

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER



My message this month will be mostly focused on our local response to the COVID-19 impacts on our community and steps we are taking locally to help move forward.

As you may know, Congress passed the largest pandemic spending package in March known as the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security). This package included funding for local governments to respond to the pandemic. The City of Sultan will receive \$150,000 to help support local efforts for recovery and resiliency.

While there are certain restrictions on the use of CARES Act funds, local jurisdictions have fairly broad authority to prioritize their response. In Sultan, I worked closely with staff, community leaders, and the Council to fund local programs that will have the most impact.

Among the top of our list was helping our local businesses in the recovery and resiliency process. We know businesses will be required to provide PPE and other health and safety measures to their employees in order to re-open. To support them, we have launched a business grant program to provide the necessary PPE using the CARES Act funds. We feel that with limited resources, this is one action we can take to help relieve the burden on local businesses trying to re-open after the shutdown.

We also funded grants for the local Volunteers of America to support the Sultan Food Bank and Sky Valley Resource Center. The Sultan Food Bank has seen a near doubling of households needing to utilize their services and they have seen similar increases in indi-

viduals coming through the Resource Center. Our Food Bank assistance program will help purchase produce from farmers who have also been negatively impacted by the shutdown. That produce will be donated to the Food Bank to support local families in need.

The funds will also be used to cover certain operational expenses at the city including opportunities for residents to interface with the City remotely, telecommuting, and other COVID-19 related issues.

This recovery effort will not be a quick bounce back as re-opening moves forward. The economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will be long lasting. As we do open up, we will be focused on ways to help our local businesses recover and become more resilient to these challenges in the future.

I always appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you and I encourage you to share your thoughts with me. If you have any questions or concerns related to the City of Sultan, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at:

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Take care,

Russell Wiita
Mayor, City of Sultan

****CITY HALL INFORMATION****

Physical Address: 319 Main Street #200, Sultan WA 98294

Mailing Address: PO Box 1199, Sultan WA 98294

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

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

(Closed daily between 12:00 pm—1:00 pm for lunch)

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 up to date, please email us at 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.

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 June 23rd**. If you are a **RENTER**, the owner needs to approve any payment arrangement. Please contact us at 360.793.2231.



JUNE/JULY GARBAGE PICK UP



Zone A	JUNE 1 JUNE 15 JUNE 29 JULY 13 JULY 27
Zone B	JUNE 4 JUNE 18 JULY 2 JULY 16 JULY 30
Zone C	JUNE 8 JUNE 22 JULY 6 JULY 20
Zone D	JUNE 11 JUNE 25 JULY 9 JULY 23

JUNE 2020 CALENDAR

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

ON HOLD	Community Alliance Meeting Check website for updates
JUNE 4	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
JUNE 11	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
JUNE 18	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
JUNE 25	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone.

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.

BUILDING CORNER

IT'S ALL ABOUT AIR!

With all the nice weather coming and concerns about air containing bad things, I wanted to remind everyone to open up the house and let the fresh air renew your interior space. This will provide additional air changes that will help with stagnant air. But since this is the Great Northwest, we know rain will return, so during those times it's a good idea and fairly inexpensive, to replace the filter in your forced air system. These should be replaced or cleaned, depending on the type you have, twice a year. I know I do mine every quarter because I have a couple of dogs that think they are kids and bring in all kinds of dirt and pet dander.

Changing your furnace filter will help clean the air you breath and help with the quality of your homes environment.

Another good place to clean is your forced air floor registers. Remove the register on the floor and vacuum the metal elbow out. That is a location where things can accumulate and can add to bad air and smells.

Stay safe and let me know if you any questions and/or comments!

Richard Karns, CBO
Building Official, City of Sultan

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PHONE IN BILL PAY

ONE MORE WAY TO PAY YOUR BILL.

How can I pay my City utility bill? Let me count the ways.

1. Mail a check or money order to PO Box 1199, Sultan, WA 98294
2. Drop Box a check or money order in one of two drop box locations.
There is one located at the post office outside the main entrance and an other in City Hall just inside the entrance doors on Main Street.
3. In person with Cash, Check, Credit, or Debit Card at City Hall located at 319 Main Street, Sultan, WA 98294 (no fee to pay with debit or credit).
4. Online with Credit, Debit, or Checking Account at <https://sultanwa.merchanttransact.com/default.aspx> - (no fee for this service)
5. Via phone with Credit, Debit, or Checking Account by calling (360) 799-3007. (no fee for this service).

If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231



SHINDIG CANCELLED



The Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce has informed the City that the Sultan Shindig Celebration will be cancelled this year due to COVID-19. The City is supportive of this decision.

We feel this is the appropriate decision considering the information we currently have. Many other events throughout the summer including Chamber and Community Alliance events are being cancelled out of caution.

We are committed to continuing to work with the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce to make our events, including Shindig, in 2021 bigger and better than ever.