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The preservation and resilience of the soils in the Valley is critical to its stewards — the farmers. Recently they gathered to share knowledge that will help keep their fields productive and resilient as they face changing climate conditions. In this month's issue we also learn about climate sustainability from our youth, get an update on Fall City Sustainable Growth, and get the scoop on our new ice cream shop.

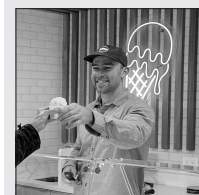
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

I love working on *Fall City Neighbors*. Discovering what's happening in town, what makes our community click, and learning about our amazing neighbors. Of course it takes quite bit of time for the *Neighbors* team to gather that info, put it together and share it with you. Time that sometimes takes us away from family, our businesses, or our "regular" jobs.

In order to keep bringing local journalism that is relevant to you and informative, we need the help of many. We have a great core team, but we need the help of more folks to keep the job from becoming overwhelming. If we all pitch in, it makes for light work for each of us.

This month we welcome Elle Galvez as our new treasurer. She is responsible for managing our donors, sponsor advertising, and keeping the books. However, we still need help in other areas:

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# Community News and Notes

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Highlights from the March 2025 Meeting

The Fall City Community Association (FCCA) held its regular monthly meeting on March 4, bringing together local leaders and residents to discuss community projects, upcoming events, and important local concerns.

**BOARD UPDATE.** *Rachel Shepard.* FCCA President Rachel Shepard opened the meeting with the approval of February's meeting minutes and a financial update, reporting that the association's unrestricted funds currently stand at approximately \$10,500. Shepard also outlined FCCA's committees for 2025, highlighting several in need of leadership.

If you're interested in helping with our infrastructure and public works the *Town Maintenance & Clean Up*, *River & Safety*, *Emergency Readiness* and *Roads* committees are looking for help. If business, tourism and culture is more your interest *Fall City Fun Run*, *Neighbors Magazine* and *Holiday Market* committees have opportunities. The board is also looking for assistance with *Grants* and *Membership Outreach*.

A big thank you to the community members who stepped up to fill some gaps, with Diane Lind considering a role in Town Maintenance, Emil Cakiryan joining the River Safety Committee, and Jamie Wilkins volunteering to help organize the Holiday Market. Additional volunteers are still needed, especially for committees focused on emergency preparedness, outreach, and town maintenance. If you are interested please reach out to Rachel Shepard: [ilovefallcity@gmail.com](mailto:ilovefallcity@gmail.com)

#### FCCA COMMITTEE UPDATES

*Fall City Day:* Set for Friday, June 14, this year's event will carry the theme Our Family Ohana, celebrating the Hawaiian concept of family. The parade will feature four award categories, and the vendor list has just gone live. If you have questions on how to get involved contact Carrie Lee Gagnon.

*Giving Garden:* Planned improvements for the former Totem Garden in the center of town include electrical repairs, a flagpole restoration, and landscaping updates in preparation for Fall City Day.

*Fall City Market:* The seasonal market will return on the last Friday of each month from May through August, running from 4–7 p.m. Organizers are working on vendor sign-ups and permitting. If you are interested in helping out please contact Adam Grossman: [adamg.fcca@gmail.com](mailto:adamg.fcca@gmail.com)

*Community Center Feasibility Study:* The feasibility study that was contracted for Q1 was completed last month. Based on the results the FCCA is considering the purchase of the IOOF building at 4217 337th Pl SE as a potential community center. Detailed findings from the study will be shared in an upcoming meeting prior to moving forward with any purchase decision.

#### COUNTY AND PARTNER UPDATES

**KING COUNTY ROADS:** Leon Richardson provided updates on local road conditions, including plans to repair potholes in back alleys and the installation of backup power at the Fall City Library following recent "bomb cyclone" storm-related outages. If there are residents who are still waiting on emergency permitting for repairs or debris removal from the cyclone please contact Leon Richardson directly: [lrichardson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:lrichardson@kingcounty.gov)

**LIBRARY SERVICES:** The Fall City Library now has the Large Onsite Septic System (LOSS) plan for the downtown septic system available for public review.

