

Fall City NEIGHBORS

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October brings the bounty of summer labors to our farmers in the Valley, and the fun of fall festivals, pumpkin patches, and Halloween to our kids. It is also a time of renewal as we welcome back our native salmon to create new life. In this month's issue, learn what our farmers, fish, and community are doing to preserve Fall City as a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The salmon and steelhead are returning to Fall City as part of their annual spawning run. In the second part of our series on the impacts of recreation on the Snoqualmie River, Lisa Grassman explores the challenges that human activity can cause in this critical habitat below the Falls and in the Raging River, Tolt Rivers, and Tokul Creek.

—JIM HUTCHINS, EDITOR

HELP WANTED

After many years as the graphic designer and production editor of *Fall City Neighbors*, David Gershman will be retiring from that role by January 1. We appreciate all that David has done for *Neighbors* over the years and wish him the best in his "retirement" from it. We are currently looking for a replacement who would like to donate several hours of their time each month to the publication. Maria Billorou will continue to assist with layout, but we need a lead designer to lay out the main articles, oversee issue design, and prepare it for printing. The new production editor will need to be familiar with Adobe InDesign software. If you'd like to offer your talents to help keep our community informed, please contact editor@fallcity.org.

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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the September 2023 Meeting



FCCA BUDGET REVIEW. *Rachel Shepard.* FCCA President Shepard's presentation included information about the organization's baseline operating expenses (such as insurance for Fall City Day and other activities, lawn mowing, Zoom and business licenses) that are approximately \$10,000 per year. Membership fees do not cover the baseline expenses, although the group does receive a variety of donations, and some years end in the black and some years operate at a deficit.

- Current FCCA savings and checking balances: \$169,000
- Reserve 4 years' operating expenses: \$40,000
- Grants and special-project projected expenses: \$15,000
- Dedicated committee funds: \$40,000
- Outstanding 2023 expenses: \$5,000
- Remaining unreserved funds: \$69,000
- 20% of unreserved funds: \$13,800

Currently there is no process to decide how to spend unreserved funds. Proposed changes to our bylaws outline such a process: every year we spend 20% of unreserved funds on initiatives the membership approves. If you have questions, contact Laurie Hauglie, FCCA treasurer.

FCCA BYLAWS REVIEW. *Rachel Shepard.* Proposed changes to the bylaws, last updated in 2010, include:

- 12-month rolling memberships
- Updated descriptions of board positions and duties
- Voting capability for members attending via Zoom
- 20% of net-unrestricted funds for the year will be available for FCCA donation or investment, with member input and approval

The group asked clarifying questions and discussed types of membership, the membership system, membership boundaries, and the election process. The board will provide updates to the proposed bylaws at the October meeting, and the membership will vote in November.

DONATION TO FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. *Mike Suelzle.*

At the August meeting, a motion was made to donate \$10,000 to Fall City Sustainable Growth to cover legal and

consultant fees along with a motion to move the vote to the September meeting, in large part to have a budget presentation before voting.

Mike Suelzle spoke on behalf of the motion and thanked the community for their support via money and volunteer time. FCSG has raised \$58,000 in individual donations and paid \$54,000 in legal fees to date (99% of all expenses are legal expenses), logged over 4000 volunteer hours, produced over 500 documents, and attended countless meetings and hearings. The King County hearing on the four FCSG appeals has been moved to October 3, and the proposed donation from the FCCA will provide funds to get through the appeals, the rest of 2023, and a start for 2024. Mike reminded the group that when FCSG's work is completed, its bylaws require the group to return any remaining funds to the FCCA. The motion to donate \$10,000 to the FCSG group was approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES. *Totem Pole Garden—Anji Donaldson.*

The first phase of the Totem Pole Garden has been completed. With approvals by the membership, the totem pole was donated and successfully moved to Baxter Barn and is now in the process of being restored. The totem pole is the "oldest remaining artifact that is a structure" in the county—the original tree was 172 years old when cut and is now 240 years old. Anji thanked Alan Miner, Glen McCarthy, and Cory Huskinson for their hard work.

