

# Fall City NEIGHBORS

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Halloween is upon us and the Fall City yard competition has begun. This informal community effort brings a spirit of joy and fun to our town every October and celebrates the tradition of creativity and spookiness for kids and adults. In this month's Neighbors, we learn what residents have to say about a new community center, discover what's up with the Raging River Café, learn how to keep our families safe from fires in the home, and get up-to-date on the doings of the Fall City Community Association.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*"We must live in the future, not in the past. But it is the past from which we live our future."*

It has been 46 years since I wrote those words as editor of my college yearbook. They still ring true today as we struggle as a community with the changes that are happening around us. The changing character of our neighborhoods. The changing face of those who live in our community. The change in the businesses we have come to rely on.

That change is hard, but inevitable. We cannot complain and resist the change, we must embrace it, however difficult it might be, and use our foundation of community and love of Fall City to help shape the future so that our kids and grandkids can carry on the values and strengths we are built upon: being welcoming, solving challenges together, preserving our rural character, pitching in to help, and celebrating our history.

In this month's issue we take a look at some of the changes we are facing and how our community is embracing them. Our goal at *Neighbors* is to educate and inform so that we all can create a future that embraces our values and welcomes those who wish to share the lifestyle, environment, and values we treasure. Read on, get involved and stay welcoming.



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# Community News and Notes

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Highlights of the September 2024 Meeting

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** *Rachel Shepard.* President Shepard opened the meeting and welcomed those attending in person and via livestream. She shared that the FCCA, which meets on first Tuesdays, exists to build community and support all the community things that happen in Fall City. Rachel encouraged community members to learn more, join, or renew their membership (voting memberships are a "steal" at \$30.00) at [www.fallcity.org](http://www.fallcity.org). Agenda ideas are welcomed at [FCCA@fallcity.org](mailto:FCCA@fallcity.org). Our goal this year was to have 100 members and we now have 108!

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and Sarah Kieffer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rachel noted that Clair Parker, an FCCA Board member since 2020, resigned from his position as Vice President. She offered thanks for his contributions. If you are interested in the position, contact Rachel at [fcca@fallcity.org](mailto:fcca@fallcity.org).

Motion to approve the June meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

President Shepard reminded the group that 20% of the previous year end's unrestricted funds are available to spend; remaining funds for 2024 are \$10,423.80. Members voted on the following priorities for 2024: land use issues, downtown revitalization, town maintenance and member outreach. She shared that the non-profit NWNHC Family Fund has requested a donation to support the Fall City Apple Festival. The Fund provides kids scholarships for summer camp and conducts healing retreats for military families. They will have 40 vendors at this year's festival and expect some 3,000 attendees. After discussion about 1) an activity to sponsor, 2) sponsorship versus donation, 3) how the request fits with the community priorities, 4) amount, and 5) being offered a booth at the Apple Festival, etc.: A motion to donate \$500 to NWNHC Family Fund (to support the Apple Festival), was seconded and approved.

**FALL CITY DAY REPORT.** *Anji Donaldson.* In previous years, the total cost of Fall City Day was \$8,000 - \$9,000 and this year cost \$39,000! Rather than relying solely on local businesses as sponsors, grants will be sought in the future. Anji noted that a video, produced by a documentary film maker and available on YouTube, is "super special." Next year a poll will be launched for a grand marshal.

**FRIDAY MARKET BEER & WINE GARDEN.** *Sarah Kieffer and Emily Ridout.* Sarah worked with Larry White and Emily Ridout through 11 Friday Markets and are planning a 12th (and final) event: Aroma Coffee's Block Party on September 14th. Sarah thanked volunteers Larry, Kim, Mike, Virginia, Cindy, Emil, Lacey and Angela. The Friday night market was an opportunity to share information about the FCCA.

Emily Ridout thanked Sarah for coordinating the Beer & Wine Garden and said Sarah's work and commitment was "absolutely incredible." Preliminary income and expense numbers from the beer garden show a surplus of approximately \$4,000 for the FCCA.

**SEPTIC ASSOCIATION GROUNDBREAKING.** *Anji Donaldson.* Ground breaking event for the fall city business district sewer system was held August 23. Thank you to King County Department of Local Services, including Leon Richardson and Jamie Holter; also thanks to Jeff Wilson and all the business owners and to King County and State leaders Sarah Perry, Bill Ramos, Lisa Callan, and former KC representative Kathy Lambert.

**FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH (FCSG).** *Lacy Linney.* The Stevens24 SEPA appeal hearing (appealing King County's determination of "non-significance") is scheduled for September 18 and 19 with written comments due by September 4. The Stevens24 housing development is along SR-202 and is set to be cleared for 24 large luxury homes in tightly clustered lots. The project routes significant traffic along SE 42nd and is located next to salmon restoration areas. See the September Neighbors Newsletter, as well as [savefallcity.org](http://savefallcity.org) for more information about FCSG.

The group's efforts over the past 16 months have been totally funded by donations. Donations continue to pay for legal, water, and other consulting expertise. Fall City residents are encouraged to donate to the effort.

**SNOVALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (SVRCC).** *Kelly Coughlin, CEO.* Kelly shared that the SVRCC represents 400 businesses in Snoqualmie Pass, North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, and Carnation. Pete Nelson is Fall City's representative on the group's Board of Directors.

She shared that there are 13.7 million visitors to the valley each year and fewer than 1% visit more than one location in the valley. The SVRCC, funded by \$350,000 in grants, is a destination marketing organization and is adopting a sustainable tourism model. The model encourages visitors who respect the land and the people. Steering committees are forming to hear from the community members.

She reviewed the various Guides that are available from the SVRCC, including the Wedding Guide. Before the Wedding Guide launched four years ago, there were approximately 31 weddings/year in the Valley – last year there were 338 weddings which supplement farmer's income and add approximately \$6 million to our economy. SVRCC is currently working on a new biking guide.

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# Raging River Café Becomes Fall City Bar & Grill

by Kate Grossman

In a town the size of Fall City, any change in the business district is news. But the Raging River Café was not just any business, so the change in ownership has generated a lot of questions. After nearly twenty-five years serving customers, the Raging River Café closed its doors in July, but it is now open under new ownership and with a new name: the Fall City Bar and Grill.

“Local people” have long been the heart of the former Raging River Café. Lyle and Kia Geels owned the restaurant since 2000, as well as the Colonial Inn before that, but after almost 35 years of serving Fall City, they felt it was time for a change of ownership. Says Kia, “I find it hard to put into words how we feel about our customers. Some were daily visitors, some weekly and others once-in-awhile. Being away from things for a month now, I have come to realize how much we appreciated them and what they have become to us. The concern, love, and support they have shown us over the years was amazing. We truly have a terrific group of folks in Fall City and the greater area. Lyle and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the years of pleasure you have given us, both at the Colonial Inn and Raging River Café. You all will be truly missed.”

The new proprietor, Corey Mason, who also owns Dino’s Pub in Renton and Divine Whiskey and Wine in Maple Valley, had been looking for another opportunity for a while. When the Geels decided to sell the Raging River Café, it was just what he was looking for. “I was really picky about what I wanted. It had to be a rural neighborhood. I didn’t want to be downtown,” said Mason.

Although new to Fall City, he is very familiar with hospitality and has figured out what works. “I bought my first bar in 1997 in downtown Renton and did that for about seven years. I tried to get out of it, but then got caught in the economy in 2008. I stuck with it when I realized the bar business is pretty recession-proof. I bought Divine Whiskey and Wine in 2017, and then COVID hit. It took a little while to get it, but we actually grew.”



**Corey Mason, proprietor of the new Fall City Bar and Grill, recognizes that Fall City is a special town and looks forward to being part of it. He wants residents to feel welcome and be able to enjoy this new “community space.”**

As for the building and décor, “I’m not even painting it,” says Mason. “We’re adding some new carpet, some new tables and chairs, but a lot will be the same. We’re going to bring our own food and drink menu in, but we’ll adapt to the community.” Prime rib will be on the menu on Fridays, as well as a Tuesday steak night, and “some great happy hour and dinner specials.” He will also be adding a Thursday trivia night, as well as some televisions for local sporting events. “We’ll probably add live music back at some point,” says Mason, “just one- or two-person acoustic performances.”

Because the building was already home to a restaurant, Mason has largely been able to avoid some of the permitting delays associated with many new businesses, and he is expecting to open the doors of the Fall City Bar and Grill to customers this month. He will be onsite,

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## BAR & GRILL

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“especially in the beginning,” and will be looking to hire an onsite manager “once things get going. We’re trying as hard as we can to hire local people.”

