

# MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



At the City of Sultan, we are entering Spring with some facelifts for the City and opportunities for residents to get engaged and help beautify our communi-

ty. In this month's newsletter, I will highlight a couple of our projects to improve the curb appeal of the City and an upcoming volunteer opportunity.

## New City Signs

You may have noticed the new signs being installed throughout the community at our parks and at the west entrance to town. These signs follow a design that began with the welcome sign at Traveler's Park on US-2. The Traveler's Park Committee worked with City staff a couple of years ago to find a simple, rustic design that represents our community for the initial sign. To create uniformity in our signage, we used the same design that will now welcome visitors to our City and our great parks.

The new signs are being installed at the west entrance of town, Reece Park, Osprey Park, River Park, Sportsman's Park, and the Sultan Cemetery.

In addition to the signs in the parks, this summer we will be installing new structures in Osprey Park including shelters and bleachers

at the baseball field. City staff is utilizing wood from our own watershed on City property to save costs and maintain a connection to our local resources.

The signs and new structures will be paid for with support from Snohomish County and we thank County Councilmember Sam Low for helping us secure these grants.

## City Buildings Facelift

This Spring, we will be painting the Post Office Building and seal coating the bricks on City Hall. The paint on the Post Office has been fading for years and it is one of the most iconic buildings in town. It is important that we maintain our City owned buildings and put our best foot forward for residents and visitors coming to town.

Over the past year, many businesses have also been doing work on the interior and exterior of their buildings. We appreciate all the effort of the residents and businesses in helping making our community look great.

## Main Street Clean-Up and Litter Walk—Volunteer Opportunity

In keeping with this month's theme of improving our City's curb appeal, the City and Chamber of Commerce will be partnering with Republic Services to host a litter clean up and Main Street beautification project on Saturday, May 22, 2021. At the event, we will send

teams out to different parts of downtown to pick up litter and help clean up the flower beds and sidewalks along Main Street. We will be providing lunch for volunteers at the event.

We are seeking volunteers to join us and make this a great event for our community! If you have not signed up to volunteer with the City, please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator Dave Sivewright at [volunteer@ci.sultan.wa.us](mailto:volunteer@ci.sultan.wa.us) and let him know you would like to help. Keep an eye on the City's website and social media for more details as we get closer to the event.

We will have more volunteer opportunities later this summer and would love to have you join us in improving our great community.

I hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful. If you ever have questions or concerns about the City of Sultan, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at [russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us](mailto:russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us) or call me at 360.454.4145. Take care.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita  
Mayor, City of Sultan

## HELLO SPRING



### **\*\*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.**

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 Tuesday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sultanwashingtongovernment>

## MAY 2021 MEETING CALENDAR

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

ON HOLD	Community Alliance Meeting Check website for updates
MAY 4	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
May 6	Council Workshop—7:00 pm Remote Attendance Via Zoom or Phone
MAY 13	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
MAY 18	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
MAY 27	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
JUNE 2	Council Workshop—7:00 pm Remote Attendance Via Zoom or Phone

# BUILDING CORNER

## WHAT DOES A BUILDING DEPARTMENT DO?

I occasionally get asked this so I thought I would share with you. Other than the obvious, making sure buildings/structures are built to code, this office does much more.

The International Residential Code, (IRC), states, "The purpose of the Building Division Office is to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare through affordability, structural strength, sanitation, light and ventilation, egress, energy conservation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety for first responders."

As you can see, I work not only in Building Codes but Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire, Energy and Accessibility Codes as well. I work closely with our fire professionals on several "cross-over" areas in the fire and life safety arenas. People deserve to know that the buildings they live in, recreate in, shop in or are just walking past are safe, withstand seismic activity and are built to a minimum standard of safety. Your building department is here for you to ask questions and look to for expertise assistance in anything in a built environment.

I wanted to let you know I am retiring on May 31, 2021 and headed back home to Wyoming. So I would like to introduce Victoria Forte as your new building inspector. Victoria has been training/job shadowing with me and has successfully passed her Building Inspector testing. She has fifteen plus years in code enforcement, is always a great conversationalist and really enjoys helping others!

It has been my absolute pleasure working with the City of Sultan. I pray for the best to my colleagues, residents and the future for the City of Sultan!

Blessings All,

Your Building Guy Rick Karns, CBO

## Moratorium on Utility Rate Increases

The Mayor of the City of Sultan has issued a moratorium on utility rate increases for the City.

This postpones any rate increases for water, sewer, and stormwater through May 31, 2021 and on the scheduled rate increase that took effect on December 1, 2020.

We recognize this is a difficult time for residents and businesses financially which is why the rate increase was delayed. The Mayor will work with the City Council to review utility rates, payment plans, and impacts of the moratorium on late fees and disconnections mandated by the State.

Please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231 with your questions or concerns.

## PASSPORT PROCESSING

### THE CITY OF SULTAN IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING PASSPORTS ON A LIMITED BASIS.

We are scheduling passport appointments on Wednesday afternoons only. Once your appointment is scheduled, you will receive an e-mail confirming your appointment time and a checklist of items you must bring to the appointment. If you do not have all items required, you will have to re-schedule your appointment.



The State Department processing time for regular passports is currently 10 - 12 weeks and expedited processing is 4 - 6 weeks.

Please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231 to schedule an appointment or receive further information.

**\*YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK TO YOUR APPOINTMENT**

### SULTAN LIBRARY LIMITED IN-BUILDING SERVICES AND NEW HOURS

The [Sultan Library](#) is now offering in-building browsing of the collection and public computer services and has added open hours to better serve the community.

The library's new increased hours are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Customers in COVID high-risk groups are encouraged to come to the library during the first open hour each day.

Customers are asked to wear face-coverings (including children over age 2) and limit their time in the building to 30 minutes. To make social distancing easier, no more than six customers are in the building at one time.

For a list of services and guidelines for Sultan Library, call the library at 360.793.1695 or visit <https://www.sno-isle.org/sultan/>.

### 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](http://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.merchanttransact.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).

## Main Street Sewer Project—Phase 2

The City is excited to announce Phase II of the Main Street Sewer Line Project which will begin this spring and be completed no later than July 3, 2021.

During Phase II, Main Street from First Street to Fourth Street will be closed to traffic for the duration of the project. The City will notify residents directly impacted two weeks prior to the start of Phase II.

More information about the project can be found on our website at:

<https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/314/Main-Street-Sewer-Line>

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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### NEED HELP WITH YOUR SULTAN UTILITY BILL?

**If you are having financial issues and need help with your utility bill or to make payment arrangements, please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231.**

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