

# Fall City NEIGHBORS

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Summer's here! We kick things off with the Fall City Day festival, appreciate the fragrance of summer blossoms and learn how our local toddlers are blooming into better youth. We also take a look at what the Sheriff is doing to mitigate budget cutbacks, get an update on the Fall City septic system, and learn how a community effort is helping to revive the Fall City Arena and Community Park.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Our kids are counting the days until summer break, farmers are gathering their seasonal bounty to share at the Community Market, hikers, bikers, and horseback riders are enjoying our parks and trails, and everyone is eagerly awaiting Fall City Day. Summer is finally here!

We hope all our community will turn out for the Fall City Day festivities on June 16th to enjoy the fun run, pancake breakfast, parade, watermelon eating contest, vendors, live music, and all the Kid Zone activities. Check out the Community Calendar on the back cover for a list of all the free events.

BTW...we are renewing our search for a treasurer for *Fall City Neighbors*. If you have some bookkeeping experience and want to help a couple hours per month, contact me at the email address below.

We'll see you in the sunshine!



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# Community News and Notes

## FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### *Highlights from the May 2025 Meeting*

The Fall City Community Association (FCCA) held its regular monthly meeting on May 6, bringing together local leaders, residents, and county representatives to share updates, prepare for summer events, and discuss public safety initiatives.

**BOARD UPDATE.** President Rachel Shepard opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. with a round of Fall City historical trivia, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The board unanimously approved the April meeting minutes and reported approximately \$10,000 in current unrestricted funds. A motion passed to add Adam Grossman as an authorized signer on FCCA accounts to streamline financial operations.

Community efforts are in full swing with the annual Town Cleanup scheduled for May 10 at Bernard Park. Shepard also noted upcoming coordination with Adopt-A-Highway programs and shared news from local businesses, including two new businesses, The Book Nest and Moooi!

Destination Scan valley tourism efforts are moving forward with Emily Ridout and Sharlot Driggs helping to form a leadership team to pursue local tourism development projects, such as a heritage trail, mural initiatives, and visitor outreach.

#### **FCCA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**SUMMER MARKETS.** Markets will be every last Friday of the month from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. May to August along 335th Pl. SE. The first market is May 30th. Bring your family and friends to this opportunity to support local businesses and connect with your community. We need volunteers—please sign up at [fallcity.org/summermarkets](http://fallcity.org/summermarkets).

**FALL CITY DAY.** The Rubber Ducky Painting Party is to be held May 18 at the firehouse. Ducks will be placed around town as part of the annual duck hunt during Fall City Day. Prizes are awarded to winners.

**FLYING WHEELS BICYCLE RIDE.** Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches and hand out water at the Cascade Bicycle Club's Flying Wheels ride on May 31. FCCA is sponsoring the Fall City comfort station and promoting our community. The event will bring hundreds of riders through town.

#### **PARTNER AND COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**FALL CITY LIBRARY.** The library reported more than 11,000 visitors from January to April. New manager Kirsten Erickson returns after a 13-year stint at the library prior

to the pandemic. Hiring is underway for additional staff. The library is also hosting a free Mental Health First Aid certification class on July 12. Meanwhile, a weekly Resource Access Team offers support and emergency assistance through the Department of Community and Human Services.

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS.** Friends of Fall City and the Fall City Historical Society are collaborating on various local enhancements. A gravestone cleanup will be held May 17, and preparations for a mural on the gas station grocery across from Moooi! has begun. The mural is funded in part by donations from Larry Brown.

**NEW COMMUNITY FLAGPOLE.** Matt Baroch reported that a new flagpole base and memorial are now installed in town. A rock from the original monument, sourced from Mount St. Helens, will be incorporated into the final design. Plans aim to have the flagpole ready by Fall City Day. Fundraising efforts are underway for flag purchases and considerations are being reviewed for flying a secondary flag on significant days.

#### **COUNTY AND PARTNER UPDATES**

**KING COUNTY LOCAL SERVICES.** Leon Richardson shared insights on the county's complex budgeting process, influenced by new federal funding requirements. The county is exploring backup power options at libraries and alternative funding for the Tolt Carnation roundabout after a state grant fell through.

