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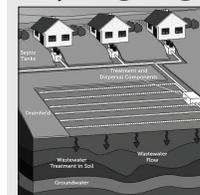


As the tiniest park in Fall City, the Art Park often goes unnoticed. However, it has been a hidden treasure that embodies the essence of our community’s vibrant artistic spirit for 19 years. The park has endured squatting by the homeless, drug use, littering and lack of maintenance, but that is all about to change. Fall City Arts, with the help of community volunteers, donors, and sponsors, is revitalizing the park as a place of togetherness, inspiration, reflection, and artistic expression. In this month’s Neighbors we learn how we can help to revitalize and enjoy our creative spirit, get an update on the downtown sewer system, get a first look at Fall City Day events, and much more.

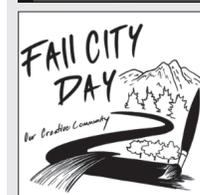
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The cherry blossoms of April are now yielding to the apple blossoms of May. And the barn swallows have returned from South America to nest in their favorite perch on the farm. These rhythms of life bring us a sense of continuity and hope in our lives after a long, tough winter. We will soon forget sub-freezing days, biting cold winds and flooded fields and roadways. Of course we will soon complain about blazing hot days, smoke in the air, and a lack of rain. (But isn't that the Pacific Northwest way?)

As we look to the months ahead, we also look forward to the traditions of the season including Fall City Day, summer camp, farmers markets, outdoor concerts, the Fall City Apple Festival and so much more. We can enjoy these events because dedicated volunteers wish to carry on these traditions and share them with new generations. These volunteers make for a vibrant and strong community. They are not just "those generous people," they are you. Without you sharing your time, financial blessings, and talents, these traditions die. Not only is this the time of renewal in nature, it is the time of renewal for the many non-profit organizations who bring you summertime joy. It is the time for new volunteers to step up and carry on our community traditions to a new generation and new neighbors who now call Fall City, "home."

Let's all step forward this summer and give a small bit of our time and talents to those organizations and events that make us a community.

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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the April 2024 Meeting

PRESIDENT RACHEL SHEPARD welcomed attendees and encouraged community members to learn more, join the Fall City Community Association, or renew their membership at www.fallcity.org. President Shepard called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

COMMITTEE FUNDS REQUESTS (2024 Remaining Unrestricted Funds: \$11,423.80).

President Shepard reminded the group that the earlier membership survey highlighted the following four priorities: land use issues; downtown revitalization, town maintenance, and member outreach.

Anji Donaldson presented two requests: a sound system for FCCA events (\$5,000 plus tax) and repairing the banner poles owned by the FCCA along 202 (no price yet). The group discussed the sound system, how loud it might be, and the configuration and number of speakers. Anji also shared plans for a Totem Garden Revitalization that would include moving the damaged flagpole to the Art Park and updating the garden.

Other ideas that are “wants” more than “needs” include sealing the mural on the Bronemann building (\$1,500), prep, paint and seal a sunflower mural on the FCCA shipping container (\$2,500), prep and prime the Fall City Market & Deli building for a mural (the design has been approved and there is \$5,000 in a reserve account for installation), and up-lights for the cherry trees (that would result savings of \$8-10K of light-hanging costs per year and the trees would be lit all year.).

Attendees raised concerns about the number of speeders on 202 (a state highway) through Fall City, broken road signs, fading paint on crosswalks, and potholes. Also, after 20 years of borrowing WSDOT’S detour signs for Fall City Day, we will need to pay \$1,500 for them this year.

No action was taken on these items.

FCCA SPONSORSHIP OF FRIDAY MARKET BEER & WINE GARDEN

President Shepard shared information from the March meeting about adding the Friday Market Beer & Wine Garden as an official FCCA sponsored event, including insurance, coordination of permits, and covering up front costs for products. The Friday Market, whose primary purpose is to offer local farmers and artisans an opportunity to sell their goods, are planned for June 22nd through September 13th from 4:00-8:00pm.

The group had questions about parking, the appropriateness of the FCCA being in the business of funding alcohol, opportunities for the FCCA, etc. After

discussion the group agreed to review materials and have a “virtual vote” in two weeks. Update: The virtual vote was passed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

TOWN CLEAN-UP *Saturday, May 11, 2024.* President Shepard shared that Emil Cakiryman will again coordinate and host the 2024 town clean-up. Supplies, tools, and garbage sacks will be provided. Volunteers are invited to come with gloves.

COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY. *Mary Butler.* The Fall City Community Association is undertaking a study to determine the feasibility of a community center, beginning with community engagement to understand what the community wants and followed by a site evaluation and review of financing alternatives. Values of equity and social justice will be woven through their work. Committee members include Todd Brown and Mary Butler as co-chairs, and Sarah Kieffer, Krimsey Lilleth, Rachel Shepard, Jeff Wilson, and Bill Ziehl. Heidi Kandathil, King County Natural Resources & Parks Project Manager, agreed in March that the FCCA will act as “Project Manager.”

Key milestones include defining the service area and demographics, community engagement (including a survey of community needs and anticipated use), site search and financial feasibility. A draft community survey will be presented in May.

The primary service area mirrors the FCCA membership area, and the secondary area extends from Preston to Carnation and to Snoqualmie. Demographics are similar in both areas and include a total population of about 24,000, average age of 39, average household size of 2.9 persons, 11% of people identify as multiracial and 80% identify as white; veterans make up about 7% of the population. Discussion included what entity would own the community center, the possibility of having an emergency/warming center, impact on taxes, use fees, possibilities for youth activities, partnerships, etc.

ROADS. *Carrie Lee.* Carrie Work with King County Roads continues to go well, including the grant work starting in June. Also, watch for a new survey May 1 – May 14 (it will be online, in the Neighbors, paper copies at the post office, etc.). The survey will ensure the committee understands the community’s needs and concerns so information conveyed to the county is accurate and current.

FALL CITY DAY. *Anji Donaldson and Judy Dix.* Preparations

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Downtown Sewer System Contract Signed

Construction to begin this fall.

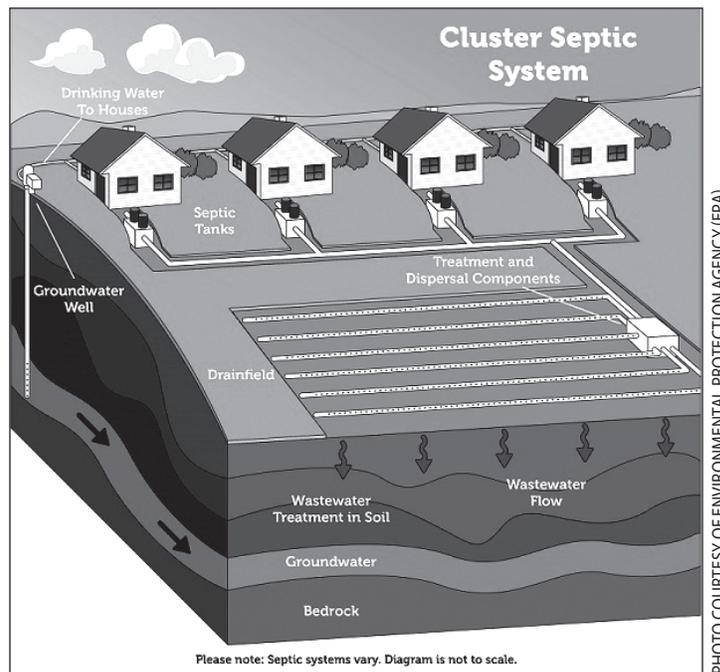
by Kate Grossman

For decades, Fall City's downtown businesses have had, at best, limited opportunities for commercial change, improvement, or movement. Based on King County regulations and historical changes to the business district lots, many businesses are officially out of compliance based on their current septic systems and are currently protected only by a temporary stay. Without a wastewater solution, individual property development would be largely out of the question. That solution has been a long time coming, but as Neighbors reported in our August 2023 edition, the Large Onsite Septic System (LOSS) project will alleviate those problems and allow Fall City's business district a chance to thrive compliantly. With a contract now signed and more firm plans in place, the LOSS is a big step closer to fruition.

