

Fall City NEIGHBORS

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PHOTO: FALL CITY FLOATING

Hot summer days bring as many as 20,000 visitors to Fall City for the annual Snoqualmie River floating season. Community partnerships between businesses, law enforcement, King County Parks, the fire department, and the Department of Fish & Wildlife help address the challenges that the influx of revelers bring to our small town.

In this issue, read a report about the 2022 floating season and plans for 2023; a drive by local Girl Scouts to help save lives on the river; and the latest fishing report for our local rivers.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

School's out for summer, and the Snoqualmie River makes its annual siren's call. More than 20,000 people will float, fish, and refresh their horses after a long ride. The confluence of the Raging and Snoqualmie Rivers has blessed us with a playground that many outsiders envy and we see as "just life in Fall City."

Cherishing these unique activities and preserving them for our children comes with pressures that threaten our rural lifestyle. The draw of our seemingly bucolic life is enticing, and outside developers looking to make a handsome profit from that can and will change our community forever unless we stand up for these values and take charge of our own inevitable growth.

This past month, King County kicked off its subarea planning and has requested public comment and involvement in the process. The King County Comprehensive Plan guides growth and development in unincorporated King County over the next 20 years. If we wish to retain our character and properly manage our growth, it is the responsibility of each of us to be informed, work toward solutions, and take action to preserve our rural lifestyle. Make your voice be heard. In the meantime, enjoy all that the Snoqualmie River and Fall City has to offer this summer.

—JIM HUTCHINS, EDITOR

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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the June 2023 Meeting



PRESIDENT'S REPORT. *Rachel Shepard.* Due to the busy June meeting agenda, the budget presentation and details regarding the proposed bylaws changes will be discussed in the August meeting. FCCA members will receive an email with the proposed bylaws (as well as the current bylaws) before the August meeting.

LAND USE/MORATORIUM. *Sarah Perry, District 3 King County Council rep, and John Taylor, director of King County Local Services.* Sarah reported that on May 16 the King County Council voted to adopt a 7-month emergency moratorium on new subdivisions in the residential area of Fall City. This means the Local Services Permitting Division will not accept applications for subdivisions of five or more lots between May 16 and December 16. Subdivision applications already submitted and vested prior to the moratorium going into effect will not be impacted.

A brief pause in subdivision development in Fall City will provide the community with more time to fully engage in public process and dialogue around potential zoning changes currently being proposed in the Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County Subarea Plan as part of the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update.

Perry also noted that a 15-month interim zoning control was introduced that will temporarily change the zoning requirements for residential lots in Fall City by increasing setbacks from the street and other lot lines and establishing a minimum lot size of 10,000 sq ft.

The intention is to adopt the interim zoning control before the emergency moratorium expires in December 2023. Fall City residents and businesses can provide public comment and share their thoughts at the Local Services and Land Use Committee meeting on July 25 (9:30 a.m.).

The interim zoning control would be in effect until the council makes final decisions in the adoption of the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan. The county executive and council will continue to solicit community input on the subarea plan through Dec. 2024.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation, including the following:

- Lot sizes of the most recent development are 5,000 sq ft (less than Issaquah city lots); Washington State requires 15,000 sq ft lots for typical septic systems. There are only two lots in Fall City that are less than 6,000 sq ft (except for the new development). There is no minimum lot size in the current code—the interim zoning addresses lot size and set-backs.
- Proponents of the moratorium are not anti-growth: it's not "if" we grow, but "how" we grow.
- King County Council's passing of the moratorium reflects the fact that the Fall City community is organized, working together, and showing up!
- Emails to King County Council members matter—use your address and email council members individually rather than as a group. Personal stories are important.

KING COUNTY SUBAREA PLAN. *Jesse Reynolds.* The Subarea Plan makes real, equitable improvements to the quality of life for everyone who lives, works, and plays in the area. Public comment is sought through July 15 at publicinput.com/SnoValleyNEKC. A 10-page readers' guide is available.

King County has engaged with Fall City residents through open meetings, focus groups, and working with the subarea stewards over the last two years. Some of the recommended policies included in the public comment draft are:

- Maintain size of the Fall City business district
- Support efforts to provide, manage, and maintain community facilities, gathering spaces, and trails
- Require new sidewalks within the Fall City business district
- Prohibit road connections between the City of Snoqualmie and 356th Ave SE & Lake Alice Road
- Support communities adjacent to the Agricultural District (Fall City)
- Limit lot sizes to 10,000 sq ft and have 20-ft street set-backs and 10-ft interior setbacks

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Girl Scouts Work to Save Lives

“LIFE JACKETS SAVE LIVES!” The yells of 17 first-grade Daisy Girl Scouts and Fall City firefighters rang through the neighborhood last month as the Girl Scouts, in partnership with Cabela’s,



delivered 360 life jackets to the Fall City Fire Department.