The Totem Garden Committee is launching the next phase, which includes updating the garden while considering WSDOT's proposed changes for removing 42nd Place to improve safety for pedestrians, school buses, fire trucks, etc. The committee is recommending a lifespan of 10 to 20 years for the totem pole replacement. Between now and December, rocks will be moved, the large maple tree will be taken down, and a general cleanup completed. The committee plans a community survey from September to November and will recommend the updates and ask the membership for a vote at the December FCCA meeting. After FCCA approval, the committee will issue an RFP, with plans to complete the project by Fall City Day 2024.

The committee recommends plaques in the updated garden that mirror Fall City's community spirit as well as

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Fall City Residential Analysis Reveals Considerations for King County Plan

Over the last two years, Jesse Reynolds, subarea planner for King County, has been working with representatives from the Fall City Community Association (FCCA), members of the community, and the consulting firm Framework to create a Fall City Residential Analysis as part of the King County Comprehensive Plan (kingcounty.gov/compplan).

The Comprehensive Plan guides growth and development in Unincorporated King County (Fall City) over the next 20 years. It governs a wide range of policy areas, including land use, housing, parks and open space, economic development, transportation, and the environment. It directly results in land-use designations and zoning and indirectly in investments in public services and facilities needed to serve county residents.

The completed analysis and report outlines current development regulations that affect Fall City residential areas, analyzes whether they are appropriate and consistent with rural character and community identity, and proposes recommended amendments to the current development regulations.

Framework, hired by King County, examined three different sections of Fall City's residential areas. The consultants compared size of homes, lot size, density, setbacks, lot widths, building heights, impervious surface area, floor-to-area ratio, allowed uses, parking requirements, stormwater and septic systems, etc. Their research for the three sections included:

- Historic/originally platted: 3–4 units/acre with median lot size of 10,500 ft²
- Post-WWII: 2.5 units/acre, median lot size of 16,474 ft²
- New subdivision: 7 units/acre, median lot size of 6,299 ft²

The consultant's preliminary findings include:

- Area-based density allowances are a key driver of recent development patterns.

- Historic rural residential development in Fall City typically has larger lots, more mature landscaping, less impact on the streetscape from parking and access, more space between buildings, and no common open space (except public parks).
- Smaller lots and more shared open space limit future infill opportunities for small buildings/units that are in keeping with rural character.
- Architectural sameness within new developments is not consistent with rural town-design elements in Fall City

The presentation was shared with the subarea stewards on August 21, who highlighted the following needs:

- Open sightlines, space around homes
- Smaller homes on proportionally smaller lots
- Functional open space for recreation and general enjoyment
- Generous landscaping
- Tree retention/preservation
- Neighborhood connectivity

At the recent FCCA meeting, community members suggested other areas of concern that should be considered, including: a history of success with current individual septic systems with a requirement of 15,000 ft², building height considerations, home-to-lot size, concern that new development is within the critical aqua recharge area that supplies our drinking water, code overlays that ensure that future development looks more like the existing community, and codes that are durable as septic technology changes.

The final report and proposed amendments to development regulations will be transmitted to King County Executive staff along with the Subarea Plan. An Executive-recommended draft plan will then be forwarded to the King County Council for review and a vote in December 2023.



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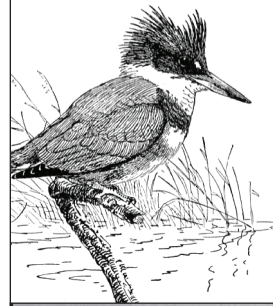


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Welcoming the Salmon and Steelhead to Fall City

Every spring, third graders at Fall City Elementary raise roe into fry and release them into freshwater, learning about the lifecycle of salmon and their importance to our region. Simultaneously, salmon in the Snoqualmie River are growing up and readying to migrate to the ocean for a few years. They return at the end of summer to their home waters in the Snoqualmie, up the Tolt, the Raging River, or Tokul Creek. “The ecosystem requires salmon,” says Landon Jensen, a fourth grader who raised the fish with his class last year. “Even though female salmon lay four to five thousand eggs, only around 1% spawn.”