**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH INITIATIVE:** The FCCA unanimously approved a motion to again sponsor a bike stop for the Cascade Bike Club's Flying Wheels ride on May 31. The sponsorship provides access to resources and communications but requires no financial commitment.

#### KING COUNTY GUEST PRESENTERS

**RAGING RIVER LEVEE STUDY:** King County Senior Engineering Geologist Judy Radloff presented findings from a study on the Raging River levee system. The study assessed flood risks for approximately 3,000 Fall City residents west of the Raging River levee. The study concluded that the probability of a levee breach is considered low (6.5% in a given year). Worst-case scenario maps based on 25-year flood event simulations were shared for emergency planning. A full report is available at [kingcounty.gov/leveebreachstudy](http://kingcounty.gov/leveebreachstudy).

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATION & UPCOMING FESTIVALS:** The Carnation Chamber of Commerce is inviting Fall City businesses to participate in the Snoqualmie Valley Sunflower Festival (Aug. 14–Sept. 14), which aims to boost regional tourism. Businesses interested in joining the promotional effort can reach out to Stacy Smith at [secretary@carnationchamber.com](mailto:secretary@carnationchamber.com)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

FCCA meetings are open to the public on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., via Zoom, Facebook Live, and in-person at the Fall City fire station.





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# Valley Farmers Gather to Discuss Sustainable Farming

by Ryan Lichttenegger, Steel Wheel Farm

On February 20 and 21, a dynamic group of farmers, local food advocates, and community members gathered at Carnation Farms for the “Tenacious Farmer Exchange: Farming for a Climate-Resilient Future.” At the heart of this year’s event were presentations from experts in regenerative agriculture, including the renowned team from Understanding Ag LLC, a company dedicated to revolutionizing farming through sustainable and innovative practices.

With climate change impacting weather patterns and agricultural viability, farmers are under increasing pressure to adjust their practices. The Tenacious Farmer Exchange provided a platform to discuss these challenges. Over the course of the two-day event, attendees listened to presentations from Understanding Ag LLC, Edge Perma, King Conservation District and more. We participated in sessions, roundtables, and collaborative discussions focused on being adaptable to these climate impacts. Although the event was new for the Snoqualmie Valley, these types of gatherings have been happening all around the country and world to encourage more farmers to adopt different growing strategies.

The team from Understanding Ag LLC focused on the importance of soil health, a theme that resonated strongly with the audience. Regenerative agriculture goes beyond sustainability; it actively works to improve soil health, restore biodiversity, and sequester carbon. By utilizing methods such as cover cropping, rotational grazing, and reduced tillage, farmers can build resilience in their farms and reduce their dependency on synthetic chemicals, which have long been associated with negative environmental impacts.

Gabe Brown, a farmer and author, is the recognized leader in the regenerative agriculture space and created Understanding Ag LLC to supply farmers with facts about building healthier soils. Gabe is one of the pioneers of the current soil health movement which focuses on the regeneration of our valuable resources.

Key Takeaways from the Exchange:

## 1. Soil Health: The Foundation of Resilience

One of the most emphasized topics during the event was soil health. Healthy soil is critical to growing resilient crops that can withstand extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and heat waves. Experts shared cutting-



Local farmer Ryan Lichttenegger joins in the discussion about climate-resilient farming at the recent Tenacious Farmer Exchange, organized by the Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance and hosted by Carnation Farms.

edge techniques for improving soil quality, including crop rotation, cover cropping, and reduced /no-till. These practices not only protect the soil from erosion but also promote water retention, increase water infiltration rates all essential for the increasingly unpredictable weather patterns we have encountered. We also learned about different types of soil testing.

The Haney test can provide better understanding of soil health and microbial activity. It uses unique soil extracts to determine what quantity of soil nutrients are available to soil microbes. This test also evaluates soil health indicators such as soil respiration (CO<sub>2</sub>), water-soluble organic carbon and organic nitrogen and their ratio. These results indicate the amount of food that is readily available to soil microbes and is sensitive to measuring root exudates and decomposed organic material.