With thousands of tourists and locals on our rivers each summer, there is a huge need for life jackets. The Snoqualmie, Tolt,

and Raging Rivers all see local residents and tourists coming to play in their inviting waters, with many being unaware of the dangers a cold, fast-moving river can bring, even on a hot summer day. “Always respect the water,” cautions Captain Scott Fleming, who led the fire department’s efforts in the life jacket drive. “Never go swimming alone and always wear a life jacket.”

With funds raised by Local 2878 Firefighter Union and from individuals in the community, the troop worked with Cabela’s/Bass Pro Shops, which generously discounted life jackets and matched donations, providing 360 life jackets for distribution in and around Fall City. Hadley Kemp, age 7, is a Daisy in the Girl Scout troop and she appreciated the teamwork involved: “It was really nice of Cabela’s, Captain Scott, and the fire department to help us with the life jacket drive.”

Life jackets can be found at three loaner stations around Fall City. They are all stocked by the Fall City firefighters throughout the spring, summer, and fall, as well as helping to supply life-jacket stations throughout the Snoqualmie Valley. The stations give people who don’t own a life jacket a chance to borrow one for their time on the water, returning it to a station at the end of their fun. These include the stations at Fall City Community Park, the put-in on David Powell

Road, and the put-in on Fish Hatchery Road. The Daisies even got a chance to hang up some life jackets at the stations themselves. “It was really cool to feel like we are helping people in Fall City,” said Abby Grossman.

In addition to the chance to partner with the fire department, the Girl Scouts heard important lessons about water safety from Captain Fleming. They learned about the incredible amount of training the firefighters go through to be prepared for rescues, how important it is to learn to swim, and how to be safe in the water.

Whether out on a river, lake, or the ocean this summer, swimming, boating, or paddle boarding, life jackets are critical to safety and definitely save lives. When asked what’s most important, Girl Scout Cecilia Richards wants to remind people to “bring a life jacket, even if you know how to swim. Even if you’re a parent!”

As a reminder to the community, Hadley Kemp developed her own guide to river safety. “Rivers are really fun to play in, but sometimes they aren’t safe,” she reminds us. Here are her five tips:

1. Wear a life jacket even if you know how to swim. If you don’t have one, borrow one!
2. Have an adult or buddy who is a good swimmer there to watch you.
3. Check river conditions: if they are too fast or the water is too cold, don’t go in!
4. Check for hazards, such as branches. You don’t want to hit your head.
5. Have fun!





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SUMMER READING AT THE FALL CITY LIBRARY

by Jenni Yanagihara

Fall City is diving right into summer, and so is the Fall City Library! Come join us in celebrating our annual Summer Reading Program, happening across all 50 King County libraries from June 1 to August 31. The program is for all ages, and we have something fun for everyone. Here's how it works: stop by the Fall City Library (or other King County library) and pick up a reading log. Set a reading goal for yourself—say, 20 minutes a day. Then each time you read 20 minutes, fill in a space on the reading log. Fill up 25 spaces and you get a halfway prize! Then aim for finishing the whole reading log at 50 spaces and get a finisher's prize!

You can also use the Beanstack app to track your progress (more info available at kcls.org/summer). All prizes are available for pickup from July 1 to August 31.

We love our Fall City community, and we love to make summer reading into a community-centered event, so we're bringing everyone together at the library in a couple of ways. First, anyone who reaches the halfway or finishing point of summer reading gets to put their name on our interactive display wall. At the halfway point you can write your name on a sea critter and add it to our undersea-themed display. At the finishing point you can write your name on a paper link and add it to our giant octopus to make its tentacles longer and longer.

We are also bringing events and activities to the library for fun for all ages. On July 7, join us with KidsQuest as we learn about the science of making bubbles, then have hands-on experiments with making different kinds of bubbles. This will run from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., registration not required.

For the adults we have a hula-dancing class, where you can learn how to use hula dancing as a form of storytelling, brought to you by SilverKite Community Arts. This is happening on August 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Register online for this event at kcls.org/events. For the whole family, we have a group of Japanese taiko drummers performing on August 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will even be a chance for



kids to try the drums themselves, time permitting. No registration is required.

