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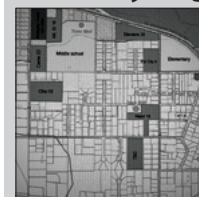


Terri Divers, behind the wheel, is retiring from the Fall City Water District. The district's staff (left to right): Bob Forslin, Chris Darnell, Pennie Treado, and Dusty Possert. For more, see page 12.

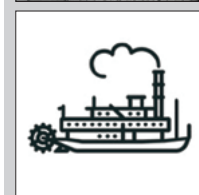
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### EDITOR'S NOTE

It's February. While there are more opportunities to pick a holiday or occasion to celebrate than there are days in the month of February, a few of those days are more special to me than others. February 28, my husband's birthday. February 5, the day my daughter was born. And February 2, our anniversary. We picked Feb. 2 for our wedding day for no better reason than that it was Sunday—a Sunday between semesters at Washington State University, where we were both enrolled. As it turned out, it was a beautiful, bright sunshine-y Sunday in North Bend, and wedding guests were standing outside after the ceremony without jackets or sweaters, enjoying the blue sky and warm sunshine. We had been told we shared the day with the groundhogs, who obviously had seen their shadows this day, but hadn't realized until a few years later that we would continue to share our anniversary with them for the next 54 years. We always enjoyed telling people we were married on Groundhogs Day. What I discovered just a few days ago is that Feb. 2 is also the midpoint of winter, between the winter solstice and the spring equinox! Another reason for it to be so special.

I hope that you can each find at least one day this month that warms your heart, even on the coldest of days.

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# Community News and Notes

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Highlights of the January 2023 Meeting

**TREE LIGHTING.** The tree lighting had its largest attendance ever! The garden lights were bigger and brighter this year. A special highlight: Pete Nelson as Santa!

**LAND USE/SUB AREA PLAN COMMITTEE.** *Angela Donaldson and Mike Suelzle.* Call to action: Community members have an opportunity to influence the seven residential developments currently proposed in Fall City. Community concerns include issues such as plat design, transportation impacts, compatibility with our community, environmental and recreational issues, etc. The public hearing on the proposed 13-house development at 41235 332nd SE (across the street from Fall City Elementary and the ball fields) was scheduled for January 19. The committee meets Tuesdays at 5:00. If you would like to participate, e-mail [fallcityneighborhoods@gmail.com](mailto:fallcityneighborhoods@gmail.com).

**FALL CITY DAY, JUNE 10.** *Kirk Harris (Fun Run), Angela Donaldson (evening concert).* Please consider joining the committee that meets on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hauglie Professional Building conference room. Current volunteer needs include: three people to run the parade, others for the Fun Run, evening concert, and the road crew.

**ROADS COMMITTEE.** *Carrie Lee.* The committee needs a graphic-design volunteer (a couple of hours) to prepare for a February King County presentation. The committee is moving forward with the WSDOT Project on Highway 202 through town, including the Heritage Walk.

**FALL CITY SEPTIC ASSOCIATION.** *Jeff Wilson, program manager.* This project is for a small shared septic system for the Fall City business district. The 60% design is in from the consultant, and business property owners met with the program manager on December 13. Now is the time to share comments (e-mail [jefwilson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jefwilson@kingcounty.gov)), as the project will soon be in final design, followed by permits, bids (late

spring) and breaking ground (Summer 2023). Funding for this capital project has been granted through the American Rescue Plan.

**FALL CITY LIBRARY.** *Michelle Drovda.* Michelle introduced Mary Comstock, the new Fall City Library Information Services manager, who will be responsible for programs and will share information at the February meeting. Also, the library will be expanding its hours sometime in 2023. (See page 16 for a calendar of events for February at the Fall City Library.)

**FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** *Rick Divers.* Rick encouraged community members to enjoy the free Western movie, *Tall in the Saddle*, starring Ella Raines (who grew up in Fall City) and John Wayne, on January 13 on the new, big screen at the Masonic Hall.

**SNOQUALMIE VALLEY HOSPITAL.** *Sherry Jennings.* See their website [snoqualmiehospital.org](http://snoqualmiehospital.org) for current schedules for Covid testing, vaccines, and baby vaccines.