## 2. Diversifying Crops to Build Soil Biology

The importance of crop diversification, to create a soil full of life, was another key takeaway from the event. Although the presenters did not adjust their talk from midwestern corn, soybean farmers to target a room of diversified veggie farmers, they presented some eye-opening practices. Farmers were encouraged to plant a variety of cash crops and cover crops rather than relying on monocultures. We are not just talking about 2-5 crops but 15-20 different species, all growing together. By introducing a plethora of different plants you create the building blocks for bacteria and fungi to thrive allowing crops to have a massive highway of nutrient uptake. The diversity of plants mimics nature and forms complex relationships in the soil profile.

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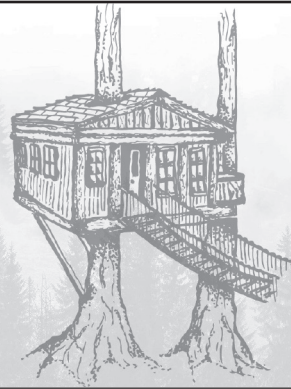


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# Fight Continues For Sustainable Growth In Fall City

Fall City Sustainable Growth, a local advocacy group, is continuing its fight against large-scale housing developments that could alter the rural nature of our community and impact the safety of the drinking water. The group, formed in 2023, emerged in response to a proposal by Taylor Development of Bellevue, Wash. to construct seven new housing developments featuring large homes on small lots - designs inconsistent with the town's established character, as well as Large On-Site Septic Systems (LOSS).

Rural character is not about appearance, but about lot size and density, setbacks, and a style of development that does not promote urban sprawl. LOSS systems allow multiple homes to share a single septic system rather than relying on individual On-Site Septic Systems (OSS). This approach, the group argues, poses environmental risks, particularly to the Fall City water supply.

## Legal Battle Over Development Approvals

During preliminary hearings, a King County hearing examiner acknowledged that the proposed developments did not align with Fall City's rural character. However, the examiner ruled that existing county codes did not provide sufficient grounds to deny approval. Fall City Sustainable Growth appealed this decision and is now awaiting a ruling from the Washington State Superior Court of Appeals, arguing that existing laws do, in fact, support the rural designation of the area.

Three proposed developments — Cedar 23, Mt. Si, and Cha — are currently on hold, pending the court's decision.

## New Comprehensive Plan Brings Clarity, But Challenges Remain

On December 10, 2024, King County adopted a revised Comprehensive Plan, providing clearer guidelines for future development in Fall City. The plan, shaped in part by the work of local advocates such as Angela Donaldson leading the subarea stewards, Councilmember Sarah Perry, and her staff, establishes stricter growth regulations and guidelines. A victory for "rural character."

However, the seven contested developments are considered "vested," meaning they fall under the previous regulations in place before the new plan's adoption. This has complicated efforts to halt or revise the projects.

## Partial Legal Victory for Environmental Review

In a significant development, Fall City Sustainable Growth successfully appealed a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) decision regarding one of the proposed



**Fall City Sustainable Growth, a local community action non-profit, continues the fight to enforce the Rural Character provisions of the King County Code and advocate for responsible growth in Fall City.**

projects. The hearing examiner ruled that additional environmental studies must be conducted to assess potential impacts to Fall City's drinking water. This acknowledgment of infrastructure and environmental concerns is seen as a major victory for the group.

## Ongoing Fight Over Septic Regulations

Fall City Sustainable Growth continues to push back against the state's handling of LOSS permitting. Engineering studies from multiple firms — including Aspect Engineering, the Snoqualmie Tribe, and water district consulting firm Mott MacDonald — have all found a connection between Fall City's upper and lower aquifers, raising concerns about water safety. The large septic systems are to be built over or near these aquifers.

Despite this, King County has directed the Washington State Department of Health (WDOH) to continue processing LOSS permits for the seven proposed developments, citing their vested status. However, Fall City Sustainable Growth argues that state law, specifically WAC 246-272B-02200, mandates that LOSS permits comply with all local health regulations, including the newly adopted King County Comprehensive Plan.

The group maintains that any LOSS applications still under review but not yet under construction should no longer be legally permissible and must be halted immediately.