There's lots going on and you can always keep up-to-date by going to kcls.org/events or by stopping by the library and chatting with us. We'd love to see you!

Jenni Yanagihara is the children's librarian at the Fall City Library.



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Lumber Towns: Some times the beginning, ... and the end



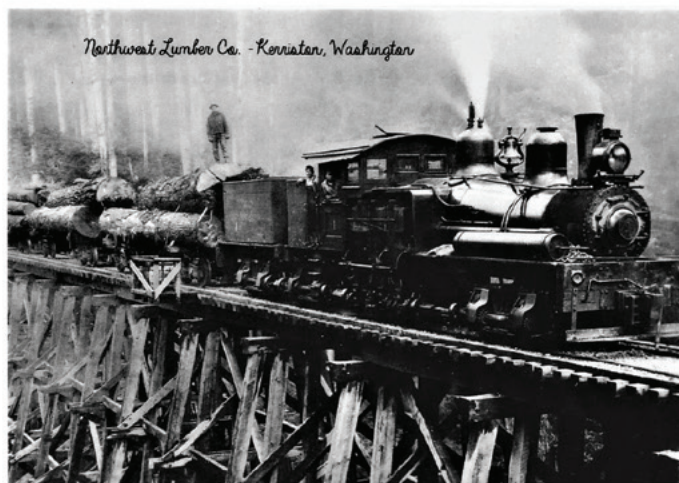
Cherry Valley Logging Co., Cherry Valley, WA (Duvall)

As Europeans and Americans explored the greater Snoqualmie Valley in the mid and late 1800s, some viewed the landscape with an eye toward financial opportunity: timber and mining topping the list. Rapidly, small mill towns popped up, clearing land and making way for mining and eventual farming. These mills provided employment to many, and the towns around them ranged from a collection of homes to communities with a school, a church and more. Some mill and mining towns have evolved in to the towns and cities we see today like Snoqualmie, Preston and Redmond. Some remain as neighborhoods or areas like High Point and Coal Creek. Others, however, have disappeared from

view, leaving behind only historical records and occasional artifacts. Less commonly known names like Houghton (in Kirkland), and Donnelly and Monohon (shores of Lake Sammamish) are such places.

And some times, towns are renamed and even relocated. The early days of the town of Cherry Valley placed it along The Everett and Cherry Valley Traction Company Railway which ran mostly parallel to current Rte. 203. When the Great Northern Railway Co. purchased the line, it continued building the rail lines, and soon ran in to a problem - the town of Cherry Valley sat squarely in the way of the planned expansion. After push back from the residents of Cherry Valley, in 1909, Great Northern agreed to pay to move the buildings about a half-mile up the hill to a new town site, what was originally the Duvall homestead. Some of these buildings are still standing today, including the Dougherty House. It took about six weeks to move the town up hill.

Like many towns, mill towns were often named for the owner of the mill, at times replacing an original Native American name for a location. The town of Kerriston, southeast of Preston, opened its post office in 1904 at the Kerry Mill Co. store. At its peak in the 1910s, its population ranged from 400 to 500 people. Japanese workers had their own separate housing in the town, referred to as the "Japanese Village." Today, Kerriston is listed as a Ghost Town Trail on some hiking websites, and in the 1950s, hikers found the schoolhouse still had books on the desks.



Northern Lumber Co., Kerriston, WA. Logging and rail activity ended by 1929, post office closed 1935



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FALL CITY DAY 2023



Thank you to everyone who joined our Nifty Fifties Retrospective!

We enjoyed visiting with you as we remembered and celebrated a decade of poodle skirts, typewriters, hula hoops, rotary phones, and our small town community!



Join Us for a Walking History Tour!

Sunday, July 16, 2023 3:00 - 5:00pm

Meet outside the Masonic Hall.

Join us for a walk around downtown Fall City, exploring some of our historic buildings and places. Learn about our Historic Sign Project which now includes 17 signs around town, providing historical summaries and access to more detailed information and photos.



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TIME TO START PLANNING FOR WINTER (GARDENING, THAT IS!)

This month, while Susan is on a well-deserved break, we asked our local veggie farmer from Steel Wheel Farm to share his insights and wisdom.

