

Fall City NEIGHBORS

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Summer's here! It's time to start the party with the annual Fall City Day festival. What started as the Fall City Days and Logging Show 53 years ago, preceded by Derby Days and the Strawberry Festival, is now an endearing tradition in our town. In this month's Neighbors we honor the 2024 Grand Marshall Trese Rand, share what Fall City Elementary fifth graders think makes our town so great, offer up tips to make floating the Snoqualmie River safer, link residents to a survey to share what they want in a Community Center, and so much more.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's June and the Great Debate begins. Is it Fall City Days or Fall City Day? Long-time residents still remember the Fall City Days and Logging Show, old timers reminisce about Fall City Derby Day when Scouts raced their soap box derby cars down Main St., while historians recall the Strawberry Festival. Celebrating our community is a long tradition.

According to Jack Kelley's *History of Fall City*, "Derby Day flourished over the years. There were all kinds of events: hydroplane races, bake sales, queen contests, square dances, bed races, Fall City Fire Department water fights, jam sessions in Quigley Park, horseshoe and draft horse competitions, skeet shoots and pony rides, to name a few. And you wouldn't be caught dead without your derby hat."

This annual festival is an important part of the legacy we leave and the memories we create for each generation. This year's celebration is no different. Old traditions are celebrated and new traditions are started. Whether you call it Fall City Days or Fall City Day, get out and enjoy the fun with your neighbors.



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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the May 2024 Meeting

PRESIDENT RACHEL SHEPARD welcomed attendees, including new members (we now have 101 members!), and shared that, unfortunately, tonight's meeting would not be streamed on Facebook Live. Members were able to join via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Shepard welcomed Danielle de Clercq, Acting Director of King County's Department of Local Services. Danielle will be available for questions, ideas and concerns at the library on the first Tuesday of the month from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Other representatives of King County will be available from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday – generally that time is filled by a representative of the Department of Permitting & Environmental Review.

King County Metro's Community Van program is coming to Fall City. The program provides residents with customized options for getting around. Community vans can be used to run errands, get to appointments, or attend activities and outings. The next step is to **find** a permanent parking place for the van. Hauglie Insurance offered to host the van. Information on how to become a driver or a rider, etc. will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

FRIDAY MARKET SUPPORT

Eighty-four percent of members voted to have the FCCA sponsor the Friday Market Beer & Wine Garden for 11 weeks this summer. At the end of the season, we will assess our sponsorship. As sponsor, the FCCA will provide a volunteer who will share information about the FCCA and serve beverages for each Friday event. Sarah Kieffer shared that volunteers must complete the State's Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) online training and test.

COMMUNITY SOUND SYSTEM

Anji Donaldson shared that the FCCA owns a sound system with a mixer table, but still needs a transmitter, receivers, speakers and tripods. The new equipment, with a total cost of \$3,000, will be used for Fall City Day, National Night Out, Tree Lighting Ceremony and other community events. President Shepard noted there is \$11,423.80 in remaining unrestricted funds and that total spending for committees this year is approximately \$6,000. A \$2,500 4Culture Grant for the equipment is in process; if the grant is received it will be used to reimburse the FCCA for the sound equipment. Members voted to spend up to \$3,000 for the purchase of a transmitter, 2 receivers, 2 more speakers and 4 tripods.

Also, the sound engineer is ready to retire – if you are interested, contact Anji Donaldson.

NEW BUSINESS

KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. *Major Mark Konoske & Captain Peter Horvath.* Major Konoske is responsible for law enforcement in Precinct 2 unincorporated areas of King County as well as four contract cities (Sammamish, Woodinville, Carnation and Skykomish). Precinct 2 lies north of Interstate 90 to Snohomish County and east of 405

to Snoqualmie Pass. Captain Horvath is Assistant Police Chief. They offered information and answered questions about the following topics:

Floating

The Sheriff's Office, along with representatives of the Department of Local Services, the Marine Unit, Department of Wildlife and others hold an "after-action" review after each floating season. Lessons learned inform the following year's practices. They reported that there are many safety measures in place (reader boards on the highway, signage on and off the river, announcements via loudspeaker, safety and ecological information on Fall City Floating website and while in the bus, lifejackets, etc.). Chief Culp of Fall City Fire shared that fire station officers are currently undertaking their annual water training. He noted that changes in the river are constant and as the river rises and falls, snags are covered and uncovered; last year's two deaths were both paddleboard riders without life jackets – signage for paddle boards will be added this year.