**WASHINGTON DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION.** Craig Schoenberg from WSDOT presented proposals to improve pedestrian safety along SR 202 by placing concrete wheel stops at 335th Place and 337th SE during this summer. They will also begin studies on a possible speed reduction through town from 30 to 25 mph. Additional corridor studies near Small Fries and Moooi! are planned this summer through King County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

FCCA meetings are open to the public  
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# Fall City Community Septic System Reaches New Milestone

by Jim Hutchins

Complex infrastructure projects are really cool. They are even cooler when they fundamentally change a community in the best possible way. Right now, the King County Department of Local Services is halfway through building out the Fall City On-Site Septic system project that will fundamentally change the Fall City economy.

Work was started more than a year ago to construct a community septic system that will serve the downtown business district. The conveyance system (pipes) has already been laid through the alley behind the downtown businesses, the drain fields have been installed in Bernard Park, and this spring the underground treatment tanks were installed. Next up is connecting the system to affected property owners and testing the system.

Mid-June begins the work of connecting all the individual septic tanks to the larger system. Fall City Septic Association has been working closely with the affected property owners over the last two months to get individual properties ready for this work.

It all starts at the east end of town at Preston-Fall City Road SE and SE 43rd Street near the Fall City Market and the Chevron station. Expect to see heavy equipment and construction teams in the area digging and placing material. No road closures are anticipated currently.

How the system works:

There will be 46 new septic systems and connections on each property. Those septic systems will take the personal solid waste from each property and convert it to liquid waste. The liquid waste is pumped to a state-of-the-art treatment plant near Bernard Park. The waste is received, cleaned, and cleaned again, then pumped into the drain field spread out under Bernard Park where it slowly returns to the earth.

Two large, 41-foot tanks hold 23,000 gallons of effluent from the individual septic tanks. Four additional tanks further clean the wastewater. When the cleaning process is complete, the water is clean to the highest Washington State Department of Health standards and pumped into the drain field where it is slowly reabsorbed into the ground. It's so clean, you can drink it!



KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL SERVICES

One of six massive underground tanks that will purify the effluent from Fall City businesses is unloaded and readied for placement.

When the project is completed in June of 2026 the whole system will be virtually invisible!

Simply put, the state-of-the-art septic system means local businesses can safely flush more, wash more dishes and laundry, and put more material down the garbage disposal without worry. After decades of economic stagnation, businesses can expand in an environmentally safe and consistently reliable way.

Members of the Fall City Septic Association and King County Department of Local Services will have a booth at Fall City Day to share information and answer questions. You can also follow the project updates at [kingcountylocalblog.com](http://kingcountylocalblog.com).



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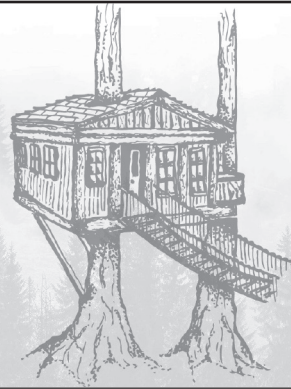


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# Sheriff Staffing— Part 2

by Kate Grossman

*Last month, we reported on the budget-related changes coming to the King County Sheriff's Office in unincorporated King County. Below, we have more information about what that means for Fall City and who else is partnering with KCSO to help keep us safe.*

The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) provides public safety services to unincorporated King County, including Fall City. Though potentially severe county-wide budget cuts are affecting the number of officers on duty at any given time, local law enforcement is finding creative ways to cover times of day with the highest likelihood of crime. Additionally, other partners supplement the work of the KCSO to try to keep the community safe and provide resources to community members that need them most.

According to KCSO analysis, the minimum number of deputies needed for public safety in Fall City's area, Precinct 2, is six per shift. With the budget cuts in 2025, the Sheriff's Office mandated a reduction in staffing across the districts, decreasing the number of deputies to five per shift. Rather than uniformly taking one officer out of the community during every shift, Major Mark Konoske, commander of Precinct 2, experimented with coverage based on the need. "The workload and the need for services isn't equal in a 24 hour period," he explains. "In most places, the afternoons and evenings are the busiest for police calls for service and crime. I looked at the data, and it made sense to try five deputies in the morning, six in the afternoon, and then the middle of the night we went down to four."