The problem of how to update Fall City's downtown septic systems took a long time to solve, as King County, business owners, the Fall City Community Association, and residents debated the merits, feasibility, and costs of a sewer system versus onsite septic. The LOSS is an alternative wastewater treatment system, allowing for new individual septic tanks on each lot in the business district to be connected to a main line running to a treatment facility adjacent to Bernard Park and a drainfield in the park itself.

The Washington State legislature originally approved a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021 to pay for the system, but as with many major capital projects, the process has taken longer than originally expected. Changes in project scope and inflationary pressure over the course of the design process led to increased costs, which required obtaining additional grant money. Additionally, the project sits at an "intersection of size and complexity," says Jeff Wilson, the Fall City Capital Program Manager with King County's Department of Local Services. "That required a specialized contractor that really understands wastewater treatment and septic systems but that is willing to do a smaller scale project."

Enter Goodfellow Brothers, headquartered in Wenatchee, who were the winning bidders for the Fall City LOSS contract. The contract was awarded in March



The downtown sewer system will be similar to the cluster system shown here. The difference is that the waste water from onsite septic tanks will be conveyed to a secondary treatment facility and drain field at Bernard Memorial Park.

and a meeting on April 30th determined initial details of the construction schedule. The current estimation for the total project is roughly 450 construction days, says Wilson. The "substantial completion date," by which the vast majority of the project's work will be done, is June 30, 2026, according to the contract. Groundbreaking on the drainfield, which is the first phase of the project, is likely happening in the fall of this year. "Once the contract is awarded," explains Wilson, "we don't manage the contractor in terms of days or hours. It's an agreed price to deliver [the project] and we let the contractor dictate the details of the schedule."

There are three major components of the project: construction of the drainfield, installation of the tanks and the main line, and construction, coverage, and seeding of the underground treatment facility. Though visible work on the project won't likely begin until the fall, it will kick off with ordering the treatment facility, "the brains of the LOSS," says Wilson. The facility, a relatively complicated system of underground tanks, will use microbes and biological processes to turn wastewater into "high quality effluent," a

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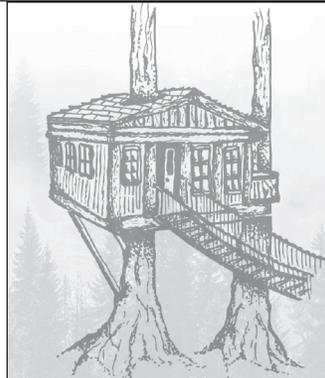


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are well underway for Fall City Day on June 9. The theme is "Creative Community: Art in Fall City", and the day includes the Fall City Day Run and Fun Run, a pancake breakfast, Parade, Food Vendors, Watermelon Eating Contest, a variety of booths, bands, helicopters flying over, art activities for kids including tie-dying tee shirts, fire fighter dunk tank and party pony rides. Judy Dix has been involved in Fall City Day since 2000 and currently manages all vendors. She gave thanks for all those volunteering, especially Anji Donaldson and Laurie Hauglie.

PARTNER UPDATES

FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FALL CITY CEMETERY. *Cindy Parks* and Ron Johnson. The Historical Society has initiated a project to clean veterans' headstones. There are two opportunities to help prepare the cemetery for this Memorial Day: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00pm, Sunday, May 5th and Sunday, May 19th. Bring a bucket and a soft brush to clean headstones or a weed eater or trimmer and gloves to work the grounds.

FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. *Mike Suelzle.* Fall City Sustainable Growth (FCSG) filed a SEPA appeal on March 27th for the Stevens24 development (along 202 between

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higher treatment level than a normal septic system due to the LOSS' location, soil type in the area, and the number of tanks connected to it. Once ordered, the treatment facility has a lead time of at least forty weeks until delivery.

To maximize efficiency, visible construction won't begin until closer to the delivery of the treatment facility system. When drainfield construction begins in the fall, all of Bernard Park will be in use by the contractors, though "the actual drainfield construction won't take that long and they're incentivized to be as efficient as possible," says Wilson. For the community at large, the most disruptive part of the project will likely be the installation of the piping and the 48 individual property septic tanks. The majority of that work will be in the alley of the business district, which will be blocked off in sections. All roadways are expected to remain open and clear during LOSS construction, as the contractor is using directional underground drilling rather than trenching to lay the pipe. That will include boring under Highway 202 to reach the businesses on the north side of the district and connect them to the main line.