Corey Mason also recognizes that this is a special town and wants the new Fall City Bar and Grill to be a part of that: “We want to fit into the community. We’re not trying to just bring our own stuff in. We’re bringing our twist on things, but we want the community to feel welcome and that it’s a community space.”



The new Fall City Bar and Grill is planning to be open at 8:00 a.m. on the weekends and 9:00 a.m. on the weekdays for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with later bar hours until 10:30-11:00 p.m., depending on customer interest.

## FCC HIGHLIGHTS

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SVRCC is encouraging new businesses (profit or non-profit) throughout the Valley, especially businesses owned by local residents, to join the Chamber. They offer a variety of supports for entrepreneurs. Learn more at [www.snovalley.org](http://www.snovalley.org)

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.** *Carrie Lee.* The event, held on August 6th, attracted 120 – 150 people. Carrie Lee thanked the Fall City Fire Department, King County Sheriff and others. They are hoping for a \$500 donation from the FCCA to help offset the costs of the bounce house, hot dogs, chips, and shave ice that totaled about \$1,100. Any financial resolutions will be presented at the October meeting. She is hoping this year’s Safe Neighborhoods block party contest will have many entrants. The theme for 2024 is preparedness for wildfires; she stressed that it is important to know your neighbors before a fire or other disaster happens.

**ROADS.** *Carrie Lee.* Carrie Lee updated the group on the Puget Sound Regional Council’s funding for a study on 332nd/SR-202 study. It has been delayed and will not commence until next year. Stay tuned for SR-202 study updates.

**FALL CITY LIBRARY.** *Karen Haley.* Last summer the library had 6,618 visitors compared to 8,103 this year. The owl is the library’s mascot and Paul Bannick, award-winning photographer and author, will be at the Library in November. The library offers a wide variety of programs for a variety of audiences. See all the library’s events at [kcls/fallcitylibraryevents](http://kcls/fallcitylibraryevents).

**KING COUNTY DEPT. OF LOCAL SERVICES.** *Leon Richardson, Director.* Leon introduced himself and shared that he looks forward to being part of the community. He plans to attend (in person or online) future FCCA meetings.

**FALL CITY FIRE STATION.** *Chief Culp.* The Fire Department will have a 9-11 mourning/remembrance ceremony on

Wednesday, September 11. The fire department installed a community bulletin board for non-profit groups who use the fire station meeting room. The board also includes a rack for copies of *Fall City Neighbors* magazine.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.**





# Fall City Fire District 27

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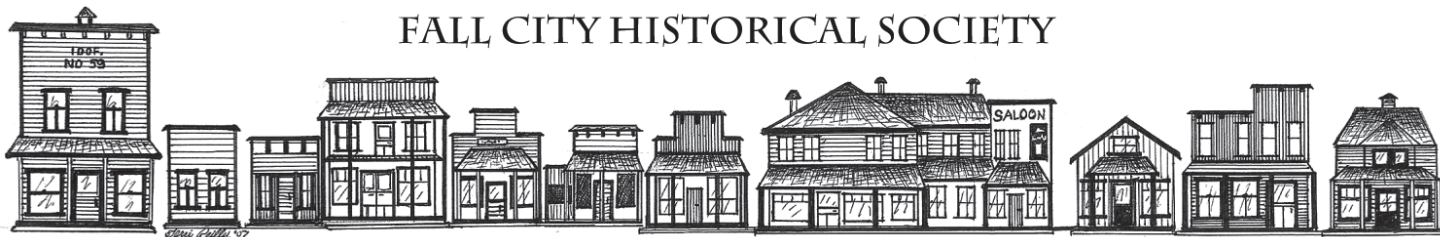
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- ◆ Make sure windows are not stuck and screens can be taken out easily.
- ◆ During your fire safety drills practice feeling your way out of the house in the dark or with your eyes closed.
- ◆ Practice your safety drills at least twice a year and teach your children not to hide if they get scared.
- ◆ It is important to have a meeting place outside the home where your family can gather until help arrives or a grown-up says it is safe to go inside. A good meeting place may be your neighbors home, a special tree, a street light, or the mailbox.
- ◆ Teach your children how and when to call 911 in an emergency.



### HISTORY OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Since 1922 the NFPA has promoted Fire Prevention Week in remembrance of the “**Great Chicago Fire**” that burned from Sunday, October 8, to early Tuesday, October 10, 1871. This notorious blaze was one of the largest U.S. disasters of the 19th century, killing 250 people, leaving another 100,000 people homeless, destroying 17,400 structures, and burning more than 2,000 acres.





