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SNOQUALMIE VALLEY HOSPITAL—MARCH 2023. A levy lid lift is on the April 25 ballot for Snoqualmie Valley Hospital District 4. For more information, see page 7. [STAFF PHOTO]

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This is it! It is with a myriad of feelings that after 11 years, I acknowledge that Volume 26, Issue 4, April 2023 is my last issue as editor of the *Fall City Neighbors* newsletter. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers whose efforts make each issue happen. Many, many thanks to our sponsors and donors who make it possible to get the finished product available in print and online to the community. And many, many thanks to our community of readers, who let us know that they value the *Neighbors* newsletter as one component of the sentiment captured in a sentence by early editor of the newsletter (and creator of the Fall City Historical Society), Ruth Pickering: "If you are lucky enough to live in Fall City, you are lucky enough!"

While people may move on, valued institutions like *Fall City Neighbors* continue. We have a new editor for the newsletter: Jim Hutchins, known to many of you as "The Horse Guy," who hosts the annual Fall City Apple Festival each fall. Jim comes to *Neighbors* with a degree in journalism and 30 years of experience in the field. He will be taking over the reins (pardon the pun) beginning with the May 2023 issue.

—Retiring Editor NANCY MOORE

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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the March 2023 Meeting

FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. *Mike Suelzle.* David Bricklin, nationally recognized land-use attorney, has been retained to represent the registered, local nonprofit Fall City Sustainable Growth (FCSG) and is currently appealing the hearing examiner's decision on Fall City II.

FCSG is seeking donations for legal expenses and any necessary expert consultations. The current goal sustains expenses through the Fall City II appeal and the Cedar 23 hearing. Options for giving are on the group's website savefallcity.org. In addition, proceeds from the sale of 12" x 24" yard signs (\$40 at Farmhouse Market and stickers \$5 at Aroma Coffee) will help fund FCSG.

The primary focus of FCSG includes:

- LOSS (large onsite septic systems): Permitting and drinking water safety
- Land use and rural character (varying elevations, styles, fences, setbacks, lot sizes, etc.)
- Slow the progress (FCSG is not against growth)

The hearing date for the 16-home Mount Si development (behind Arrington Court, corner of 324th and Hwy 202, with ingress and egress via 202) is March 29, written comments by March 24.

SR 202 CORRIDOR STUDY. *Final report update, Thomas Noyes, senior transportation planner, WSDOT.* The 2022 report focused on Highway 202 through Fall City and west to 244th SE in Sammamish. Understanding Fall City summer tourism, park use, pedestrian crossings, and user safety were analyzed in the study. The study looked at needs and deficiencies and did not consider a specific time horizon or the cumulative effect of the currently proposed developments.

Recommendations include a roundabout at the intersection of SR 202 and Preston-Fall City Road, more pedestrian crossings, a separated pedestrian/bicycle path along the river leading to the proposed West Side Trail, and back-in parking with a median between lanes, at an estimated cost of \$10.3 million.

Next steps include incorporating the recommendations into local plans, King County

Comprehensive Plans, and pursuing potential project funding through the Puget Sound Regional Council, federal grant programs, and the WSDOT Pedestrian-Bike Program/Safe Route to School program.

FALL CITY SEPTIC ASSOCIATION. *Jeff Wilson, FC capital project manager (jefwilson@kingcounty.gov).* Final design markups, including updated cost estimates, will be received soon. The Permitting Department is requiring "high-quality effluent," which is like operating a small sewage treatment facility. Thus, gap funding will be secured. Operating costs will be finalized by the FCSA board and are a function of operation and maintenance contracts, administrative fees, and a capital reserve fund.