Further, with overlap between shifts, there may be more than the minimum number of deputies on duty at one time. "The two most important things are the community expectation for response time and officer safety. We don't know a better way right now to make this happen, but I'm in a constant process to work with what we have."

While the Sheriff's Office deputies are the key enforcers of the law in unincorporated communities, KCSO also deploys additional support to try to address the root cause of local incidents and support de-escalation when necessary. "All officers go through crisis intervention training; that's mandated across all officers in Washington state," describes Konoske. "It combines with de-escalation, for all incidents, to prevent violence and use the lowest necessary amount of force."

In addition to their training, the Sheriff's Office has the partnership of the Therapeutic Response Unit (TRU), a co-response unit that partners mental health professionals with law enforcement. Susie Kroll, founder and leader of the unit, explains: "There is a huge need in our community to have behavioral health support, resource referrals,



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and to have somebody on scene when law enforcement is present to help explain what's going on. We're not the police; we're there specifically for the health and welfare and service connections in the community."

Kroll and the KCSO saw potential complications from calls that had a behavioral health or social services concern, such as domestic violence, child custody cases, shoplifting, trespassing, and others. "It's a requirement that law enforcement go, but it's also beneficial to have someone there that has behavioral health and a social systems background to provide component, and our service referrals are made based on what we see on any particular call."

The TRU has multiple funding resources, some coming from the KCSO and others from different sources, so they are actually in the process of staffing up. There are currently three responders in the unit. "Ideally," says Kroll, "we want someone to be able to respond to a call between 7 a.m. and 1 a.m."

Local Fire Departments also have support teams for calls not involving crime. Says Catherine Breault of Eastside Fire and Rescue, "When our firefighters go out and run into people in situations that involve drugs, suicide, adult protective services, child protective services — any time there's a referral for someone that might need care — they can refer them to our Community Outreach Unit." Fall City Fire Department contracts with Redmond Fire for that support.

In this time of increasing public need for safety combined with tightening budgets, all our local agencies are doing their best to provide service to the community. Major Konoske reiterates, "We think it's a reasonable expectation that people get good public services of all kinds, and when someone picks up the phone and calls 911, we should be getting there pretty darn quick."



# FALL CITY DAY



7:30 AM - PANCAKE BREAKFAST

9 AM ~ STREET FAIR

FALL CITY DAY RUN

11 AM ~ PARADE & KIDDIE PARADE

12PM ~ HELICOPTER DEMO

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We had such fun at the Pop-up Museum Poetry Contest gathering poems from local writers. We had 22 entries! To add to the nostalgia, many typed them on our vintage manual typewriters. They were all good, so we divided them into haiku, limerick, and traditional. Winners will receive a set of our Hops Craze glasses. The poems will be on display at our booth at Fall City Day. Thanks to all the poets. Keep writing. This is an on-going project.

### An Our Town Poem

The Snoqualmie hums a steady tune,  
Beneath the watchful gaze of moon.  
Orchards scent the crisp, cool air,  
Apples ripen, much to share.  
A quiet town, yet wild and free,  
With mountain views and history.  
Fall City stands, serene—apart  
A little place in our heart.

-Emily Grant



### Fall City Haiku

Surrounded by sprawl  
Thanks God I'm a country girl  
Fall City my home.

-Laurie Needham



### A Limerick for Fall City

There once was a girl from Fall City  
Who when asked 'bout her age got real snitty  
Get outta' my hair...what do you  
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If I'm thirty or forty or fifty!



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# Preschoolers Get Strong Start

by Indulekha Arakkal

During the 2023–2024 school year, 16,000 children transitioned into kindergarten in Washington state through the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). This preschool program, which began in 1985, aims to foster early development in children aged 3 to 5 years old across 480 locations in Washington, including here in the Snoqualmie Valley.

Funded entirely by the state, the program is free to income-eligible families in the Snoqualmie Valley and Riverview School Districts. It provides early education, family engagement, nutrition services, and therapy.

“The program seeks to assist at-risk youth by providing high-quality education in a supportive environment,” says Maddie Clarkson, a family support specialist at ECEAP. “Our goal is to expand our services and reach even more families this year.”

