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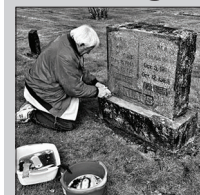


SPRINGTIME IN FALL CITY. Magnolia blossoms in front yards, flowering cherry trees blossoming along the river's edge, catkins hanging on the hazelnut trees, fresh new leaves sprouting on branches, and buds swelling on bushes—sure signs that spring is headed our way. (STAFF PHOTO, March 2022)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: MOVING ON

Despite the implication of its name, Fall City is not a city at all! It is too small to be designated a city, and as an unincorporated rural town does not have the resources that incorporated towns of any size have. From Day 1 of being given that lofty name to the present, most of what makes Fall City such a special place to be a part of happens because of community members. Community members who, seeing a need, volunteer their time and expertise, often coming together in a group, to mitigate the need for the good of the community. The *Fall City Neighbors* newsletter is one of those groups.

The newsletter has played a significant role in keeping community members informed for 26 years and counting. I have had the honor of serving for the last 11 years as editor. However, I will be leaving Fall City at the end of April. As a result, *Neighbors* needs an editor: someone who has some editing skills/experience; someone who identifies with and is aware of what's happening in this community; and, ideally, someone who enjoys the challenge and finds personal satisfaction in knowing that their editorial efforts benefit the community. The process of finding an editor has begun. If you are considering this volunteer opportunity, would like more information, have questions/suggestions, etc., e-mail editor@fcneighbors.org.

—NANCY MOORE

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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the February 2023 Meeting

KING COUNTY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. King County offers a large grant program, and Fall City technically qualifies for many of the grants. However, we don't have anyone to write grant proposals. If you are interested and experienced in grant-writing, please e-mail ilovefallcity@gmail.com.

FALL CITY SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. *Mike Suelzle, savefallcity.org.* The nonprofit was formed by community members not because they are anti-growth but so they can advocate to maintain Fall City's rural character, stop the clustering of homes, maintain R4 zoning (4 homes per acre), maintain clean drinking water, and make sure our roads are safe for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrian riders. The group needs more volunteers and will fundraise to cover expenses for legal and engineering expertise and studies. To help, e-mail fallcitySG@outlook.com.

FALL CITY II PRELIMINARY PLAT INFORMATION. Our strong attendance demonstrated our care about the community and our desire to maintain our rural character. While the examiner approved the preliminary plat, there are still hurdles the developer must clear, including final design, building permits, road-improvement approvals, and approval from the state Dept. of Health for the Large Onsite Septic Systems (LOSS). Stay energized, the process is slow!

SUB-AREA PLANNING. *Jacqueline Reid, KC Subarea Planner; Anji Donaldson, Chair.* Jacqueline encouraged community members to review the subarea's concept document and complete the survey by Feb. 24 online at publicinput.com/SnoValleyNEKC. Anji shared the group's requests to develop code to protect our rural character and to work with WSDOT to implement SR 202 Corridor improvements, etc. See fallcity.org/fall-city-subarea-plan.html for more info.

FALL CITY SEPTIC ASSOCIATION. *Jeff Wilson.* Final design and construction documents should be finalized by March, and they hope to break ground in late summer or early fall 2023.

ROADS. *Carrie Lee.* Possible grants for project management, feasibility studies, etc., will be discussed with the Metropolitan Parks District. Work continues to acquire rotating radar signs for messaging, speed, etc., in 8 high-risk areas.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. *Carrie Lee.* The event will support King County Search & Rescue, which is the umbrella organization for nine different groups as well as a frequent collaborator with King County Sheriff's office. For more info: fallcityevent@gmail.com.

RIVER FLOATING. *Tom Gomez and John Taylor.* To provide better coordination and further clarify responsibility for various aspects of floating, FC Floating will report to King County, and the County and FC Floating will provide reports to the FCCA.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND GARDENING. *Susan Miller.* Susan recommended that the Climate Change Committee be discontinued at this time. She will continue to include climate-change information in her monthly "Garden Corner" articles.