FALL CITY ROADS. *Carrie Lee.* The Roads Committee is applying for a \$250,000 River Corridor grant for a feasibility study to amend the current bridge to allow for greater pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian connectivity and provide funds for a tribal liaison and six heritage signs. The committee is working on plans to provide artwork for the currently empty historical sign framework in Olive Taylor Quigley Park.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. *Carrie Lee.* SATURDAY, JULY 29, 4:00–8:00 P.M. The committee is seeking grants rather than local sponsorship this year. Small businesses, first responders, and other local resources for keeping our community safe can request space at the event. 72 volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of ways to ensure an optimally successful NNO. Visit fallcity.org for more information.

50TH ANNUAL FALL CITY DAY: JUNE 10. *Angela Donaldson.* Everything is moving along well. The committee is seeking volunteers for the parade, Party in the Park, Fun Run, and a grand marshal chair for next year's parade. 80% of the proceeds after expenses are donated to local youth organizations and charities. There are opportunities for groups to put on the pancake breakfast, etc.

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PLANT EARLY AND WATER MINDFULLY

Can you spade your soil in April? If so, then this tells you that your frost has gone. Drought-tolerant plants want to get in the soil earlier now, so let's start with some drought-tolerant trees. Persian ironwood/*Parrotia persica* is small and has yummy fall colors. About 100 native oak species grow in the UC Davis Arboretum—try one out! And try these: smoke bush/*Cotinus coggygria*; redbud/*Cercis occidentalis*; madrona/madrone; Acer native maples: vine maple/*circinatum*, trifolium maple/rough bark, *rubrum*/red, griseum/paperbark; conifers such as shore pine, lodgepole pine, incense cedar, and western red cedar/*Huja plicata*—only if well-established, as drought has killed several cedars under 20 years old.

Round shrubs that are drought tolerant and hold their vibrant gold and green leaves year-round are thorny *Eleagnus* 'Clemson Variegata' (prefers sun) and *Aucuba* 'Picturata' circular 4 to 6 feet (likes shade).

A Firewise tip: If your shrubs are pressing up against your house (and pruned to their limit), then consider slowly extirpating them entirely and replacing them with largish boulders or rocks (on top of tough black weed barrier) and sand, or "I really don't like to burn" plants such as succulents, geraniums, ceanothus, and rock rose.

A worthy note: rock rose/*cistus* hails from the Mediterranean, while rock rose/*Pavonia lasiopetala* is large, round, and originates in Texas. Both can survive with little water, prefer sun, bloom less in shade, are great pollinators, and keep flowering from their own seed. The Hibberson rock rose grows only to 2 feet. Even shorter *cistus*es are sold at Squak Mt Nursery in Issaquah and Plantbaby in Bellevue. Try hard-to-burn yucca up to 5 feet out from your structure, with rocks around them. Variegated yuccas add color and perk up after nasty winters as their pups emerge from a pulpy core. My list includes yucca *maculata*, variegata, 'Color Guard,' and *Yucca filamentosa* 'Golden Sword,' and *filamentosa* 'Adam's Needle.' Mature yucca flower stalks grow to 5–8 feet by midsummer. Pollinators will zoom over for this late feast.

Finding you low-water plants is increasingly the job of garden centers. Yes, water new garden plants for their first two years. Then how best to water less? Soaker hoses and drip irrigation use less water than arcing watering devices. Evaporation increases with air temperatures, and the coolest, least-water usage

GARDEN CORNER

by Susan Miller

occurs around 5:00 a.m. using a low, slow flow. A single supplier and the big box stores sell all the hoses and tiddy bits you'll need for a drip system. If you design and measure a basic plan for hoses and plant drip ends, *dripirrigation.com* staff will help translate that into a priced package. Buy the black plastic hoses you need at a nearby box store to save postage.

Raintree Nursery, south of Mt. Rainier, sells yummy fruit and nut trees from their website (only) as catalogs are a bygone. Medlar fruit tastes like spiced apple sauce and the trees grow to only 15 ft. Walnut and pine nut trees save you money as pine nuts now sell for \$30–\$50/pound! Four species to try with good-sized nuts are Swiss stone pine, Korean pine, Colorado pinyon, and single-leaf pinyon. Nuts are ready to harvest in 6 to 10 years, and they grow in zones 1 to 10. Okay, harvesting is a bit complicated, but the patient shall be rewarded. Fig trees do well in our area—try 'Desert King' and you'll benefit fast nutritionally.