Once the system has been built and the treatment facility has been delivered, the contractors will seed the system to "make sure the microbes and all the biology in the treatment system are working properly, and they've budgeted a lot of time around that," says Wilson. In addition to getting the system seeded, there are further testing and commissioning steps to make sure the LOSS is working as planned before the individual septic tanks get hooked up to the main line and the system is put into use. Thus, while the entire project may not be officially complete until mid-2026, the majority of the LOSS work

and the visible construction in most of Fall City will be complete well before that.

Once the LOSS is completed, King County will hand operation of the utility over to the owners of the business district whom have formed a non-profit entity, the Fall City Septic Association. For more information, updates on the LOSS project are given monthly at FCCA meetings or Jeff Wilson can be contacted at jefwilson@kingcounty.gov.

Join your neighbors in cleaning up Fall City!

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Sat., May 11th
9:00-11:30 a.m.

Meeting Point:
Bernard Park



Fall City Fire Department Honors Those Who Serve

by Chief Brian Culp

On March 23rd, the Fall City Fire Department held its annual banquet at the Blue Heron Golf Course. This annual banquet is a time for the members of the fire district, their spouses, and retired members to come together to celebrate and reflect on the prior year's accomplishments. This year, six district members received recognition for years of service with the Fall City Fire Department. Career Firefighters Jake Conroy and Noah Fleming have five years of service with the department. Volunteer Firefighter Pete Montefusco also has five years of service as a volunteer. Firefighter Marus Noble and Lieutenant Joseph Springer have been with the district for 20 years. Administrative Assistant Melinda Wall has been with the district for 25 years. It is essential to recognize the importance of each of our employees and the years of service that they have provided to the Fall City Community.

Fire Chief Brian Culp also awarded Volunteer Firefighter Pete Montefusco as the 2023 Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Pete lives in Fall City, is proud



Fall City resident Pete Montefusco was recently named Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year by Fall City Fire Chief, Brian Culp.

to serve his community, and is always here to help the district. The 2023 Career Firefighter of the Year is Lieutenant Parker McKinnon, who was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2024. Lieutenant McKinnon has been a great asset to the district, and his work ethic is to move our district forward in a positive direction. The 2023 Training Award was given to Firefighter Kyle Patterson. Firefighter Patterson is competitive and always challenges the others in his crew. The 2023 Fire Officer of the Year goes to Captain Scott Fleming. Captain Fleming continues to push the district in a positive direction. The last award is the 2023 Above and Beyond award given to Melinda Wall. Melinda is the first to see the public when they come to the station. After 25 years of being part of the fire district, she is the go-to person for the department's history, budget, payroll, and keeping our bills paid. She is a valuable member of this fire district team.

2023 was a great year for the fire district, as the members became part of the South King County Fire Training Consortium and exceeded the consortium's minimum training requirements. This shows the district's continued commitment to the Fall City community, as stated in our vision statement, which states that we strive towards a progressive, innovative, and dynamic fire district. We want to thank the residents of Fall City for their continued support, and we will continue to put the community first with integrity, dedication, and respect.

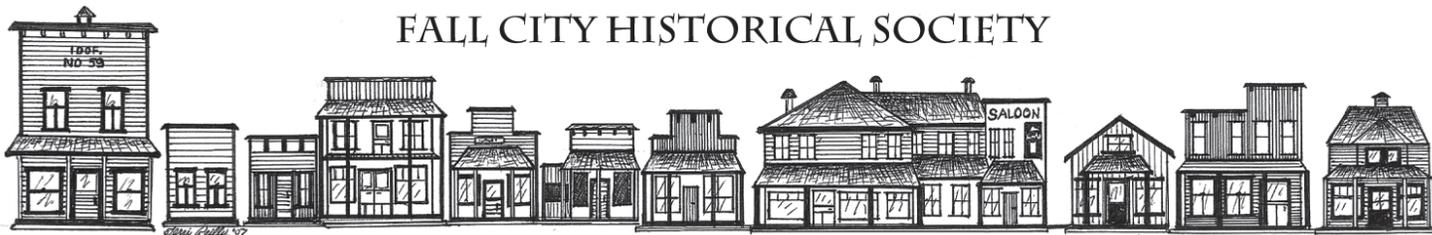


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Honoring All Who Serve



When entering the Fall City Cemetery, visitors catch sight of the tall flag pole surrounded by thriving rhododendrons off at the center of the loop road. Erected in November 1922, this memorial is the culmination of the community's efforts to honor all who served in the armed forces during WWI. Inscribed on the bronze plaque mounted on the granite base is the community's tribute: "Dedicated to those who answered their country's call."