The salmon are perhaps the most famous riverine residents in the area, but many types of fish and animals are dependent on the river, from coastal cutthroat to coyotes to caddis flies. People, of course, also utilize the Snoqualmie for fishing and recreation, and while the majority of human activity on the river happens in the summer between the salmon migration seasons, that activity can have an impact on the river throughout the year. Finding ways for all the river’s users to thrive together can be a challenge.

The area of the Snoqualmie that runs through Fall City is designated “Critical Habitat” for threatened and endangered species, meaning it “may require special management and protection.”

The Snoqualmie Tribe, which is involved in all environmental recovery efforts in the Snoqualmie watershed, also acknowledges the impact. Says Matt Baerwalde, environmental policy analyst with the Tribe, “Dramatically increased recreational activity in this area is having an unmeasured impact on fish and wildlife.”

The Snoqualmie River is not the only river navigating these issues. In Whatcom County, the South Fork of the Nooksack River is closed to all watercraft from June 1 through October 31. This ban was put in place due to “critically low” salmon recovery during their early-season spawning, as well as concern for floaters, since recovery efforts include building log jams on the Nooksack. However, the Snoqualmie is a colder, faster, and consistently deeper river than the closed portion of the Nooksack, and the Snoqualmie is also home to a later-season salmon run that typically begins after the end of the floating season.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is assessing salmon and steelhead runs “at least annually,” reports



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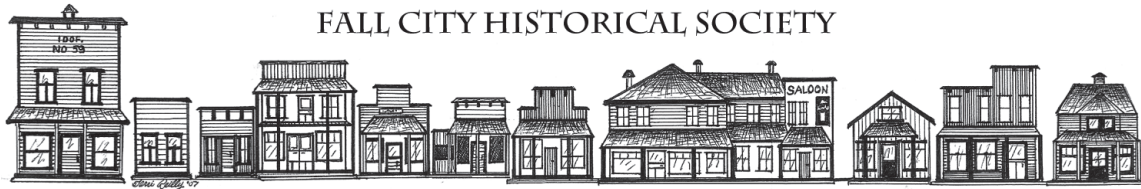
Chase Gunnell, DFW communications manager. Their teams of fish biologists and habitat biologists “do not consider recreational floating on the Snoqualmie to be an urgent salmon and steelhead conservation issue” because of the shoreline and mainstream features of the river, including water temperature, current, and depth. However, according to an August 10 bulletin, fishing is currently closed on the Snoqualmie from the mouth to the Falls because there “is significant concern for a poor return of wild Chinook” this year.

“Obviously, science evolves over time,” says Gunnell, and the DFW makes decisions based on what they see each year. They also work with the State Department of Natural Resources, which manages aquatic bedlands (aquatic lands that are always submerged) to regularly assess projects to improve the river environment.

The Snoqualmie Tribe, King County, and the state departments are working together through the Fish, Farm, and Flood Advisory Committee, aiming to “strike a balance between farming interests and salmon recovery.” Many of these restoration projects are dedicated to improving salmon habitat, including the Fall City Floodplain Restoration project on both sides of the Snoqualmie just north of Fall City. “We need wider, more diverse and mature riparian vegetation zones. Where floodplain areas are disconnected from the river by levees and dikes . . . we need to reconnect those areas,” explains Baerwalde.

While log jams are not being actively constructed on the Snoqualmie, large woody debris (LWD) on the banks of the river can be hazardous for floaters, and there are concerns from many groups about removing snags and LWD, given their contribution to the survival of

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A LETTER FROM THE FCHS PRESIDENT

As we enter our sixteenth year, I wanted to report to the community what we've been doing.