Shooting of Guns

The county has both "shoot" and "no-shoot" areas. Fall City is in a "shoot" area. However, reckless shooting that potentially endangers others or that falls outside of noise ordinances should be reported to 911. As with other issues, it is important to call 911 when the potential violation is occurring.

Recruitment

The Sheriff's office is focused on recruitment of new officers as several issues resulted in, at its peak, 120 vacancies (15% of 790 officers). Currently vacancies total 61(8%) and it is hoped there will not be a backlog of vacancies by the end of 2025. While still hiring new recruits/entry level officers, they have increased their efforts on recruiting "lateral" law enforcement officers who complete equivalency training and assimilate quickly. There is also a balancing effort to ensure officers are spread equally throughout King County.

Remlinger Farms Concerts

Representatives of the Sheriff's office, King County Metro, Local Services, Roads and others are meeting to prepare for the 18 concerts to be held at Remlinger Farms this summer. Because there is limited ingress and egress from the Farm, Fall City should expect increased traffic.

Other Information from the Sheriff's Office

The Major suggested that residents sign up for the monthly Precinct 2 newsletter at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAKING/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAKING_1905.

When asked, the Major said that it can be very helpful for communities to offer a workspace to officers; otherwise, they end up spending most of the day in their car. The Sheriff's Office would be very interested in space if Fall City develops a community center.

ROADS. *Carrie Lee, Chair.* Results from a 2019 Road Survey (with 15% response rate) were shared; the top 5 concerns were:

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Fall City Day Theme Inspired by Its Grand Marshall

by Angela Donaldson

Every year, the Fall City Day festival brings together our community in a celebration of art, culture, tradition, and togetherness. The 2024 theme is “Creative Community.” Fall City Day is the largest gathering of the year and raises funds to support local schools, youth organizations, nonprofits and maintaining our rural unincorporated town. The Fall City Day Grand Marshal is selected each year by the planning committee for their inspiring community spirit.

This year’s Grand Marshall is Trese Rand!

Trese’s story starts with her loving parents, Ted and Gloria Rand, in Mercer Island. Ted Rand was a well-known illustrator and together with Gloria, an accomplished children’s book author, they were the “first couple” of children’s books. As a child, Trese was fascinated with horses. She drove her parents NUTS! After high school she went to WSU to study animal science.

She met her late husband while building her art career as a medical illustrator at Seattle Children’s Hospital. Together they had three children, Sierra, Luke and Roy. Her dream of having a farm came true when they moved to Fall City in 1996. Her oldest, Sierra, is now a teacher at Fall City Elementary, Luke is a machinist and photographer, and Roy is an artist and art teacher. Her kids, along with her son-in-law, daughter-in-law and new grandson, are the most important things in her life. She loves her farm with its chickens, Chip, a pet pig that does tricks, dogs Rosie and Piper, horse Pinky and retired horse Buzzy, and her cows.

Since 2001, Trese has taught art at Fall City Elementary School (FCES). For her, it is a dream place to work and her vision would be for FCES to have a full blown art program. During COVID, Trese just had to do something for the kids. After a few hitches, with the help of some of her students, and her middle son Luke, she created videos of art lessons and projects for local children. She put out art supplies at the end of her road for kids to pick up and do at home. She was lovingly referred to as the “Teacher of Hope”.

Her volunteering experience bloomed “way too many years ago” when a colleague at Seattle Children’s, Dr. Stanley Stamm, asked her to lead the arts and crafts crew at Camp Stanley Stamm, a magical opportunity for patients at Childrens to just be kids. Once she started her farm in



Trese Rand, 2024 Fall City Day Grand Marshal

Fall City, she moved over to the camp’s Horse Crew. Trese does her best to keep kids safe and get kiddos on horses that ordinarily wouldn’t have the chance. She has connected many of her FCES students to the camp and several of her Fall City campers have continued to come back as volunteers on her horse crew. Trese says that her decades working at the camp has been a privilege, but the families brought into Trese’s loving camp family know the privilege is theirs.