Now for a drought-tolerant groundcover list: cotoneaster, California fuchsia/*Epilobium canum*, a native to dry slopes and member of primrose family; slower-growing creeping thyme lasts 3–5 years in sun; hardy ice plant/*delosperma* has warm colors and a spreading tendency; moss phlox; rock rose/*Pavonia lasiopetala*; snow in summer/*Cerastium tomentosum*; honeysuckle, catmint, lantana, salvia, Russian sage, strawberry, aubretia, sweet woodruff, and sedum—all sprinkled with loose mulch such as shredded bark that allows plants to penetrate the soil.

One bonanza website for us is the WA Native Plant Society's *wnps.org*. It's loaded, so be patient and ready to print or write down what's relevant. Under the homepage, drop down to "April is Native Plant Month" to find a starter list of six Zoomed NPS events, with more events assured by the time you read this article in April. Native plants have adapted to heat and fire over thousands of years and survive and flourish despite drought and fire.

Next month we'll talk belatedly about pollinators!

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Snoqualmie Valley Hospital District 4 Levy Lid Lift on April 25 Ballot

by Robert Angrisano, Firefighter/EMT

On April 25, to better serve the Snoqualmie Valley communities, homeowners in Snoqualmie Valley Hospital (SVH) District 4 will be asked to vote for a levy lid lift increase for the first time since 2008—from 24.8 cents per thousand of assessed property value to 70 cents per thousand.

Before we look at the future, let's look at the significant accomplishments SVH District 4 had made over the last 24 months. These included the following:

- Provided the community with thousands of COVID-19 tests and vaccinations
- Created negative-pressure hospital rooms to care for COVID infected patients
- Significantly increased the quality and capability of the emergency department by contracting Overlake ER doctors to staff the ER
- Hired a full time pediatrician
- Upgraded and expanded the cardiac care department with new stress echo testing equipment
- Upgraded the laboratory with new equipment and decreased turnaround times
- Opened a new urgent care on Snoqualmie Ridge
- Opened a new Medical Aesthetics unit in the primary care department
- Tripled the capacity of the behavioral health providers

LOOKING AHEAD. Passage of the Levy Lid Lift will provide the funding needed to build on those accomplishments, plus add additional services and capacity. The levy will provide the following:

- Expand the emergency department to accommodate more patients
- Expand the laboratory and radiology services to include the latest technology in CT and MRI scanners



- Expand its women's health services by adding mammography to its radiology department
- Expand services to outlying areas
- Expand existing departments to better serve the growth in the community
- Assure long-term financial stability in the face of escalating healthcare costs

When this levy passes, SVH will be able to create a new tax-credit policy that will allow district taxpayers a full rebate credit on 100% of the hospital levy tax paid each year, toward any SVH services. For example, if a homeowner pays \$400 for the Hospital District 4 levy on their King County property-tax bill and uses SVH services, they can use that entire \$400 as a credit toward their balance owed for any services anywhere in the SVH network.

For more information and a comprehensive question and answer section, please visit <https://snoqualmiehospital.org/levy2023>.

According to King County Elections (206-296-8683), there will be a voter's pamphlet included with your ballot, which will arrive in the mail approximately three weeks prior to the April 25 special election.



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Westward Ho!



How did pioneers get to Fall City? In an article in the Valley Record in 1950, W. W. Stephenson chronicles the trek his family and the Parker family took from Kansas to settle in Fall City in 1884.

They set off on a mixed passenger/freight train for San Francisco earning a few dollars tending to the cattle in the other cars. Though the train suffered mechanical issues, they arrived safely in San Francisco.

Boarding the steamer "Queen of the Pacific" the Kansans sailed to Seattle. He reports it was uneventful except for a head-on encounter with a whale. After three days on a rocking sea, they were pleased to take a horse drawn carriage to a hotel. The two-story hotel was "modern" – rawhide bottomed chairs, a tin bucket and wash basin, and nails driven into the walls for clothing.