This year, we have been busy with a number of public events. We had two clean-ups at the Fall City Cemetery where we cleaned the headstones of Civil War and World War I veterans. In 2024 we will start cleaning the headstones of World War II vets. You probably saw our "Fall City in the Fabulous Fifties" pavilion at Fall City Day. It was great fun marching in the parade and getting to talk with people about their memories of the '50s. In July, we led a tour of the historic signs around town, and in August our second annual Cemetery Tour and Wine Walk took place. Over 55 participants listened to Richard Heisler, Civil War expert, give some interesting insights into Fall City residents' roles in that conflict, along with our stories of select pioneers of the Valley, and Wm Grassie Wine Estates generously provided tasty sipping. Our September musical event featured rollicking songs of the sea by the Whateverly Brothers. Coming up on October 20th, the authors of *Steamboats on the Snoqualmie* will share stories and photos of that era, which ended in 1911 when the railroad came to town and became the primary form of transportation. Stop by and say hello at the Holiday Market at Chief Kanim on December 2nd. We'll be selling our Fall City merchandise in time for your holiday shopping. And back by popular demand, we have joined with the library to offer our Pop-up Museum coming in February. Look for a special display about the Model Garage.

Thanks to Beth and Mark Traverso, we have window space next to Beth's realty office to display items from our collection. We're happy to get things out in the open for people to enjoy. Watch for our rotating displays throughout the year.

On the preservation side, the Society is especially proud of the work we spearheaded to gain King County Landmark designation for the Preston Kiln building in the Preston Mill Park, saving it from demolition. It took over a year and a half of research and documentation, but resulted in a great outcome for the community. Working on designating the IOOF Hall (the first firehall) as a Community Landmark is next on the list.

We rely on our volunteers. 99% of our workers are volunteers with only a minimal amount of money spent on some specific tasks like cataloging collectibles. So far this year, Society volunteers have logged 1,312 hours. If you have time, we can always use more help.

The community support we receive allows us to preserve and interpret the history of our town. Through grants, memberships, donations, and sales of our fabulous mugs, books, calendars, and glasses, we are able to fund projects and events to further our mission. Thank you to the many people who have supported us throughout these many years. We couldn't have done it without you. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Rick Divers
FCHS President



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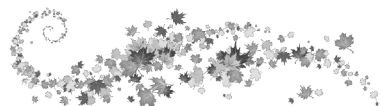
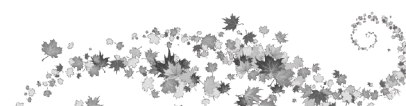
Well, not the boats themselves, but the people who wrote the book! Join us October 20th from 7:00-8:30PM at the Masonic Hall to hear a presentation by Steven J Barker and Jack M Russell, Jr., authors of *Steamboats on the Snoqualmie*, a fascinating book detailing river traffic in the golden age of steam. **Admission is free.** This is a great event for the whole family!



2024 FALL CITY CALENDAR

*New Calendar Available at Farmhouse Market*

The 2024 Fall City Historical Society calendar is hot off the presses and available at the Farmhouse Market. These make great gifts. It's especially nice to send them to out-of-town friends and family. There are a limited number, so get yours early.

*Fall Fundraising Drive*

You're invited to contribute during our annual Fall Fundraising Drive in October.

As Rick points out in his letter, it's been a busy year. We hope you'll help us continue our efforts by contributing to our annual fundraising drive to support events, office overhead, and website costs.

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In Washington, Grand Coulee Dam outlet tubes pump water 300 feet uphill into Lake Roosevelt, and then that water runs to the agricultural sprinklers that water our state's drylands. How are your crops watered? Regular rainfall used to be a reliable source, and now flooding and droughts are replacing the regularity of rain. Many gardeners are relying on supplemental water sources from personal wells and the Fall City Water District.