## Advocacy Efforts Continue

Fall City Sustainable Growth remains committed to protecting the town's groundwater, ensuring sustainable development, and preserving its rural character. The organization is actively working with state representatives to ensure that the Washington State Department of Health upholds the county's revised policies. For ongoing updates, residents can visit [www.savefallcity.org](http://www.savefallcity.org).



# Community Icon — Part II

by Tina Drain

Last month, we learned about Reverend “Brother Mac” McNamee’s almost heroic feat in building the first church in Fall City, only to learn the land did not belong to the church, but instead to the Northern Pacific Railroad. Services had to move to a different location and the building was sold.

The year was 1898. A Baptist minister came to Snoqualmie Valley to serve residents of Fall City and North Bend. (One source named him as James Morgan and another as Morgan Paster.) Soon thereafter, he began talking about building a church for the community. Morgan’s vision was to solicit funds for a church and although under the supervision of the Baptist Church Society, other congregations could have access to the church at the times it was not in use by the Baptists.

Funds were raised and by late summer of 1899, the First Baptist Church of Fall City was dedicated. It was also referred to as the Fall City Community Church. The Methodists were still meeting in Lyceum Hall, but true to his word, Rev. Morgan allowed the Methodists to use the church on alternating Sundays when Rev. Morgan preached in North Bend. The church building was across the street from its present location, facing east.



Originally built in 1899, the Mary Ware Benedict Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church was rolled on logs across the street to its present location in 1929.

Unfortunately for the Baptists, they were in debt and by 1918, there was still a mortgage balance of \$200 owed to the Baptist Convention. Unable to continue, the trustees of the First Baptist Church of Fall City moved to sign over the building and property to the Fall City Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodist pastor, Frank W.P. Camp, applied to the Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions for the funding to pay off the balance of the church mortgage. In January of 1919, the funds were provided, and the church was officially named “The Mary Ware Benedict Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church” due to Ware’s financial contributions to the church.

As the decades went by, the congregation grew and in 1929, the building was moved across the street to property that had been purchased by the church. The entire building was placed on logs and rolled across the street to its present location. This time, facing west so the address would remain on Main Street. Over time, additions were made, including a kitchen, classrooms, a social hall and a parsonage next door, which is still used by pastors of the church. Between 1944 and 1957, the church even housed the Fall City Library!

One interesting sidenote is the connection between the church and the Fall City Forest Theater. Beginning in 1958, the church had its first performance of the Easter Fall City Passion Play. In the mid 1960s, the pastor at that time, Reverend Pratt, and unnamed “others”, purchased a 100 acre park, naming it the Christian Players Park to enable them to hold the play outdoors. Later, the park became independent from the church and is now what the area residents recognize as the Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater.

Today, the Fall City United Methodist Church has a small but dynamic congregation numbering between 90 and 100 members. This historic church remains a vital part of the community, with numerous programs and activities, including the Fall City Food Pantry, the youth and adult handbell choirs, a church choir, the United Women of Faith, Sunday School, a community craft gathering every Thursday and other events. Many people who have come to the church marvel at the beautiful stained-glass windows inside the sanctuary. And if you are in town on Sunday morning, listen for the lovely sound of the bell that still rings at the beginning of Sunday services.

Sources: *The Story of Our Church* by Paul Katocs and Sanford Brown

*Jack’s History of Fall City* by Jack E. Kelley

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## Let There Be Lights!



A group of more than 45 people filled the Fall City library classroom on February 25th to hear Elizabeth Dubreil, PSE Cultural Resources Supervisor, tell the history of electrifying the Snoqualmie Valley. In the beginning, there was only DC power produced by generators at each site. Many of these were installed by mills to run the big equipment needed to process the lumber. DC Current was limited to a distance of about a mile which precipitated the interest in AC power that could travel great distances. When this technology became available, small generating plants sprang up everywhere in the valley creating a hodgepodge of electric companies offering power at varying quality and cost. Eventually, the company that is now Puget Sound Energy bought up the myriad of small companies and standardized the equipment and service.



The hydroelectric power plant at Snoqualmie Falls was put into service in 1898, but most of the power was sent on lines to Seattle and Tacoma. In 1910, crews braved the rough terrain and strung lines to North Bend. It wasn't till 1921 that we see evidence of commercial electricity in Fall City. The brick school which had been using a generator in the basement was fully electrified in 1921. Jesse Kelley set up a plumbing and electric store in 1924 supplying parts for the big two - indoor plumbing and electric lights. People were thrilled to put away the kerosene lamps and shut the outhouse door. Often businesses and barns received power before homes. One farmer electrified his barn then set up a radio playing calming music so his cows would give more milk. Edith Emanuelson Sillery and Janet Moore Ewing remember their homes getting electricity about 1929.

The Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Sundays from 10-5. The Fall City Historical Society is planning a tour this summer. Watch for further information!

## Pop in to the Pop Up Museum at the Library !

**There's still time to see the display.** It will be open till April 4th from noon-till library closing the days the library is open. Learn about hops, an old time office, and spinning and weaving. Enter the poetry contest!



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Get ready for a summer of fun, friends, and community spirit. For the past several years Aroma Coffee Co. has run a series of summer markets to bring the community together. Recently they expressed their desire to have the Fall City Community Association (FCCA) take on the responsibility for these markets and the Association has agreed.

On the last Friday of the month, from May to August, the FCCA will hold the Community Market in the center of town. Fall City will come alive with market days on May 30, June 27, July 25, and August 29. You can expect the same local produce and crafts, tasty bites, and friendly vibes as in years past. With the renovation of the Art Park, sprucing up of the Giving Garden and the new Treehouse, we expect to make full use of all these new community spaces.

There is so much opportunity to make this a great event, but it cannot be done without the help of the community. That's where you come in. The FCCA Market Committee is looking for 2-3 people to join in planning and coordinating these events. The committee will meet every other week. Additionally, 4-6 volunteers will be needed for each market date to assist with setup, vendor coordination, and other tasks to keep the event running smoothly. If you can commit to at least two market dates, the FCCA would love to have you pitch in and show your neighborly spirit. Volunteering is a fantastic way to get involved, meet new people, and support the local community plus, it's fun! If



The weekly Fall City Community Market returns this summer starting May 30th.

you're interested or would like more details, please reach out to Adam Grossman at [adamg.fcca@gmail.com](mailto:adamg.fcca@gmail.com).

Stay tuned for more updates. In the meantime, spread the word, save the dates, and sign up to be part of something special. Let's work together to make this the best Community Market possible. Join us as neighbors gather to celebrate everything that makes our town so special.

## FARMING

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### 4. Community Building and Knowledge Sharing

A critical element of the Tenacious Farmer Exchange was the opportunity for Valley farmers to connect with one another and share insights. In addition to the formal presentations, attendees had time to network, eat Carnation Farms amazing food (prepared by Chef Kristen and team) and discuss their individual experiences, struggles, and successes. These connections are really valuable as we navigate the complexities of adapting to climate change and growing food insecurities.

The Tenacious Farmer Exchange was a timely event that showcased the adaptations and resilience of our farming community. As farmers continue to face the challenges of a changing climate, the lessons shared at this gathering are essential tools in their efforts to build more sustainable, resilient farming systems. I really look forward to more events like this, to bring our farming community closer together.

*"The soil is the great connector of our lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and the establisher of community." –Wendall Berry*

Ryan Lichttenegger, along with his wife Kim, are the owners of Steel Wheel Farm, a small, first-generation organic farm in Fall City, Wash. Learn more at: [steelwheelfarm.com](http://steelwheelfarm.com)



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Longtime Fall City residents and entrepreneurs Larry and Sharon Brown get served up some delicious ice cream from General Manager Eric Peterson.

# You Scream, I Scream, It's Ice Cream in Fall City

by Kate Grossman

Mooo! likely needs no introduction, only confirmation that the rumors are true. Among those who have seen the building - the one with the cow spots - imaginations have run wild with the possibility of an ice cream shop in Fall City. On April 5th, dreams are coming true. Larry and Sharon Brown, longtime residents of Fall City, are opening a scoop shop on the corner of Preston-Fall City Road and SE 43rd. Mooo! will serve generous portions of premium, carefully crafted ice cream atop homemade waffle cones.