**OTHER MEETINGS.** See page 16 for information on dates and times of community meetings and events.

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## FEBRUARY MAY BE YOUR BUSIEST MONTH NOW

February could be your busiest month in the garden. March is now truly rolled into that “go” garden month where seeds, plants, and pruning begin. “Unpredictable” is our weather’s best descriptor, as increasingly emissions continue to rise and scramble the atmosphere. The excessive waters lifted and drawn up create the atmospheric rivers. Inexorably, the earth’s warming brings increased heat and drought, so plant acquisitions should still include those drought-tolerant palettes, and the easiest ones to choose are native plants accustomed to a wide range of weather and temperatures. Swanson’s Nursery triumvirate of buyers confirms the summer’s earlier start. You will also recall that one of WSU’s lead horticulturalists, Prof. Linda Chalker-Scott, was quoted as saying we should start our summers a month earlier because of the earth’s slow relentless drought.

Even regional seed catalogues, growing in popularity, have not caught up to regenerative farm talk and tell their seed buyers to “dig or till” their soil in preparation for seeding. Please, catalogue writers, be scientifically accurate about soil. Tilling and digging the soil are not the same. You can lightly “dig” into the underground network of hyphae and worms and still retain well-knit soil. Tilling is generally done by a machine whose intention is to “break up” soil and its hyphae networks. The “number of days to ripen” would lengthen if the seed also lacked a solid underground network of hyphae.

Try to hold your purchased plants until the soil is ideally warm and moist in spring (mid-Feb to March) and fall (mid-Oct to early Nov). Every plant bought in the summer should be stored until late October, when roots start growing again. Roots start growing twice yearly in late October and February–March. Wait to put things in the ground till those dates.

Shake loose the light-weight bark from the nursery, dunk the plant in water, and remove girdling roots. Bareroot planting is fine if it goes into nutrient-rich soil. Put the plant into rich mulch and water, water, water. Plant tags say, “must plant in well-drained soil,” and why planting on flat ground works if we create a place for water to drain well.

If you’ve followed my column, you know how important mycorrhizal fungi are. I purchased a 10-lb bag and will now proceed with care. As fungal root

## GARDEN CORNER

### by Susan Miller

enhancers, these fungi must be mixed into below-ground soil in the plant hole, as they’ll die if left open to sun. Speaking of soil, why not register for the free King Conservation District webinar, “Understanding Soil Health,” on Monday, Feb. 27, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Register at <https://2023KCDUnderstandingSoilHealth.eventbrite.com/?aff=website>.

Here is a list of gardener mistakes and solutions that may resonate with the Fall City gardening community:

- *Mistake #1.* Cutting up cedar trunk slices to make a pathway without considering what a year of rain would do to their stability. Very slippery and slimy. **Solution:** Wrap each cedar log step and anchor firmly to the ground with commercial grade fish netting.
- *Mistake #2.* Plant a row of favorite paperwhite birch to demark the edge of lawn and start of perennial bed and then wait too long to move trees. **Solution:** Chainsaw down lovely birches and plant tag-confirmed shorter trees with small leaves.
- *Mistake #3.* Build a straight front walkway from street to front door that had no privacy, no must-see plants, rocks, or garden art. **Solution:** Redesign front walkway with large offset irregular square and rectangular stepping pads, ensuring visual interaction with dramatic plant in pot, boulder, fountain, and unusual torqued stem tree.
- *Mistake #4.* Allow boring tight backyard property boundaries to dominate the view. **Solution:** Divide the space with a low slate sittable-level wall, with opening for a path of stepping stones into the back half of the yard with well-scaled small boulder, unusual small tree, and low plants. Place pavers from back door to wall sufficient for two chairs.
- *Mistake #5.* Plant vegetable garden on flat ground with floodplain history. **Solution:** Plant vegetable garden on new site on higher ground. Yup!

*Pruning roses, the queen of plants.* Best time? The month of February, when you see new growth appear. Prune canes to 2 or 3 feet, using bypass pruners,

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# DEVELOPMENT HOUSING COMES TO FALL CITY

by Nancy Moore

Life is a little slower in our rural town of Fall City than in large urban areas. Change comes, but it usually comes slowly. Residents seem to like it that way. However, a drawback of choosing to stay a “rural town” is that there is no city government composed of elected officials who are residents of the community and who will protect that rural town flavor by determining when and in what ways the town grows and changes. Consequently, it falls to Fall City residents to be aware of what’s happening and speak out if what *is* happening appears to be detrimental to the community.