Encompass, a local nonprofit that partners with families in the Snoqualmie Valley to build healthy foundations for children, is a key partner in the program. It provides a therapy team that offers speech, behavioral, and even eating therapy. “We encounter many different challenges and offer access to over 10 fully funded family therapy sessions because a child’s home environment is key for their development,” Maddie Clarkson adds.

One of ECEAP’s core strengths is its inclusiveness. Children in foster care, tribal families, and low-income households are automatically eligible, and the program does not discriminate based on documentation or citizenship status. It is specifically designed to serve families with children who have health concerns, developmental delays, or disabilities.

Erika Farr, a parent and Fall City resident, shared her experience with the program: “My son joined the ECEAP program at Encompass last August when he was 3 years old. He has an individualized education plan (IEP) due to a developmental delay. His participation in the program has been a game changer for us.”

With therapies such as speech and occupational therapy provided at school during school hours, Erika and her husband didn’t have to miss work to attend sessions. Therapists are able to enter the classroom and work with children in a social, school-based setting. They help children manage big emotions, adjust to transitions, and develop early academic skills such as recognizing letters and numbers.



The ECEAP program seeks to assist at-risk youth by providing high-quality education in a supportive environment.

“He has flourished under the program,” Erika says. “He has met many milestones for a 4-year-old. He is telling stories, cracking jokes, counting, playing safely with friends, and helping out both in class and at home.”

One of the most notable aspects of the program is its flexibility. Erika explains, “Recently, we went through the diagnosis process for neurological differences in my son, and I was really impressed by how quickly the teachers and therapists at Encompass added and changed his services to ensure he received the best support to thrive both at school and at home.” She adds, “This has really helped us make significant progress with his emotional development.”

Erika also appreciates the broader benefits the program offers and says, “The teachers are incredibly caring and talented, creating a healthy environment for both children and families to excel, no matter the circumstances. The program also benefits parents by providing feedback from teachers and therapists, helping us develop key parenting skills and a deeper understanding of trauma, nutrition, dental care, and more.”

“As a parent, you always worry about your child and only want the best for them. Encompass ensures that every child’s needs are met,” Erika says.

In terms of success stories, the program has helped many students complete their education, and many of its teachers have been with the program for over 20 years. “It’s incredibly fulfilling to see so many children excel, grow, and become part of healthier family units,” Maddie reflects.

At its heart, ECEAP is more than a preschool program. It’s a launchpad for children’s futures and a powerful example of what’s possible when communities and the state invest in early childhood. There is no deadline for enrollment. The and it is currently enrolling students for both the balance of this school year and the 2025–2026 school year. More information is available at <https://shorturl.at/W8xFq> or calling 425-888-2777.

# Reviving a Local Legacy: The Community-Led Restoration of Fall City Arena

by Darsh Patel

Nestled near the Snoqualmie River with access to scenic trails, the Fall City Arena has long been a central part of equestrian life in the Snoqualmie Valley. Built in 1983 by the Raging River Riders, the arena once hosted regular equestrian shows, community playdays, and even search and rescue training. It was a space where horse lovers gathered not only to ride and play, but to learn, connect, and celebrate a shared passion. Over time, however, the arena fell into disrepair and active use declined.

The arena's struggles became especially apparent after a flood event several years ago that severely damaged the footing, washing away sand and leaving behind a compact, silty surface. While county resources were sufficient for nearby baseball fields and public parks, equestrian facilities were left with inadequate maintenance. Jim Hutchins, a 20-year resident of Fall City and a long-time horseman, explained, "It was like riding on concrete. The footing wasn't safe, and the county admitted they couldn't maintain it properly."

With the dissolution in 2022 of the Raging River Riders, who were regular event producers at the arena, and limited

county resources, the once-thriving space no longer had the vibrant calendar it once did. Hutchins decided it was time to do something. "I just saw that something had to be done. There are a lot of people in the horse community who rely on this space and it wasn't being well maintained."

Having formally led the effort to build the Washington State Horse Park, Hutchins became a central figure in restoring the facility. "It's not just about horseback riding—it's about [our] community," he said. Shows and events bring in visitor dollars and support the scores of horse owners in King County and beyond. In fact, King and Snohomish Counties have some of the highest number of horses per square mile in the United States according to the USDA Agricultural Census.