Trese is always helping others and expressing gratitude. Her “church” is helping nonprofits, Tapon and Bridge of Promise. They are both day programs that serve adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. They visit her farm regularly and she loves sharing the farm with them.

Trese’s favorite quotes are from her dad; “life is swell” and “If you put your mind to it Sis, you can do anything”. They continue to be her guiding principles.

At this year’s Fall City Day, Trese’s duties will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Clint Irving driving her to the parade stage on his tractor. After the parade, the children of Fall City can find Trese face painting at the Kataluna Kid Zone in Olive Taylor Quigley Park. She will also likely be found at the newly restored Art Park watching her youngest son Roy performing live art in his annual Fall City Day tradition. Roy is continuing his mom’s art legacy as the new Fall City Day event graphic designer.

All the Fall City Day activities and the concert lineup can be seen at fallcity.org/fall-city-day



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What Makes Fall City So Special?

In honor of Fall City Day, *Neighbors* asked the creative fifth graders at Fall City Elementary to imagine that someone from another state asks them about their hometown.

What would they share about Fall City?

What makes it a special place to live?

Thanks to all the fifth graders who submitted essays! We could only had room to publish a couple here, but we were impressed by the many reasons the young writers shared about why our town is unique.

Violet Esquivé

Everyone in the city makes it feel like home the moment you step into their shop or see them around the neighborhood. You can also tell that they are like a large family. On the way to school I see people talking, smiles on their faces. They take walks together sometimes too. In addition, they even let you pet their dogs on the way. Every holiday they put up sparkling decorations that bring out the season and the holiday they celebrate. Each one is unique and you can tell the residents put a lot of work into them, so it makes it a fun place to see everyday at school. The people also put a lot of effort into their property. They take good care of their plants and animals. I'm lucky to live in such a safe and beautiful place.

Fall City's scenery is amazing. There are lush plants and beautiful flowing bodies of water around the city. The river there is very well known. Lots of people enjoy swimming and fishing in it all year long. In third grade, students at my school are encouraged to help the wildlife by releasing baby salmon into it. It was a lot of fun to do! The river helps salmon along their journey and hydrates Fall City's plants. The plants are very interesting to see and make a large impact on the scenery and health of the city. In spring Fall City gets filled with vibrant shades of pink coming from the cherry blossom trees. It is amazing to watch the process of each flower's bloom. The end result is spectacular!

All in all, Fall City is a wonderful place for residents and visitors. Everyone in the town is kind

and welcoming. The community there is one in a thousand. So is the beautiful scenery. It is full of life and there is endless fun. I recommend visiting!

Zoe Hartmann

I love Fall City. I love the flowers, the birds, the trees, and the river! But most of all, I love the community. This community is always the kindest, and the most helpful. It's small but it's mighty. The strong force of kindness can stretch any distance, but it's especially strong here in Fall City. Each year, there are loads of kid-friendly activities. Such as concerts, easter egg hunts, festivals and much, much more. We'd love to have more participants to support our local community!

Every summer, there is a big festival called Fall City Day. This festival holds small events you can participate in. For example, a race. Kids and adults have lots of fun in this, and get good exercise, as you get to pass the beautiful view of the Snoqualmie river. There are also small tents, which locals put up to sell things they make by hand. This is very beautiful because you can support Fall City locals, and what they do.

On hot sunny days, kids sell homemade lemonade outside in their driveway. This is a great way to make and donate money to charities throughout our community!

Speaking of charities...every year, there is a fundraiser for a community fight against cancer. To make this come to life, the Fall City Elementary School choir sings holiday songs, and later you can watch Fall City light up with joy, and of course Christmas lights. This is always my favorite part of the year because the community comes together to celebrate.

There are also attractions here that people come to see. For instance, the Snoqualmie river that flows through downtown Fall City. The first glimpse you get at this gorgeous sight, you will see cherry blossom trees snowing petals on your shoulders in the spring. This is my favorite place to take pictures, and selfies. So come to Fall City, you won't regret it.