In the West, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, and Utah use more water than nature replaces each year. These same states are depleting their underground aquifer water faster than the aquifers can be recharged. And as the West's aquifers have run dry, leaving western grass pasture farms with little or no water for their livestock, we've diverted water from the Colorado River to CA, CO, NV, NM, AZ, UT, WY, and 30 tribal nations. Meanwhile, south of Phoenix, Saudis buy land on which to grow cotton and special alfalfa because Saudi Arabia doesn't permit water use to hydrate thirsty homegrown produce. Fair?

New aquifers are coming online east of the Mississippi, and their lifetimes can be calculated by pinpointing and monitoring usage levels back to their users. For example, a Minnesota grower of potatoes destined to become McDonald's french fries exceeded his collective's aquifer allotment. His comment: "McDonald's rules. Sorry." If we can start changing our eating and watering consumption, we in the PNW can slow the progress of climate change. The public at large can start with trying to save water. In the heat, drip your water; get all of it to the roots.

Cows that belch and fart methane: Can we believe California farmers who vow to reduce their cows' methane by 50% by 2030 by changing their feed and reusing water up to four times? There are beef substitutes (e.g., Beyond Beef and Impossible Burger), made from protein-rich plants such as beans, lentils, chickpeas, and mushrooms, that require far less water. When asked about options, a Costco food sampler lady shook her head and growled a criticism of all beef alternatives. Period, end of discussion. Even overtures suggesting change bug people.

GARDEN CORNER

by Susan Miller

Consider other protein sources like tofu/soy protein, tempeh, lupin protein, green spelt, oat flakes, black beans and chickpeas. For calcium, eat dark leafy greens like kale, spinach, bok choy, beet greens, and collards. Try garlic shrimp and kale. Good combo!

Consider this: a McDonald's Quarter Pounder (of beef) takes 450 gallons of water to produce.

How does our nation's drought translate to a fall garden? The public asked questions at a recent Master Gardeners clinic in Redmond about why their hydrangeas were not blooming. I listened with sympathy; their eyes told me they'd hoped for a tweak here or there, and not my "when did you last mulch them or feed them?"

"What's mulch again?" "Mulch is decomposing organic material with worms and fungi, you know, like old horse manure? Your hydrangeas need to be fed and insulated from the extra heat over these past 3 months." Only an 80-year-old woman and her spouse nodded and smiled, knowing our heat will require more from us now. I thanked them for their vintage wisdom.

I restrained myself on my fall plant-sale trip to one conifer, a deodar cedar "Golden Cone," whose height of 20 to 30 feet in 10 years was perfect! I included a few Sombrero Granada Gold coneflower/echinacea blooming late spring through summer: "A profusion of rich golden yellow large single blooms that will beautifully adorn a sunny border. This selection was bred for cold hardiness and a compact form with prolific flowering over an exceptionally long season." I've never read such verbiage on a tag! I guess raising plant prices can be better justified with such increase in treacle.

Then I spotted a petite plum ninebark that would "moderately reach 5 to 6 feet and 4 to 5 feet." I had to shake off the bees from my selection of caryopteris, their drought tolerant shrubs. "Pollinators will welcome this colorful addition to the garden. Good as Gold Bluebird attracts bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, and is fragrant and deer resistant." Thank you, Swansons, for your sale of drought-resistant pollinator-friendly plants, one antidote to planetary crisis!

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FALL CITY WATER GETS GOOD BILL OF HEALTH

Good news! The drinking-water wells operated by Fall City Water District show no sign of PFAS contamination.

The “not-detected” findings were issued recently by the state Department of Health, based on water samples collected by the water district and tested by a private lab on behalf of the state, according to district Field Operation Manager Dustin Possert.

PFAS stands for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which contain a strong carbon–fluorine bond that allows them to accumulate over time in the environment and in the bodies of animals and people, posing health risks. PFAS chemicals might also be thought of as “everywhere chemicals,” since they have become so common in the products we use every day.

“We’re ecstatic,” Possert said. “We had no reason to believe there was PFAS in our water, but PFAS chemicals are insidious, and incredibly expensive to filter out once discovered. We’re very fortunate.”