FALL CITY DAY: 50th ANNIVERSARY. June 10. "Heroes Among Us" is this year's theme. The group is looking for a 3-person parade committee; they plan to have 80 vendors and are hoping to partner with nonprofits and youth organizations.

COMMUNITY CENTER. After brief discussion a motion was approved that a Community Center Committee be formed to develop needs, scoping, outreach, and work with the County on feasibility and siting.

FALL CITY LIBRARY. *Mary Comstock.* There was discussion about holding a hybrid FCCA meeting at the library. January library traffic was up 26% and circulation up 19%!

NEXT FCCA MEETING: Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live, and phone.



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ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES IN MARCH

FRUITS AND BERRIES. WSU has enough research posted to help us in our fruit and berry decisions. While pollinators are many, bees are the most numerous insects to visit flowers, drink their nectar, or feed from pollen. Duke blueberries are 50% larger if pollinated by BeeFlow bees, a commercially raised U.S. bee. In California, BeeFlow bees also pollinate strawberries. Strawberries self-pollinate or are pollinated by wind or insects. Ask how your strawberry starts pollinate before you buy them.

VEGETABLES. You can save money by growing produce like tomatoes, summer squash, kale, peas, and rhubarb at home that are often quite expensive when purchased at the store. You can have a higher quality and tastier vegetable compared to store-bought veggies when growing Swiss chard, tomatoes, green onions, and summer squash. And a bit of both when growing collards, leaf lettuce, cucumbers, leeks, and spinach.

Scouring WSU's 2023 website for agricultural data supplies us with useful vegetable planting data and definitions. Entering seeding recommendations for common vegetable crops grown in Washington into your browser will guide you to "Home Vegetable Gardening in Washington," a manual produced by the WSU Agricultural Service. Table 4 in the manual provides invaluable information needed for successfully planting and harvesting 69 different vegetables, ranging from artichokes to watermelon. The information covers depth to plant, distance between plants, distance between rows, number of days to germination, optimum soil temperature, base air temperature, weeks to grow to transplant size, and days to maturity.

Our last frost date—April 6 this year—commonly can anchor our actual in-ground planting date, but please also consider your vegetable garden's microclimate, sun/shade, the soil-mulch level, and seed specialty dates. Several popular cool-weather plants, including radishes, collard greens, green onions, and peas, can be seeded in directly in March. Consider starting a good share of your garden indoors.

Plant popular veggie seeds with temporary indoor protection such as a hoop house, and then transplant outdoors as seedlings: bok choy, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce leaf spinach, and Swiss chard. Herb seedlings are started indoors: arugula, bergamot,

GARDEN CORNER

by Susan Miller

bronze fennel, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, lavender, lemon verbena, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, sweet marjoram, thyme, violas, watercress, and winter savory. Indoor seedling starts need day temps of 70–75°F and night temps of 55–60°F.

GARDEN LAYOUT OPTIONS. Small crops (lettuce, radish, and spinach) are best planted closer together in 4 to 6 rows for weed control and space efficiency. Raised beds 3 to 4 ft high improve drainage. Straw bale beds drain well and are the correct height. Use container gardening for ease of access, when space is limited, and your ground soil is poor.

Intercropping shares above and below ground space. For example, lettuce is shallow rooted while tomatoes root deeply and fill upper air space. Companion plants interact on many levels as in soil nutrient additions, pollinator attractions, and pest management.

Succession planting is a wise way to spread out harvesting done by planting seeds once every two weeks to stagger your yields. Salad crops of lettuce, arugula, kale, and mustard greens can be harvested in a staggered fashion by picking leaves or harvesting every other plant before they bolt. Plants maturing in 40 to 60 days that harvest once are beets, turnips, radishes, and kohlrabi.

CARING FOR YOUR GARDEN. Crop rotation, irrigation, and pest management are vitally necessary to maintain a healthy, productive garden. Crop rotation helps avoid soil-borne diseases like verticillium wilt and Phytophthora by rotating crops over a 5- to 7-year period. Irrigate veggies, ideally 1 inch/week, with drip tape, soaker hoses, or (if water is abundant) overhead sprinklers. IPM (integrated pest management) uses thick mulch to prevent sprouting of weeds and weed seed; hoe and pull weeds; collar susceptible vegetable stems from leaf cutters; stretch netting over blackberries and blueberries; hand-pick pests off plants; and introduce ladybugs to your vegetable garden.