Yes, I know. You've probably just harvested your first summer squash and cucumber for the season, and the excitement of those first sunshiny harvests are consuming your taste buds. Through the months of gray PNW drizzle, we all dream of freshly harvested fruits and vegetables. That first slurp of an heirloom tomato or the first snap of a sugar pea. Of course, please enjoy this moment fully, but while you're rinsing peach juice off your hands, take a moment to think about your winter bounty. Trust me, your future self will thank you.

Over the past 12 years farming in the Snoqualmie Valley, I've talked to many home gardeners who are eager to share their excitement around spring garden planting. I even talked to one family last year, who was so eager, they seeded their watermelons in February. I can't blame them, but spoiler alert—those melons didn't make it. My advice: think about how to transfer some of that vigor into your fall planting. It can be just as rewarding, if not more!

So how do you do that, you ask? Here are some thoughts to get started.

- As each spring crop dies back, think about what crop you can use to fill those open spots. Some winter crops, like cabbage, take a while to mature. You could start them indoors and then plant them in the bed after you take your spring spinach out.
- Looking for inspiration around new winter crops to try? Collards and kale endure our cold nights well. How about radicchio, napa cabbage, or celery?
- Consider crops for overwintering. Last fall, we seeded onions in August, planted them in November, and then had them ready to harvest in June. Purple sprouting broccoli (PSB), cabbage, cauliflower, and carrots are also great.

At this point, you might be asking, "Why seed now when the plants will just freeze in November?" Hands down, some of the best tasting crops I've ever grown are winter crops. Even now, my mouth waters as I think

GARDEN CORNER

by Ryan Lichttenegger

about the sweetest carrot I've ever tasted—in February. As temperatures drop, plants will produce more sugar to keep them from freezing and perishing on chilly nights. This actually transforms the taste and texture.

So, let's get down to business. Here some tips from your local veggie farmer to get you started.

Timing:

- June/July: 100-day crops like cabbage, kales, collards, Swiss chard, carrots, parsnips, and radicchio.
- August: Seed onions, and overwintering cauliflower, cabbage, and PSB.
- September: 50- to 70-day crops like spinach, arugula, and Asian greens
- By November 1, all your winter crops should be planted and stable for the winter ahead

General notes:

- Start seeds with the expectation that they will need 3–4 weeks to grow before transplanting.
- If direct seeding, keep your seedlings watered with short, frequent waterings, especially in summer. You can also cover them with a row cover or blanket to keep them moist and insect-free.
- Add more fertilizer to your soil after growing spring crops as you switch to winter crops.
- Invest in lightweight row cover or insect netting.
- Let your winter greens mature fully before harvesting; plan to harvest them after the first frost.
- Let winter crop flowers turn into rapini! These tender flowering stalks can be harvested in the spring from all your cruciferous plants (kale, collards, etc.) This is the best bonus of overwintered veggies.

Most importantly, have fun! Remember, gardening is good for the soul and the belly! And you can give yourself this gift all year round.

If you're looking for more information on winter gardening, check out "The Big Willamette Winter Gardening Chart" (www.seedambassadors.org/the-big-willamette-winter-gardening-chart) or send me an email at steelwheelfarm@gmail.com.

Happy planting!



FALL CITY FIRE DISTRICT 27 PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

The Fall City Fire Department, in the past few years, has been expanding its Wildland Firefighting capabilities by working with other agencies to be able to deploy a Brush Truck or Water Tender both within the State of Washington and out of state. Our firefighters gain valuable experience by going to these bigger incidents. They are trained and certified annually to advance into wildland firefighting. Last year the Tender was deployed several times within the state and to Oregon as part of a strike team on wildland fires.

The Brush Truck deployed to the Bolt-Creek Fire last year and stayed for several days during the beginning of the fire. Firefighter Parker McKinnon states, "It was a great opportunity to be part of the initial fire attack and see the incident expand to involve other local and state agencies." One of the main reasons why the Fall City Fire Department has developed its wildland training and capabilities is so that the crews are more well-rounded in wildland firefighting. Fall City Fire Chief Brian Culp states, "A Wildland Urban Interface surrounds Fall City, and we need to make sure that our crews are prepared if a major wildland fire were to occur within the Fall City area."



Bolt Creek Deployment
(L-R) Firefighters Conroy, McKinnon, Patterson, Dumas



Our residents can also prepare by removing dead or overhanging branches near their roofs and removing leaf accumulation from the yard, roof, and gutters. Remove tall, dry grasses, prune trees, bushes, and shrubs regularly to decrease flammability. Clear combustible materials and debris from under decks and porches. The goal is to create a 30-foot defensible space around your home. For more tips - www.king27fire.com

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During a stage-1 burn ban outdoor yard debris burning is not allowed.

