

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Mayor Wiita

CITY HALL INFORMATION

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Monday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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CITY HALL CLOSED

November 10th in observance of Veterans Day
November 23rd & 24th in observance of Thanksgiving

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

November 2023

November 7	Planning Board 7:00 PM In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
November	Council Workshop 7:00 PM In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
November 2 & 16	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
November	Community Alliance Meeting 5:00 PM Check website for dates and times https://ci.sultan.wa.us/221/Community-Alliance-Board
Every Thursday	Coffee with the City 9:30 AM

December 2023

December 5	Planning Board 7:00 PM In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
December	Council Workshop 7:00 PM In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
December 7 & 21	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM In person and remote attendance via computer or phone
December	Community Alliance Meeting 5:00 PM Check website for dates and times https://ci.sultan.wa.us/221/Community-Alliance-Board
Every Thursday	Coffee with the City 9:30 AM

Last month, the Sultan City Council approved the 2024 budget for the City of Sultan. The City's budget is not just a financial document, it also reflects our values and priorities for the community. Below, I will share some of the budget items and themes in next year's budget.

Throughout the various departments, the city is continuing to provide high quality levels of service to the community. We have a dedicated team of city staff members who continue to do more with less to serve the residents of Sultan. Ongoing expenses are growing faster than our revenues. This has been a consistent theme over the past couple of years and we are finding ways to be as efficient as possible with your tax dollars.

In addition to our regular, ongoing work we have several exciting projects planned for 2024. In 2023, we started the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan. You can learn about our comp plan update at www.sultan2044.com. In 2024, we will be taking the great public input received in 2023 and begin developing alternatives for Council consideration within the comp plan. This will set a vision and high-level guidance for land use, housing, parks and recreation, infrastructure, transportation, environmental sustainability, and economic development for the next 20 years.

Next year's budget also funds the construction of Mountain View Park, a new park in the Sultan Basin Road area which will serve our many residents in that part of town. The new park will have a playground, sports court, picnic shelters, a walking trail, mountain view overlook, bathroom, and parking lot. We are excited to be adding this important community

asset in a part of town that does not currently have much in the way of parks and recreation opportunities.

The 2024 budget also funds two critical public works infrastructure projects. The first is the completion of our upgrades to the city's wastewater (sewage) treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP upgrade has been ongoing since early 2023 and this upgrade to capacity and redundancy will be completed next year.

We will also begin the replacement of the City's water treatment plant (WTP). The City of Sultan is fortunate to have our own water source and treatment plant to provide clean, quality drinking water to Sultan residents and businesses. This WTP replacement project will add capacity to our treatment plant and improve our treatment processes.

The budget continues to fund our contract with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office to staff the Sultan Police Department, our City Prosecutor contract, public defender contract, and district court costs to continue our work on public safety in Sultan.

If you have any questions about the City of Sultan's 2024 budget or any other questions or concerns about the City of Sultan, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at rus-sell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360-454-4145.

Take care.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita
Mayor, City of Sultan

THE SKY VALLEY HAS MANY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. HERE ARE JUST A FEW!



- * November 11th: Veteran's Day Ceremony, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m., River Park Pavilion
- * November 23rd, Sultan Harvest Free Community Dinner, Noon—4:00 p.m., SHS Commons
- * December 2nd & 3rd, Ho-Ho-Holiday Market Tour, Check Website for times & Locations
- * December 2nd, Holiday Tree Lighting & Lighted Parade, 4:30 PM, River Park Pavilion

VISIT WWW.SKYVALLEYCHAMBER.COM TO FIND MORE EVENTS AND GO AND HAVE SOME FUN!

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL?

If you are having financial issues and need help with your utility bill, contact city hall at 360.793.2231 for payment arrangements or resources for assistance

CITY HAPPENINGS AND INFORMATION

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works continues to work to keep Sultan a beautiful place to live and play. Below is a partial list of the things the crew accomplished in the month of October/November:

- ◆ Sultan Basin striping and crosswalk installation.
- ◆ Installed a rapid flashing pedestrian crossing on Sultan Basin Road.
- ◆ Sidewalk replacement at River Park and Date Avenue.
- ◆ Osprey Park structures completed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant—Project Update

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

Works continues at the WWTP. The contractor is working on finishing up the clarifier #3 install. They have been installing HVAC, odor control, and mechanical components as they are showing up to the job site. The dirt crew is working on the underground utilities getting all the new improvements tied together.

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>



New flashing pedestrian crossing on Sultan Basin Road

Community Development: The Comprehensive Plan Update Continues this November!

The Community Development Department continues to work with Framework LLC as it develops its Comprehensive Plan Update. This is a 20-year opportunity to engage with your neighbors and the City Sultan regarding the future of the City. Land Use, Transportation, Neighborhood issues will be discussed. The first night will be in person followed



Sultan 2044 Planning Summit Series Kicks Off on Monday November 13, 2023

Location: Sultan Middle School Multi-Purpose Room

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Come learn about the Comprehensive Plan Update and key planning topic. Each session will include a short presentation, and engagement section and time for Questions and Answers.

Meeting #2 (Virtual)

Downtown and US-2 Corridor

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Date: November 14th 2023

Meeting #3 (Virtual)

The Future of Sultan Neighborhoods

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM



HELP KEEP STORMWATER CLEAR

We all need to help protect and improve the quality of water in our local creeks, rivers, lakes, and wetlands. During the fall months, our Public Works crew is out keeping the storm drains clear from debris and there are some things you can do to help reduce stormwater pollution.

- ⇒ Do not blow grass or leaves into the street.
- ⇒ If there is a storm drain near your house, please help keep it clear of debris.
- ⇒ Use commercial car washing facilities or wash your car on the grass. Make sure your vehicle is not leaking fluids.
- ⇒ Practice natural garden and yard care to reduce the use of hazardous products. This helps you save money and also helps save water and preserves the environment.
- ⇒ Report any spills and dispose of waste properly.
- ⇒ Dispose of your pet waste properly.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FLOODING?

Sultan is a beautiful place to live, but there are risks associated with that beauty.

We are located at the confluence of the Skykomish and Sultan Rivers with additional scenic waterways nearby including Wagley Creek and Winter's Creek. Close proximity to rivers offer a host of benefits but this close proximity also creates risks and challenges and we must be ever-vigilant to minimize risk and damage in the case of a flood.

As winter rains and spring mountain runoff fill our waterways, it is important to be prepared for a flood event. Online tools such as the National Weather Service <https://www.weather.gov> and City of Sultan <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/> websites can help you monitor river levels and quickly access information during a flood. Over the last year, the City has worked to share more information on our City website and Facebook page to enhance public safety and strengthen our emergency response and communication.

If you are new to the area, the threat of flooding might seem a bit overwhelming. Flooding from the Sultan River impacts downtown Sultan businesses and residences and the residential areas north and west of downtown. Waters can rise

quickly! Never underestimate the power of water! Six inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult, 12 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a small car, and 18—24 inches of fast-moving water can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks!

Are you prepared for a flood?

<https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/244/Emergency-Preparedness>

What can residents do to help?

Always keep your catch basins clear of branches and other leafy debris. Be proactive and get it done before the rainy season hits.

**NEVER DUMP DEBRIS IN CREEKS AND/OR DITCHES!
IT IS ILLEGAL AND CAN CAUSE FLOODING!**

For more information on flooding in the City of Sultan please visit the City's website at: <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/229/Flood-Information>