The original cost of the monument of \$250 (about \$4,500 today) was raised by the community, and the Fall City Cemetery Association donated a plot for the placement of the memorial. In addition, the Cemetery Association donated all of sections D7 and D8, a total of 32 sites, as a place for the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold Memorial Day services, which continue to be held there today, more than 100 years later.

On November 11, 1922, the monument was dedicated at a special service held in the high school auditorium. School Superintendent Willis officiated the ceremony, and welcomed special guest speaker Harold P. Burdick of Tacoma, a veteran of WWI. Mr. Burdick began his service prior to WWI in the Washington Coast Artillery, National Guard, and during the war he served in the Fifteenth Artillery, promoted to lieutenant while serving in France in 1918. After the program at the high school, dignitaries and community members traveled to the cemetery where the memorial was unveiled by Col. Burke of North Bend. Prayers were offered by Rev. Earl Lee, and the ceremony closed with the singing of the song "America."



Volunteers Welcome

May 5 & May 19 * 12pm - 3pm



Volunteers of all ages are invited to join the Fall City Cemetery Association and Fall City Historical Society in cleaning headstones, weeding, pruning and more, in preparation for this year's Memorial Day service.

For grounds maintenance, bring your garden gloves, clippers, loppers and other equipment - especially any weed eaters that are used to trim growth around headstones.

For headstone cleaning, bring soft brushes and a bucket. The special cleaner and water will be supplied.

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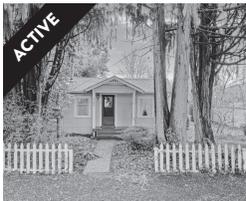
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Fall City's Tiniest Park To Get A New Life

by Jim Hutchins

Just across the street from the serene Snoqualmie River, a blooming cherry tree drops tiny petals on a flagstone walkway with colorful mosaic stepping stones. Wild strawberries, thriving perennials, and an abstract metal sculpture invite passersby to enter the area. You might miss it if you aren't paying attention. For those who have noticed it's whimsy and taken a stroll inside, they know that something magical is happening here. Perhaps they've even felt a touch of nostalgia for what they can imagine must have taken place here over the years—togetherness, laughter, play, inspiration, conversation, reflection, and artistic expression.

It is the Fall City Art Park. It is a hidden treasure that embodies the essence of our community's vibrant artistic spirit. The park was established in 2005 by the visionary leader and original founding member of Fall City Arts, Barbara Center. This charming little oasis has served as a place to gather and draw inspiration for residents and visitors alike. The park was originally built to host community activities like movie screenings and musical performances, and it has served its purpose...but not without its share of challenges.

Spanning a modest 950 square feet on borrowed land from CenturyLink, the Fall City Art Park may be small, but its spirit and history are large. From the captivating mural adorning the exterior wall of the Vintage Flea, which pays homage to the breathtaking beauty of the Snoqualmie Valley, to the hand-painted fence boards by our local Girl Scout troop, each element of the park reflects the passion, involvement, and talent of our community. It took a dedicated team to make this art park a reality. The front fence and original gate were built by Barbara's husband, Christopher Center, and the pavers were donated by Rock Mountain Products on Hwy 202.

The Fall City Art Park has always been more than just a space for art. It has also been a gathering place for our community. From holiday tree lighting ceremonies with bonfires, carolers, and hot cider to impromptu picnics, photos, Fall City Day activities, stone sculpture demos, and live painting events. The park has played a central role in bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging in our town. As time has passed, the space has changed and is now ready for its next evolution into



something that can serve our current community and its needs for connection.