They are also very persistent in the environment and can accumulate in the bodies of humans and animals over time. Some PFAS can cause harmful health effects, such as increased cholesterol levels, decreased fertility, reduced immune response, thyroid problems, and increased risk of some cancers.

PFAS contamination is well documented throughout the country, including some nearby water systems and waterways. The Washington State Department of Health recently advised not eating certain fish types from Lake Sammamish and Lake Washington because of PFAS contamination.

Issaquah, for example, treats its water to remove PFAS agents. A suspected source is firefighting foam sprayed on a burning tanker truck in 2002, according to the PFAS Project Lab at Northeastern University. Issaquah’s website says it now meets all federal water standards, and its PFAS levels are classified as not detectable. Other water wells plagued by PFAS contamination include those bordering Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, and Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane.

Fall City Water District operates wells inside the town at Chief Kanim Middle School and at district headquarters. It also manages remote wells serving the neighborhoods of Heathercrest, Spring Hills, Rutherford Estates, and Plum Creek. When necessary, Fall City does filter water to remove naturally occurring substances, particularly arsenic and manganese, but adds no chlorine or other agents, and tests show no sign of manmade contaminants.

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endangered wildlife. Natural banks and complex wood cover support larger populations of fish, and mainstream edge habitats and log jams are utilized by Chinook and other fish for survival and propagation.

While the debate continues about how to control natural hazards for floaters and recreationists, the general accumulation of trash and sunscreen introduced into the river is also a concern for fish and animal populations. Fall City Floating, the business that facilitates much of the recreational tourism on the Snoqualmie in the summertime, also takes river stewardship seriously. According to their website, they have a team of employees

that pick up trash from the river surface daily and scan the bottom of the river weekly, and they provide mesh bags for floaters to pack out any trash they create.

Thus, while some are calling for partial river closures, the state and local agencies involved in river operation do not deem closure necessary, nor enforceable. Instead, they are focused on hazard mitigation, safety communication, and building out salmon, fish, and wildlife habitat. Keeping people safe and not harming wildlife is a challenging proposition when tens of thousands of recreationists descend on the Snoqualmie each summer. However, all parties agree that communicating the recreational dangers and the environmental concerns to floaters and other river users is critical for safety and conservation efforts alike.

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE ON ENVIRONMENT: Dewy Roark

Recently, 16 youth plaintiffs between the ages of 5 and 22 years old sued the State of Montana for violating their “right to a clean and healthful environment.” They claimed they were threatened by the State’s unabated approval of permits to allow extraction of fossil fuel reserves, particularly coal.

The plaintiffs claimed that the State of Montana was violating the 1972 state constitution by preventing agencies such as its Department of Environmental Quality from considering the effects of climate change when evaluating major fossil fuel extraction projects. The youth made personal statements during the trial about the mental and physical toll of climate-induced wildfires that are affecting their everyday lives, such as having their school sports practices canceled and experiencing respiratory problems from going outside during a wildfire season.

The result: they won!

These issues are not just affecting youth in Montana, but also here in the Snoqualmie Valley. Dewy Roark, a student leader on the Green Team at Mount Si High School, shared his perspective on this case and the concerns of our local youth.

When each student board member stepped into their position on the Green Team, I realized how the eyes of the world are facing the youth, our future, looking for hope. I imagined every plaintiff in the Montana Youth Case that stepped up to fight for their right to a clean environment felt the same.

As someone who has faced wildfires as young as eight, I’ve watched my mother unable to leave our home because she could not breathe. I watched her suffocate above water. The same mother who, as a newborn, saw the signing of the Stockholm Declaration that said she deserved the right to clean air. I watched as heat waves wiped out plants we planted, and the wildlife with it. I watched students sick for weeks on end, as we attended school in limitless smoke from BC and east-Cascade wildfires. For that reason, I hope that we soon remember that the voice of the few has to become the many, and that is why the Montana Youth Case will be our legacy. Right now, we need to stand with them and understand our state’s and municipality’s goals for the future, because every voice counts when it comes to the policies that let whole states burn.