Local Equestrians Work to Revitalize Fall City Arena

by Kate Grossman

For decades, the horse arena in Fall City Community Park was a thriving event space for equestrians and other outdoor-minded people throughout the Snoqualmie Valley. 4-H groups, a mounted drill team, King County Search & Rescue, a mountain orienteering organization, and many other recreational equestrian users utilized the arena. Unfortunately, water damage to the arena surface rendered it unsafe for riding, leaving it underutilized and largely empty in recent years. However, recent efforts by the non-profit Friends of Fall City Arena (FFCA) will contribute to revitalization of the arena and, by extension, use by the local horse community.

The Fall City arena was originally built in 1983 by the Raging River Riders, an equestrian group dedicated to education, fun, and good horsemanship in the Valley. They maintained it for many years, before transferring ownership and maintenance to King County. However, three significant high water flow events in 2015, as well as a major flood in 2019, submerged the arena, hardened the ground, and largely destroyed the riding surface. While the County has made some improvements since then, including adding bleachers and mounting blocks, they were unwilling to spend the money to resurface the arena due to further flood risk.

However, thanks to the recent floodplain restoration project along Neal Road (see the January 2024 issue of Neighbors), among other projects, major flooding should be reduced in Fall City Community Park, clearing the way for an opportunity to refurbish the arena. Enter the Friends of Fall City Arena. After discussions with King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks in the summer of 2023, the FFCA sent a proposal to resurface the arena to make it safe for horses and riders again. The organization agreed to fund a consultant's recommendation for the restoration and purchase grooming equipment designed for equestrian arenas. Parks agreed to do the sitework. An ongoing community maintenance, promotion and use agreement between FFCA and the County is currently being negotiated to assure the long-term viability and revenue generation of the facility.

"We recognize that this is a community facility and won't be used just for competitive events, explains Jim



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Fall City Arena has created lifetime memories for many local equestrians.

Hutchins, president of the FFCA and owner of the Northwest Natural Horsemanship Center. "The footing needs to be a proper depth that can be used for different disciplines. It will be used by the recreational horse community that's looking for a large arena and exercise track, as well as youth organizations and other clubs that might want to use the arena for practice or events."

In addition to the arena itself, the adjacent parking lot also needs refurbishment. Because the arena is an access point for equestrian use of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and adjacent trail systems, the parking lot surface and security will be addressed in a later phase of the project. The lot is currently reserved for use by horse trailers, but is often filled by floaters, and mountain bikers accessing the Tokul West trails.

Hutchins anticipates an agreement will be complete soon. The resurfacing is planned for completion by the end of July. The FFCA applied for a King County grant through the recent Parks levy to help cover most of the project costs. Additional funds are coming from donations by the regional horse community. The maintenance agreement calls for the FFCA and County Parks to share in the facility maintenance. Future phases of development would include ADA compatibility and specific programs aimed at youth and underserved communities.

"The hope is that if we can improve the footing so that it's safe for horses and riders, then all those groups will come back [to use the arena]," says Lori Watts, a Fall City Metropolitan Park Commissioner and FFCA board member. "We're hoping a lot of people that were casually riding will come back."



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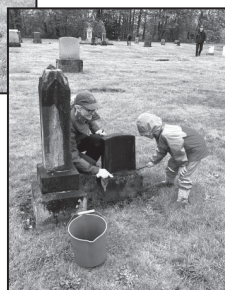
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★ Getting Ready for Memorial Day ★



We had a great turnout for the cleaning of the World War II Veterans' headstones. Helpers ranged from 4 to 74. Our local firefighters lent a hand and a middle school student scrubbed with the best of them. The cemetery looked its best for the beautiful Memorial Day ceremony.



A River Runs Through It



Summer's here and it's time for everyone to come out of hibernation! Our **Fall City Day** booth will feature travel on the river. Stop by and see the display of river travel through the years - from canoes to steamships to jet boats.

We'll also have our books, glasses, mugs, and historic prints for sale.

You may even encounter a famous author! See you there.



Happy 100th, Janet

Fall City's favorite daughter, Janet Moore Ewing, celebrated her 100th birthday with a grand party at the Masonic Hall. Over 100 family and friends greeted Janet who came from her home in Cheney, Washington for the occasion.