For years, Barbara Center single-handedly maintained the park and kept Fall City Arts alive as she awaited a new group of volunteers to emerge and take the reins. She has dealt with some complications over the years... like cardboard shelters in the park, fires made from fence boards, used needles strewn about, trash accumulation, and more. Once, the park was even heisted by a shovel-wielding individual, threatening anyone who might dare to enter the park! As a result, tables and benches were removed, and the park went dormant for some time. But she's held steady, waiting for the right time to revive the park for community use. Now that there's a new incumbent team in place, there are plans in store for the Fall City Art Park that will further enhance its beauty, accessibility, and functionality. Barbara said it best: "The possibilities are exciting and I hope the new energy coming together will enhance the visible art excitement in Fall City."

With the help of the community, The Art Park Committee, led by Jess Buttermore, will install new planter boxes, tables, benches, signage, and a few other special surprises. String lights overhead will add a touch of magic to the park, illuminating its playful energy, inviting attractions, and one-of-a-kind atmosphere, even at night.

Revitalizing the Art Park will take a community effort. Those who wish to help can do so by donating funds, items from an Amazon Wish List, lumber, perennial plants, and other needed materials, as well as volunteering to help with the necessary labor. To contribute, please visit fallcityarts.org/artpark to learn more and get involved. You can contact Jess at artpark@fallcityarts.org with questions.



Going Native This Spring

If you love bright colored flowers, plant them now! If you're discovering native plants, as I am, and have planted native plants and your plants together, good for you and your pollinators. Why native plants? Given the choice, pollinators choose natives because they instinctively look first for native woodland or prairie plants—the Washington landscape of 200+ years ago.

Once natives' roots are established, they require little or no water; then, slowly they'll spread; some, faster than others. Trees may grow uphill as they "migrate" towards cooler temperatures.

I've explored two nearby native nurseries, Happy Crow Nursery on Tolt Hill in Redmond and Tadpole Haven in Woodinville, to ask questions of their owners and to purchase lots of natives, most of which are new to me. Pollinator numbers are on the decline, so I'm double-dedicated to feed them what they seek year-round.

All year we keep our large rain-capped birdfeeder and hummingbird feeder full. Now, with a wider year-long menu of plants and seeds, there's a remarkable circle of pollinators and flora fulfilling mutual needs.

The planet has surpassed the Paris Accord warming limit of 1.5 Celsius (2.7 Fahrenheit), so it becomes harder to control pollination. Seventy-five percent of flowering plants are pollinated at some point in the year now and warmer temps can lower crop yields and affect pollen.

Washington depends on pollinators for its apples, cherries, pears, smaller fruits and vegetables.

My native plants now number almost 20 species, and my largest plant, the *Ribes sanguineum* is already loading up its stalks with a riot of pink-red flower. You will want to prune this plant in March to control its shape and then establish deep roots by watering for 1-2 seasons. Voila! You will have another drought tolerant native with spreading shade for blue violets.

The Happy Crow Nursery wants to design a "starter kit" to enable first-timers info about pollinator plants they can purchase to attract native bees. Washington has over 500 bee species! This native plant "starter kit" will enable users to help our native bees succeed in their pollination efforts.

At a recent presentation in Marysville, Sunnyside Nursery's manager provided a 6-page handout he called "Evergreen Perennials" that included ten plants; I'll focus on hellebore and heuchera.

Buy several hellebores, as some can be planted as early as November through April. I have 24 spread around my garden. And do not forget winter blooming hellebores.

As leaves have done their job and are now tattered,

GARDEN & CLIMATE CORNER

by *Susan Miller*

Master Gardener & Pruner

prune them. Potted they are beautiful, also grown in groups in light shade. They will seed and multiply if the flowers are not pruned. That accounts for the hellebore multiplication around here! Feed organic rose food twice a year in early winter and again in early spring, and if needed, again mid-summer. Hummingbirds love to visit hellebores.

Heucheras are another sunny early spring bloom that can multiply and be divided every 4-5 years. "Heucheras are for any spot in the garden," were words of reassurance at Sunnyside Nursery. Hummingbirds love their smaller purple, bronze, or cream marbling flowers. Their native plant counterpart, *Heuchera americana*, lives freely in the western U.S. and Canada and are happiest growing in partial shade with early morning sun. Their roots contain alum, which is unpalatable to deer and other herbivores.