**PLATS—COMPLETED AND IN PROCESS.** At least one large developer has purchased several 3+-acre lots west of 332nd, south of Highway 202, north of 44th St, and east of 324th. One plat development has been completed—4.2 acres with 17 homes and a shared septic system. Six additional plats comprised of 104 homes on roughly 24 acres are in the permitting process. All are inside the border of an approximately ½-mile by ½-mile piece of land. Technically, these plats meet the 4R designation in the rural town that is Fall City. The difference is that the houses of each plat are crammed together (on “Fall City II”—one of the plats—that means 5000–6500-ft<sup>2</sup> spaces), rather than each house existing on its own one-quarter-acre lot. The look is much like the way houses are spaced on Snoqualmie Ridge or in Seattle, not Fall City. Take a drive by the one completed plat, Arrington Court, on the corner of Highway 202 and 324th to see the finished product. One additional 5-acre piece fronting on 44th Street has been purchased, but no plat plan has been filed with the County at this time.

Questions and concerns have been raised by community members regarding the effect this type of building has on the community. Among the biggest:

- traffic/road congestion \
- Fall City’s water availability and quality
- aquifer retention or contamination
- the effectiveness of a shared septic system (LOSS) given the problems with the completed plat’s LOSS troubles, which is the plan for the plats in the permitting pipeline

- the plats being reviewed individually rather than as a cluster in a very small area
- the added stress on Fall City’s resources without the developers taking responsibility to mitigate them
- the incompatibility with the rural town architecture/spacing

**SAVEFALLCITY.ORG.** It is a several-step process to go from land acquisition to a completed building project. Decision-making happens at several layers and across several jurisdictions. Part of the process is to allow affected parties to speak to how a given project impacts the already existing community around it. However, it is quite daunting for each community member to research and have at their fingertips all the information about plat development and to know in what format, addressed to whom, by what means, and in what timeline to get their information/concerns to the appropriate level of decision-makers. One resource available to Fall City community members right now is *SaveFallCity.org*. The website contains maps; copies of the documents filed with the County by the developers, the community members, the County, the Tribe, etc.; information on each plat; the January 19 hearing; and more.



**THERE’S MORE TO COME.** The hearing examiner’s decision on *Plat 20-0003 Fall City II*, due out by Feb. 5, is not a one-and-done for Fall City plat development. There will be hearings for each of the plats, with questions to be asked, concerns to be expressed, and points to be made. Stay informed through [www.savefallcity.org](http://www.savefallcity.org). The site is updated as new information becomes available.



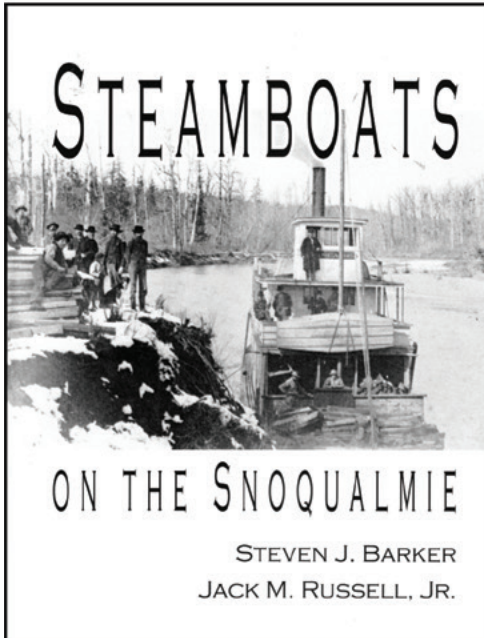


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## Steaming on the Snoqualmie



**Hot off the presses** comes a new book, *Steamboats*, chronicling steamboat traffic in our area. Authors Steven Barker and Jack Russell met as fifth graders in the 1960s. Their fascination with steamboats has led to a lifetime of tracking down details of commerce on local rivers from the mid 1800s to the early 1900s.

Starting in 1859 with the side-wheeler *Ranger*, boats hauled goods up rivers and carried raw materials out. Stern-wheelers became the norm by 1871 trailing large log booms behind them. This was especially important when the Hops Craze hit the Snoqualmie Valley. Farmers across the valley read Ezra Meeker's book about raising hops, and soon hops was the major crop. A riverboat captain George W. Gove and partners formed the Hop Growers Association to run the Snoqualmie Hop Ranch (present day Meadowbrook.) His steamers hauled his crop and those of other's downstream to market. He recalled guiding his boat, the *Cascade*, through the many turns in the Snoqualmie



A milk boat on the Snoqualmie River

River often stopping at Hance Moore's warehouse for lunch while waiting for higher water.

By 1888, a regular schedule ran from Snohomish leaving at 8:00AM and arriving in Fall City at 5:00PM. The boat would stay over and return the next day. It brought passengers, groceries, hay, feed, and hardware.

