



JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



I hope you and your family enjoyed a great Independence Day celebrating the freedoms we hold dear in this country. In this month's newsletter I will discuss re-opening City Hall to the public, our community survey, ARPA funding and community investments, and a number of community events coming up.

City Hall Re-Opening

On July 1st, we re-opened City Hall to the general public. Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we closed City Hall to the public and moved to over-the-phone and on-line communication with the public. While we have managed to conduct City business remotely fairly successfully, we recognize the importance of in-person interactions with City staff and the public.

We look forward to welcoming the public back to City Hall during our normal business hours. You will also be able to access City staff and services via phone 360.793.2231 and the City website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us

Community Survey

You still have time to complete the community survey as part of our Visioning Project. The project aims to create a strategic plan for economic and community development to improve our downtown public spaces and economic viability. The survey results will help develop a plan that fits the community's needs for years to come.

You can access the survey at: <http://bit.ly/reimaginedowntownsultan>.

There are also physical survey forms available at the Sultan Library.

ARPA Funding and Community Investments

Earlier this year, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act which provided funding for local governments to invest in their communities to help recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and make communities more resilient in the future.

Sultan will be receiving \$1.5 million over the next two years to invest in our community. I will be working with the City Council to determine how we will support our economy with these one-time funds. The responses from the Community Survey and Visioning Project will help drive the discussion on how we further economic and community development in Sultan.

Farmer's Market

The new Sultan Farmer's Market has been going for a couple of weeks now and we are thrilled about the community support for our local growers and makers. The market is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

As we get later in the summer, our local growers will have more fresh produce available so I encourage you to make the Farmer's Market a regular stop on your weekend ventures.

National Night Out

On August 3rd, the Sultan Community Alliance will be hosting National Night Out in River Park (by the gazebo and skate park). This year's event will be a free block party for the community. We will have food, games, and fun while the

community learns about neighborhood safety and crime prevention.

The goal of National Night Out is to bring the community together and raise the awareness and importance of safe communities and neighborhoods. I look forward to seeing you at this year's fun event!

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The Sultan 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is back this year! The tournament will be held on August 7th on Main and 1st Streets by River Park. This fun event combines community and competition with opportunities for residents of all ages.

To sign up for the 3-on-3 tournament, visit www.sultansports/sultan3on3. Registration is discounted if you sign up before July 15th so sign up today!

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

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita
Mayor, City of Sultan

****CITY HALL INFORMATION****

CITY HALL IS REOPENING TO THE PUBLIC AS OF JULY 1, 2021.

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

Website: www.ci.sultan.wa.us

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sultanwashingtongovernment>

***In observance of the 4th of July holiday,
City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021***

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP!

Saturday, July 10, 2021
At Sultan High School

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED
A FLYER IN THE MAIL
WITH INFORMATION!



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.

COVID 19 UTILITY RATE MORATORIUM ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2021

Each year the City adopts a rate change to ensure the City will have sufficient revenue to cover maintenance, operations, and capital improvement expenses for each utility. To ease the burden on the citizens of Sultan during the Covid 19 pandemic shut down, there was a moratorium placed by the council to postpone the planned utility rate increases. This moratorium expired on June 30, 2021. The new rates go into affect on July 1, 2021 and are as follows:

INSIDE CITY LIMITS

Water:

Residential / Multi-family water rate will increase from \$47.20 to \$51.92 per month. Every 100 CF over the allotted 300 CF will be billed at \$5.39.

Commercial water rate will increase from \$58.35 to \$64.19 per month for a ¾" meter and increases according to meter size. Every 100 CF over the allotted 600 CF will be billed at \$5.39.

Sewer:

Residential / Multi-family sewer rate will increase from \$83.77 to \$87.12 per month. This is a flat rate.

Commercial sewer rate begins at \$87.12 per month and increases according to meter size. Every 100 CF over the allotted 600 CF will be billed at \$3.69.

Storm Water:

All classes will see a storm water rate increase of \$0.32 per ERU, from \$10.92 to \$11.24. (1 ERU = 4,510 sq. ft.)

COUNTY

County Water:

Residential water rate will increase from \$70.80 to \$77.88. Every 100 CF over the allotted 300 CF will be billed at \$8.08.

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

BUILDING CORNER

ONLINE PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND TRACKING

The City of Sultan is excited to announce the implementation of our new permit tracking software as of June 14, 2021. This means the following tools will be available to the public through the City's website:

1. Apply for permits and track their progress through the review process.
2. Request and manage inspections on building and land use projects.
3. Review issued permits and check properties for permit applications.
4. Submit code enforcement or public service requests.

If you have any questions about the new services we offer or need any further assistance, feel free to reach out to Andy Galuska, Community Development Director for more information. He can be reached by email at andy.galuska@ci.sultan.wa.us or by phone by calling 360.793.2231.

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 contact:

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nate.morgan@ci.sultan.wa.us

Ben MacDicken, Field Supervisor
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ben.macdicken@ci.sultan.wa.us

PASSPORT PROCESSING

THE CITY OF SULTAN IS NO LONGER PROCESSING PASSPORTS

The City will honor appointments already booked but will no longer be accepting new appointments.



For more information on passports and other locations, please visit the US Department of State passport information website at travel.state.gov.

THE CITY IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is a committee of volunteers who review proposed changes to the City's land use regulations and provide recommendations to Council prior to consideration for adoption. These members help provide the citizen's point of view in considering changes to the rules and standards that regulate development.

If you are interested in helping define the future of Sultan, we would invite you to submit an application for consideration. If you have any questions about the Planning Board or the application process, please feel free to review the Planning Board webpage at www.ci.sultan.wa.us or reach out to Andy Galuska, Planning Director at 360.793.2231 or via email at andy.galuska@ci.sultan.wa.us



JULY 2021 MEETING CALENDAR

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

JULY 1	City Council Workshop—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
JULY 6	Community Alliance Meeting—4:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
JULY 6	Planning Board—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
JULY 8	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
JULY 20	Community Alliance Meeting—4:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
JULY 20	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
JULY 22	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
AUGUST 3	Community Alliance Meeting—4:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
AUGUST 3	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone