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Winter lights on winter nights in downtown Fall City. (STAFF PHOTO)

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Good-quality air and water are important livability indicators for healthy communities. Let's make 2023 the year that we focus on steps to clean pollutants from the air and water of the home to us all: Planet Earth!

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# Community News and Notes

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Highlights of the December 2022 Meeting

**SEPA HEARING, MONDAY, JANUARY 16.** SEPA hearing via Zoom for the short plat development across from FCES on 332nd and 42nd. For info, see [ilovefallcity.org](http://ilovefallcity.org).

**BANNER/CABLE SYSTEM.** An installation error resulted in damage to the Banner Pole/Cable system that crosses Hwy 202 in downtown Fall City. The company that hangs the banners (Banner Boom) did the \$1400 emergency repair.

**PACK 425. David Meyer.** The Pack 425 Cub Scouts led the FCCA members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The pack is supported by parents serving in many different roles, from scoutmaster and den leader to short-term volunteers showing scouts how to do a skill, etc. For more information, contact Pack 425 scoutmaster Casey LaCroix ([casey.lacroix@hotmail.com](mailto:casey.lacroix@hotmail.com)) and/or den leader David Meyer ([davidmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:davidmeyer@gmail.com)).

**5TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE BILL RAMOS.** The session begins in January. **ISSUES:** *Gas tax:* The formula no longer works, due to cars getting better mileage and the introduction of electric vehicles. Changes to the formula would result in the average person paying about \$225 per year. *Hwy 18:* the preliminary work continues. *Salmon:* We are doing something about light pollution, which puts young salmon at risk. *Policing:* We are continuing with policing groups.

**KING COUNTY DEPT OF LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR JOHN TAYLOR.** *Permitting:* The permitting division is getting back to pre-pandemic processing time for getting permits back to people. The standard is to review the permit within 6 weeks and get initial comments back, but the entire process still takes 6–12 months for new residential construction. *Roads.* The County is interested in how the road tax is distributed. County roads carry lots of traffic, but get little money based on the current formula. Love the idea of going to a use charge and allocating dollars to where traffic is. *Conservation Corps.* The Corps is composed of people in transition out of homelessness. One of the five crews funded by the solid-waste fund and U.S.

government dollars was in Fall City, clearing out the homeless encampment under the bridge. *Subarea plans:* One change in the Council. The plans from Skyway took more time than we imagined. The cycle moves from a 2-year to a 3-year cycle, which will delay this subarea plan by six months.

**SUBAREA PLAN: JACQUELINE REYNOLDS.** We have reviewed your FCCA subarea committee letter and others across the subarea. This will guide the initial drafting of the content of the plan. We expect to be coming back in late January with concepts and suggested amendments. The draft will be put out in June.

**BUDGET: \$500,000 FUNDING GRANT FOR FALL CITY COMMUNITY CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY.** In our survey conducted by the committee, about half of the town's population felt it was important to have a community center. Councilmember Perry was able to secure funding for KC Parks to do siting and feasibility studies. The assumption is there will be a project manager that will reach out to the community. DLS Director John Taylor says the feasibility money is perfectly timed, given that we are about 3 years from a Parks levy. The community needs to have a unified decision as to what they want. If you are interested in serving on an FCCA community-center committee, express your interest at [ilovefallcity@gmail.com](mailto:ilovefallcity@gmail.com).

**TOTEM POLE RELOCATION UPDATE. Glen McCarthy.** Preferred moving date: week of Feb. 20 or Apr. 10, to coincide with school breaks, reducing traffic problems. The removal budget includes a quoted crane cost of \$3160 plus a 20% contingency, and \$500 for materials for cradles, padding, etc., to protect the pole, but does not include the cost to transport the pole to Baxter Barn. The base will be cleaned and covered for safety reasons. A report of its condition will be made. The decision to retain or remove the base is a phase 2 decision.

**CLIMATE COMMITTEE. Andrew Rapin.** The Climate Committee mission is to empower community

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## YES, START GARDENING NOW!

**W**SU Botany Prof. Linda Chalker-Scott recommended gardeners start up gardening this month of January (!) as climate change *could* start drying out vegetation in the middle of spring. It's snowing outside now, so my instincts need nudging! If climate change means soil could warm up earlier, then check garden beds now to ensure 2 to 3 inches of organic mulch is laid down and your indispensable mycorrhizal fungi (MF) as well, the most valuable organism on the planet. MF serve as root enhancers whose very thin hyphae extend 12 inches from plant root ends into crevices not accessible by thicker plant roots, which can bring moisture and nutrients to the roots in exchange for sugars. In sum, MF greatly enhance the absorptive area of your plant's rhizosphere.

Be sure to mix MF into the soil around the sides of your seeds and plants, as they are root dwellers. If the MF is sprinkled on top, the sun will kill them. They form a fine mesh through the soil and send nutrients like copper, phosphorous, and zinc back to the roots. The plant in return supports the fungus with carbon in the form of sugars, a symbiotic relationship that doesn't affect plants adversely because they produce excess carbon. Plants that use MF typically grow faster and a lot bigger because of the increased nutrients they're fed through their roots.

While recently spending my Swanson dollars marked, "Must Spend in November or December," I spotted magnificent pot-edging groundcovers that drew my attention. I found the thyme in their pots and bought three *Thymus* 'Archer's Gold' at \$5 a pot. By contrast, I could eat up the *Euonymus variegata* 'Harlequin'—perfect for their rim-around-the-pot job—only visually. At \$19/gallon, they sadly were beyond my planned budget.

I brought home a replacement tree for my *Pinus banksiana* 'Uncle Foggy' that the summer heat had killed. Legend says that the name "Uncle Foggy" comes from the excessive resin that oozes from the new buds, presumably reminding the viewer of a toothless old man who drooled! Its winter buds are densely covered with resin—therefore, not a great Firewise tree. It's a bizarrely attractive collector's plant with a fast growth rate of 12 to 18 inches per year, which obviously produces a large specimen tree in very short

## GARDEN CORNER

### by Susan Miller

order! It tends to grow upward for a meter before knuckling over and hugging the ground. Since I lost Uncle Foggy trees from lack of sufficient water, some MF will definitely be added around the roots to ensure they receive more moisture from their hard-working underground hyphae.

During my recent "Walk with Walt," a respected retired horticulturalist, I saw a sourwood tree (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) with huge white flowers in the southern corner of a building planted with trees of diminishing sizes of bright blue, bright orange, and one variable green. Wow! It's a medium deciduous tree, 20 to 30 ft high, that prefers sun and moist soil but tolerates shade and dry soil. It's slow growing, which ensures hard, tolerant wood, yet it's the first to color up red in the fall. That makes the sourwood a very ornamental plant that will flower in 4 to 5 years after planting from seed. I brought one home from Swanson's Nursery: mine is 2 ft tall and in a pot, so it might flower sooner.

My last irresistible tree purchase, a popular ornamental tree planted in parks and large gardens, was a *Pinus wallichiana* 'Frosty,' or Himalayan white pine. In the Himalayas it grows at the 6,000- to 14,000-ft level to a height of 165 ft, but here you can expect 12 inches per year to a height of 30 to 40 ft. It is hardy to Zone 8.

Finally, let me tell you about my latest new plant, which was a "prize" from the UW plant trial (now completed) held at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Trialed plants that survived various prescribed levels of drought were distributed to those who spoke up for them. I was especially fond of the vigorous *Lagerstroemia* 'Center Stage,' a plant I'd long wanted to experience, in its Proven Winter container. Mature height is 6 to 12 ft and spread is 8 ft, hardy to Zone 6, deep black foliage with excellent disease resistance and glowing, cherry-colored flowers summer into fall. I know exactly which sunny space it will occupy once the soil warms up in . . . January!

Susan Miller  
Master Gardener/Master Pruner





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members to take concrete actions to slow/reverse climate change and create a more climate change–resilient community by providing information from scientific sources. We highly recommend Project Drawdown for those of you interested in finding out what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint. An excellent resource for kids: “Coping with Climate Change: Advice for Kids—from Kids” ([www.npr.org/2022/11/17/1137156134/kids-youth-coping-climate-change](http://www.npr.org/2022/11/17/1137156134/kids-youth-coping-climate-change)).

**MSHS STUDENT GREEN TEAM.** Five major activities of the team include continuing restoration at the Kimball Slough Nature Study and Conservation site; working with the SVSD district to develop a plan for sustainability and carbon-footprint reduction; achieving Green Schools certification for MSHS; attending the Environmental Leaders Summit at Seattle University; and using an ecological-footprint calculator to reduce the footprint of their household by 20%.

For more information on climate issues, the Green Team, resources, and what you can do to lower your own carbon footprint, visit the Climate Committee page at [fallcity.org](http://fallcity.org).

**CARBON SEQUESTRATION.** *Tom Gomez.* The Climate Commitment Act would provide a way to measure carbon sequestration and get a credit for it and practical encouragement about using best practices. It would include a certificate that documents how much carbon is sequestered by the trees on a given piece of property. The Snoqualmie Valley could be the model input site. If you own 5 acres of trees or are in a group that adds up to 5 acres, you could benefit. However, the state must write rules to make the legislation real. For more information: [susanamiller@gmail.com](mailto:susanamiller@gmail.com).

**FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE.** *Rick Divers.* The 2023 FCHS Calendar is available at Farmhouse Market and The Lucky Duck. A few years ago, Councilmember Kathy Lambert secured a grant for the cement building at the south end of Preston Mill Park to be declared a landmark, and that status could be finalized in 2023. Beth and Mark Traverso have made available a space in the Traverso building for FCHS displays. We are looking for volunteer help, particularly a treasurer. Lastly, the FCHS donated a new screen to the Masonic Hall last year. Bring the family to a free movie on Friday, January 13, 7:00–9:00 p.m. (see page 12).

**FALL CITY ARTS.** *Krimsey Lillith.* It has been fun bring arts to Fall City, and we hope to do more next year. We are consulting with Chief Kanim Middle School about an art media talent show next year. For more info about FC Arts, visit [fallcityarts.org](http://fallcityarts.org).

**SNOQUALMIE MILL SITE UPDATE.** *Lacy Linney.* A big decision that impacts Fall City: Snoqualmie has approved the development of 261 acres directly east of Snoqualmie Falls, consisting of mixed residential, light industrial, and commercial in three phases, starting next year. We are told it will have little impact on Fall City, but we will be following this. For more information: [www.savesnoqualmiemill.com](http://www.savesnoqualmiemill.com).

**NEXT FCCA MEETING:** Tuesday, Jan. 3, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live, and phone.



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## FREE MOVIE

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Fall City Masonic Hall

Ella Raines was born & raised in the Snoqualmie Valley, graduated from Snoqualmie High School in 1938 and went on to Hollywood – starring in many films.

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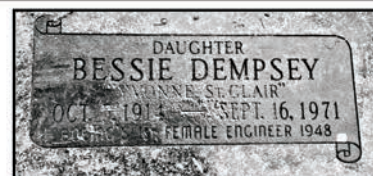
Also enjoy a brief presentation by Rick Divers whose grandmother was Ella's first cousin!



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Bessie Hall Dempsey moved to Seattle as a child, with her mother, seamstress Jessie Hall, and her older sister, Irma Hall. Bessie and Irma studied ballet, folk dance, music theory, composition and choreography. Bessie was an excellent student and also studied physics, mathematics and foreign languages. In the late 1920s Bessie and Irma began performing as the Hall Sisters in northwest vaudeville theaters. Later, Bessie pursued a solo career in California under the stage name Yvonne St. Clair, performing in MGM movies, ballets, and more. In 1935 she married Lee Dempsey, former first baseman for the NY Giants. Bessie later earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering, returned to Seattle and in 1948 joined Boeing as the company's first female engineer. Bessie worked at Boeing for nearly 24 years, and became the first woman elected to the honorary engineering society, Tau Beta Pi. While at Boeing, she still enjoyed amateur theater and lived in Seattle with her son, Mark. Her mother was a resident of Fall City, and they are both interred at Fall City Cemetery.





# January/February Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

## **BALANCE FIT EXERCISE CLASS WITH AEGIS LIVING**

*Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1:00 p.m.* Join us for this free class from Aegis Living! Balance Fit is an evidence-based fall-reduction program tailored for our age group focus. It consists of warmup, strengthening, aerobic, balance and stretching components, as well as guided meditation. We play fun and age-focused music to awaken memories and be sure we not only are working our bodies but our minds. This is a fully immersive experience—most importantly we want to have fun!

## **TIE-DYE WORKSHOP WITH SUE BEAUVAIS**

*Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:00 p.m.* Bring a pre-washed (not brand new) 100% cotton shirt; you'll leave with a beautiful, tie-dyed garment! Cost of the class is \$7 members, \$10 non-members.

## **POWER OF YOUR PLATE WITH CINDY FROM TRIMAZING!**

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cardiovascular disease, cancer, and other chronic diseases. Includes cooking demonstration with samples, easy recipes, and lots of resources to take home. Class cost is \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

## **RETIREMENT BOOTCAMP**

*Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:30–5:00 p.m.* The Sno-Valley Senior Center 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. Appetizers will be served courtesy of University House Issaquah and SVSC.

## **ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE RAINBOW BINGO**

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

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### **NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES**

January 4 and January 18

## **FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

### **December Food Drives Help Fill Pantry Shelves, Volunteers Answer the Call**

December was a busy month at the Food Pantry, with several organizations delivering the results of their seasonal food drives to the Church. Donations poured in from Ward members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (LDS) in Snoqualmie, the Fall City Elementary families, local Girl Scouts, the Broadhurst neighborhood and more!

On one busy Saturday in December, the Pantry was teeming with regulars and new volunteers helping to date check, sort and store the results of the Mormon Church drive.

Mother-daughter duo Tammy Barnhart and Mazzy Meyer from Sammamish helped to sort food for the first time. They were looking for a way to give back to the community. Another family from Redmond, with that same desire to give back, was Beth and Derek Harris and their daughter Haley, who attends FCES. Perla and Svea, students from Mt. Si High School, were also on hand to help with the deliveries and processing of donations.

Three generations in one family participated in the LDS drive. Carol Bailey, one of our invaluable volunteers and her daughter, Erin, played an integral role in organizing the food drive with their Ward's youth group. She and her children Dylan, Lucas and Emery were greeted by Grandma Carol when they braved the cold and icy weather to deliver a truckload of grocery bags, cases and boxes to the Food Pantry.

To all those who answered the call for assistance, we are grateful. We applaud all of your efforts! Thank you!





# JANUARY 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, JANUARY 3

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

## TUESDAYS, JANUARY 3, 10, 17, 24, AND 31

**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.

## FRIDAYS, JANUARY 6, 13, 20, AND 27

**10:15–10:45 a.m.** *Story Time.* Enjoy stories, music, movement, and rhymes that develop your child's early literacy skills. All ages welcome with adult.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 9

**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, JANUARY 10

**2:00–3:00 p.m.** *Book Group: The Four Winds*, by Kristine Hannah. Fall City Library. Registration not required. New members welcome. Come for book discussion or just to get to know your neighbors.

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

**3:00 p.m.** *Watercolor and Salt Snowflake Art.* Fall City Library, sponsored by Friends of the Fall City Library. All supplies provided. Ages 6–12.

**7:00–9:00 p.m.** *Free Family Movie: Tall in the Saddle*, starring John Wayne and Ella Raines. Sponsored by the Fall City Historical Society (see page 8 for more info).

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

**6:00 p.m.** *Make Your Own Stationery.* Learn to make creative envelopes, sticky notes, and small stickers for your own stationery set. All ages (ages 10 and younger with an adult). Fall City Library.

## JANUARY AT THE FALL CITY LEARNING GARDEN

January is a month of rest at the Learning Garden. Join us next season for another fun year at the garden! Visit our Instagram page, [@fallcitylearning](https://www.instagram.com/fallcitylearning), to see photos. Questions? Contact us at [info@letusgarden.org](mailto:info@letusgarden.org).

## JANUARY 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.

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