In addition to managing sand bars, riffles, deadheads, and low water, there was the added drama of sabotage from rival captains and the occasional shooting. Steam engines exploded and boats got stranded—some even caught fire and sank.

By 1908, gas powered boats became popular, but it was the 1911 arrival of the railroad that sounded the death knell for the steamboat era. It was cheaper, faster, and more versatile to ship by rail.

The book includes maps, 100 photos, and detailed descriptions of the boats that plied the rivers. Also included is an interesting section on bridges of the area. They've done a great job of giving reference notes and a comprehensive bibliography. The book can be ordered from their website <https://www.barker-russell.com/>.







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## It was a Hot Time in the Old Town That Night!



A posse-ful of cowpokes came to inaugurate the new movie screen at the Masonic Hall in January for the showing of *Tall In the Saddle*, starring John Wayne and Fall City's own Ella Raines. Historical Society President Rick Divers, a descendent of Miss Raines, gave a brief story of her life. Rick's mother kept a scrapbook and other memorabilia that drew interest from the crowd that came from as far away as Monroe.

As the audience settled down with popcorn, the story unfolds in classic 1944 western style. A cowboy comes to town, finds a problem, fixes it, and in the end finds true love, in this case Ella. She plays a feisty woman rancher who rides and shoots with the best of them. For comic relief, Gabby Hayes plays the drunken side-kick. Most surprising is Ward Bond of *Wagon Train* fame, in the role of a bad guy.

It was a fun evening the Historical Society would like repeat. Let us know if you have ideas on interesting topics.



## The Great 2022-2023 Contest Drawing

As is our habit each year, we sponsor a drawing for a fabulous prize. This year the prize is two of our Fall City mugs. The question this year was, "How did Ella Raines get her big break in Hollywood?" Some of our most interesting answers were:

"She rode through town like lady Godiva people could not help but notice her."

"She got her big break when she fell on the ice."

"She was an excellent horseback rider."

"She was a good friend with Mickey Mouse."

"She winked at John Wayne."



Congratulations to Don Howe—winner of our drawing.



So...what was the real answer? It seems Miss Raines was discovered by producer Howard Hawks.



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## GARDEN CORNER (cont'd from page 5)

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new cane. Pruning tall roses may require loppers with longer handles to protect your arms and hands. Wait on pruning Japanese weeping maples till start of fall. They bleed in the winter; think maple syrup! But you can certainly finger prune off dead wood!

*Susan Miller*  
Master Gardener/Master Pruner



### *Thank You, Fall City Historical Society*

The Fall City Cemetery Association would like to thank the Fall City Historical Society for their generous donation of equipment that will be used to help maintain the cemetery grounds. “What has been a difficult and somewhat dangerous task of trimming the large bushes will now be safer and more environmentally friendly with our new battery-powered hedge trimmer. Thanks so much for the donation!” says Ron Johnson, who heads up maintenance at the cemetery.

Donations to the cemetery are always welcomed. For more information, see the cemetery brochure on the Historical Society website at [https://www.fallcityhistorical.org/downloads/brochures/cemetery\\_brochure\\_2022.pdf](https://www.fallcityhistorical.org/downloads/brochures/cemetery_brochure_2022.pdf).

—Submitted by Ron Johnson

## Terri Divers Retires from Fall City Water District

by Lyn Watts

A public utility is rarely in the news or thoughts of its customers unless something goes wrong. Fall City Water District is such a utility; it provides almost a million gallons of drinking water annually to customers who understandably might rarely wonder how that water arrives at their tap. And yet if a customer calls to report a leak, a district worker will quickly respond, often within minutes. And sometimes, it's a meter-reading district worker who realizes something isn't right and alerts the homeowner to check for leaks.

You can thank Terri Divers for all of that.

Terri, the district's manager, is retiring February 1, closing out a career that started in 1991 when she was hired to do the district's books. She retires as the manager of a team of four employees, responsible for the district's day-to-day operations, and as the public voice of the district.

It is not hyperbole to say she is responsible for shepherding the district from its infancy to a modern-day utility delivering high-quality water for household and business use plus fire protection. She laughs when asked about the district's reputation she's built. "If you're from here, you probably don't think about us much. But if you're moving in here, you're saying to us, 'Wow! I can't believe your water is less expensive, and it tastes so good!'"