Support for our work from King County Heritage 4Culture is gratefully acknowledged.



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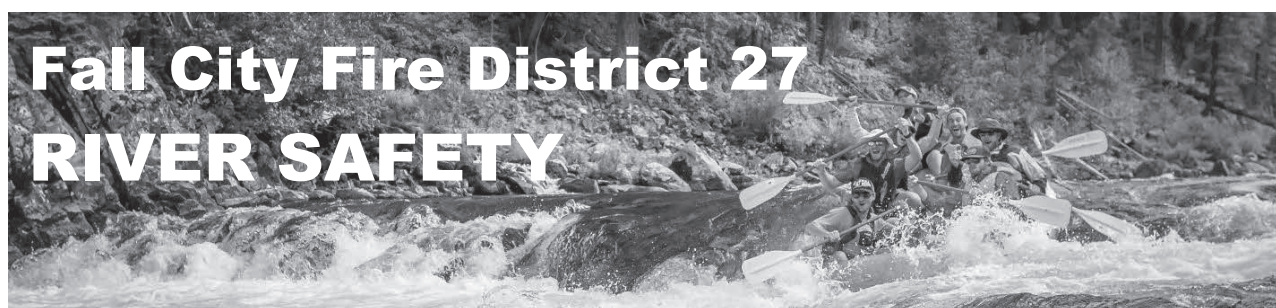
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In June, the warmer temperatures entice people to the cool waters of the river. The problem is the water is very cold from melting snow pack and the river flow can be high and fast making it extremely dangerous. Fire District 27 advises staying out the river when the water flow is high.

What factors influence drowning risk?

Young children under the age of five, males between 15-24, and people who cannot swim are at the highest risk for drownings. Factors that increase drowning risks are lack of swimming ability, lack of close supervision while swimming, alcohol use, location, and failure to wear life jackets.

- **Lack of Swimming Ability:** Many adults and children report that they can't swim. Research has shown that participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce your risk of drowning.
- **Lack of Close Supervision:** Drowning can happen quickly and quietly anywhere there is water; always have a designated adult watching young children when swimming or playing around water. Be close enough to reach your child at all times, it only takes seconds for a drowning to occur.
- **Location:** More than half of fatal and nonfatal drownings among those 15 years and older occurred in natural water settings; lakes, rivers and oceans. **Use the Buddy System** - never swim alone and only swim in known safe areas, preferably where there is a lifeguard on duty.
- **Alcohol Use:** Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70% of deaths associated with water recreation. Alcohol use is one of the biggest dangers while swimming, boating, or enjoying any water sport. It influences balance, coordination, and judgment. Its effects are heightened by sun exposure and heat.
- **Failure to Wear Life Jackets:** Children or inexperienced swimmers should always wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket when around water. If you enjoy swimming, boating, jet skiing, or river rafting, wear a life jacket. It may not seem cool to wear a life jacket **but it could save your life!**

WHEN FLOATING THE SNOQUALMIE RIVER BE AWARE OF RIVER HAZARDS

Debris and underwater features such as trees, branches and logs, and even narrow gaps between rocks can trap you under water. Pay attention to these hazards and look for **"CAUTION SIGNS"** on the river that tell you to avoid certain areas where hazards have been identified. Even a slow current can take you where you don't want to go, towards hazards, and leave strong swimmers unable to reach the shore. Paddle Boarders do not tether to your boards in a river.

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Summer Is A Busy Time At The Fall City Library

by Children's Services Librarian, Jenni Yanagihara

It's that time of year again when the sun shines, the sky is blue, and kids are having fun by playing—and reading. The King County Library System is having its annual Summer Reading Program that runs from June 17th to August 31st. People of all ages can participate by picking up a paper reading log from your local King County Library and using it to track how many minutes you've read. Stop by the library any time during this process to pick up some free swag, and if you finish the entire reading log, you get a cool patch.

Did you participate in Summer Reading last year? If you did, you'll remember that we went down into the ocean and got patches and stickers with fun sea critters like otters, octopi, and orcas. This year we're going deep into the forest—what will we find there? We'll see ordinary forest dwellers like snails and owls, but maybe we'll see some magical things, too.