SPRING BLOOMS. My favorite spring perennial blooms:

- Hardy cyclamen: tuberous, expensive, but worth it, light shade.

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FALL CITY FIRE DISTRICT 27 FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to Firefighter Tanner Hillier and Firefighter Greg Lussier for completing their rookie year with the Fire Department.



Tanner Hillier was a Volunteer Firefighter with Snoqualmie Fire & Rescue prior to being hired by Fall City and Greg Lussier was recruited through the Fall City Volunteer Program. Both Firefighters have spent countless hours in training and have excelled in their position. In addition to being Fire fighters they are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). They will be attending Swift Water Rescue training in the Spring and then joining our Rescue Operations Team. Thank you both for your commitment to serve the people of Fall City.

Fall City Fire Joins Fire Training Consortium

The Fall City Fire Department has joined the South King County Fire Training Consortium, which started at the beginning of 2023. The benefit of being part of a large training consortium is that it allows opportunities to train with other fire departments under a structured organization. The consortium will assign and maintain the oversight of every department member's training. They will follow National, State, and King County Standards to ensure that our members refresh vital skills and advance their professional development within the fire service. Snoqualmie, Duvall, Eastside, and Fall City joined the consortium, creating a North Site where we will work together.

The Fall City Fire Department, along with the South King County Fire Training Consortium, is working on some acquired structures in Fall City that will be used between the four agencies to conduct Multi-Company Operations on different skill sets to include small live burns within the structures. The opportunity to train in our response area with other agencies will greatly benefit meeting our ongoing mission of protecting the Fall City Community.

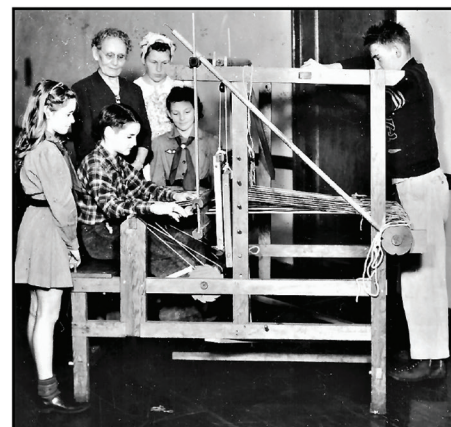
Regular Meetings are Scheduled on the Second Tuesday of the Month

The Board of Commissioners have changed their regular monthly meeting day to the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 14th. The Public is encouraged to attend the meetings which are available in person or on-line through Teams.

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Some of the recollections of Fall City residents include saving empty toothpaste tubes to recycle their soft metals, and scouring the woods for abandoned farm equipment and railroad materials for scrap metal drives. Others recall that some class activities included cutting puzzles from the newspaper and gluing them to cardboard so they could be sent to local hospitals for wounded soldiers. Another project, organized by 5th grade teacher Clara Vinup, was weaving lap robes for wounded soldiers. A large loom was set up in the Brick School, and students learned to weave rag strips. The Boy Scouts were tasked with marking all 17 fire hydrants in town with red and white stakes, and were assigned messenger and errand duties for Civilian Defense work.



Weaving lap robes for soldiers, c. 1944



New Observation Post for plane spotting, 1943. Photo courtesy Bernice Gruenig

High school students had an additional volunteer opportunity by acting as plane spotters. All over the region, towers were manned 24 hours a day to spot, identify and report all aircraft to a headquarters in Seattle. During the school day, students could be excused from class to stand watch, 2 students per shift. They had been trained to recognize planes by type, and how to call in their reports with details of the plane and in what direction it was heading. The first tower was located on the roof of the school, and in Dec., 1942, a new tower was built on the school grounds.

The high school newspaper *School Daze* reported in one article that, in addition to being full time students, 90% of boys and 40% of girls were working full or part-time jobs, the majority in defense work. One high school student, Lester Ludwig, drew a map of the Fall City Zone, and spent his summer working in a shipyard.

