

# MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



In lieu of my traditional newsletter this month, I am sharing an open letter that I penned along with 15 other mayors from across Snohomish County. The letter, released on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, is from us to our communities sharing our thoughts and approach in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. I hope you will take the time to read the letter and feel free to share your thoughts with me. As always, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me with any questions you might have about what is happening in our great city.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita  
Mayor, City of Sultan

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash. – The Mayors of Snohomish County Cities issued a joint letter to the community:**

It's now been over a month since our communities closed down following the statewide orders to stay home, stay healthy, changing life as we knew it. Governor Inslee's and our community's early and decisive action, while difficult, has protected the lives of countless Washington residents.

As your mayors of Snohomish County, we want to acknowledge what a tremendous burden this has been on all of our residents, and the great sacrifices we're all having to make. Those sacrifices, however, and our collective adherence to public health guidelines, are achieving the intended result. Our efforts are working. Though new cases of COVID-19 continue to emerge each day, there are hopeful signs that the rate of transmission is slowing down. Our county is, in fact, leading the state in flattening the curve. We're proud of our communities for taking this public health threat seriously and doing their part to keep us all safe. Thank you.

Each day that passes, though, is another day that some of us are without work, our kids are out of school, our businesses are pushed to the brink of survival, or in many cases forced to close. All of us are wondering how much longer? When will it be safe again? There is a strong desire, that we as mayors agree with, to better understand the governor's plan for a path forward to return to work, recreate, shop and worship again in our communities. There is a strong need for a logical, fair and equitable return to a "new normal" when we can safely do so. As mayors, we owe it to our community to be able to communicate to them a transparent and realistic plan that will provide them a roadmap to survive economically in the wake of this pandemic. The governor's direction is essential to our ability to do this and today we are offering him our direct assistance in this effort.

We'd like to assure you that we're working hard to get ready for the next phase of response in this pandemic, which is economic recovery and bringing vitality back to our communities. We're working in coordination with Snohomish County executive and councilmembers, the Snohomish Health District and key regional partners to develop a plan for dialing our economy back up as soon as it is safe to do so. Our plan will be tailored to meet the different needs and characteristics of our cities, but aligned in principle and process. It calls for a sector-

based, gradual and phased approach – with testing, tracing, monitoring and evaluating – to ensure we don't inadvertently cause a resurgence of COVID-19 in our communities. The last thing we want is to re-open too much, too soon, and undo the great progress we've achieved in fighting this disease together.

We're also advocating at the state and federal level for economic relief for our local businesses and nonprofit partners.

We don't yet know the timeline for when the governor will ease the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, but when he does, we in Snohomish County will be ready.

In the meantime, we urge your patience and continued cooperation in staying home and physically distancing when you need to go out. We've come so far in slowing the rate of infection and reducing the tragic loss of life. Let's see this through to the finish line and become the first region in the country to effectively and lastingly shrink the threat of this deadly virus.

### **Signed by Mayors:**

Barb Tolbert, City of Arlington  
Liam Olsen, City of Bothell  
Bob Colinas, City of Brier  
Dan Rankin, City of Darrington  
Cassie Franklin, City of Everett  
Matt Hartman, City of Granite Falls  
Brett Gailey, City of Lake Stevens  
Nicola Smith, City of Lynnwood  
Jon Nehring, City of Marysville  
Geoffrey Thomas, City of Monroe  
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, City of Mountlake Terrace  
Jennifer Gregerson, City of Mukilteo  
John Kartak, City of Snohomish  
Leonard Kelley, City of Stanwood  
Russell Wiita, City of Sultan  
Carla Nichols, City of Woodway

### **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 May 26th**. If you are a **RENTER**, the owner needs to approve any payment arrangement. Please contact us at 360.793.2231.



### MAY/JUNE GARBAGE PICK UP



Zone A	MAY 4 MAY 18 JUNE 1 JUNE 15 JUNE 29
Zone B	MAY 7 MAY 21 JUNE 4 JUNE 18
Zone C	MAY 11 MAY 26 JUNE 5 JUNE 22
Zone D	MAY 14 MAY 28 JUNE 11 JUNE 25

#### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

The City has implemented a new phone system that allows us to contact you, our utility customers, regarding emergencies or schedule changes to our services. This system can contact you via phone and email. In order to ensure your contact information is update to date, please email us at [cityhall@ci.sultan.wa.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.sultan.wa.us) or call us at 360.793.2231 and provide us with the most up to date contact information on how to reach you.

#### MAY 2020 CALENDAR

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

MAY 5	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
MAY 14	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
MAY 18	Community Alliance Meeting—5:30 pm Optional—Please check website
MAY 19	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
MAY 28	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone.

#### \*\*INFORMATION & 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  
Phone 360.793.2231 • Fax 360.793.3344 •



## Tell Us What You Think!



### Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

The City of Sultan has partnered with the Univ. of Washington's Urban Planning Masters Studio to update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) Plan.



Please visit our website and share your input on Sultan's Parks & Trails:

- Uses
- Current Accessibility
- What is working
- What is not working

#### Website Features

- Survey
- Interactive Maps
- Project Timeline

#### Website:

<https://sites.uw.edu/sultanpros/>



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For any questions please contact: [UWLCY@UW.EDU](mailto:UWLCY@UW.EDU)

## KEEP WIPES OUT OF PIPES

**FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE**



**REMEMBER—THE ONLY ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE FLUSHED ARE HUMAN WASTE AND TISSUE PAPER.**

## SULTAN CLEAN UP EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the coronavirus and directives from the Governor, the City will not be holding the clean up event. We are looking to have it in the fall if we are cleared to have the event. Please look for updates in upcoming newsletters and on the website.