

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



I hope you all enjoyed our classic Pacific Northwest August and had the chance to spend quality time with family and friends outdoors. This past month was a busy one in Sultan and I am excited to share some of our work in this month's newsletter.

Osprey Park Playground

Last month we opened the brand new playground equipment at Osprey Park. The new playground replaced the old wooden equipment that I played on growing up in Sultan. We were excited to open it to the public and it became very clear it was something the community will enjoy for years to come. Children quickly jumped on the first zip line in Sultan's parks, played on the swings (now with more than twice as many as we had before), and ran through the play structure. We also supplied hand sanitizer to help visitors stay safe and will soon be installing permanent hand sanitizer stations in Osprey and our other parks.

Pedestrian Bridge Opening

We also officially opened the new pedestrian bridge for the public's use. The pedestrian bridge has been a project 10 years in the making and we are thrilled to have it available for the community to use. The bridge serves multiple purposes including safer pedestrian access across the Sultan River, expansion of utility infrastructure across the river, and emergency access in case the US-2 bridge is damaged. Work will continue on some of the aesthetics into September but it is functional and open, connecting Sportsman's and River Parks. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the local elected officials who have supported this project over the years as well as the Puget Sound Regional Council which contributed \$2.5 million toward the project.

US-2 Capacity Letter

For years, Sultan officials have shared the need for US-2 capacity improvements with our state and federal representatives. As one of only two major cross-state highways, US-2 is over used by travelers headed over Stevens Pass. We are all too familiar with the issues that it causes our community and those problems are only growing, especially as the population in the Puget Sound region continues to explode. Over 70% of the traffic flowing through Sultan on US-2 is travelers passing through on their way to other destinations.

This is why I have partnered with the mayors from Lake Stevens (Brett Gailey), Snohomish (John Kartak), Monroe (Geoffrey Thomas), and Gold Bar (Bill Clem) as well as our County Councilman Sam Low to continue and expand our advocacy efforts. Last month, we wrote a letter to our US Senators, Congressmembers, the Governor, our State Senators, and our State Representatives urging them to make investments in US-2 capacity. This follows our trip to Washington DC and Olympia earlier this year to share the same message. I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow US-2 Mayors and the community moving forward to demand years overdue improvements to US-2.

I hope you find the information in the rest of this newsletter informative and helpful. Please do not hesitate in reaching out to me with any questions or concerns at russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360.454.4145.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita, Mayor
City of Sultan

GARBAGE SERVICE CHANGE COMING JANUARY 2021

At the June 25, 2020 Council Meeting, the Sultan City Council voted to approve an agreement with Republic Services to handle the City's garbage service. This is in addition to recycle and yard waste services which they already provide. Republic Services will provide weekly garbage service, billed quarterly and will handle all customer service.

In the coming months, you will receive communications from Republic Services similar to the enclosed letter.

Please take a moment and fill out the information update form on the back of your utility bill. It is important the City provide Republic Services with your most up to date information as they utilize phone and e-mail in communicating with their customers.

Feel free to contact utility billing by phone at 360.793.1129 or by e-mail at janice.mann@ci.sultan.wa.us with any questions you may have.

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 September 22nd**. If you are a *RENTER*, the owner needs to approve any payment arrangements. If you need help paying your bill, please contact us at 360.793.2231.



**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
GARBAGE PICK UP**



Zone A	SEPTEMBER 8 SEPTEMBER 21 OCTOBER 5 OCTOBER 19
Zone B	SEPTEMBER 10 SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER 8 OCTOBER 22
Zone C	SEPTEMBER 14 SEPTEMBER 28 OCTOBER 12 OCTOBER 26
Zone D	SEPTEMBER 3 SEPTEMBER 17 OCTOBER 1 OCTOBER 15 OCTOBER 29

SEPTEMBER 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
SEPTEMBER 8	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
SEPTEMBER 10	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
SEPTEMBER 22	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
SEPTEMBER 24	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone.