An anecdote heard by Gene Stevens tells of the day a wildfire was spotted on west end of 42nd Street which prompted the school to close for the remainder of the day so some of the high school students could assist with the firefighting. There is no end to the ways our youth contribute to our community!



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JOIN US TO CLEAN WWI VETERAN HEADSTONES



Saturday, March 25, 2023 10am



Continuing on the work we started last year with the headstones of Civil War Veterans, this month we will be cleaning headstones of WWI Veterans. You are welcome to meet us at the cemetery on Saturday March 25th at 10am. Please bring a bucket and soft brushes, and we will supply the safe and gentle cleaner, and some instructions.

If interested, please let us know you are coming by emailing our office at historylives@fallcity.org



MARCH MADNESS



The origins of the term 'March Madness' lie with high school basketball back in 1939. As an official with the Illinois High School Assoc., Henry V. Porter is credited with its first use when he wrote in the organization's March 1939 magazine " .. a little March madness may complement and contribute to sanity and help keep society on an even keel,..." Porter, also a former teacher and coach, was describing the way fans looked forward to the annual statewide high school basketball tournament.

Long before the term was coined, high school basketball competitions were a hot topic in the Valley. The Fall City Sharks won their share of championships, with games against North Bend always drawing large crowds.



1938 Fall City basketball champions with Coach Mus



Above: Early Fall City Girls' & Boys' basketball teams, likely about 1917.



Left: FC Basketball team May 1921, "S.V.I.A. Champs 1921"



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Snoqualmie Valley Transportation's New Website with Rider Alerts, Easier Access

Getting around Snoqualmie Valley on weekdays for anyone without a car is easy with Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, a project of the Mt. Si Senior Center. Just give them a call at 425-888-7001 and they'll help you figure out which routes and services you need. Or you can find all the information you need on the organization's updated website, www.svtbus.org, launched the last week of January.

A new and improved website has been a long-awaited milestone for SVT's David Beegle, who worked with SVT Director Amy Biggs to plan the update and choose a designer.

The existing site, Beegle said, was "outdated and hard to navigate, and not very appealing to the eye." It was also a little confusing to users, because of the number and variety of services provided by SVT. The new site provides all the same information as the old site, but with more details and broken down by how riders would use each type of service, he said.

Website designer Lisa Tuininga of The Medium in North Bend says, "The website is much more user friendly. Previously, much of the content required opening PDFs in your browser. Now the site is better organized, with more information directly integrated, as well as some visual hierarchy to guide the user to important elements." Beegle says the visual hierarchy will be helpful for visitors, because "I know people are going to be looking at it on their phones."

The new site is also translatable into 50 different languages, from A (Afrikaans) to Z (Zulu).

Rider alerts may be the most useful addition to the website. Riders will be able to sign up for e-mail alerts about changes to the service—for example, changes during flooding events. The alerts will also save on staff time, said Biggs, since they will be able to send one message to all affected users and post information to the website at the same time.

Another long-awaited feature, a trip planner, has been postponed but should be implemented later this year. The feature will be based on GIS mapping data for all SVT routes and will allow users to get a full route calculated from origin to destination, all in one application.

"It's going to have a much more robust Jobs page," she said. "All the job descriptions will be there, and

the pay scales for drivers, call-takers, and dispatchers, too." Currently, SVT is sorely understaffed, with openings for five drivers, a call-taker, and a dispatcher.

"This is such a great place to work, so we need to make it easier for people to understand what the jobs are and where advancement opportunities can lead our folks," Biggs stated. Applications and job information can all be found at <https://svtbus.org/jobs>.

Site maintenance can easily be done by SVT or The Medium, said Tuininga, since the site is built in WordPress. Generally, she said, she recommends quarterly updates to the software, "but a nicely designed, functional website can last for years."

People will find the new site at the URL they've always used: www.svtbus.org. And while it will help people to find the information without calling SVT, the site will not displace the call-takers helping riders to plan their trips. Biggs said, "Despite having a great new site, a lot of people just would prefer to talk to someone and have some things explained to them. And that's great, too!"