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## A Man of Ideas



**Fall City has had its share of entrepreneurs**, but Bob MacManiman has to be near the top of the list. Though born in Illinois, his parents moved to Portland, OR when he was in grade school. There he married his wife, Gen in 1939. They came north when Boeing offered good jobs building B-17s during the war.



Jimmy Chisholm built a log house on the hill outside of town, but when his wife objected to the tall trees, he sold it to the MacManimans. They built a barn, chicken house, woodshed and other outbuildings. There they raised their three daughters with only gas fired DC power. Their daughter, Lindy, recalls that only one thing could be plugged in at a time. They negotiated!

Bob was a man of many talents. He raised pheasants and peacocks, and entertained the family with accordion music. He was an amateur astronomer building his own telescope. He also built microscopes. When his wife got interested in herbal medicine, Bob designed and built a dehydrator that they went on to develop into a business—Dry It~You'll Like It!



In 1950, he opened Fall City TV Sales and Service in the building where the gun shop is currently located. People were getting their first televisions, and Bob was there to sell them. He moved the shop to North Bend with his friend Gene Biosatt in 1954.



When he got wind of a new thing called cable TV, he sold the shop to Gene and went off on a new adventure with Bob Aydt, who had been working at the Fall City Phone Company. They convinced Weyerhaeuser to lease them land on Rattlesnake Ridge to build their tower, and they were off laying cable throughout the valley. They later sold the system to Craig McCaw which is now Comcast.

He died of heart failure at 66 in 1976 with several ideas in the works. We can only guess what he would have come up with next.

## Civil War In the Valley

Join us for a presentation by Richard Heisler of Seattle Civil War. He will tell fascinating stories of the Civil War veterans who settled in the northwest and Snoqualmie Valley.



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# Survey Shows Overwhelming Support for Fall City Community Center

*By Mary Butler*

Talk of a community center here in Fall City has been in discussion for many years. A \$250,000 grant from King County to investigate the community needs and potential development of the center recently turned those discussions into action. This summer, a community survey was launched to gather feedback as to whether residents felt there is a need for a community center and what services it might provide and support. In September a group of Fall City residents gathered in a Town Hall meeting to hear the results of that survey and share their “Wishes, Worries and Wonders” about a Fall City Community Center.

Todd Brown, Co-Chair of the Fall City Community Association (FCCA) Community Center Feasibility Committee, shared that 86% of survey respondents support the addition of a community center in Fall City (8% oppose and 5% are undecided). There is broad interest in having space for a farmers’ market, recreation (playground, community garden, nature walk, basketball, pickleball) entertainment (performing arts, movie nights), arts and creative events (arts and crafts, painting, photography, music), children and youth programs and organizations (Empower Youth, Encompass, Scouting), health and wellness programs (jazzercise, yoga), history, culture, and learning (Historical Society, Snoqualmie Tribe presentations/exhibits), as well as meeting and gathering spaces (community meetings, potlucks, game nights) and senior and elder programs and activities.

In a survey completed by 75 Fall City Elementary 3rd graders in Ms. Egbert’s government class, 93% want a community center with activities such as those mentioned above.

Committee research has discovered that existing meeting and classroom space for community activities severely limits residents’ opportunities to gather, build community, and participate in classes and programs. Primary gathering spaces include the library conference room (groups can only use once per month during library hours), the Masonic Lodge (cost is \$500 - \$1,000 per use),



**Thanks to the magic of AI, a vision of a Fall City Community Center comes to life in this imagined rendering. The recently completed community survey identifies broad interest in having a gathering and meeting space, youth programs, senior citizen activities, health and wellness events, and much more.**

the fire station meeting room (\$30) and the IOOF Hall which is no longer for rent.