Here the two families plotted their next move. A hotel man arranged to hire a man with a team and wagon to move them to Leschi. It was a miserable trip with a rough muddy road. When the team got stuck in the mud, they took off their shoes (and sometimes pants) carrying family members across to dry land, then going back and unsticking the horses. Landing at the end of a long day, the mud-covered pioneers paid the \$20 fee (equivalent to about \$600 in today's dollars) and got ready for the next day.

The steamer they chartered at Leschi nearly swamped with all the people on board. When they arrived at Houghton, they were happy pay the \$15 to be on dry land.

Next stop: Perrigo Farm in Redmond. They went by two wheel/one horse cart. It became obvious, that two men, two women, and five children and their luggage could not all ride in the cart, so they took turns riding and walking all day till they reached Perrigo. Setting up camp there, they cooked on an open fire and slept in the woodshed.

To go the length of Squak Lake (Lake Sammamish) they rented a rowboat which made four trips to get all of them to Squak (Issaquah). The women and children set up camp on the Bush farm while the men walked to Fall City. Mr. Baxter, Orin Baxter's father, hitched up his team and wagon to fetch the women and children. Well, the team consisted of a horse and an educated mule, Jack. Old Jack didn't like exerting himself on hills, so everyone had to get out till he cleared the hill. After several of these disembarkations, those who were old enough decided to walk. The group arrived in Fall City on September 19, 1884. Each family set up farming. Between the Parkers and the Stephensons, they had 13 children to populate their new hometown.





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Following up on last year's cleaning of the Civil War Veterans' markers at the Fall City Cemetery, this year the society organized volunteers to tackle markers of World War I Veterans. With special cleaner, stiff brushes, and toothbrushes for fine details, the crew attacked the decades of growth and grime. The before and afters were amazing. Special thanks to all the volunteers who took on the grimy task to honor those who served. The cemetery will be looking good for Memorial Day observances in May.



Cleaning Orley Krogh's stone.

? ? ? ? ? *Want to know more about Fall City History?* ? ? ? ? ?

Our website is a treasure trove of photos, articles, and objects relating to Fall City History. From the Valley Record, I came across a "What's happening" column called the Falls City Ripple. There I learned that "George Rutherford came back on the evening train and fell asleep and was carried by to Snoqualmie!" Also, "Mr. S. L. Bailey, the mail carrier, has pulled through his sickness and is able to attend to his business again." You can find the 1914 blueprints for the Tarr Bridge, a picture of Julia Harshman's opera cape, and school class pictures going back more than 100 years. To get a sampling of what we've collected go to our website, fallcityhistorical.org and search Online Collections – Random Images.

Those Fabulous 'Fifties



Start scouring your attics and barns for artifacts from the 1950s. We're doing a display of Fall City from that era and we need your help. What do you have that screams "Fall City in the '50s"? — records, pictures, toys, machines, books. There must be great stuff just waiting to see the light of day. If you have something interesting that you would be willing to lend to us for a week, email us at the address in the header. We're secretly hoping for a turquoise and white '57 Chevy hardtop!

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FALL CITY FIRE DISTRICT 27 FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

FALL CITY FIREFIGHTERS COMPETE IN THE SEATTLE STAIRCLIMB

On March 12th, eight members of the Fall City Fire Department participated in the 32nd Annual Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle. Firefighters Steve Bandy, Jake Conroy, Parker Dumas, Rena Echols, Noah Fleming, Tanner Hillier, Greg Lussier, and Kyle Patterson, climbed the Columbia Center Tower to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each member climbed the building in full bunker gear, breathing air from their self-contained breathing apparatus, all gear weighing approximately fifty-five pounds. Fall City Firefighter Parker Dumas climbed the tower in 15 minutes and 7 seconds, placing 57th out of 1,605 participants.