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GARDEN CORNER (cont'd from page 5)

- Winter heath/*Erica Carnea* blooms in winter and spring, loves full sun, vital for brave early bees!
- Primrose/*primula vulgaris*, love nutritious soil, divide in fall biennially.
- Pots make good homes for hellebore and ranunculus and bloom in March/April.
- Flowering quince/*Chaenomeles*, native to China and Japan (think bonsai), red/pink/white, also informal hedges, 6 to 7 feet, prune for lovely color.
- Hellebore bloom in four years, prefer partial shade. Remove old foliage in February; shorter stems produce upward-facing blooms.
- Crocus naturalize, are short, yet are a poisonous plant.

- Daffodils/jonquil or narcissus are easily propagated. I prefer the “Tete a Tete” cultivar because they grow only 7” tall, and their short leaves flop less.

You can help pollinators survive if you plant blooming plants from early spring to late fall. I’ll continue blooming plant suggestions through fall. Note: Swanson’s Early Spring Sale on trees, shrubs, and perennial plants runs from Feb 10 to March 12. Swanson’s says, “It’s our best selection of fruit trees and berries of the year.” Seniors (55+) get a 10% discount on Thursdays.

Susan Miller
Master Gardener/Master Pruner

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION (continued from page 11)

SVT AND DIRTFISH.

Most people learn rally driving at DirtFish in Snoqualmie for fun. So why do we find Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) bus drivers at this racing school? Safety is a large component of SVT operations and the DirtFish training programs. SVT and DirtFish have teamed up to solve shared problems. The “Slip and Slide” course developed by SVT training coordinator Wendy Right and DirtFish staff is focused on how to keep buses from slipping and sliding on a variety of surfaces under different conditions, and how drivers should react if they do. This training benefits everyone who rides an SVT bus. In return, SVT trainer Wendy Wright trains DirtFish staff on other safety measures like wheelchair securement. SVT Director Amy Biggs says, “We’re working together to help solve each other’s problems. Partnerships like the one between SVT and DirtFish are not only beneficial, they’re also essential in rural areas like the Valley.”

MARCH IS WOMEN IN MOTOR SPORTS MONTH AT DIRTFISH.

On March 11, DirtFish is hosting its second annual celebration of women in motorsports, featuring women in the industry. Michele Mouton, the top woman in rally, will be there. DirtFish will be hosting women’s classes and events throughout the month. Local women-owned businesses will be invited to set up booths, along with women-owned food trucks.

Women instructors will take people out in the cars for thrill rides.

Information provided by Carol Ladwig and Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, a Mt. Si Senior Center Project.



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March/April Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

PRIDE ACROSS THE BRIDGE RAINBOW ELDER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. Join others for a fun breakfast. Feel free to bring family or friends! The breakfast is free, but donations are appreciated. For more info, contact transvalleyrep@hotmail.com.

NEW SVSC MEMBER TEA!

Tuesday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. Are you a new member to the Sno-Valley Senior Center? Did you join during COVID? Or do you 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. (Hint: it's everywhere!)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

Friday, March 17, Noon. Join us for a delicious lunch, a performance from our singing group, and door prizes! Call 425-333-4152 at least a day in advance to reserve lunches to dine in.

SUPERHERO RAINBOW BINGO

Friday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Sylvia O'Stayformore is back for another fun night of bingo! There will be 10 bingo games and the chance to win prizes, buy-in games to win cash and gift cards, and our cash bar will serve beer, wine, and Jell-O shots! \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

SPRING HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Wednesday, April 5. 8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join us and local health-care vendors for a fun and informative day! Noon lunch is free, but reservations are required. Call 425-333-4152 to reserve your spot!

HYDE SHUTTLE PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE SNOQUALMIE VALLEY!

Available to everyone age 55 and older and people living with disabilities. Call 425-333-4152 or 206-727-6262 to learn more and schedule a ride.

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

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Location

Fall City United Methodist Church
4326 337th Place SE
fallcityfoodpantry.org

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NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES

March 1 and March 15

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We love showcasing the many ways our neighbors help those in need in our community, from sizeable organized food drives to thoughtful individuals, all donations, big and small, make a difference for our neighbors in need.

