

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to extend a huge 'thank you!' to our public works staff for their excellent response to the snow event in mid-January. The crew worked off hours and overnight to make sure our roads were passable and that we could get to where we were going safely. These snow events

are becoming more frequent in our region and we are learning with each one how to better prepare for and respond to major snow events. Thanks again to the crew for their work.

Each year, a delegation of City Officials travel to our State Capitol in Olympia to meet with our state representatives and lobby for important city issues. On January 27th, I was joined by Councilmembers Rocky Walker, Stephanie Aldrich, Bob McCarty, and Calei Vaughn as we traveled to Olympia for this year's trip.

We were asking for state support for emergency management equipment. As you know, we had many neighbors further up US-2 trapped with limited heat, food, and water due to highway closures caused by the snow. In response to that event, the City of Sultan worked with cities up the highway, Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, and local non-profits to prepare a plan for emergency sheltering and continuity of essential services in future weather related emergencies. Part of this plan includes a stationary generator installed at the Startup Event Center for emergency shelter and two mobile generators to continue essential operations for local government and potential emergency shelter if needed.

With local contributions of \$25,000, we asked for the State to kick in \$75,000 to help fund this request. We believe this is an essential need for the Sky Valley and appreciate the work of our partners to help make it happen. We received a positive response from the legislators we met with and remain optimistic for our chances of receiving funding this legislative session.

We will also be traveling down to Olympia on February 5th, on the "Fix Highway 2 Bus Tour". Residents, business owners, and elected officials from the Sky Valley will travel together on a chartered bus to the State Capitol to bring much needed attention to the capacity issues facing communities along US-2. For years, state transportation funding has gone to other parts of the state and other priorities. It is time for the state to make the much needed investments in US-2. There are serious economic, safety, and quality of life issues that must be addressed. Our ask for this trip is \$1 million for a corridor study to begin the process of identifying the needed improvements to the deficiencies on the highway we all use every day.

Next month, I will focus on some of the great projects we are working on in the City as well as our efforts to bring city hall closer to you through greater transparency and better communication.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns related to the City of Sultan at russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360.454.4145.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita
Mayor

Volunteers are Appreciated and Needed



Volunteers are a key part of our great community. This became even more evident with the recent flooding. The City watched as the volunteers came out to support their neighbors as the flood water rose.

One family in particular spent a couple of hours working our sand bagging equipment to build pallets of sandbags that protected a number of homes and businesses from additional damage.

If you, your family and friends would like to help out in the future, please reach out to City Hall at 360.793.2231 or by emailing cityhall@ci.sultan.wa.us. Provide us with your name, email and phone number and the City will add you to our list. Thank you for your help and support.

FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY 4	Planning Board—7:00 pm
FEBRUARY 13	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Subcommittee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 17	President's Day Holiday City Hall Closed
FEBRUARY 18	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
FEBRUARY 27	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Subcommittee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 24	Community Alliance Meeting—5:30 pm
FEBRUARY 27	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Subcommittee Meeting—6:00 p.m.

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 February 25th**. If you are a *RENTER*, the owner needs to approve any payment arrangement. Please contact us at 360.793.2231.



FEBRUARY/MARCH GARBAGE PICK UP



Zone A	FEBRUARY 10 FEBRUARY 24
Zone B	FEBRUARY 13 FEBRUARY 27
Zone C	FEBRUARY 3 FEBRUARY 18
Zone D	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.

If you didn't receive your letter in the mail, 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

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

HOME WELLNESS

We have personal wellness, financial wellness, mental wellness so why not home wellness! Lets look at home wellness for the winter months;

1. Protect you out side hose bibs or hydrants as they are called in code language. Cover them with Styrofoam cups or turn off the source of water to them.
2. Change the filters in your forced air system if you have one. If your heating with wood or propane clean the chimney or flu to make sure they are free and clear of debris, critters and nests. Also make sure you are bringing in combustion air to make up for the air being burned off by open flames.
3. You may want to cover the crawlspace vents to hold warm air in and cold air out, but remember to uncover come spring. No ventilation in a crawlspace may cause mold issues.
4. Good air in bad air out! Verify in your home that you are getting a good amount of air changes. This is required by code and new homes have whole house ventilation fans installed but older homes don't. I have an older home so I leave a window slightly open in a remote spot in the house. That way I know I'm getting some fresh air in but not spending a bunch of money trying heat a full house of cold air. Stagnant air can cause health issues.

Hope these few little tidbits help you out with your Home Wellness!

Stay warm this winter and stay well!

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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