Mooo! will combine three of Larry and Sharon Brown's interests: family, Fall City, and ice cream. They moved to Fall City with their family in 2001, where Larry opened up his law office. He built up the business over the last twenty years, but he sold a majority interest and scaled back to part-time hours in early 2024. "It's not retirement," he says, "but it was a step toward it."

Now he's diving into a new project. "I've always liked ice cream, and we had this building on the corner, and we were trying to figure out what to do with it." Upon reflection that Fall City was sorely missing an ice cream shop, Larry

determined to open a scoop shop in town. "I've always liked ice cream, and on top of that, I have fourteen grandkids, so this makes me the coolest grandpa around."

While he has plenty of experience in business, this is Larry's first foray into the culinary industry. Wanting to learn more, Larry and his general manager, Eric Peterson, who is also his nephew, enrolled in Penn State's "Ice Cream Short Course," a world-renowned program for ice cream shop and creamery owners. Among other things, they learned about "ice cream overrun," which is a measure of quality: higher quality ice creams generally have less overrun, meaning they have less air whipped into them and are denser, with a creamier texture.

They considered making their own ice cream, but opted instead to buy from Olympic Mountain Ice Cream, a high-end Washington creamery. Explains Larry, "It sells almost exclusively to high-end restaurants. It has a phenomenal reputation, and we wanted to have a special ice cream, not like one people could get at a grocery store."

In addition to quality, the variety of flavors was a key factor in Mooo! choosing Olympic Mountain as a supplier. "People will notice the difference," says Larry. "We've been tasting lots of different flavors, and it's just really great ice cream. We've thought about making our own, and someday in the future we might." For now, they're choosing and designing their own custom flavors. For example, "[My wife] tasted an ice cream that was really good, but she wanted to know if they could add pecans,

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# Youth Perspective – Climate Resilience Planning

by Andrew Rapin

Recently twelve Mt. Si High School students, ages 14-18, attended an afterschool forum to give a youth perspective for the City of Snoqualmie 20-year Climate Resilience Plan. The plan is part of Washington State's Climate Commitment Act (CCA) and House Bill 1181. The goal of this plan is to:

1. Prepare this community for current and future climate-related risks;
2. Protect important places and community networks; and
3. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Drought, heatwaves, wildfires (and related air quality problems), flooding, landslides, and more intense and frequent windstorms were the major threats students and the facilitators brought up as issues the climate resilience plan should address.

As the discussion progressed, Vivian Cleary, a resident of Fall City, a member of the Mt. Si Green Team, and a Senior at Mt. Si High School asked the facilitators "Was a climate resilience plan being made for Fall City? The answer was, "none that we know of."

Here is Vivian's perspective on the meeting and thoughts on getting a plan started in Fall City:

*Learning about Snoqualmie's plans for the future was an eye-opening experience. We talked in length about*

*Snoqualmie's most pressing climate problems, and what places, networks, and resources are the most important to ensuring Snoqualmie's adaptation and aid to climate change. However, when I asked about whether plans were being made for Fall City's development, especially considering the growth of new residential neighborhoods, the answer was that there was no similar legislative community discussion for the town's future.*

*Involvement with the community, especially featuring youth voices, is an integral part of Snoqualmie's long-term plan. Where might Fall City be if we don't enact a similar forum? If we don't ask ourselves where we need to go and how to get there, perhaps one day, we'll lose the ability to effectively react.*

*Fall City may be Unincorporated King County, but it is a beautiful community that I am proud to call my hometown. However, not having such an open community discussion about our future is impeding us from tackling global problems that are springing up in our backyard and hindering our ability to move forward as a community in a way that benefits us and our natural area.*

The Mt. Si Green Team and Fall City Climate Change Committee think that the plan being developed for the City of Snoqualmie can be a starting point for a Fall City plan. Fall City residents interested in being part of developing such a plan can learn more by visiting the City of Snoqualmie climate plan webpage ([snoqualmiewa.gov/1081/climate-element-in-progress](https://snoqualmiewa.gov/1081/climate-element-in-progress)) and express interest in helping to formulate a Fall City plan by emailing [fallcityCCC@gmail.com](mailto:fallcityCCC@gmail.com).