At 788 feet of vertical elevation, the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle stands as the second tallest building west of the Mississippi. It takes 69 flights of stairs and 1,356 steps to reach the highly acclaimed Sky View Observation on the 73rd floor overlooking the city.

This physically challenging competition is representative of the struggle that blood cancer patients endure. Every step to the top serves as a reminder that there is still much work left to be done in funding and finding cures. Fall City Fire Department teamed up with Duvall, Snoqualmie and Eastside Fire, they currently have raised \$25,900 this year for the cause.

ACQUIRED STRUCTURE TRAINING

The Fall City Fire Department, along with Snoqualmie, Duvall, and Eastside Fire, have an opportunity to train with three acquired structures within Fall City. The four fire departments work with the South King County Fire Training Consortium, which oversees each agency's training. This opportunity is a benefit compared to training with fire props at some stations. The training will be conducted over several months to give the firefighters training on interior and exterior operations. It also allows crews to work together at a real structure that provides a truly realistic feeling to the training.

There will be increased traffic on 324th Ave during the training as crews move in and out of the area. During certain times a smoke machine will be used to create smoke within the structures as part of the training, and towards the end of the trainings, there will be live fire evaluations that will be conducted several times. Being able to conduct this type of live fire training as compared to going to a live fire training prop or building is more of a real-life scenario for the crews. The Fall City Fire Department is grateful to have this opportunity to train in our response area and with our allied partners.

FCCA MINUTES (continued from page 3)

FALL CITY LIBRARY. *Irene Wickstrom.* Annual plant sale, *Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.* In February, 4,177 items were checked out to 979 patrons and 2,134 people walked through the library doors.

FALL CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. *Fire Chief Brian Culp.* In the next few weeks, firefighters from 16 stations in Fall City, Snoqualmie, Duvall, and Eastside Fire will be training on “acquired structures” located off 324th and along 202. The structures are proposed to be demolished after the training is complete.

WELCOME BAGS. *Anji Donaldson.* The FCCA works with the Carnation chamber of commerce to provide welcome bags to new homeowners in our ZIP code. If you would like your business or community event to be promoted, reach out to Anji at Hauglie Insurance.

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY HOSPITAL. *Sherry Jennings.* The hospital just signed a contract to become a demo and test site for Spacelabs Healthcare. Their scaled-down equipment will help make health care more accessible in many other small rural districts. Next month, the hospital’s CEO, Renee Jensen, will share information about the hospital’s proposed levy lid lift that will be on the April 2023 ballot (see page 7).

EMPOWER YOUTH NETWORK. *empoweryouthnetwork.org.* Upcoming events include two hikes and their April 22 gala at Snoqualmie Casino.

NEXT FCCA MEETING: Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live, phone, and in-person (location: Fall City Fire Station)

Fall City UMC: Easter is Coming

For Christians, the most joyous day of the year is almost here! Easter is the celebration of hope, a time of communion and special services at Fall City United Methodist Church. Beginning with a **Sunrise Service**, the new day is greeted as the sun illuminates the earth and is symbolic of new possibilities. For those who don’t rise quite that early, another **worship service** will occur at 11:00 a.m., with the choir singing both traditional and non-traditional songs of faith and hope. Listen to the River City Ringers and Cabbage Patch Ringers bell choirs, as well as help decorate a large cross with flowers. This important, beautiful, and uplifting service is a reconnection with the Lord and our fellow believers.

Before the service, you are invited to our **free Annual Potluck Breakfast** at 9:30 a.m.! Delicious egg dishes, fruit plates, and more await the guests. Then at 10:15 a.m. you are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the church and parsonage yards for kids of all ages. Join us and Pastor Carrie Bland for Easter, and remember that *all* people are welcome at Fall City UMC!

—Lynne and Mike Palmisano

MAKERS MEETUP

Bring a project to work on and meet fellow artists and creators in your community. Drop in anytime. Free!