Nic Chambers is a residential real estate professional and Fall City resident who often delivers donations to the Food Pantry. He recently shared that for every client he helps purchase or sell a home, he donates a portion of his fee to a charity of their choice. When his clients complete the questionnaire asking about their charity preferences, Nic also donates a bag of groceries to the Fall City Food Pantry. This past month he donated several bags of groceries, which caught the attention of Food Pantry Manager Nance Myhre.



Nic said, "It's really important to me to contribute when I can as there was a time in my childhood when I was one of the families in line at the food bank. It helped my single mom, sister, and I significantly. Ever since then, I'm always trying to find creative ways to give back."

Nic is pictured above with his family, Lauren and daughters Eloise and Amelia.

Seeking Several On-Call Volunteers

For Retrieving Truck Town Truckers Donations

Occasionally the Food Pantry receives calls from truck drivers who, for one reason or another, have fruit and produce that they cannot deliver and offer the items to the Pantry as a donation. The catch is we require volunteers who, on very short notice, might be able to make a run to Truck Town in North Bend to pick up these generous offerings.

We are seeking to create a list of willing volunteers to call upon to make the run to Truck Town for pick up and then deliver the goods to the Pantry the same day. This volunteer assignment would only occur on a very occasional basis!

If you might be interested, or would like additional information, please call or text FCCFP Board Member Sue Terbrueggen at 425-260-8662.

MARCH 2023 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00–8:30 p.m. **Fall City Community Association Meeting.** Virtual meeting on Zoom and Facebook Live.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 p.m. **King County Fire District 27 Board of Commissioners Meeting.** Commissioner meetings are now being conducted in person at the fire station and accessible through online video conference and teleconference. For more info: king27fire.com.

TUESDAYS, MARCH 7, 14, 21, AND 28

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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

MARCH AT THE FALL CITY LEARNING GARDEN

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10:00 a.m.–Noon. March brings spring and our garden hands-on learning days. March garden tasks are bed prep and planting for early, cool weather crops such as peas, lettuce, beets, and spinach, both direct seeded and transplanted. We also continue with weeding, spreading mulch, and working on our garden structures.

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.

Learning Garden Special Event, Thursday, March 9, 10:30–12:30 at the Fall City Library Meeting Room, to package our home-grown seed. These packets will be shared at the March 18 Snoqualmie Valley Seed Exchange. Come help us package and label, and take home a few packets for your garden.

Questions? Contact us at info@letusgarden.org.

MARCH AT THE FALL CITY LIBRARY

Thursday, March 2, 3:00–4:45 p.m. **Tween/Teen Hang Out and Game Play!** Ages 9–17. Come to the library meeting room to play board and video games. Hang out, relax, and enjoy free snacks and drinks. Registration not required. Sponsored by Friend of the Fall City Library.

Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. 10:15–10:45 a.m. **Family Story Time.** Enjoy stories, music, movement, and rhymes that develop your child's early literacy skills. Ages 5 and under. Registration not required.

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1:00–5:00 p.m. King County Dept. of Local Services staff offer support with county building permits, pet license applications, and general information about county services.

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28. **Tutors at Fall City Library.** (Study Zone) Volunteer tutors provide homework help in the library for grades K–12. They can also give language support for homework or translation in many languages. Students may drop in any time during tutor hours. Look for volunteers wearing Study Zone shirts.

Friday, March 10, 3:00–4:00 p.m. **Friday Fun! Cherry Blossom Tree Art.** All supplies are provided. Ages 4 and older. Registration not required. Sponsored by Friends of Fall City Library.

Tuesday, March 14, 2:00–3:00 p.m. **Fall City Library Book Group.** *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles. New members always welcome.

Friday, March 17, 3:00–4:00 p.m. **Early Readers Book Club.** Grades K–2 with adult. Come read early-reader books together! There will also be book-inspired activities and crafts. Registration not required. Grades K–2. Parent/guardian must be present. Sponsored by Friends of Fall City Library.

Saturday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.–Noon. **Meditation for the Whole Family.** Share ways to promote harmony within the family! Help all ages feel more peaceful as well as build understanding and respect for each other. Registration not required.