Recreational fires are allowed under the following conditions:

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- Only seasoned, dry firewood, presto type logs, or charcoal may be burned.
- The fire must be attended by an adult and adequate water to put the fire out must be available.
- The fire must be in a clear location, at least 10 feet away from all vegetation, and 25 feet away from structures.
- No burning if the wind is blowing in excess of 7 miles per hour.
- After use, fires must be completely put out by pouring water over it and stirring the ashes until cool to the touch.

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Local Fishing Report

by Blake Reeve

Fall City has many fishing opportunities: the North Fork Snoqualmie, Middle Fork Snoqualmie, South Fork Snoqualmie, and Cedar Rivers. All are within about a 15-minute drive. These rivers are abundant with trout and are excellent fishing opportunities for all of us locals who can get out to cast a line for a few hours after work or on the weekends.

SNOQUALMIE RIVER. *Below the Falls:* Continues to be under emergency closure. This includes the Raging River. Per the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), “Limited allowable take of wild Chinook salmon in the Snohomish system necessitates strict controls to conserve impacts for pink and coho salmon fisheries this fall.” Based on my conversation with WDFW, fall and summer chinook do move around up into the Snoqualmie and can even be encountered in August. The hope is that these efforts will create minimal impact to the chinooks and allow the pink and coho season to open Labor Day weekend. Currently, the river is expected to be closed until November 30.

Above the Falls: Consists of the three forks—North, Middle, and South. While our river flows

have been quite low, the water is still cold, especially above the falls. Currently, the fish are not moving to dry flies as aggressively as they do in warmer water. If you are a dry-fly purist, focus your fishing efforts during early mornings and late evenings. Getting down into pools with nymphs will produce strikes throughout the day.

RECOMMENDED FLIES.

- Nymph Patterns: Pheasant Tails, Prince Nymphs, Hare’s Ears
- Dry Flies: Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adams, Purple Haze
- Streamers: Woolly Buggers, Muddler Minnows, small Sculpzillas

SPIN FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Small Inline Spinners: Rooster Tails, Mepps Aglia
- Spinners: Panther Martin, Blue Fox Vibrax

CEDAR RIVER. Personally, I fish the area south of the Landsburg Bridge, as it is a quick drive over Highway 18 and less populated, so I don’t have to compete with any river floaters. However, I have seen some quite sizable fish caught in the Renton Highlands area. I have had great success targeting pools and structure with pheasant tail nymphs. Early mornings and late evenings are particularly productive during the warmer days.

RECOMMENDED FLIES.

- Nymph Patterns: Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Zebra Midges
- Dry Flies: Parachute Adams, Blue Winged Olives, Caddis imitations
- Streamers: Woolly Buggers, Sculpzillas, Conehead Zonkers

SPIN FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Small Spoons: Blue Fox Pixee, Little Cleo
- Small Inline Spinners: Rooster Tails, Mepps Aglia

Blake Reeve is a Fall City resident and avid fisherman who gets out on our local waters as often as possible.

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July Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Winner will be chosen on July 4. Need not be present to win. \$1 per ticket, \$15 per book of 20. Tickets must be purchased at the Senior Center.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Monday, July 3, 5:00–7:00 p.m. Get a break from cooking and enjoy an affordable meal. \$12 each; \$5, children. Your choice of vegetable or meat sauce, salad, and garlic bread.

JULY 4TH STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Monday, July 4, 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Pre-order delicious strawberry shortcake for just \$6 each and pick up or eat at the center.

NEW MEMBER TEA

Tuesday, July 11, 2:00 p.m. If you are a new SVSC member, 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.

JULY BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Friday, July 21, 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.

SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, July 28, 9:00–3:00 p.m. Blood donations go to people we don't know and will never meet, yet it's an act of kindness that changes the course of a stranger's life. Someone's tomorrow needs a blood donor today.

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



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1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month

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Location

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fallcityfoodpantry.org

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NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES

July 5 and July 19

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

CEDARS MONTESSORI'S BIKE-A-THON FOOD DRIVE: SPREADING LOVE AND GIVING BACK

In the spirit of giving and community involvement, Cedars Montessori recently hosted its annual Bike-a-Thon food drive. This year's event, which took place in May, was a resounding success, as a generous number of donations poured in, significantly impacting those in need. The event was a memorable experience for all involved, with twelve enthusiastic students participating in the day's activities.

