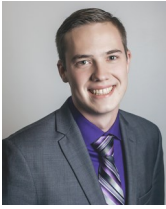


JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



Dear Sultan Neighbors,

First, I would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in me, electing me Mayor for the City of Sultan. It is truly an honor and I will work every day to fulfill the commitment I have made to you. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Holiday with family and friends. As we enter the New Year, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself, share some of my vision for Sultan, and update you on projects in town.

I took office as Mayor on November 26, 2019. Usually, a newly elected mayor would take office on January 1st but because my predecessor was appointed, I took office immediately upon election result certification. I would like to thank the city staff who have made the transition very smooth in my first month as Mayor. We are fortunate to have a stellar group of public employees who work every day to improve our community.

I grew up in Sultan and graduated from Sultan High School. Go Turks! Growing up in Sultan, I spent my summers working on my grandfather's cattle ranch on Fern Bluff Road and volunteering in the community. As a high school junior, I served as the student representative on City Council which gave me my first look into city government and began my interest in public service.

Following graduation, I attended the University of Washington in Seattle where I studied political science. Go Dawgs! I graduated in 2015 with my Bachelor's Degree. While attending UW, I involved myself in student government, worked part-time, and interned

with the Washington State House of Representatives.

The position of Mayor is a part-time position. The full time staff manage the day to day operations of the city. I also work as a Legislative Aide for Snohomish County Councilman Nate Nehring. In that capacity, I work in constituent communication, policy research, and public relations. Prior to working at the County Council, I worked in accounting at the UW Law School and was a project assistant for a consumer product manufacturer in Monroe.

I view the role of Mayor as two-fold. Firstly, the mayor is the head of the executive branch of government. This means I am responsible for implementing the budget and policies the City Council adopts, overseeing the city staff, and making administrative decisions for the City.

But just as importantly as the administrative role of Mayor, I am a conduit between the you and your city government. Along with the council, my job is to represent you and make sure you are being served properly by the City. I will work tirelessly to make sure your voice is heard in decision-making at City Hall.

I have prioritized transparency and community engagement for 2020. As we move into the new year, we will be sharing more information on our city website and sending out more information about things going on in town and how you can make your voice heard. As part of this, we will be launching a new module which will be a "one stop shop" for residents to share their feedback with the city as well as reporting a variety of issues from stray dogs to pot holes. My hope is that this new tool will create more accessibility and encourage

residents to engage with the city on issues important to them. We will share more about this in the coming months.

I'm sure you noticed the girders and support beams were delivered for the pedestrian bridge in December. With these crucial pieces installed, the project will continue to take shape and will be finished up mid-year. We will be including a "Pedestrian Bridge Update" in each of our monthly newsletters moving forward until the project is complete to keep you in the know on the status of the project. I am excited to see the work continue and for the completion of this great community asset.

We are also continuing our work with the University of Washington to update our Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan. Last year, students from the UW took an inventory of our existing assets and surveyed the community to gain valuable insights for the city to use moving forward. In 2020, we will review that feedback and work to create a new PROS Plan based on your input to plan for future park needs and investments in Sultan. Thank you to everyone who has shared their input so far.

I hope you will read the rest of the newsletter for more important information about our community and the work happening at the City of Sultan. I will write these newsletters each month to keep you informed of how I am representing you as Mayor of Sultan. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch with me, please feel free to reach out at russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360.454.4145.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita, Mayor



JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR

JANUARY 7	Planning Board—7:00 pm
JANUARY 9	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Subcommittee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
JANUARY 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday City Hall Closed
JANUARY 21	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 p.m.
JANUARY 23	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Subcommittee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
JANUARY 27	Community Alliance Retreat—5:30 pm

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SULTAN UTILITY BILL? Don't wait until your water is shut off. Past due payments or payment arrangements **MUST** be made by 5:00PM on January 28th. If you are a *RENTER*, the owner needs to approve any payment arrangement. Please contact us at 360.793.2231.



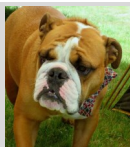
JANUARY/FEBRUARY GARBAGE PICK UP



Zone A	JANUARY 13 JANUARY 27 FEBRUARY 10 FEBRUARY 24
Zone B	JANUARY 2 JANUARY 16 JANUARY 30 FEBRUARY 13 FEBRUARY 27
Zone C	JANUARY 6 JANUARY 21 FEBRUARY 3 FEBRUARY 18
Zone D	JANUARY 9 JANUARY 23 FEBRUARY 6 FEBRUARY 20



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



MAKE SURE TO LICENSE YOUR PETS!