A 2023 meeting with King County Parks resulted in a commitment by the county and the equestrian community to work together to restore this valuable community asset. Friends of Fall City Arena, a local non-profit, was established and work began to develop a restoration plan. In February of this year a Community Partnership Agreement was signed and the rehabilitation began last month.

One of the first major steps was to repair the footing. "We chopped up the hard surface, leveled some of the low spots, groomed it and made sure it was rideable again," Hutchins said. A proper equestrian groomer was brought in to help restore the surface. Additional plans are in place to improve conditions further. Including adding more sand, fixing the parking lot, and purchasing new grooming equipment for the county and Friends to use for ongoing maintenance.

The county now grooms the arena once a month during the riding season, while Friends of Fall City Arena handles supplemental maintenance. The partnership also established an Event Liaison service by Friends to help event producers with watering, grooming and parking during horse shows and competitions.

Hutchins emphasized that this revival matters because the arena is a rare resource for all equestrians. "Not everybody who owns a horse is rich. Two-thirds of horse owners make less than \$100,000 a year. They just choose to spend their resources and time on horses. The arena gives horse owners who do not have regular access to such a large arena a chance to train and enjoy their horses in a quality space that's free of charge," said Hutchins. Event producers who wish to use the entire space can reserve it through the King County Parks reservation system for a fee.

Though still a work in progress, Hutchins said the improvements already make a big difference. "It's a project that's not finished yet. While much has already been accomplished, more help is needed. The Friends of Fall City Arena is building an advisory board and subcommittees to direct the next phase of work. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including maintenance, event liaison services, event planning, promotion and fundraising. The group is also launching a



The Fall City Arena has been enjoyed by generations of horse lovers. Thanks to a community initiative, it will continue.

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# Fragrance in the Garden—Beyond Roses and Lilacs

by Teresa Kluver

Smell is one of our more powerful senses. Scents can influence our emotions, trigger memories and even mark experiences. Many times our memories around fragrance are associated with food or people, such as freshly baked bread or a specific perfume. Fragrance is also an important component of many plants. And, including aroma in your selection process for plants can result in year-round fragrance in the landscape.

Although we expect a sweet aroma from roses or lilacs, my favorite fragrances in the landscape are the surprises. I get a waft of some sweet smell and have to search for the source. And some plants are most fragrant when their pollinators are active. In the case of lilies, which are pollinated by moths, releasing their scent in the evenings increases their chances for successful pollination.

I do a daily walk. Because of my attraction to fragrant plants my routes often vary accordingly. I'm aware of the sweet smell of Honeysuckle Vine (*Lonicera*) in the early summer, the perfume from the tiny flowers on Sweet Box (*Sarcococca*) in the winter months, and the smell of burnt sugar when the Katsura (*Cercidiphyllum*) trees begin to lose their leaves.

Fragrance is present in nearly every plant type, but not every plant within a group is fragrant. For example, roses. Some are fragrant, some are not. Among the ones that are fragrant the smell varies from subtle to strong and sweet to spicy.

I like to place fragrant plants where their scent is readily accessible, such as along pathways, near entry ways, and in patio planters. Larger scented trees and shrubs will share their aroma greater distances so there is greater flexibility in where they are planted. When I am buying plants, I look beyond bloom color and add fragrance into my search. Oftentimes I can check both boxes.

Here are some examples of fragrant plants within different plant categories.

**Bulbs** - Some Narcissus, Hyacinth, Oriental Lily. The scent of Narcissus are best enjoyed as a cut flower and Oriental Lilies as mentioned above release their scent in the evening to attract their specific moth pollinators. If you use them as cut flowers, be certain to remove the pistils as the pollen will stain anything it touches.

**Annuals** - There are so many fragrant annual flowers. I generally select at least one annual with sweet fragrance to include in my deck/patio planters so they are easy to enjoy. Some great options are Heliotrope, Sweet Pea, Stock, Nicotiana, Sweet Alyssum, and even Petunia.



Look beyond bloom color and add fragrance to your gardening and landscape choices.

**Perennials** - Like roses, the fragrance among groups of perennials varies greatly. There are hundreds of varieties of any of these listed, but there are often fragrant varieties within the group of any specific perennial. Some fragrant options are Peony, Lavender, Phlox, or Dianthus. Some perennials also have fragrant foliage such as the large family of Sage.

