

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



Our state and federal representatives are changing soon! Every 10 years, following the decennial census, the boundary lines for state legislative and federal congressional districts are adjusted to account for changing population trends. The updated boundaries created a unique situation for Sultan and the Sky Valley. In this month's newsletter, I will highlight these changes and some elections to keep an eye on this year.

For the past 10 years, Sultan has been represented in the Washington State Legislature by two Representatives and one State Senator from the 39th Legislative District. The old 39th district stretches from the US-2 corridor all the way north to Sedro-Woolley.

The new legislative maps create some changes for residents of Sultan. In a unique twist, the new boundaries split the City of Sultan into two legislative districts (LDs), the 39th and the 12th. If you live in parts of Eagle Ridge or north downtown Sultan, you are still in the 39th LD. If you are in most of the rest of Sultan, you are now in the 12th LD which stretches from Monroe, all the way east down the US-2 corridor to Chelan.

This means most of the residents of Sultan (and the greater Sky Valley region) will have a new State Senator and State Representatives after the November general election. The current legislators in the 12th LD include Senator Brad Hawkins, Representative Mike Steele, and Representative Keith Goehner. I have met with the new Senator and both new Representatives and they have visited Sultan to learn more about our area and our needs in the State Legislature. I am excited to work with them on issues including US-2 improvements and public safety in the future.

The redistricting process also changed the boundaries for our congressional districts. As you may know, we are represented by two Senators in the United States Senate (currently Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell) and one Congressman in the United States House of Representatives (Suzan DelBene). The new maps do not affect our representation in the U.S. Senate because the Senators represent all of Washington State.

But the new boundaries do change our congressional representation. For the past 10 years, Sultan and the Sky Valley have been part of Washington's 1st Congressional District (CD) which stretches into the Eastside of King County all the way up to the Canadian border. Following November's election, all of Sultan will be in the 8th Congressional District.

The new 8th CD includes rural parts of Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties as well as all of Kittitas and Chelan Counties. The current Congressman from the 8th CD is Kim Schrier who is up for re-election this year. The winner of the election in November will be our new representative in Congress for at least the next 2 years.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Congresswoman Suzan DelBene for her service for the past 10 years. She has always made herself available when I have needed to talk to her about issues facing Sultan.

I look forward to working more closely with our new representatives and encourage you to reach out to them and share your thoughts and concerns as it relates to state or federal issues.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns related to the City of Sultan or our new state and federal representation, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at:

russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360.454.4145.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita
Mayor, City of Sultan



<https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/>

CITY HALL INFORMATION

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Fax: 360.793.3344

Office Hours:
Monday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Tuesday—Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed daily 12:00 pm—1:00 pm for lunch

Website:
www.ci.sultan.wa.us

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

MEETING CALENDAR

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

AUGUST 2022

AUG 4	Council Workshop 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
AUG 11 & 25	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
AUG 2 & 16	Planning Board 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
AUG 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Community Alliance Meeting 5:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
AUG 4, 11, 18 & 25	Coffee with the City 9:30 am

SEPTEMBER 2022

SEP 1	Council Workshop 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
SEP 8 & 22	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
SEP 6 & 20	Planning Board 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
SEP 6, 13, 20 & 27	Community Alliance Meeting 5:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
SEP 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29	Coffee with the City 9:30 am

PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECTS

- ◆ River Park ADA Ramp is near completion.
- ◆ Future City Hall Parking Lot went out to bid for the asphalt and closed on July 21, 2022. The bid winner was AA Asphaltting. Work should begin sometime in August.
- ◆ Irrigation upgrades at Osprey Park are continuing and on track.
- ◆ Vegetation throughout the city is a top priority.
- ◆ Public Works continues to support the Alliance and Chamber events.
- ◆ Public Works has some exciting changes happening with additional staff that will help processes for all departments!

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Sultan is doing upgrades to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This will include adding a new oxidation ditch, biosolids handling building and a third secondary clarifier as well as other site improvements. Work has begun and should last until December 2024.

For more information, check out the city's website under the current city project page at <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/180/Current-City-Projects>

WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Sultan Water Quality Report is available for viewing on the City's website. Please follow the QR code to find the information.



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THE CITY OF SULTAN HAS JOB OPENINGS!

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!

AT CITY HALL

Deputy Treasurer position opening!

- ◆ Variety of accounting and administrative support work.
- ◆ Assisting with bank reconciliation, budget book, grant management, accounts receivable and other financial and administrative duties.
- ◆ 40 Hours per week—Represented Position
- ◆ \$29.79—\$34.96 per hour DOQ

AT PUBLIC WORKS

We have two seasonal utility positions open!

- ◆ Qualified people 18 years or older
- ◆ Likes to work outdoors mowing, painting, and other outdoor duties.
- ◆ 40 Hours per week through the fall.
- ◆ \$18.47 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> or call City Hall at 360.793.2231 for more information or for an application packet.

Housing Action Plan



The entire State of Washington is facing an unprecedented housing crisis and many in our community are having trouble finding the housing they need. To help address this issue, the city has begun an analysis of the housing needs ahead of our comprehensive plan update through a housing action plan.

The goal of this plan is to create an actionable policy document, supported by data and public input that outlines how to meet Sultan's housing needs.

A strong housing action plan is built on feedback from community members and stakeholders, so their interests and local knowledge are reflected throughout the document. The City of Sultan is committed to effective and inclusive community engagement. We invite everyone to take the Sultan Housing Survey which can be found at:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYSGBHS> or using the QR code.

If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Andy Galuska, Community Development Director at 360.793.1311 or andy.galuska@ci.sultan.wa.us.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMITS!



If you are thinking about improving your house or property with decks, fences, sheds, park models, tiny homes, roofs, re-roofs, or interior improvements including heat pumps, air conditioning units and/or water heaters, please contact the city permitting department to make sure you are covered. Permit requirements depend on the scope of your project or location-related constraints. Please visit the city website for information regarding permissible uses for all zoning districts, including setbacks, land use and building permit requirements and applications.

State building codes require permits be obtained for certain types of work. Permits provide a legal record of work performed, protecting you, your family and your investment. If you perform work without a permit, you could be fined for not having a permit and may need to remove or disassemble the work you did.

Call the Sultan Community Development Department with questions at 360.793.1099 or 360.793.1311, or visit the Community Development Department website at:

<https://ci.sultan.wa.us/343/Community-Development>

LET'S SAVE WATER TOGETHER

FREE Water Conservation Kits available at City Hall!!

Now in stock:

- ⇒ Moisture Meter—detects moisture at room level—2 options
- ⇒ Shower Head—2 options
- ⇒ Kitchen Sink Head
- ⇒ Water Timer



Every little bit helps to save water! Come in to City Hall and get

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