When Terri was first hired, Fall City Water District had recently taken over water delivery, investing in expensive upgrades, including the area's first storage tanks, additional hydrants, many new pipelines, and, for the first time, water meters. "Before water meters, the district began to struggle keeping up with supplying water needs," she explained. "People had leaks in their yards they were unaware of until meters went in. Those leaks began to get fixed and suddenly they found out we had plenty of water."

All those necessary improvements left the new



district owing \$2 million, which was a very large sum back then for the district's ratepayers to finance. Repaying the debt was challenging in part because of the district's operational structure. Day-to-day work and planning were done by a private contractor, and the district's commissioners needed a clear picture of the district's finances. That's when Jack Kelley, one of the founding fathers of the district, pushed the commissioners to hire the district's first employee, a bookkeeper. Terri was asked to apply. She was working in Kirkland at the time, had a son just entering kindergarten at Fall City Elementary, and was thrilled to start

work with the district, just blocks from her home.

Over time, the commissioners expanded Terri's role to become district manager, the person who essentially oversees and is responsible for all district operations, including supervising the district's other employees. "I just kept taking over more and more that needed to be done," she explained.

She established a firm grip on district expenses, developed a capital-improvement program to continuously upgrade the district's infrastructure, initiated a plan to pay down district debt, and began saving money to prepare for potential emergencies. "One year it rained all summer, and our water revenue was down 25%. We realized we had to change, we had to have reserves equal to a year of expenses," she said. So, she convinced the board of commissioners to start saving \$50,000 a year. That reserve today is \$1.5 million and is available to help pay for the costs of natural disasters, unexpected shortfalls, and urgent projects. Plus, the district slowly paid off that \$2 million in debt; today, only \$62,000 remains.

The district meanwhile has slowly grown, both organically and by assuming operation of existing neighborhood water services. It serves 1200 connections, has seven wells, nine water reservoirs,



the main water system downtown and in adjacent neighborhoods, and three remote systems in outlying neighborhoods.

Terri also initiated 7-day-a-week customer emergency responses, which is hard to do with a small staff. “You call and we come,” she said. “We’re speedy and we’re proactive.” What she doesn’t say is that often, she’s the one who responds.

So, what about Fall City’s water supply? Other districts and cities in the Snoqualmie Valley have experienced water shortages and even water rationing, but Fall City has adequate current and future water supplies for anticipated growth, including the recent new high-density developments approved by King County. “We have water rights to meet our current zoning,” Terri says. “We’re still growing slowly by comparison to what’s happening around us.”

With Terri’s departure, the district has four employees. Bob Forslin and Chris Darnell are utility

maintenance workers who are well known to the community for responding to water emergencies, reading meters, and performing maintenance, repairs, and system expansion work. Pennie Treado, a longtime Fall City resident, joined the district in 2022 from the staffing company Protingent and is office manager, taking over many of Terri’s responsibilities plus implementing new technologies and services. Dusty Possert also joined last year after working for the City of Snoqualmie for 24 years and briefly with the Snoqualmie Valley School District. He is operations manager, responsible overall for the district’s services. He reports to the three elected commissioners, Norm Jacobson, Eric Soderman, and Lyn Watts.

So, what will Terri do in retirement? She will continue to run the Fall City Holiday Market, where locals buy and sell Christmas-themed crafts. And of course, she’ll spend more time with her grandchildren.

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## February Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

### RETIREMENT BOOTCAMP

*Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:30–5:00 p.m.* The SVSC invites you to learn from retirement experts who will share best practices and guidelines to help you make the most of your (or a loved one's) next chapter. Presentations include:

- 2:00 p.m. *Evaluating Retirement Options*
- 3:00 p.m. *Downsizing Your Home*
- 4:00 p.m. *Estate Planning*

### SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

*Friday, Feb. 3, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.* They say that kindness is love in action. 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 that stranger's life. The impact of your donation is measured in the remissions, recoveries, and second chances they directly help create. Someone's tomorrow needs a blood donor today. Schedule at the link: [schedule.bloodworksnw.org/donorportal/grouplanding.aspx?s=972B](https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/donorportal/grouplanding.aspx?s=972B).

### ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE RAINBOW BINGO

*Friday, Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m.* (Doors at 6:30 p.m.) Celebrate the Fab Four at All You Need is Love Rainbow Bingo, hosted by Sylvia O'Stayformore. There will be 10 bingo games with prizes, buy-in games to win cash and gift cards, and a cash bar!

### VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH

*Tuesday, Feb. 14, 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.

### NEW SVSC MEMBER TEA!

*Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 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!)