**Shrubs** - By selecting a variety of fragrant, flowering shrubs you can enjoy sweet smells in your landscape for most of the year. The deciduous shrubs such as Viburnum, Witch Hazel, and Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus*) all begin blooming in late winter and their bloom period is usually quite long. The Sasanqua Camellias start in late fall and bloom through winter. They also are a great food source for hummingbirds as are the Mahonia shrubs. The spring and summer blooms of Roses, Lilac, Daphne, Mock Orange, and some deciduous Azalea all can add sweet scents to the garden.

**Vines** - Don't forget the vines. If you have a trellis, arbor, or shed to cover, pick a fragrant plant. Climbing roses, Honeysuckle Vine, and some Clematis are fragrant.

**Trees** - Yes, trees can be fragrant too. The blooms of Magnolia, flowering Cherry, Plum, and Pear all have a light fragrance. Magnolia grandiflora, an evergreen Magnolia is especially fragrant with large lemon-scented flowers. Even the Black Locust, when in bloom, releases a lovely scent. And if you find a Katsura (*Cercidiphyllum japonica*) in fall color, enjoy the scent of burnt sugar wafting from the plant as it transitions to winter.

Great Plant Picks ([greatplantpicks.org](http://greatplantpicks.org)) is a great resource for us in the Pacific Northwest for plant selection. They even have a list for fragrant plants.

*Garden Now, Garden Always.*



## SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

### Sno-Valley Senior Center, Carnation

#### DEMENTIA FRIENDS PRESENTATION

Tuesday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. Join Dementia Friends for a discussion about what dementia is, the early signs, local community resources, and more. More information: [dementiafriendswa.uw.edu](http://dementiafriendswa.uw.edu). Registration requested. Free event.

#### RE-IN-CARNATION ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & TEA

Wednesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sip tea and enjoy light snacks as you watch glamorous models present a ton of gorgeous outfits for under \$35, all available for purchase after the show. Giveaways and raffle. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at [igfn.us/form/gnUskg](https://igfn.us/form/gnUskg) or call the Center.

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Make an appointment to donate life-saving blood. Register online at <https://shorturl.at/5qwDp>

#### HEARING LOSS PREVENTION PRESENTATION

Wednesday, June 25, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Dr. Shivani Patel from Clear Hearing and Audiology discusses hearing loss and its impact on health and quality of life. Free event. Register online at [igfn.us/form/AvciUQ](https://igfn.us/form/AvciUQ) or call the Center.

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

### Mt. Si Senior Center, North Bend

#### WALK AT TORGUSON PARK

June 3, 10, 17, 24. Enjoy beautiful views of Mt. Si and easy access to the Valley Trail. Meet at the climbing wall. Call the Center to sign up.

#### ADAPTIVE GARDENING TOOLS WORKSHOP

June 10, 11:00 a.m. Join a hands-on workshop led by the Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP). Learn how adaptive tools can help you continue gardening comfortably and safely. Free event.

#### "TASTE OF GREECE" LUNCH

June 19, 12:00 p.m. Chef Kimberlea visits sun-soaked country of Greece. Join us for Moussaka and Baklava dessert.

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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### **DROP-OFF LOCATIONS FOR NON-PERISHABLES**

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Please make checks payable to:  
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P.O. Box 640, Fall City, WA 98024

### **Gift Matching**

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### **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**

June 4 and June 18

## **FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

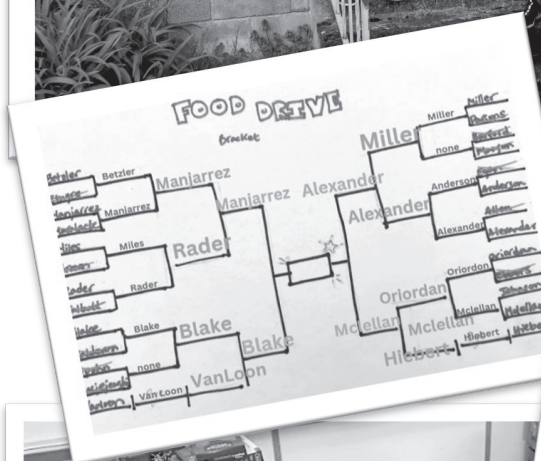
### **March-Style Madness Meets Meaningful Giving!**

#### *Chief Kanim's Advisory Food Drive Scores Big for the Community*

Last month, Chief Kanim Middle School hosted its annual food drive to benefit the Fall City Community Food Pantry—this time with a spirited, bracket-style twist! Advisory classes faced off in a friendly competition to see who could bring in the most donations, earning points for each item contributed.