Pet licenses must be renewed annually in the City of Sultan.

To avoid late fees, please renew your licenses by the end of January. Pet licensing is mandated by Sultan Municipal Code.

The licensing application is available on our website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us, and can be picked up at city hall.

For any questions about animal licensing, email Code Enforcement Officer Victoria Forte' at victoria.forte@ci.sultan.wa.us or call City Hall at 360.793.2231.

A NEW WAY TO PAY YOUR BILL ON-LINE! NO FEES!

The City is using a new system called Civic Pay for you to pay your utility bills on-line! This system also allows you to sign up for electronic statements and automatic payments.

Want to save some paper?

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS OR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS!! Go to our website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us

If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231

PARK AND OPEN SPACE SURVEY

The City has partnered with the University of Washington to study how the community uses parks and open space. As part of this project, the University has created an online survey.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/3571Ma4> and share your experience to help us improve our park system.

BUILDING CORNER

Happy New Year!!

As we continue through these dark days and we dream of those long sunny days coming, now is the time to start planning our home improvement projects. Are you thinking maybe enlarging a deck for those warm summer days? How about a new shed for all those Christmas presents that you received and need to store because you already have two of them, or to store your lawn maintenance tools. Or maybe its time for that kitchen remodel or master bathroom you have always wanted, soaker tub to melt away the days grunge?

Planning for these things is most of the work. Material lists, contractors or DIY, permits or no permits. All these can be overwhelming and derail your plans. DON'T LET THEM!. Let your building department help you. I have lots of knowledge, books, pictures, and I know we can take the uneasiness out of your next project. Come in and lets visit on what you would like to accomplish this upcoming building season and see what your building department can do for you!

Remember, building permits are required for most things done in your home, connected to your home or remodeled in your home. I would like to suggest visiting with us prior to any DIY projects for the simple reason of insurances. If there is an incident, and I pray nothing ever happens to you or your loved ones, insurance carriers first stop is the city's building files to see if a permit was issued for the work associated with the structure. If not, that's their way out of assisting with any recovery/claims costs. If a permit was required and no permit was issued then sorry, there is nothing we can do. It is not my intent to scare anyone, but this is reality! I want to get this information out to you so you can make informed decisions. Your building department will do our very best to keep costs down and to inform you if you need permits or not. We work for you, and YOU are our concern and top priority!!

Here's to a great new and prosperous year!!

Richard Karns, CBO
Building Official, City of Sultan



These previously adopted utility rate increases ensure that the City will have sufficient revenue to cover maintenance, operations and capital improvement expenses for each utility. The scheduled rate increases are as follows:

Inside City Limits

Water: (Effective December 1, 2019)

Residential/Multi-family water rate will increase from \$42.91 to \$47.20 per month. Every 100 CF over the allotted 300 CF will be billed at \$4.90.

Commercial water rate will increase from \$53.05 to \$58.35 per month for a 3/4" meter and increases according to meter size. Every 100 CF over the allotted 600 CF will be billed at \$4.90.

County Water: (Effective December 1, 2019)

Residential water rate will increase from \$64.36 to \$70.80. Every 100 CF over the allotted 300 CF will be billed at \$7.35.

Sewer: (Effective December 1, 2019)

Residential/Multi-family sewer rate will increase from \$80.55 to \$83.77 per month. This is a flat rate.

Commercial sewer rate begins at \$83.77 per month and increases according to meter size. Every 100 CF over the allotted 600 CF will be billed at \$3.54.

Storm Water: (Effective December 1, 2019)

All classes will see a storm water rate increase of \$0.32 per ERU, from \$10.60 to \$10.92. (1 ERU = 4,510 sq.ft.)

Garbage: (Effective January 1, 2020)

All classes will see a scheduled rate increase of 2%. This increase will take effect January 1, 2020 and be reflected on your February, 2020 billing statement.

Recycle: (Effective October 1, 2019)

Residential recycle rate increased from \$10.65 to \$11.00.

Please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231 with your questions or concerns.

INFORMATION & EVENTS

Sno-Isle Library Programs: For more info on programs, contact 360.793.1695 ext. 4301 <http://www.sno-isle.org/locations/sultan/>. Click on Classes/Events.

City Hall is located at 319 Main Street, Sultan WA

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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