The community center committee has begun its next phase of the feasibility study which includes interviewing key “partners and pillars” regarding their thoughts and ideas as well as programs for a Fall City Community Center. To date, Sno-Valley Senior Center, Fall City Arts, and Fall City Historical Society have been interviewed. All three groups have said they would offer additional programs if a community center were available. For example, today Fall City seniors ride the Senior Center’s bus to

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## COMMUNITY CENTER

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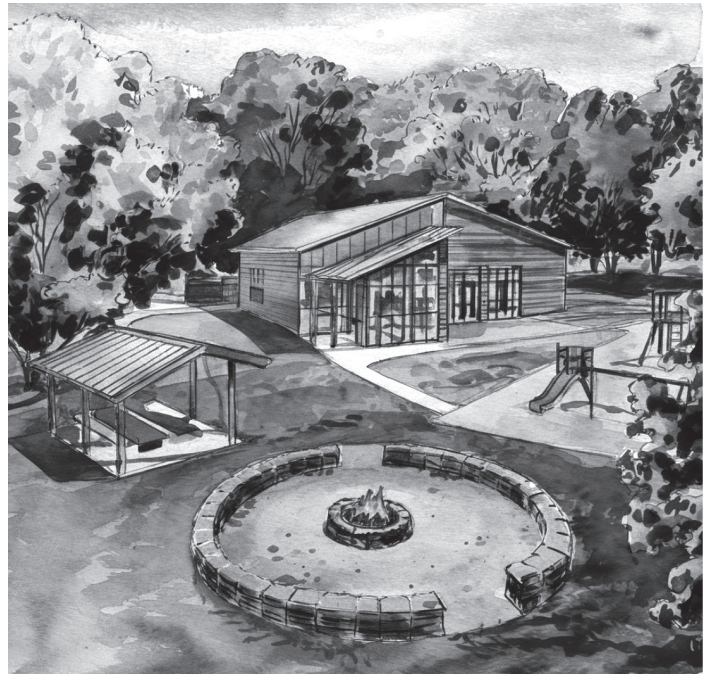
Carnation for programs, classes and lunch. Sno-Valley Senior Center has said they would also offer programming here if a facility was available. Additional “partner and pillar” interviews will be held through mid-October.

“Wishes” shared by the Town Hall attendees included the programs mentioned above, the importance of a walkable downtown location, the ability to rent for private parties, a Historical Society museum, a dance floor, space for informal community events, partnerships with schools for shared use of recreation fields, a place to bring garden produce to share, a group firepit, monthly potlucks, a heating-cooling center, and a big screen for movie nights.

“Worries” included adequate parking, ensuring objections and concerns are addressed, choosing the wrong location, paying for operations, project costs, and funding.

“Wonders” included how we will decide to use an existing building or build something new, creating an online calendar for booking and sharing events, coordinating grants for creative districts, how emergencies would be handled, what would be the hours of operation, could the post office building be an option and could the community acquire it, who would own and manage the community center, and possible coordination with other venues such as the new Preston Mill Park for pickleball courts in the kiln building, the swimming pool in Snoqualmie, Tolt Commons, and elsewhere.

The “partner and pillar” interviews will continue through October. After which, the committee will develop a list of requirements and features along with cost information to



**Among the “wishes” of local residents is space for a farmers market, a group fire pit and kids recreation facilities. Image is representative. Not actual rendering.**

assess the feasibility of the project. An additional \$500,000 grant from King County is earmarked for development of the community center should the community decide to move forward on the project. Additional grants will need to be acquired to fund the full cost of the construction or renovation of an existing facility.

Leading this effort are community members including Brown, Co-chair Mary Butler, Sarah Kieffer, Bill Ziehl and Chelley Patterson. Other residents are welcome and encouraged to join in the ongoing planning and development.

Updates on the community center will be provided monthly during FCCA meetings with a community presentation planned for January or February 2025. The Town Hall presentation and survey results can be seen at: [fallcity.org/community-center](http://fallcity.org/community-center)



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# Heat & Fire!

It was the hottest August ever and 2024 has been the hottest year ever, globally. This year has been even hotter than last which had been the hottest year in history! Multiple large wildfires threaten 36,000 homes in the hills east of Los Angeles, multiple large wildfires are burning in Oregon, and three near Portland. In California, the Park Fire, the largest wildfire in the American West, is at nearly 430,000 acres. In Eastern Washington, smoke patterns remain similar and particulate readings have topped 100.

There's more heat to come! According to the Washington Post, methane gas emissions are rising at the fastest rate in recorded history. New research from the Global Carbon Project, an international coalition of scientists that seeks to qualify planet-warming emissions, finds that methane levels in the atmosphere are tracking those by the worst-case climate scenarios. Because methane traps about 30 times more heat than carbon dioxide over a 100-year time frame, will make it nearly impossible for the world to meet its climate goals, they warned.