Under the guidance of Teacher Kari Abramson, the children embraced the opportunity to make a difference in their community. For two hours, they tirelessly pedaled their bicycles, circling around the driveway and earning a sticker for each lap completed. To keep their energy levels up, they took occasional rest breaks to enjoy some delicious snacks. The joy and excitement were palpable, and the children couldn't help but compare the experience to the magic of Christmas.



On the day of the Bike-a-Thon, the students arrived at school brimming with excitement. With their bikes and helmets adorned with colorful decorations, they set off on their mission to complete as many laps as possible. Teacher Kari Abramson said, "It's our way to spread love to our community and help the kids learn the importance of giving back and helping others in need."

The students' joyous faces reflected a sense of accomplishment as the event drew to a close. The donations collected will go a long way in providing nourishment and hope to those in need. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the students, their families, the staff at Cedars Montessori, and the entire community for their unwavering support of the Fall City Food Pantry.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers for our summer evening shifts on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6:15-8:00 p.m. Youth aged 8-12 must be accompanied by a parent. Please contact Nance Myhre at 425-269-8098.

DONATE YOUR EMPTY EGG CARTONS

We also need empty egg cartons of any size! Please place clean cartons in the bin outside the church at your convenience.

JULY 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.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 12, 19, AND 26

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. *Gardening Wednesday.* Help Fall City Learning Garden tend the organic produce that they donate to area foodbanks. The garden is located behind the Masonic Hall in the center of Fall City, at 4304 337th Place SE.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

2:00–3:00 p.m. *KidsQuest: Making Bubbles.* Learn about the science of making bubbles and do hands-on experiments making different kinds of bubbles. King County Library.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

3:00–5:00 p.m. *Walking History Tour.* Join the Fall City Historical Society for a walk around downtown to explore

some of our historic buildings and places. Learn about the Historic Sign Project. Meet outside the Masonic Hall.

SATURDAY JULY 22

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. *Live Outdoor Cello Music.* Enjoy beautiful music by Gretchen Yanover while you sip your morning beverage at Aroma Coffee Co. Sponsored by Fall City Arts and 4Culture.

7:00 p.m. *Shakespeare in the Park: Romeo & Juliet.* Greenstage and Fall City Arts presents classic theatre in the Fall City Community Park. Bring your own chairs/blankets, snacks, and drinks. Dogs on leashes are welcome. **FREE** Admission. Arrive early for the best seats.

FCCA HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd from page 3)

The King County Comprehensive Plan (kingcounty.gov/compplan) guides growth and development in unincorporated King County 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; and directly results in land-use designations and zoning and indirectly in investments in public services and facilities needed to serve county residents.

2022 FLOATING REPORT. *Simon Briant, owner, Fall City Floating.* Simon shared information about the 2022 season and plans for 2023. Fall City Floating has had a concession agreement with King County Parks since 2015. Their goal is to increase safety and sustainability on the Snoqualmie by:

- providing sturdy rental equipment, including life jackets, paddles, and a safety briefing
- providing shuttle service from park to launch
- providing trash management service every day
- providing 10 individual toilets for floaters
- paying for law enforcement and public safety (\$64,000 paid in 2022)

Last year the season opened on June 22 and ended on Labor Day (per their concession agreement to allow for salmon spawning), and they had 20,000 floaters, the average number since 2019. Their busiest times

are late July and early August. Plans for 2023 (June 21 to Sept. 4) include increased messaging on safe recreation and river sustainability, a LiveView security camera, and a third motorized kayak as part of the team that offers basic first aid, water, helps those who might have a deflated tube, etc.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. *Fire Chief Brian Culp.* Fall City Fire Department, along with the Sheriff's Department, will host the National Night Out on August 1 at the fire station. It will be a chance to tour the station, meet fire department and sheriff personnel, and enjoy a hot dog!

FALL CITY SEPTIC ASSOCIATION. *Jeff Wilson, project manager, King County.* Progress on the business district septic project continues. They are currently working through the permitting process and packaging plans for bids.

FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. Mike Suelzle (savefallcity.org). Mike thanked the dedicated people who have led, coordinated, and done the work completed to date. He also thanked Sarah Perry and John Taylor for their work. Ninety-eight percent of the funds raised to date have been spent on legal costs. Fall City residents and businesses are encouraged to donate to sustain the effort!

NO FCCA MEETING IN THE MONTH OF JULY