PHOTOS COURTESY SUNNYSIDE NURSERY

Hellebores (left) and heucheras (right) are great perennials that provide year-round color and whose blossoms are loved by hummingbirds.

On the Climate Front:

A Seattle-based company called Mast Reforestation is committed to replanting burned forests in Oregon, California, and Montana. They develop and grow seedlings specially adapted for reforestation. As part of this effort, they also sell carbon credits to companies to offset their carbon-producing impacts. These purchases generate millions of dollars for forest conifer growers like Mast. Forest owners who buy their seedlings agree to hold them for at least 100 years. Whether reforesting or starting forests as Mt. Si's student green Team does, holding carbon in the planet's trees matters.

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May Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

FIRST PICKS PARTY PLANT SALE

Thursday, May 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pre-purchase tickets - \$25 per person, \$40 per couple (\$30 pp at the door) It's a wonderful night of music, with a specialty beverage and first pick of the beautiful plants at the sale. Register by Monday, April 29, to go home with a gift bag with snacks, a dessert, and more! Registration link <https://igfn.us/form/PIXBEA>

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Choose from thousands of annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables and herbs, as well as garden art. Plant lovers will be treated to a wide variety of flowering plants; both the old favorites and the new and unusual. Plus kids crafts and demonstrations.

COMMUNITY DINING FUND DRIVE

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 7 & 8. Through our Community Dining program, we provide hot, made-in-house lunches, Monday-Friday. Our funding contract was cut significantly this year and we do not want to turn anyone away. That is why we are focusing on our meal program for GiveBig this year and our goal is to raise \$20,000! Thank you to our matching donors, Michael and Gina (Cambio) Fissette Charitable Trust and

Kimberly Smith with Weichert Realtors Pillar Northwest. Please donate today at: wagives.org/organization/snovalleyseniorcenter

PAINT & SIP

Friday, May 10, 2:30 p.m. Let's paint a beautiful hummingbird while enjoying a glass of vino. \$35 pp

MAY BIRTHDAY LUNCH

May 17, 12 p.m. Come celebrate your birthday with us. Please call 425-333-4152 to make your reservation.

LEARN THE ART OF THE ZENTANGLE METHOD

Wednesday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Almost anyone can use it to create beautiful images. Learn an approach to Zentangle that incorporates a focus on breath, mindfulness and enjoying the practice. No experience required. Materials provided for use in class and a kit to take home and continue your exploration. Answers to common questions and more information are available at soundtangle.com/snovalley-faq. \$45 pp

For more information or to register for classes and events go to snovalleysenior.org or call 425-333-4152. (Or Use QR Code)



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Dates

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month

Time

12 - 1:30 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Location

Fall City United Methodist Church
4326 337th Place SE
fallcityfoodpantry.org

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NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES

May 1 and May 15

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

CKMS LEADERSHIP STUDENTS PREP FOR SUCCESS

Last month, Food Pantry Manager Nance Myhre was thrilled to meet with Chief Kanim Middle School leadership students in advance of their food drive, which began April 22 and will be well underway when this newsletter hits the newsstands. The drive will run through May 3.

The students' visit gave them the opportunity to witness how Food Pantry volunteers distribute food and determine which items are most often chosen by clients in order to prioritize those items for their drive.

The students decided to participate in a "bracket-style" competition between homerooms to determine the ultimate winner, motivate them and spur competition. They also chose to make some items worth more points to encourage high-need items to be donated to the Food Pantry.

We are excited to share the drive's results and these students' infectious enthusiasm and energy once the drive concludes. If you receive this newsletter before May 3, you still have time to support the students' effort and the Food Pantry clients by donating to their commendable endeavor!



Volunteer Opportunity at the Food Pantry

We're always on the lookout for dedicated volunteers to join our Food Pantry team! Among our current needs is a volunteer with proficiency or interest in learning QuickBooks, who can contribute approximately five hours of their time each month.

Interested? Contact Food Pantry Board Chair Sarah Greer
at curtisgreer405@gmail.com.

