

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



I hope you and your family are staying warm and healthy as we enter the fall season. Along with cooler weather, fall brings budget season for the City of Sultan. In this month's newsletter, I will highlight my proposed 2021 budget and the City's partnerships with community organizations.

Recommended Budget

As Mayor, I am responsible for proposing a City budget for the following year to the City Council. At the October 8th City Council meeting, I presented my 2021 recommended budget for the City of Sultan. My budget is balanced and invests in community priorities without increasing the City's property tax levy.

One of the significant changes we will see in next year's budget is an increased focus on streets, parks maintenance, and projects. Starting in January, the City's garbage collection will be performed by Republic Services. This frees up staff time in Public Works to address deferred maintenance on streets and sidewalks throughout town as well as continuing work in our great City parks.

Many of you participated in the public outreach effort this year as we updated the City's Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) Plan. The feedback we received showed a clear interest in improvements to existing parks as well as the development of a City park up the Sultan Basin Road. As more of our City's population lives up the Basin, the need for park space outside of downtown is clear now more than ever before. My budget recommends the transfer of property and work to begin the development of a new City park somewhere in the Sultan Basin Road area.

The recommended budget also makes investments in important municipal infrastructure including the water and wastewater treatment plants. Next year, we will design an upgrade to the waste water (sewage) treat-

ment plant to accommodate the increases in demand and improve redundancy. We will also begin design on a new water treatment plant to continue to provide quality drinking water for Sultan residents and businesses.

The Council is scheduled to adopt the 2021 budget at their meeting on November 19th. To learn more about the budget and provide feedback, visit the City website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us and click "Meetings and Agendas" and find the Public Hearing information for the 2021 budget.

Community Partnerships

At the City of Sultan, we value the partnerships we have with community organizations to provide services for the residents of Sultan. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, two organizations have partnered with the City to help those most in need during this challenging time. Utilizing CARES funding from the federal government to respond to the pandemic, the Volunteers of America Sky Valley Integrated Service Center and the Sultan Boys and Girls Club have provided food security, rental assistance, utility assistance, other financial assistance, and child care and remote learning support for Sultan families.

I am so grateful to the leadership and staff at the Volunteers of America and Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County for their partnership and ongoing efforts to serve the residents of Sultan.

As always, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me if you have any questions or concerns about the City of Sultan. I can be reached at russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360.454.4145.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita, Mayor

Flood Map Update – New Flood Maps Have Been Adopted – Does this affect me?

FEMA has been in the process of updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) since 2006. On June 19, 2020, new FIRMs were adopted County wide, which includes the City of Sultan. The updated flood maps changed properties within the city limits of Sultan. Some people who were in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) are now removed from them and some people who were not in a flood zone could be in a SFHA area now.

This also has an affect on many Letter of Map Amendments, Changes, Revisions or Revisions based on Fill (respectively: LOMA, LOMC, LOMR and LOMR-F). FEMA did not revalidate all of the changes for various reasons. Some properties may have been removed from the flood zone and no longer need the letters of changes. Some documents do not have information FEMA is requiring, so they become invalid.

For more information, please visit the Building Department on the City website and click on Flood Information. Materials are being added to the website to assist you with these changes.



These changes are made by FEMA and the City of Sultan is required to adopt the changes.



GARBAGE SERVICE CHANGE COMING JANUARY 2021

Beginning January 2021, Republic Services will provide weekly collection of all garbage, recycling and compostables for the City of Sultan. Please visit this website, www.RepublicServices.com/SultanWA for details, service day maps and cart size information. All residents will receive a 32-gallon garbage cart unless the online form is completed and you choose to keep your current size. Watch your mail for communications from Republic Services regarding the new service information in the coming weeks.

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

 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER GARBAGE PICK UP 	
Zone A	NOVEMBER 2 NOVEMBER 16 NOVEMBER 30 DECEMBER 14 DECEMBER 28
Zone B	NOVEMBER 5 NOVEMBER 19 DECEMBER 3 DECEMBER 17 DECEMBER 31
Zone C	NOVEMBER 9 NOVEMBER 23 DECEMBER 7 DECEMBER 21
Zone D	NOVEMBER 12 NOVEMBER 25 DECEMBER 10 DECEMBER 23

PAY YOUR BILL ON-LINE! NO FEES!

Want to save some paper? SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS OR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS!!

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

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.

NOVEMBER 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
NOVEMBER 3	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
NOVEMBER 5	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
NOVEMBER 17	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
NOVEMBER 19	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)
Phone 360.793.2231 • Fax 360.793.3344 •
www.ci.sultan.wa.us

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SULTAN UTILITY BILL?

IF YOU ARE HAVING FINANCIAL ISSUES AND NEED HELP WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL,
PLEASE CONTACT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AT 360.793.2400.

If you need to make payment arrangements, please call City Hall at 360.793.2231.

The City has temporarily suspended shutting off utilities for non-payment due to the Governor's proclamation.