What else do we have going on? How about some arts and crafts with "Summer Origami with Mariko" where we will learn to make summer themed origami pieces. Come try it on June 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Or maybe try some

Botanical Printmaking on June 26th at 12:30 p.m. Learn about printmaking and how it can be used to document, create and appreciate the natural world. Registration online is required.

A morning of fun planned is planned for little ones on Friday, June 28th with urban farmer Lisa Taylor. At 10:30 a.m. kids from preschool age to grade four can join Lisa in "The Mysterious Seed" where she uses music, movement, storytelling, and puppetry to follow a tiny seed as it becomes a big plant that makes more seeds. Then, make a magic planter and plant seeds to take home. At 11:30 a.m. toddlers can join Lisa for Magical Butterflies. This short program introduces them to garden critters. Sing songs, read stories, move around, and have fun learning about some common garden creatures with puppets. For toddlers to age 3, with caregiver.

The fun continues in July—adults can join our Library Book Group, which will discuss the book "The House on the Cerulean Sea" on July 9th, 2:00 p.m. Adults can also learn about kombucha in a Books & Brews Special Program. Join Adam Grossman, of Fall City Kombucha, as he shares his passion, insights, and expert tips on brewing. Happening July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Lastly, tweens, teens, and adults can have fun with geocaching—we're having geocaching workshops on June 29th, July 27th, and August 24th, all from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is so much more happening during the summer at your library.

Check out our website at 1.kcls.org/FallCityLibraryEvents to see what is happening and to register for special events. Special thanks to our Friends of the Fall City Library for sponsoring so many of the programs at the Fall City Library.

Fall City Residents & Surrounding Community We need your help and your input matters!

We're excited to announce that we are embarking on a feasibility study for the possible establishment of a community center in Fall City.

The aim of this study is to gather comprehensive insights from our community to ensure that the proposed community center reflects the needs and aspirations of all residents.

Your input is invaluable in shaping this endeavor.

To kick start this process, **we're launching a survey** to gather your thoughts, preferences, and ideas. Your participation will guide us in understanding the services, programs, and facilities that matter most to you.

Let's come together to build something remarkable for Fall City!



USE THIS QR CODE
TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY

or

stop by our booth at
Fall City Day



Don't Mow Your Lawn This Summer

Though your lawn may be a vibrant lush expanse of green, it is also an ecological wasteland. We have millions of acres of lawn in the U.S. displacing native plants and leaving bees, birds, and pollinating insects fewer spaces to feed, nest and rest. As a result, pollinator populations have plummeted. If you let your grass grow a few inches, some of that wildlife will start to come back.

This is the principle behind the “No Mow” movement. If you would like to try this “No Mow” method or the toe-in-the-water “Limited Mow” movement, you will stop treatments of herbicides and pesticides, too. Look for a spot in your yard with little foot traffic. Start there for the toe-in-the water approach. The blades of grass will grow unevenly. Work to get rid of the foreign weeds, our only hard-work task, especially buttercup and shot weed, and any other non-local weeds. Set your mower on its highest setting (4”) and mow. Visitors will start to arrive: bees, birds, and even butterflies. Thin out the grass with a rake to expose more ground for bugs and bees and mulch. The soil will be changing, loosening, creating spaces for air and water to filter through. Birds will stop by to help keep weeds in check and disperse seeds. Many pollinators only feed on the nectar of specific plants so sprinkle some of their seeds.

Professor Doug Tallamy is a leading entomologist from the University of Delaware. He describes his family vacation to Portland, Oregon where he identified street trees planted in two large Portland neighborhoods. Over 91% were from other continents or ecoregions. With only 9% native trees, he knew why the streets were not filled with the buzz and tweet of native birds when leafed out. There was no match up of native tree to native pollinator.

Now think locally to your own backyard where Tallamy wants us to start a new approach to conservation. Bees perform the lion's share of pollination duty. If wind pollinates 13% of native plants, then almost 87% of pollination (and 90% of all flowering plants) is done by 4,000 species of native bees in the U.S. Yet experts found native bees to be in steep decline. Remember that native bees once had savannahs and prairies and fields to work in. Lawns have replaced so much of the land native bees worked through.

