

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



CITY HALL INFORMATION

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MEETING CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 2022

OCT 6	Council Workshop 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
OCT 13 & 27	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
OCT 4 & 18	Planning Board 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
OCT 5, 12, 19 & 26	Community Alliance Meeting 5:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
OCT 6, 13, 20 & 27	Coffee with the City 9:30 am

NOVEMBER 2022

CANCELLED	Council Workshop 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
Nov 3 & 17	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
Nov 1 & 15	Planning Board 7:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
Nov 2, 9, 16, & 30	Community Alliance Meeting 5:00 pm In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24	Coffee with the City 9:30 am

Housing affordability is an issue affecting our entire region and the City of Sultan is not immune to the challenge of housing affordability. Housing affordability is largely driven by the market and the larger forces of supply and demand. But we are looking at steps we can take locally to allow for and encourage more affordable housing options. We are doing this through the development of a Housing Action Plan (HAP).

This year, the City of Sultan received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to assist in the development of our HAP. The Plan is a policy document, supported by research, data, and public input, that outlines how to meet Sultan's housing needs.

There is an important distinction to be made when talking about affordable housing. Affordable housing is often used to describe subsidized housing which is funded by other levels of government for those who fall within certain poverty levels. Other types of affordable housing are not subsidized by the government but are smaller units, often in the form of apartments or townhomes that can be more affordable than a traditional single-family home that we often see built in housing developments.

The process of creating a Housing Action Plan involves multiple steps with opportunities for public input. Earlier this year, we started this process by conducting a Housing Needs Assessment. The Housing Needs Assessment identifies current and future housing needs. It accomplishes this by taking a current inventory of available housing, projecting future inventory growth, and analyzing demographic data to determine what types of housing will be needed and how many units need to be built.

One of the overarching goals of this project is to ensure that current residents who live in Sultan can continue to live here. Whether that is a student graduating from high school or college who wants to stay in the community they grew up in, or older residents who want to downsize after they have retired. Housing growth is not just for new residents but also to create options and flexibility for current residents.

A survey was conducted this summer to get the community's thoughts on housing in Sultan. We also established a community advisory committee to help guide the policy work moving forward. As drafts of the plan are created, there will be additional opportunities for the public to provide input.

Throughout the rest of this year and into next year, we will be working on drafting the HAP and the Plan will ultimately be adopted in Spring of 2023. The guidance and policy included in the final Plan will inform the City as we update our Comprehensive Plan in 2023 and 2024.

If you would like to read the Housing Needs Assessment or learn more about the Housing Action Plan, you can find more information on the City's website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us, clicking "Sultan's Community", "Current City Projects", and then "Housing Action Plan (HAP)."

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about 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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SULTAN CITY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE INVITES YOU TO TRUNK OR TREAT ON MAIN STREET

Downtown Sultan • 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

FOOD • FUN • GAMES • CANDY

300 BLOCK TO 500 BLOCK ON MAIN STREET, SULTAN WA 98294
Booth Set Up at 4:00 pm

WE ARE ACCEPTING CANDY DONATIONS FOR THE EVENT

Please bring all donations to City Hall at 319 Main Street or the Public Works Field Office at 703 1st Street (Monday—Friday 8am to 5pm)



Online vendor registration form for either event:

<https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/formcenter/city-website-forms-9/vendor-registration-68>

PARADE KICKS OFF AT 6:00 PM
FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL WITH PEP RALLY TO FOLLOW!

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE AND PEP RALLY
COMING OCTOBER 13, 2022!

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!
Hosted by The Sultan Community Alliance

COME SUPPORT YOUR TURKS!

Sky Valley Youth Coalition Teen Center is Hosting Events!



After school youth group is held at 430 Main Street from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Teen Nights are every Friday at the Boys and Girls Club from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Volunteers are needed from 6:45 pm to 10:00 pm

If you would like to volunteer and support Sultan's youth at either of these events, please contact Kim Biegel at 360.395.2529 or by email at kbiegel@voaww.org.



COME DINE AT THE SENIOR CENTER!

Anyone and everyone are welcome. Lunch is Monday through Thursday! Meals start at 11:30 am and end at 1:00 pm

Volunteers are needed from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer by helping to serve and prepare food, please contact Deanna French at 360.395.2133 or by email at dfrench@voaww.org.

CITY HAPPENINGS

PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECTS

- ◆ City Hall Parking Lot—Striping will be complete in October.
- ◆ Steps at City Hall are resurfaced and ADA ramp is in progress.
- ◆ Public Works supported the Sultan School Districts evacuation drill.
- ◆ Irrigation upgrades at Osprey Park are continuing and on track.
- ◆ Public Works continues to support the Alliance and Chamber events. Alliance events coming in October!
- ◆ Sidewalk repairs in various locations.
- ◆ Asphalt patching at Gohr Road, 3rd Street, and Birch Avenue October—November.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Sultan is continuing the 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>

CITY SWEARS IN NEW POLICE CHIEF



On September 22, 2022, Mayor Wiita swore in Lt. John Adams as the new Chief of Police for the City of Sultan. Chief Mike Martin was re-assigned within the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. We appreciate the four years with Chief Martin and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Chief John Adams has been with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office for 26 years and has spent time in a variety of posts including Search and Rescue, SWAT, dive team, and as a Master Patrol Deputy. Chief Adams has worked in the Sky Valley on previous assignments and brings a broad range of experience to the City of Sultan. We are excited to welcome our new Police Chief and look forward to his service for the City.



PLEASE KEEP BABY WIPES, FLUSHABLE WIPES, PAPER TOWELS, FEMININE PRODUCTS, AND RAGS OUT OF THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM!

Inaccurately touted as "flushable," disposable wipes and similar-style products cause severe problems at the city's wastewater treatment plant, including clogged pumps along with any other disposable wipe, paper towel, and rags. These clogs are costly, as they necessitate emergency repairs by city maintenance staff. Every time a clog occurs, the plant is forced to shut down as our operators remove these disposable rags by hand. Thank you for keeping these products out of the sewer system!

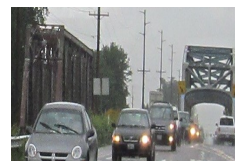


Damage from non-organic matter

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

US-2 Project Progress Report



In accordance with the US-2 project timeline, the City held its second round of technical, local community, and regional working group meetings in July 2022.

Project staff are following up with regional stakeholders that were not able to attend for further input. Upcoming project activities are as follows:

- October 19, 2022**
Round 3 Working Group Meetings
- November 17, 2022**
Round 3 City Council Check-In Presentation
- December 2022**
Final Community Engagement Report

The City conducted an online survey between May 11, 2022 and July 29, 2022. The survey asked respondents about their perception of existing conditions, problems they experience along the US2 Corridor through Sultan City limits, desired improvements to US2, and impacts to avoid. The City received 920 responses, and the survey is now closed.

Thank you to everyone that filled out the survey!!

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the City Hall at 360.793.2231.