The wildfire threat in Western Washington is influencing local insurance rates. According to a local insurance agent, as wildfires become more frequent in Western Washington, homeowners in rural areas, particularly those near Wildland Urban Interfaces (WUI), like Fall City, are facing increased challenges with rising insurance costs and limited availability. The combination of dense vegetation and rural development heightens the risk of property damage from wildfire, pushing insurance carriers to adjust premiums to cover potential claims. According to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC), this has led to difficult decisions for insurance providers who must balance solvency with market demand while addressing increased wildfire risks.

Homeowners can take steps to reduce this risk, which can in turn improve both the cost and availability of property insurance. Loss prevention measures such as creating defensible space around homes, clearing dry vegetation, clearing branches hanging over the roof, and using fire-resistant building materials can make properties more insurable. "Mitigation efforts not only safeguard homes but also send a strong message to insurers that the risk is being managed," says a spokesperson for the OIC. Proactive community-wide measures could help preserve both the natural beauty of the Snoqualmie Valley and the affordability of living in these high-risk areas." In fewer words, please clean up outside your home!

There are several free phone apps that can alert you to nearby wildfires and the firefighting efforts, as well as provide tips for making your home more resistant to

## CLIMATE CHANGE GARDENING

*by Susan Miller*

Master Gardener & Pruner



*Sedums have proven to be important flowers for wildfire protection because of their water-storing leaves. Surround your house in the Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet) with colorful Autumn Joy Sedums that can grow up to 2 feet tall.*

wildfire damage. One, called *Watch Duty*, relayed the story of two homes that were saved by planting sedums. Of course, this compelled me to check out our local wholesale garden nursery website. Lo and behold, 13 different sedums are listed in the inventory, and nine are a great match on my property.

Sedums are important flowers to us because of their water-storing leaves. That's why you would surround your house in the Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet) with colorful Sedums that can grow in sun but will put up with some shade and can grow up to 2 feet tall (Sedum Autumn Joy). Prune off any flowers right after the first frost in late October. After a fire, attention is needed to the burned-out topsoil on your property. While the sedums are likely to be unscathed, your land may have lost its topsoil and that replacement of topsoil needs your attention first.

May you be spared the internal wreckage of the mental toll of a natural disaster. Your community of friends may be the key to defending your home and mental health in a volatile century. Millions of people rebuild after extreme weather and the experience can leave one mentally exhausted and financially drained, and worried about what another fire season might bring.

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## October Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

### SNO VALLEY ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

*Saturday, October 19.* Join us at the Club at Snoqualmie Ridge for a delicious dinner, drinks, photo booth and more. Bid on silent and live auction items to benefit the Sno-Valley Senior Center. Support seniors living in the Snoqualmie Valley by purchasing your tickets for the 2024 Adventure Awaits Gala & Auction. Learn more and purchase tickets at: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Aff>

### NAILS BY MARY!

*Wednesday, October 16 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.* Mary will be at the senior center to give your nails a trim, a buff or a polish. Sign up at the front desk. Appointments are based on first come first served as times may vary, depending on needs. FREE.

### ART USING THE ZENTANGLE METHOD

*Friday, October 18 at 1:00 p.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. No experience required. Materials provided for use in class and a kit to take home and continue your exploration.

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



More information is available at <https://soundtangle.com/snovalley-faq/>. Or contact Certified Zentangle Teacher Kellie Felling: [kellie@soundtangle.com](mailto:kellie@soundtangle.com). \$45 per person for beginners, returning students \$38

### MAGDA SCHALOUM; A HOLOCAUST STORY

*Wednesday, October 16 at 11 a.m.* Jack Schaloum, the son of Holocaust survivor Magda Schaloum, a Hungarian survivor of Auschwitz and other concentration camps, will carry on his mother's legacy by sharing her story. Magda passed away in June 2015. Her son Jack is a member of the Holocaust Center for Humanity's Speakers Bureau.

### TOLT DAM INFORMATION SESSION

*Monday, October 28 at 1 p.m.* Want to learn about the dam in your backyard? Join us and Seattle Public Utilities for a dam overview, with photos and videos, who does what, roles and responsibilities as well as a look at a 3D model and time for questions.

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH

*October 18 at 12:00 p.m.* Come & celebrate your birthday with us. Please call 425-333-4152 to make your reservation at least 24 hours in advance.