To support pollinators at home, it may help us to understand bee stings and native bee homes in our own yards. Don't clean up 100% in the fall as we gardeners do. Bees prefer to nest in hollow stems that protect them from the rain when flowers die off. So let these hollow deadheads stand, maybe tied together, and prop them up on the garden edge for over-wintering. Oddly, only female bees sting. Female bees won't sting when pollinating or foraging. And while many critters are flower “visitors,”

GARDEN & CLIMATE CORNER

by Susan Miller

Master Gardener & Pruner



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The “No Mow” movement encourages letting your grass grow a bit longer to help native pollinators find more habitat and food sources.

fewer successfully transfer pollen from the male stamens to the female pistils of the same plant, often because they do not have the correct body shape. Allow the specialist pollinators to access pollen because they are most likely to deliver it to another flower of the same species.

The native stingless mason bee is always looking for a long hole, not a big hotel. At the start of my mason beekeeper journey, my mason bee box had 120 long holes. Large bee hotels may attract lots of bees, but they also invite bee predators. Consider several smaller 12-holed, 4-inch square boxes around your garden, out of the rain, and for your bumblebee queens you can invite them to build nests in your yard by burying a toilet paper roll. A queen will chew a hole into the roll and start her colony in early spring. Cover what you build because they don't like rain.

On the Climate Front:

Recently, the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper surveyed more than 300 climate scientists to see where they thought humanity was heading. The results were sobering. Eighty percent of the scientists questioned said the planet will heat up by 2.5 degrees Celsius this century, and almost half think it will top 3 degrees. In other words, the scientists who make up the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change believe we are much more likely to hit a catastrophic level of warming.

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FCCA HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd from page 3)

- Speeding (80% said this was their primary concern)
- Pedestrian Connectivity (73% said this was their second concern)
- Vehicle Access onto/off State Highways
- Lack of Enforcement (including parking)
- Road Conditions

Carrie Lee provided updates on the following projects:

- Westside Trail
- Bridge Improvements/Fall City Community Park (collaborating with Mountains to Sound Greenway)
- SR 202 Corridor Study

Cameras will be tracking vehicle and pedestrian travel beginning in June through July of 2025; the impact of floaters, tourism, soccer/baseball, elementary school, etc. will be noted. Also expect increased traffic in Fall City as fish corridor projects along I-90 and Highway 18 are completed.

FALL CITY COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY. *Todd Brown.*

Todd reported that the community survey will be available at Fall City Day, via QR Code on postcards mailed to residents in the service area. Questions included, how many people will the community center hold? (responses to surveys will determine that), how do we talk with and get input from kids?

FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. *Mike Suelzle.* Mike reminded us that they are the only nonprofit focusing on maintaining the community's rural character and they continue legal action to protect that character. Donations are welcomed.

The group is hoping to recruit about 25 volunteers to support a comfort station (offering sandwiches, water and Gatorade) for cyclists who will ride through Fall City as part of Cascade Bicycle Club's "Flying Wheels Summer Century Ride" on June 1st.

FRIENDS OF FALL CITY ARENA. *Jim Hutchins.* The horse arena in Fall City Community Park has gotten a reputation for being dangerous due to poor maintenance practices. After

meeting with King County Parks in the summer of 2023, the group was founded as a 501(c)(3) charity and provided Parks a Phase I proposal to improve the surface of the arena. A draft agreement to share arena maintenance with the county, purchase appropriate grooming equipment, and promote park use is being reviewed. Sitework will hopefully be completed in July. They are looking for volunteers and encourage donations to support its efforts.

FALL CITY ARTS. *Krimsey Lilleth.* Programs, including roller skating, Silly Hat Workshops, and many more continue. They have raised nearly \$5,000 for materials for the Fall City Art Park restoration.

FALL CITY LIBRARY. *Mary Comstock and Karen Haley.* The Friends of the Library plant sale is May 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. All purchases support the Fall City Library. You can now borrow board games to play in the library. A wide range of programs and events continue to be available. On June 7th, residents can help build a creative community float for Fall City Day along with the Girl Scouts and Fall City Arts in the library parking lot from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

FALL CITY SEPTIC ASSOCIATION. *Jeff Wilson.* Construction of the drain field and other work is set to begin in October. Construction will likely be halted between December and February and the work should be totally completed by March 2026. A groundbreaking ceremony is being planned for October 2024.

