ◆ \$33.13—\$38.88 per hour

#### Full Time Deputy Treasurer

- ◆ Experience in accounting and financial management
- ◆ Performs a wide variety of accounting and administrative support work.
- ◆ 40 Hours per week—Represented Position
- ◆ \$29.79—\$34.96 per hour

For more detailed information on any of these jobs, please go to the City's website at: <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/jobs.aspx>



### US2 Corridor Study

One thing everyone in Sultan can agree on is that weekend congestion on US2 can be a headache!

To address this problem, the City commissioned an engineering study that looks at several possible alternatives to address congestion now and in the future. These alternatives include widening the highway and constructing new roundabout intersections. Before we move forward, we want feedback from the community to determine the best alternative for our community.



The full report as well as summaries of the alternatives can be found on the City website. We also have an online survey to collect feedback from our residents.

*If you would rather hear from us in person, we are holding our first public open house on the project on May 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.*



### \*\*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**

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Website: [www.ci.sultan.wa.us](http://www.ci.sultan.wa.us)

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

### 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