The challenge sparked a wave of generosity, uniting students and staff in a shared mission to support local families in need. While the final item count wasn't available before this issue went to print, stay tuned—we'll share the total in next month's update!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and helped make a meaningful impact in our community!



# JUNE 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, JUNE 3

**1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** *King County Dept. of Local Services Office Hours.* Get support with county building permits and general information about county services. No appointment necessary.

**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, JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Fall City Learning Garden.* Continue planting summer crops and harvest spring planted crops. 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.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 8

**1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** *Community Swing Dance.* Have fun learning swing dancing and cut the rug with your friends. Featuring Ron Bailey & The Tangents. Masonic Hall at 4304 337th Pl. SE. Sponsored by Fall City Arts and 4 Culture. Free event.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 17, 24

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** *King County Dept. of Human Services (DCHS) Office Hours.* Connect to essential services and resources for housing stability, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, veterans' services, employment assistance, and community safety. No appointment necessary.

**3:00 p.m.** *Fire District Commissioner's Meeting.* Fall City Firehouse.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 13

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** *After School Art For Kids.* Come to the Fall City Library for a fun art project! No registration necessary. Presented with Fall City Arts and sponsored by the Friends of the Fall City Library.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 14

### FALL CITY DAY

**7:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** *Fall City Day Run.* Kids 1/K, Teen & Adult 5K, and 10K. Start/Finish in front of Farmhouse Market.

**7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** *Pancake Breakfast.* Olive Taylor Quigley Park.

**9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** *Street Fair.* More than 60 vendors along Main St. (SR-202).

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** *Paper & Straw Lei Making.* Fall City Library.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** *Kiddie & Grand Parade.* Along SR-202 from Giving Garden to 338th Ave SE.

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** *Helicopter Fly Over and Landing.* Fall City Elementary School.

**12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** *Kid Zone.* Face Painting, Miniature Horses, Crafts. Olive Taylor Quigley Park.

*Firefighter Dunk Tank.* Fall City Giving Garden.

*Big Wheels!* Fall City Giving Garden

*Pony Rides.* Mural near Fall City Family Dental.

**12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** *Center Stage Performances* featuring Ian Ayers, Two Story Zori, Whalen, Fire Marshall, and Ventura. 334th Pl. SE, next to the treehouse mural.

**12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** *Beer Garden.* Next to Center Stage.

**1:30 p.m.** *Watermelon Eating Contest.* Olive Taylor Quigley Park.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**7:00 p.m.** *Fall City Water District Commissioners Meeting.* Water District Office, 33015 SE 43rd St.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27

**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** *Fall City Community Market.* Purchase fresh organic produce, flowers, breads, kombucha, crafts, and more from local vendors or enjoy a beverage with friends in the Wine Garden. Sponsored by the Fall City Community Association. Along 335th Place SE.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** *Creative Garden Photography with Your Phone.* Learn to create compelling images with the camera that's always with you. Professional travel photographer Lisa Merrill will share tips to capture intimate close-ups and fascinating garden landscapes. Fall City Library. Sponsored by Friends of Fall City Library. Free event. Pre-registration requested.

## ARENA

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membership program and seeking sponsorships from local businesses to ensure long-term sustainability. A grand opening celebration is in the works with hopes it will bring more attention to the arena and its potential.

Looking ahead, Friends of Fall City Arena hopes the arena will become a regular destination for equestrian

clinics, shows, and community events. "I'd like to see Raging River Riders remake themselves and come enjoy the facility again," Hutchins said. "But more than that, we want it to be used more often, to bring more visitors to Fall City, and to make sure access stays free, safe, and available to all equestrians."

To learn more about Friends of Fall City Arena and inquire about membership, sponsorship or to donate, visit [fallcityarena.org](http://fallcityarena.org).