For everyone who is trying to dismiss or manipulate us because we are young, we know that deregulating the fossil fuel industry will not make an impact. It is a lie. We know that fire season is getting longer and it is not going to stop anytime soon. These are the conditions that we are having to live with.

As someone just trying to finish high school, I’m scared. How do you think someone younger would feel? They see it, and they know it’s wrong. Those judges, and witnesses in the Montana case, as well as ourselves, have the responsibility to protect our youth, whoever we may be. As I see it, we are the future mothers, fathers, and parents. The future teachers, and the current students. It is time to act like it and take the steps necessary to ensure our healthy future.

October Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

CAMP ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 11:00 a.m. Seniors Creating Art will be here each month to teach art classes to seniors.

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Mondays, Oct. 9 and 23, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (new time). Everyone is welcome. Bring your curiosity and experience. Join in lively discussions to expand our understanding of who we are, how we got here, and where we can go. Conversation, field trips, cultural events, and guest speakers will help us explore diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Sign up at the front desk or call 425-333-4152. Zoom available for seniors outside the area upon request.

NEW MEMBER TEA

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2:00 p.m. Are you a new member to the Sno-Valley Senior Center, or just want to know about the programs and services we offer? Join us for a complimentary tea and talk with current volunteers, members, and staff to have your questions answered, and learn where you'll find new friends, fun events, and more.

KCLS TALKS AND INFO SESSION

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2:00 p.m. Join us each month at the Carnation Library to learn more about what the library can do for you!

HARVEST FESTIVAL DINNER AND AUCTION

Friday, Oct. 13, 6:00 p.m. Join us for a delicious dinner and drinks at Remlinger Farms. Bid on outstanding silent and live auction items to benefit the Sno-Valley Senior Center in Carnation. Learn more and purchase tickets at: svscauction23.givesmart.com.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Friday, Oct. 20, Noon. Join us for a delicious lunch and help celebrate all the birthdays this month! Call 425-333-4152 at least a day in advance to make a reservation.

For more information or to register for classes and events, go to www.snovalleysenior.org or call 425-333-4152.



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NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES

October 4 and October 18

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

PETS ARE FAMILY, TOO – THE ONGOING AND SOMETIMES URGENT NEED FOR PET FOOD DONATIONS

In a society where pets are considered family members, it might be surprising that our furry or feathered friends are often overlooked when discussing food security. While many food pantries across the region do their best to serve underprivileged families, a gap remains in offering the same aid for their pets. Consequently, the need for pet food donations is more urgent than ever.

The Seattle Humane Society (SHS) directly supports public pet owners and partners with low-income housing communities, animal shelters and area food banks, including the Fall City Food Pantry.

SHS Food Manager Amanda Wiley shared that the Seattle Humane Society provides approximately 70,000 monthly meals to pets in need, which equates to 2,000-3,000 pets per month!



According to Amanda, the pet food bank at the Seattle Humane Society has a fairly fluid inventory.

"Sometimes we run very low and need to tap into their corporate donors or run a social media food drive to get the ball rolling." Just last week, she shared that the pet food bank was pretty empty. Fortunately, a large donation from Chewy.com replenished their stores for now.

Possibly not surprisingly, Amanda said their highest need is almost always for cat food, as donations disproportionately consist of dog food.

Want to Help?

- **Donate Pet Food:** The simplest way to contribute is by donating unopened (or opened if in the original container) pet food to the Seattle Humane Society. The Fall City Food Pantry can only accept 5 or 10 pound bags of cat or dog food due to storage constraints.
- **Spread the Word:** Use social media to create awareness about the need for pet food donations.
- **Volunteer:** Offer your time to help organize pet food drives or distribution events in your community.
- **Corporate Partnerships:** If you own a business, consider setting up donation bins or even contributing a percentage of sales to this cause.