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY
5:30 - 7:30 PM
THE FALL CITY LIBRARY**

Join our mailing list at fallcityarts.org



FALL CITY COMMUNITY DANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

4 - 7 PM

LIVE MUSIC with ROD COOK & TOAST



This well-known Seattle-area band plays blues, rock, country & American roots music. Rod has been voted as "Best Blues Guitarist" by the Washington Blues Society several times, and the band has been named "Best Blues Band" as well.

FREE to the community with donations accepted for a local charity

A **FREE** dance lesson will be offered from 3:30 - 4pm

**FALL CITY MASONIC LODGE
4304 - 337th PL SE
Fall City, WA**

Generously sponsored by:



Masks are optional, but encouraged on the dance floor



Rubber Ducky Painting Party

**15 April / 3-5pm
The Fall City Library**

Flex your creative muscles while supporting the Fall City Day Festival! We will be painting designs on the historic Fall City Racing Ducks to be hidden throughout Fall City in the "Great Fall City Duck Hunt of 2023."

Duck hunting season will open June 10th, where 100 painted rubber ducks will be hidden and waiting to be found, with one winning duck hunter getting a prize. *This painting party is open to all ages - bring the whole family!*

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Stay in touch and visit
our website today!



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April Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

SPRING HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Wed., April 5. Join us and local healthcare vendors for a fun and informative day! 8:15 AND 9:30 A.M. Enhanced Fitness Class, **free!** 10:00 A.M.—NOON. Vendor booths. (Visiting Angels, Duvall Advanced Family Eye Care, Evergreen Health, Meals on Wheels, WeSpeakMedicare, and more!) 9:30 A.M. Assistive technology for self-care and independent living. 10:30 A.M. Physio Care physical therapy presentation. NOON. Lunch: **free!** 1:00 P.M. Snoqualmie Valley Hospital—Colon cancer presentation. Reservations required. Please call to reserve your spot!

NEW SVSC MEMBER TEA

Tuesday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. Are you a new member to the Sno-Valley Senior Center? Did you join during COVID? Do you just want to know about the programs and services we offer? Join us for a complementary 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. (Hint: It's everywhere!)

APRIL BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Friday, April 21, Noon. Join us for a delicious lunch, and help celebrate all the birthdays this month! Call at least a day in advance to reserve lunches to dine-in.

SAVE THE DATE! SPRING INTO GARDENING

Thursday, May 4, 6:30–8:00 p.m. First Picks Party. \$25 per person (\$40 per couple) or \$30 at the door for a wonderful night of music and first pick of the wonderful plants at the sale. You'll also go home with a fun gift bag of snacks, your choice of beverage, dessert, and more!

Friday/Saturday, May 5 and 6, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Annual Plant Sale, featuring thousands of annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, and herbs, as well as garden art. Plant lovers will be treated to a wide variety of flowering plants; both the old favorites and the new and unusual. Plus: garden art, kids' crafts, and demonstrations.

For more info or to register for classes and events: www.snovalleysenior.org or call 425-333-4152.

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P.O. Box 640, Fall City, WA 98024

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

Please call 425-269-8098 if you are
interested in volunteering – more
hands are always welcome!

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

Like us on Facebook!

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES

April 5 and April 19

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

EXTRA TIME ON YOUR HANDS? TWICE PER MONTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning in May, the Fall City Food Pantry has a need for one volunteer and one alternate volunteer on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month to pick up our donations from Northwest Harvest in Auburn using a truck or SUV. This volunteer role is about a 2.5-hour commitment once or twice a month and you may be reimbursed for your gas.

The average load weighs between 350 and 550 pounds and includes items like large bags of potatoes and onions, seasonal produce, shelf-stable milk, canned goods and boxes of rice and pinto beans. All items must be delivered to and brought inside the Fall City Methodist Church, which sponsors the Food Pantry. Volunteers will be on hand to help with the unloading.

WE NEED YOU!

Please contact Nance ASAP if you are interested, want more information or know someone who might be able to help: npmhyre@comcast.net or 425-269-8098.

Thank You!