*Andrew Rapin is a member of the Fall City Community Association Climate Change Committee, Green Team Advisor, and a science teacher at Mt. Si High School.*

## SCREAM

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and they said they could. They'll make pretty much anything we want."

Olympic Mountain has hundreds of flavors, and "while we haven't had them all," says Larry, "we've tried a lot of them, and we have yet to find one we don't like." Moo! will have sixteen flavors and has decided on their initial selection for the opening, but in the future customers will be able to submit flavor requests on the Moo! website. "If there's enough demand, we'll bring in those new flavors."

"In addition to having really good ice cream we're going to serve really big cones made in-house." The signature Moo! scoop will come in at eight ounces (half a pint), and for people looking for a smaller serving, there will be a four ounce Mini Moo! scoop.

Indoor seating at Moo! will be limited - just a few small tables inside and in front of the building, but there

is a sizable backyard, and they have plans to put in grass and picnic tables in time for summer once the town septic system is installed. They plan on being open year round with variable hours: Tuesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hours might be extended as the days get longer and warmer.

"It's just going to be a fun place all around," says Larry. "The signage is fun, we're going to mount a life-size cow on the roof, and the designer did a great job inside. We want a fun, playful environment. We want everyone who walks in to walk out feeling a lot of joy."

He continues: "I like ice cream, but we really are doing this as a gift to the community. Fall City has been really good to us. When we came out here, I never thought I'd be able to make a living full-time here, but the Valley has been really good to us. We want to help continue to build the community and families here in Fall City."



## Sno-Valley Senior Center, Carnation

### POPROX JAZZ DANCE CLASS

Tuesday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m. Join us the first Tuesday of each month for a series of lessons that will have you moving and grooving, no matter your ability, or mobility. FREE.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Wednesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Come meet 20+ local health and wellness providers who will introduce their programs and answer questions. Topics include: Physical Therapy To Live Life More Freely, Transportation Options in the Snoqualmie Valley, Assistive Technology, Age Related Eye Diseases, and What You Need to Know About Strokes. FREE EVENT, Giveaways, Raffle prizes, and FREE LUNCH. Registration at: [igfn.us/form/W5eLig](https://igfn.us/form/W5eLig). Call 425-333-4152 to sign up for lunch.

### SENIOR MOBILE MEDICAL OUTREACH

Thursday, April 3, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Free health care services every month, first Thursday. Talk to professional nurses about your health concerns for treatment, info, and referrals. FREE service for Seniors. Call 425-333-4152 to schedule an appointment.

### SPRING DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION

Saturday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. Get ready to bid on delicious desserts baked by Sno-Valley Senior Center members. Enjoy a wonderful dinner. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Registration at: [igfn.us/form/D6CAXg](https://igfn.us/form/D6CAXg)

### PLANT SALE FIRST PICKS PARTY

Thursday, May 1, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Early Birds get first pick of the Plant Sale items while enjoying music, specialty beverages, and a gift bag with snacks, dessert, and more. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$40 per couple), or \$30 at the door. Ages 21+ only. Register by April 28th: [igfn.us/form/VzqCpQ](https://igfn.us/form/VzqCpQ)

### SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER PLANT SALE

Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stock up on annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, herbs, and fresh flowers. Presentations and demonstrations on Friday morning. Saturday includes a kid's area for children to decorate and plant a pot. Pre-purchase your baskets using this link: [igfn.us/form/veSSwg](https://igfn.us/form/veSSwg)

For more information or to register for Sno-Valley classes and events go to [snovalleysenior.org](https://snovalleysenior.org) or call 425-333-4152

## Mt. Si Senior Center, North Bend

### THE POWER OF HANDWRITTEN STORIES

Friday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. For 34 years, nationally acclaimed author and researcher Sally MacNamara Ivey has explored +10,000 vintage diaries, uncovering untold stories and the power of the written word. Join us as she shares how this journey changed her life and why your story matters. No reservation required.

### MSSC BIKE CLUB

Whether you're a seasoned rider or just looking to cruise, join us for great rides, fresh air, and fun company. Call us to get on the list!

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a hearty \$3 breakfast and free coffee. Everyone is invited! The Men's Breakfast Club also gathers to enjoy good food and great company.

