

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



As summer winds down and kids get back to school, I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the community events hosted last month.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Sultan Community Alliance for their work on National Night Out and the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

National Night Out was a great success, bringing the community together to interact with law enforcement, the Fire District, City staff, and service providers in our community. I saw kids and families having a wonderful time learning more about the community and enjoying the giveaways and free food. This annual tradition is one of my favorite community events and I already look forward to next year's event.

The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was also a hit! Many teams and spectators came out for friendly competition and coming together as a community. Thank you to the donors and volunteers that helped the Alliance and to all of the participants and community members who made it a great event.

Coming up in September, the Farmer's Market will continue to run each Saturday in River Park from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We have great vendors with locally grown food, hand made crafts, and fun for families. We have also had a couple of youth vendors starting their entrepreneurial careers! I encourage you to take advantage of the last couple of Markets and stock up on the great products available in September.

We will also be hosting the Return of the Salmon festival on September 25th at River Park (by the gazebo). The event is usually held at Osprey Park but we are making a change this year to incorporate the event with the new Pedestrian Bridge and Farmer's Market. Meant to honor Chief John T'seul-ted and celebrate the salmon that return to the City's local watersheds, the Return of the Salmon Celebration is a unique event that honors and shares Native American heritage of the Sky Valley and the importance of the watershed system to our community.

Finally, we are beginning the budget process for the City's 2022 budget. The City Council adopts an annual budget to determine what the City's priorities will be for the following year and how the City revenues will be appropriated. I am currently working with City staff to prepare a budget that will be recommended to the City Council. Once that budget is proposed, the City Council will provide feedback

and ultimately adopt the budget in November or December. Keep an eye on the City Council agenda page on the City's website for more information about budget meetings and opportunities to provide feedback.

As always, if you have any questions or feedback regarding the City of Sultan, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at Russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us or 360-454-4145. Take care.

Sincerely,

Russell Wiita, Mayor
City of Sultan



SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER 2	City Council Workshop—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
SEPTEMBER 6	CITY HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
SEPTEMBER 7	Planning Board—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
SEPTEMBER 9	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
SEPTEMBER 13	Community Alliance Meeting—4:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
SEPTEMBER 17	CITY HALL CLOSED AT NOON FOR THE DAY
SEPTEMBER 21	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
SEPTEMBER 23	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
SEPTEMBER 27	Community Alliance Meeting—4:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
OCTOBER 5	Planning Board—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance
OCTOBER 7	City Council Workshop—7:00 pm In person or Remote Attendance



These are challenging times in law enforcement. I want to assure the members of our community that we are committed to working hard to adapt to the new legislation. Each call for service is unique and our approach will be to respond and assess each call as they come in.

I believe that people who commit crimes should be held accountable. I also believe that people who are struggling with mental or behavioral health challenges need resources and assistance. We will continue to work with our community partners and find ways to handle calls for service while keeping the community safe.

I will soon be starting a public safety committee to increase the communication among our community partners. This will allow us to address issues that come up within the city by working closely together with a common goal of keeping our community safe.

Mike Martin
Chief of Police



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Building Better Communities

Sultan joins MyGov Online Permit Platform

The City of Sultan is now using the MyGov permit tracking system. This means that you can submit any permit application online through our website. The online portal also lets you see what permits have been applied for on other properties in the City and submit requests for service including reporting code violations. You can check it out today at https://public.mygov.us/sultan_wa. If you have any questions or need help with the system, please feel free to reach out to Cyd Donk in the Community Development Department.

Sultan Visioning Project

It is an exciting time in Sultan, where we have an opportunity to revitalize our historic downtown. Realizing this opportunity we partnered with the Evans School of Public Policy to develop a vision for our community. Three graduate students surveyed our community, interviewed with several similar jurisdictions with successful commercial cores, and held four community outreach meetings to find out how our residents want to see the downtown area improve. If you would like to learn more about their findings please attend their presentations at the September 21st Planning Board meeting or the September 23rd City Council meeting. When completed a written report will be posted on the City website.

City no longer offers Passport Services

Due to the increased workload volume at the city, we are no longer able to offer passport services to our citizens. If you need to obtain or renew your passport, we encourage you to seek information on the U.S. Department of State website at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>. We recommend to plan accordingly as current processing can take up to 18 weeks for routine service and up to 12 weeks for expedited service.

Utility Assistance Update

The current moratorium on utility shutoffs is set to expire on September 30, 2021. The city of Sultan is aware that many residents have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. In an effort to help those utility customers with a past due balance, the city is offering customers the opportunity to set up an extended payment plan agreement in order to avoid shut off. Please contact City of Sultan at (360) 793-1129 to request a payment plan agreement.

In addition to offering extended payment plans, the City of Sultan has granted funds to the Volunteers of America here in Sultan to be used for assisting eligible Sultan utility customers. Please contact VOA at (360) 793-2400 to set up an appointment to apply for assistance.



Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2021

Community Alliance is hard at work planning Trunk or Treat set for October 31, 2021. If you are interested in having a spot to distribute candy or be a vendor, contact the alliance via email at:

communityalliance@ci.sultan.wa.us

CITY HALL INFORMATION

CITY HALL IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

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