Learn more at [snovalley24.givesmart.com](https://snovalley24.givesmart.com)

### Adventure Awaits

Sno-Valley Senior Center Gala & Auction  
*Saturday, October 19 at the Club at Snoqualmie Ridge*

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**Dates**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month

**Time**

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

**Location**

Fall City United Methodist Church  
4326 337<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
fallcityfoodpantry.org

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**NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES**

October 2 and October 16

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

### Supporting Student Success:

#### School Supply Drive for Snoqualmie Valley Students

For over two decades, a dedicated group of local organizations, including Mt. Si Lutheran Church in North Bend, the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, and several area churches, have come together to provide essential school supplies for students in need in the Snoqualmie Valley School District.

This year, 25 students from our Fall City Food Pantry clients signed up to participate in the program. Each student had the opportunity to choose a backpack in their favorite color. Students in grades K-5 received identical supplies tailored for their grade level. Parents of students in grades 6-12 were able to select specific items needed for their children's classes, ensuring they had the tools required by their teachers.

The backpack distribution took place on August 20 and 21 at Mt. Si Lutheran Church, giving families plenty of time to prepare before the new school year began. It was a wonderful event that helped set our local students up for success!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the individuals, businesses, and organizations that generously donated supplies or made financial contributions to this beloved program. Your support continues to make a difference in the lives of our students and their families!

Thank you for helping our community thrive!



#### Fall and Winter Bundles Through KidVantage Partnership

Students are currently receiving their custom-sized fall and winter bundles, which include shoes, a coat, a week's worth of underwear, clothing, rain or snow boots, a book and a toy—all made possible through our partnership with KidVantage (formerly Eastside Baby Corner). On September 18, fifteen bundles were distributed at the Pantry, with more to come in October.

We are incredibly grateful to the members of our community who donate clean, gently used items to KidVantage at 510 NW Maple St. in Issaquah, where volunteers carefully prepare the bundles. Donations are accepted during the following hours: Monday from 6-7:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

# OCTOBER 2024 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**7:00 – 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).

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23, & 31

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Fall City Community Garden.* Join in harvesting food for our local food banks. Fall projects include seed harvesting and planting garlic, fall cover crops, and overwintering greens. Will also be building a compost pile for next season. The garden is located behind the Masonic Hall at 4304 337th PI SE.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** *Board Games & Puzzles for Kids.* Unwind after school with board games and puzzles. Play child-friendly board games (including chess) or work on a jigsaw puzzle with friends and family. All ages welcome, ages 9 and younger with adult. Fall City Library. Registration not required. Supplies are limited.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** *Fall City Library Book Group.* Join us the second Tuesday of the month for fun discussions, community, and books at the Fall City Library. New members are always welcome.

**6:00 p.m.** *Fall City Elementary School Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night.* Father figures bring your kiddos and learn about the Dads of Great Students program. Enjoy some pizza and fun. There will be prizes for the Best Dad Joke! FCES lunchroom.

**7:00 p.m.** *Snoqualmie Valley Beekeepers Meeting.* Come meet some of the beekeepers here in the Valley and learn more about beekeeping and preparing hives for winter. Location: Meadowbrook Farm Preserve.

**7:00 p.m.** *Fall City Fire Department Commissioners Meeting.* Meetings are now being conducted in person at the fire station located at 4301 -334th Place SE, in Fall City. The meetings are accessible through Online Video Conference utilizing Microsoft Teams, and Audio only Teleconference (833-838-2682).

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** *Middle School Graphic Novel Club.* Calling all graphic novel enthusiasts between the ages of 11 and 14. On the third Wednesday of the month, read and discuss a new graphic novel, manga or comic book at the Fall City Library ([kcls.org/locations/fall-city](https://kcls.org/locations/fall-city)). Then stick around to make your own. This month's book is *Wingbearer* by Marjorie M. Liu. Check out a copy through KCLS or on Hoopla. All drawing and writing materials provided by the library while supplies last. Snacks provided by the Friends of the Fall City Library.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** *Blocks & Bricks.* Use Legos and large building blocks to build together at an unstructured, creative play time. Stay for the entire event or pop in for a few minutes. We supply the bricks. You supply the imagination. Supplies are limited. All ages welcome, ages 9 and younger with adult. Fall City Library.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** *Art for Kids.* Take a creative break after school at the Fall City Library. Art supplies will be available for all ages. Design your own masterpiece or do the suggested art project of the week. All ages welcome, ages 9 and younger with adult. Registration not required. Supplies are limited.