FALL CITY DAY. *Anji Donaldson.* Anji thanked all the sponsors. Sponsorships remain for the Fun Run.

FCCA meetings are open to the public on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., via Zoom, Facebook Live, and in-person at the Fall City fire station.

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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

June 5 and June 19

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Chief Kanim's Kindness Crew: A Record-Breaking Food Drive Success!

Kudos to the Chief Kanim students and their families for showing such a strong commitment to helping others. We also appreciate all the efforts the CKMS staff members made behind the scenes to encourage and motivate students, making this food drive the most successful yet.

At the culmination of the food drive, school leaders formed an assembly line to load the donations for transport. Many hands made light work, quickly clearing out the school's portable. We were overjoyed to see the portable empty and our storeroom filled, a testament to everyone's hard work.



Thank you for the fantastic results and everyone's efforts! Photos from delivery day show Fall City Fire Commissioner Dan Meredith's van filled to the top with food drive donations and the happy faces of the CKMS volunteer crew.

At the Food Pantry, one of our primary shoppers, Kara, was thrilled to see an unprecedented amount of cereal. Our TP and pet food shopper, Richard, wanted the students to know he is "rolling over with joy" at their generosity!

This achievement is a significant contribution to our community, and we are truly grateful for it. ♥

Despite the recent generous donations from the community, the Pantry is still in need of a few essential, most-needed items:

corn, jam, pasta sauce and toothpaste

as we continue to experience a higher turnout on distribution days.

JUNE 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.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. *Planning Ahead: You and Your Aging Parents.* Explore essential insights and practical advice in this program, unraveling the complexities of aging and caregiving. Equip yourself with valuable tools and resources to navigate this journey alongside your parents with confidence and compassion. Presented by Abby Durr, Certified Senior Advisor and Senior Housing Specialist with Silver Age Housing and Care Referrals, a local referral agency based out of Issaquah. Please register with Fall City Library.

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).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Fall City Learning Garden.* In June we continue planting summer crops and continue harvesting spring planted crops. The garden is located behind the Masonic Hall at 4304 337th Pl. SE. Garden access is from the alley behind the Masonic Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Fall City Elementary School Raffle & Silent Auction.* Bid and take a chance on winning great gift baskets, grab some books at the Scholastic Book Fair, play and picnic on fare from the food trucks. All proceeds from the raffle and auction benefit the programs of the FCES PTSA.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *GO, Float, GO!* Come join Fall City Arts, local girl scout troops, and the Fall City Library as we all work together to build "Our Creative Community" float for the Fall City Day Parade. Meet for the Fall City Day Parade the next day at 10:00 a.m. For ages 5 and up. Fall City Library parking lot.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Fall City Day

7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast.

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Fall City Day Run.

11:00 a.m. Fall City Day Parade.

12:00 p.m. Party In The Town. Helicopter Demo, Pony Rides, Dunk Tank, Kid Zone, Big Wheels.

12:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Live Concert Stage. Featuring Lost Dogz, Power House, Fabulous Orchids, and Staxx Brothers.

1:30 p.m. Watermelon Eating Contest.



Scan the QR code for details on all the Fall City Day events or visit: fallcity.org/fallcityday2024/schedule.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

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. Fall City Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Fall City Elementary Grad Parade.* Honk, cheer and congratulate the 5th grade graduates from Fall City Elementary as they parade through town!

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 & 28

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *Fall City Friday Market.* Artisan market. Food trucks. Wine & beer garden. Aroma Coffee Co. 33429 Redmond-Fall City Road SE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Kataluna Horse Rescue Open House.* 3807 324th Avenue SE.

1:30 p.m. *"Summer Origami with Mariko."* Learn to make summer themed origami pieces. All materials are provided, and no special tools are required. Space and supplies are limited. Fall City Library.

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JUNE 28-30

Fall City Garage Sale Weekend. Join in the community-wide garage sale. \$1 donation to be added to the map (due by June 17). Call 425-524-9719 to be listed.