We wish to acknowledge and profusely thank Bill Newton and his alternate Lori Cleary for their extraordinary service! Thank you both so much! We have appreciated all your help.



*We were pleased to welcome
Representative Kim Schrier and
members of her staff to the Fall City
Community Food Pantry in February.*

*She visited with our volunteers and asked
questions about our operation. It was a
great visit and we appreciate her support!*



*Thank you to Issaquah Vacuum &
Sewing for their recent generous
donation. We appreciate you!*

APRIL 2023 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Please send calendar items to Andree Hurley at andree@seattlehometour.com. Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:00–8:30 p.m. *Fall City Community Association Meeting.* Hybrid meeting: In-person at Fall City Fire Station, as well as on Zoom and Facebook Live.

TUESDAYS, APRIL 4, 11, 19, and 25

1:00–5:00 p.m. Mark Rowe, Deputy Director Construction and Land Use Permitting at King County (1:00–3:00 p.m.) and Department of Local Services Director John Taylor (3:00–5:00 p.m.) will be available at the Fall City Library to meet with community members. No appointment necessary. www.kingcounty.gov; asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.–Noon. Fall City United Methodist Church. 9:30 a.m. Potluck breakfast; 10:15 a.m. Easter egg hunt; 11:00 a.m. Worship.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 p.m. *King County Fire District 27 Board of Commissioners Meeting.* Meetings are available online through Microsoft Teams or in person at the fire station. For more info, visit king27fire.com.

FC Metropolitan Park District meeting. For time and location, visit fallcityparks.org or e-mail info@fallcityparks.org.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 21 and 22

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. *Annual Rummage and Plant Sale* benefitting the Fall City United Methodist youth handbell choirs. The plant sale will feature vegetable starts, house plants, flowers, trees, and shrubs. The rummage sale will feature clothing, books, antiques and collectibles, toys, appliances, yard tools, furniture, videos, art, pottery, dolls, and much more. Venmo welcome. *Location:* Fall City UMC.

5:30 p.m. *Empower Youth Network 2023 Heart of the Valley Gala at the Snoqualmie Casino.* Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with happy hour, games, dessert dash, a live auction, and a wonderful dinner. The evening wraps up with a post-gala dance party. The online silent auction begins Monday, April

17. For more information: empoweryouthnetwork.org; contact Helene Wentink, communication and development director, at helene@empoweryouthnetwork.org.

APRIL AT THE FALL CITY LEARNING GARDEN

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10:00 a.m.–Noon. April begins the serious planting season at the Fall City Learning Garden. We will transplant and seed cool-weather crops such as peas, lettuce, and spinach, and other cool-weather plants. We also continue with weeding, spreading mulch, and working on our garden structures. Possibly planting a few apples and blueberries too. We share extra seeds and starts with volunteers! If possible, please bring your own clean garden gloves. We have gloves for volunteers to use if needed, and we provide all garden tools. The Learning Garden is located behind the Masonic Hall in the center of Fall City, at 4304 337th Place SE. Garden access is from the alley behind the Masonic Hall.

Visit our Instagram page [@fallcitylearning](https://www.instagram.com/fallcitylearning) to see photos. Questions? Contact us at info@letusgarden.org.

APRIL AT THE FALL CITY LIBRARY

Thursday, April 6, 3:00–4:45 p.m. *Tween/Teen Hang Out and Game Play!* Come to the library to play board and video games. Hang out, relax, and enjoy free snacks and drinks. Registration not required. Ages 9–17. Sponsored by Friends of the Fall City Library.

Fridays, April 7 and 28, 10:15–10:45 a.m. *Family Story Time.* Enjoy stories, music, movement, and rhymes that develop your child's early literacy skills. All ages welcome with adult. Registration not required.

Tuesday, April 11, 2:00–3:00 p.m. *Fall City Library Book Group.* Book: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. New members always welcome. Registration not required.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. *Friends of the Fall City Library Annual Plant Sale* in the Fall City library parking lot.



April 2, 2016