Scan the QR code to visit the Seattle Humane Society website for links to their Amazon Wish List, donation and Red Barrel partner locations. Donation information and links are at the bottom of the page.

By raising awareness, we can go a long way in ensuring that no member of our community goes hungry - pets included. As Amanda shared, "We are happy to be part of a community that cares!"



SCAN ME

OCTOBER 2023 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.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

3:00 p.m. Mosaics and Montages. Craft time for kids (5+). Use fabric scraps, paper, and nature elements to make Lois Ehlert-inspired still-life pieces. No registration required. Fall City Library.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 a.m. Love Snoqualmie Valley Volunteer Day. Join your neighbors in a Valley-wide effort to help organizations in our community who make our lives better and help others. Sign up early and join in the day of sharing. lovesnoqualmievalley.com/volunteer.

2:30 p.m. Haunted Birdhouse Workshop. Craft your own haunted birdhouse with instructor Pepper Allphin. All materials supplied. **Free.** Ages 12+. Registration is required at: fallcityarts.org/haunted. The secret event location will be announced 48 hours before to all registrants.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:30 p.m. Beginner Improv Workshop. Are you curious about improv, but have been scared to try? You can do it—it's fun! Join this fun, low-pressure intro. Ages 15+. Free. No registration required. All skill levels are welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00–8:30 p.m. Steamboats on the Snoqualmie: Meet the Authors. Fall City Masonic Hall. Sponsored by the Fall City Historical Society.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00–8:00 p.m. Halloween Treat Night. Fall City United Methodist Church continues its 20-year tradition of treating children and families to a warm fire, marshmallows, hot chocolate, and cider on the spookiest night of the year. 4326 337th Place SE, Fall City

FCCA HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd from page 3)

the principles to “Be kind. Be thoughtful. Be humble. Be a good teammate. Give to others freely. Always find joy.”

Anji was asked if it was necessary to remove the maple tree rather than prune it. She responded that the arborist for the cherry trees along the river will look at the tree. She shared that although now very large, the tree was planted by a volunteer and is located on the WSDOT right-of-way.

LOSS CAPITAL PROJECT. *Jeff Wilson.* The project's design has been completed and the remaining permits should be approved next month. The team continues to work towards a September 30 bid solicitation, a signed contract before the end of the year, and groundbreaking in January 2024.

FALL CITY ROADS AND EVENTS. *Carrie Lee.* Five teams participated in the neighborhood emergency-preparedness contest. The winning group, Team Pioneer, will be treated to a taco bar by Rodriguez catering, as well as a trophy.

FALL CITY DAY FESTIVAL. *Anji Donaldson.* Net proceeds (\$1600) from the Fall City Day festivities have funded donations to three local nonprofits: NWNHC Family Fund, Boy Scout Troop 425, and Kataluna Horse Rescue. Fall City merchandise is now for sale at Fall City Trading Post.

FALL CITY LIBRARY. *Iwona Bernacki.* The library will now be open six days a week (Monday–Saturday) beginning September 11. Consider becoming a “Friend of the Library,” a group that sponsors library programs through book sales and the annual plant sale.

FALL CITY ARENA. *Jim Hutchins, Northwest Natural Horsemanship Center.* A group of local equestrians has begun work with representatives from King County Parks to develop a plan to revitalize the Fall City Arena and plan for its ongoing maintenance. Currently the arena is deemed “unsafe” by local equestrians and event producers because the surface is hard-packed and the footing is inadequate to protect horses and riders during horse events. Parking for the arena and the Snoqualmie Valley Trail access is also being reviewed and improvements made. More updates will be forthcoming as a committee is formed and plans solidify.

PARTNER UPDATE: FALL CITY RESIDENTIAL ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION. *Jesse Reynolds, subarea planner, King County.* Reynolds's presentation updated the community regarding the County's residential analysis and findings to date and provided an opportunity to hear from the community regarding desires for its residential areas. (See report details on page 5.)