For questions about Mt. Si events or membership, contact Tracie Jones at 425-888-3434 x 135 or email [Development@MtSiSeniorCenter.org](mailto:Development@MtSiSeniorCenter.org)

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FC United Methodist Church  
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P.O. Box 640, Fall City, WA 98024

### **Gift Matching**

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Boeing and Microsoft

### **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

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

### **Dates\***

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**

April 2 and April 16

## **FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

### **Youth Volunteers Bring Energy and Community Spirit to the Fall City Food Pantry**

If you've ever stopped by the **Fall City Food Pantry** on a Wednesday evening, you've probably noticed a lively, energetic group of young volunteers hard at work. Many of them are local high school students earning community service credit, and some have been dedicating their Wednesday nights to the Pantry for as many as three years!

These students do much more than fulfill service hours—they bring **enthusiasm, teamwork and a true sense of community** to the Pantry. They assist clients in finding what they need, restocking tables, organizing leftovers, cleaning up and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Their willingness to take on any task—whether it's carrying groceries, moving tables, or sweeping up at the end of the night—keeps the space running efficiently and with a positive spirit.

Beyond the work they do, these young volunteers create an **atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie**. They chat, laugh and support one another, making the Pantry a welcoming place for everyone who walks through the doors. Their presence has a clear impact—not only do they keep things running, but their energy also lifts the spirits of the clients we serve. Thank you to all our student volunteers! We are so thankful for their service!

As summer approaches, the number of high school volunteers naturally decreases, and we are always **looking for more community members to step in and help**. If you'd like to be part of this wonderful mission, we'd love to have you!



### **How to Get Involved!**

Visit [fallcityfoodpantry.org](http://fallcityfoodpantry.org) or email Nance at [npmhre@comcast.net](mailto:npmhre@comcast.net) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

At the Fall City Food Pantry, we are committed to our mission of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, ensuring that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed, supported and valued. Whether you're a student looking to give back or a community member with time to share, we invite you to join us in making a difference!





CINDY PARKS

## APRIL 2025 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Not-for-profit organizations and elected/appointed government groups may submit calendar items to [editor@fallcity.org](mailto:editor@fallcity.org).*

*Deadline is the 10th of the month preceding the month of the event.*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** *Fall City Community Association Meeting.* Fall City Fire Station Community Room. Join live or via Zoom or Facebook Live (Fall City WA).

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Fall City Learning Garden.* Enjoy gardening with friends every Wednesday in March. Weather permitting. Produce donated to Fall City food pantry. Extra seeds and starts shared with volunteers. Garden is located behind the Masonic Hall at 4304 337th Pl. SE.

### WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 3, 4

*All day Fall City Historical Society Pop-Up Museum.* Step back in time with the Fall City Historical Society's Pop-Up Museum at the library. Explore interactive exhibits that bring history to life. Discover, engage and uncover local stories in this hands-on historical experience.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** *Library Book Club.* Join a relaxed and friendly discussion of a new book, covering a range of genres and topics. Whether you're an enthusiastic reader or just

enjoy chatting about books, we'd love to have you. View the 2025 book list at [1.KCLS.org/FCBG2025](https://1.KCLS.org/FCBG2025).

**7:00 p.m.** *King County Fire District No. 27 Commissioners Meeting.* Fall City Fire Station Community Room. See the agenda: [king27fire.com/agenda-and-minutes](https://king27fire.com/agenda-and-minutes)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Easter Egg Hunt.* Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater, 36800 SE David Powell Rd. Gate opens at 10:00 a.m. Check in: 10:30 a.m. Hunt: 11:00 a.m. sharp. Three classes of egg hunters: Sunny Bunnies: up to 3 years old, Cotton Tails: 4 to 7 years old, Hip Hoppers: 8 to 12 years old. Donations encouraged and gratefully accepted. Learn more at: [foresttheater.org/event/easter-egg-hunt-2025](https://foresttheater.org/event/easter-egg-hunt-2025)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** *Art for Kids.* Take a creative break after school. Art supplies will be available for all ages. Design your own masterpiece or do the suggested art project of the week. All ages welcome. Ages 9 and younger with adult. Registration not required. Supplies are limited.