****CITY HALL INFORMATION****

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS AND DIRECTIVES FROM THE GOVERNOR, CITY HALL IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT WE ARE STILL CONDUCTING BUSINESS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE, WE ARE AVAILABLE BY PHONE AT 360.793.2231.

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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Go to our website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us

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 another in City Hall just inside the entrance doors on Main Street.
3. Online with Credit, Debit, or Checking Account at:
<https://sultanwa.merchantransact.com/default.aspx> - (no fee for this service)
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

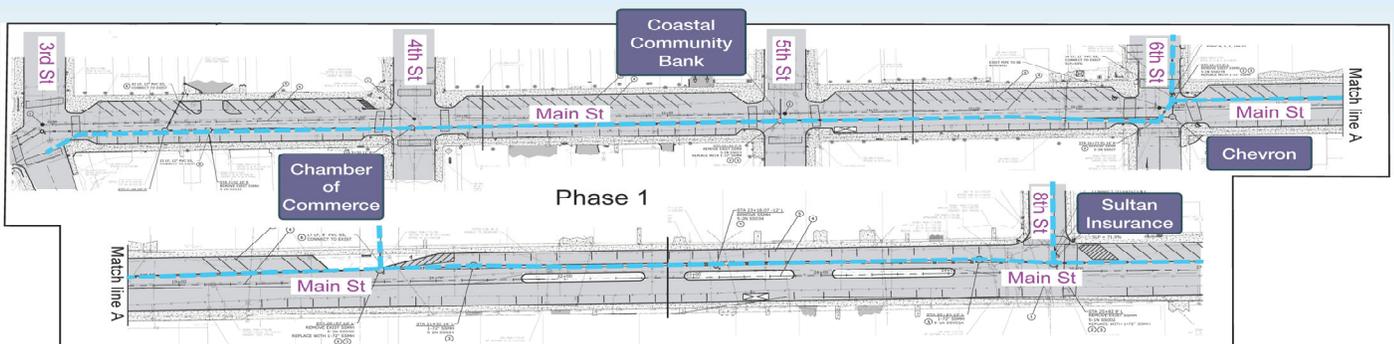
MAIN STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Phase 1 of the Main Street project is about to begin. The contractor is expected to start on September 9th. They will start in front of City Hall and work their way East. The project is expected to take 3-months and the City will have someone on site to help answer any questions and work with the contractor on any issues. If you walk down Main Street, you will see a few display signs outlining the replacement of the sewer down Main Street. The reason for the signs is to update the businesses

and residents who reside on the Main Street sewer line replacement project. The City will update the signs throughout the project.

The businesses and residents on Main Street have received in person visits. Main Street businesses will be open during construction, please continue to support our local businesses.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to City staff at 360.793.2231 or check the website at <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/314/Main-Street-Sewer-Line>





Dear Sultan Resident,

Republic Services has been your recycling service provider since 2014 and is expanding service in the City of Sultan. Effective **January 1, 2021** Republic Services will handle ALL collection services for recycling, garbage, and yard waste.

Weekly Service - We will be enhancing your service with weekly recycling, garbage, and yard waste collection. **You will receive notification of your collection day in December.**

Cart Sizes - With new weekly service, you may want to “right size” your garbage container. Until February 1, 2021 you can switch out your current cart for a different size for free. The default container size that will be delivered to all residents is 32-gallons. Currently, most residents have a 64-gallon container, serviced every-other-week. Information about container changes and pricing will be provided in future communications.

Billing and Customer Service will be handled by Republic Services. Republic Services offers several options to access your account, conveniently pay your bill, and you can find resources by phone, our Sultan-specific website and the Republic Services App. We will be sending you more details on the website and the Republic Services App in November and December.

Annual Cleanup Event - In addition, Republic Services will continue to host the Annual Cleanup Event, in collaboration with the City of Sultan, in the spring.

Finally, we would ask that you update your email and phone number by either reaching out to customer service or responding to the request you will receive on your city bill in September. Keeping this information updated will ensure you receive timely updates on service changes, inclement weather delays, and any account or billing changes.

We look forward to continuing to work together to build a clean and safe community.

Sincerely,

The Republic Services Team