For more info or to register for classes and events: [www.snovalleysenior.org](http://www.snovalleysenior.org) or call 425-333-4152.

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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month

**Time**

12 - 1:30 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**Location**

Fall City United Methodist Church  
4326 337<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
fallcityfoodpantry.org

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**NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES**

February 1 and February 15

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

### Hands Down (or Up!) the Liveliest Delivery of the Holiday Season

#### *FCES/Girl Scouts Drive Delivers!*

Before the holidays, Girls Scout Troops 41528 and 43254 collected food with the help of students and staff at Fall City Elementary School (FCES). The donations were collected November 28 - December 9 and delivered to the Food Pantry on December 10.

The FCES/Girl Scout drive was very successful. Over 30 boxes of items were carried into the Food Pantry by a large, exuberant group of students and Scouts. Also participating were 10 helpful adults and eight loyal Pantry volunteers!

For their drive, the students and Scouts specifically collected our most needed foods. They were diligent in pre-marking and sorting the items perfectly before they arrived which made it possible to transfer the donations into the appropriate storage crates in just two hours!

We are grateful for the support, effort and fabulous work of FCES organizer Collene Elliott and Girl Scout Leader Jennifer Mitchell especially during the busy holiday season.

Thank you Girl Scouts and Fall City Elementary School community!



*Troop 41528: Olivia, Leah, Edie, Charlotte, Lorelai, Eloise, Kira and Jasmine  
(5th grade Juniors at FCES)*

*Troop 43254: Hazel, Lyla, Jane, Maia, Luna, Molly, Lily, Charlotte, Shea and  
Addie (2nd grade Brownies at FCES)*

# FEBRUARY 2023 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

## TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 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 John Taylor, director, Department of Local Services (3:00–5:00 p.m.), will be available at the Fall City Library to meet with community members. No appointment necessary. [kingcounty.gov](http://kingcounty.gov), [asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov](mailto:asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov)

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**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](http://king27fire.com).

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

*FC Metropolitan Park District meeting.* For meeting time and location visit [fallcityparks.org](http://fallcityparks.org) or e-mail [info@fallcityparks.org](mailto:info@fallcityparks.org).

## FEBRUARY AT THE FALL CITY LEARNING GARDEN

Weather permitting, we gather at the garden on *Wednesday mornings in February from 10:00 am to noon*. Join us for as long or as short a time as you have available. February garden activities include weeding, building more planting beds, general cleanup, and inventorying supplies.

Late February is the perfect time to start seeds for spring greens, peas, and other cool season flowers and vegetables. Look for our seed-starting workshop in late February! We'll announce the date and location on our Instagram page and on NextDoor, or you can e-mail us to get notified directly to your inbox: [info@letusgarden.org](mailto:info@letusgarden.org).

The Fall City Learning Garden is a great way to learn new vegetable gardening techniques, share your experiences with fellow vegetable gardeners, meet new friends and neighbors in the greater Sno-Fall area community, and help your community—all produce is donated to local food banks! And it's fun! Take a break from your day, enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, and conversation, have fun in the garden.

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 [@fallcitylearning](https://www.instagram.com/fallcitylearning) to see photos of what goes on at the garden. Garden tips and ideas shared on [mewe.com/join/fallcitylearninggarden](http://mewe.com/join/fallcitylearninggarden). Contact us at [info@letusgarden.org](mailto:info@letusgarden.org).

## FEBRUARY AT THE FALL CITY LIBRARY

**Thursday, Feb. 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. Sponsored by Friends of the Fall City Library.

**Friday, Feb. 3 and 10, 10:15–10:45 a.m.** *Family Story Time* at the Fall City Library. Enjoy stories, music, movement, and rhymes that develop your child's early literacy skills. All ages welcome with adult.

**Tuesdays, Feb. 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.

*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, Feb. 10, 3:00–4:00 p.m.** *Friday Fun! Valentine's Day Card.* All supplies are provided. Ages 4 and older. Sponsored by Friends of Fall City Library.

**Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2:00–3:00 p.m.** *Fall City Library Book Group. Dollars and Sense*, by Dan Ariely. New members always welcome.

**Friday, Feb. 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. Sponsored by Friends of Fall City Library.

## FEBRUARY MOBILE MARKET

*Hopelink Mobile Market Van.* Closed until further notice. Please visit the closest Hopelink Food Market until the Mobile Market returns. For information: Sno-Valley Market and Service Center—Hopelink in Carnation. 425-333-4163.