MAY 2024 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Not-for-profit organizations and elected/appointed government groups may submit calendar items to editor@fallcity.org. Deadline is the 10th of the month before the event.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Fall City Learning Garden.* In May we start planting summer crops and begin harvesting spring crops. All we harvest is donated to the Fall City Community Food Pantry and the Preston Food Bank. The garden is located behind the Masonic Hall in the center of Fall City, at 4304 337th Pl. SE. Garden access is from the alley behind the Masonic Hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Making Matching Bracelets! / Hagamos Pulseras que hacen Juego FREE!* Mothers (and mother figures) are invited to make matching bracelets with their children in this Spanish/English bilingual event! Best suited for ages 4-12, with an adult. Please register at 1.kcls.org/43JdZQh. Sponsored by Fall City Arts and The Fall City Library.

Las madres (y figuras maternas) están invitadas a hacer pulseras con su niño(a). Esta actividad es apropiado para niños(as) de edades 4-12 años. Todo niño(a) necesita estar acompañado por un adulto. Regístrese: 1.kcls.org/43JdZQh.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 13, 20

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. *Chess for Young Learners.* Help your child learn social-emotional and critical thinking skills through chess. You and your kiddo will learn the foundations of the game using a “Win or Learn” approach to beginner chess. Each session will cover basic topics with instructor-led activities you can do with your child.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. *Fall City Community Association Meeting.* Fall City Fire Station Community Room. Join live or via Zoom or Facebook Live (Fall City, WA).

SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. *Annual Town Cleanup.* Help spring clean our town by picking up trash along parks, riverbanks and the downtown area. Meet at Bernard Memorial Park (next to the Roadhouse). Gloves, bags and pickup tools will be provided.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. *Fall City Library Book Group.* Join us for fun discussions, community, and books. New members are welcome. Title: *Losing Eden: Why Our Minds Need the Wild.*

7:00 p.m. *Fire District 27 Commissioners Meeting.* Fall City fire station or online through Microsoft Teams. For more info, visit king27fire.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. *Origami Class.* Learn to make Children’s Day themed origami pieces. Children’s Day is celebrated on May 5th in Japan. All materials are provided, and no special tools are required. Registration not required. Space and supplies are limited. Ages 5-13.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *Friends of The Library Plant Sale.* Beautiful plants at great prices! Come early for best selections. Donations accepted up to and including day of sale. All proceeds benefit the Fall City Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Fall City Library and Lee Farm and Nursery.

10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. *“Getting to Know You Brunch.”* Presented by the United Methodist Church Women. Includes a nice meal with entertainment by “Life in Pink Vintage Jazz, Lyndee White.” No charge. RSVP required. Fall City Methodist Church Social Hall, 4326 337th Pl SE. Email FCUMC.events@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

FCCA HIGHLIGHTS (cont’d from page 3)

Fall City Elementary and Chief Kanim Middle School); the appeal challenges the County’s finding that there are no environmental impacts for the development. The appeal also requests that all the proposed projects be included in a cumulative impact statement.

FALL CITY LIBRARY. *Mary Comstock and Kalen Haley.* Library activity continues to grow: 3,469 people came through the doors in March versus 2,764 in February. Watch for the Friends of Fall City Library plant sale from 9am-2pm on May 18th. All proceeds support the Fall City Library. A new program, “Planning Ahead: You and Your Aging Parents” will be offered on Tuesday, June 4th at 2:00. See the Fall City Events Calendar on page 16 for upcoming events

FALL CITY ARTS. *Morgan Leahy, board member.* Morgan shared the new leaders and plans for Fall City Arts. She will be responsible for coordinating youth events, Bob Seana will head the Dance Committee and Jess Buttermore

will serve as the Art Park Revitalization Chair. (See the accompanying Art Park article on page 12 for more details.)

FALL CITY SEPTIC ASSOCIATION. *Jeff Wilson, King County Capital Project Manager.* Issues with constructing a drain field during the rainy spring months has caused the start of the project to be pushed out from April until June or July. Business owners have been notified of this change.

EMPOWER YOUTH NETWORK. *Helene Wentink, Director of Communication & Development.* Empower Youth Network is a Snoqualmie Valley nonprofit serving youth from elementary through high school in Snoqualmie and Riverview school districts. They have kids waiting for mentors in both school districts, including at Fall City Elementary. To learn more about becoming a mentor or about the organization, go to empoweryouthnetwork.org.

NEXT FCCA MEETING: Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live and phone.