

Fall City NEIGHBORS

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Summer living is here. Time to enjoy swimming in the Snoqualmie River, picking berries with the family, and summertime reading under a tree. In this month's issue, we get an update on the floating season, discover the pleasures of summertime reading, celebrate the 100-year history of Model Garage, learn how one Fall City Family is turning their farm into a community gathering place, and so much more.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

July brings the start of the community event season. Festivals, community markets, concerts, fun runs, and more. Many of these activities support the ongoing efforts of non-profits and bring together everyone to celebrate community. They cannot operate without the help of volunteers and sponsors. That means you.

This summer, make a commitment to be a member of your community and not just a resident. Donate some of your time, your kids' time, and family time to come together with others and help make Fall City and the Snoqualmie Valley a wonderful place to live.

Fall City Neighbors can use your help too as we are looking for a new treasurer to keep our books and manage our donor and sponsorship program. It's not a lot of work, but a vital part of our efforts to keep Fall City informed. If you would like to help, contact kautzjl@gmail.com



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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights from the June 2025 Meeting

The Fall City Community Association (FCCA) held its regular monthly meeting on June 3, 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 May meeting minutes and reported approximately \$10,000 in current unrestricted funds.

Sarah Keifer motioned for use of discretionary funds \$3,770 in additional funds for Fall City Day stage and permits that were in excess of the budget. The floor was opened for discussion and then voted upon. The motion passed unanimously.

The FCCA also announced its four winners of \$500 scholarships.

FCCA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SUMMER MARKETS. The first FCCA Fall City Summer Market & Gathering occurred on May 30th. It was a huge hit - there were easily 300+ people! We had 16 vendors, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and kids programming sponsored by Farmers Insurance and Fall City Arts. There are three more markets, next one on June 27th. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the FCCA info booth, load in and break down. You can sign up at: fallcity.org/summermarkets/#volunteers

Fall City Arts gave an update on issues with unhomed individuals camping in the Fall City Art Park. Their activities were driving away other visitors, causing concerns with local businesses, and health issues with sanitary spaces. Leadership has been working with Centurylink to create no trespassing signage and with King County Therapeutic Response to help the individuals find appropriate housing space.

PARTNER AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

FALL CITY LIBRARY. Summer reading program has been released. The launch of the program will be at the North Bend Library on June 21st. Mental Health First aid class will occur on July 12th. This is a class for non-professional individuals to learn "mental health" first aid.

METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT. Kirk Harris gave an update on progress of the West Side Trail bike and walking path starting in front of Fall City Elementary towards

324th. Design for Phase 2 was approved by King County. Advertising for bid proposals is set for June 11th. Bids will be opened on July 1st. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for July 25th. Looking to have the path completed before school starts in late August.

FALL CITY FLOATING. Simon Briant of Fall City Floating reviewed the history of Fall City Floating and their public/private partnership with the county to ensure safe floating of the river. In 2024 roughly 20,000 floaters were served. 40 employees ran five shuttles, rented tubes and cleaned all the trash daily (1,400 hours and 50,000 lbs. of trash pick up in total!). A thank you to King County Sheriff for driver safety checkpoints and small business parking spot enforcement on SR-202. There were also increased river patrols and safety buoys. There were zero safety incidents.

In 2025 a fourth river safety boat will be added along with an additional team member. Opening day is June 19th, the first day of scheduled enforcement will be June 21st. End of Season is September 7th with park move out on September 12th. For additional questions please contact Simon Briant (simon.briant@fallcityfloating.com) or Ariana Garcia (ariana.garcia@fallcityfloating.com)

WATER TABLE STUDY. Rachel Shepard gave an update on ongoing efforts to get a clear path forward from the water table study done last year. The study showed high nitrate levels in the soil. The nitrate levels are a result of the current and growing density of Fall City residential septic fields. There is also an ongoing study from the county to see if our upper and lower aquifers are connected. This is important to better understand potential sources of contamination of drinking water. The study will be complete in the fall. She asked for volunteers to help with correspondence and commenting with the county on an ongoing basis.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m., closing a productive evening of civic collaboration and planning.

FCCA meetings are open to the public
on the first Tuesday of the month,
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.,
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Celebrating Community

by Sharon Brown

You may have noticed changes at Patterson Creek Farm, just west of Fall City on Highway 202. That's where Mike and Lindsey Hurt, along with their family, are bringing a new vision to life. Celebration Farms, is a place where agriculture meets community and memory making. It will be open this summer for blueberry picking, this fall for sunflowers and pumpkin choosing, and this winter for Christmas tree sales and other fun activities.

The vision to repurpose a portion of the farm came about two years ago as Lindsey's parents, Glen and Becky Gordon, were looking for opportunities to scale back on the horse boarding business that they had operated for 25 years. Lindsey, their daughter, grew up in Fall City and attended Fall City Elementary, Chief Kanim, Mount Si and Bear Creek schools.

"I moved back to Fall City in 2014 with three small children in tow, wanting to live close to my parents and to raise my children in the small-town environment that I grew up in," says Lindsey. "When my parents started looking for new ideas for part of the farm, Mike and I asked ourselves, 'When are people often the happiest in life?' We concluded it is during the summer when they make memories with their family and friends, and during the winter at Christmas time." Lindsey continued, "So we focused in on providing opportunities for families to come and enjoy the beautiful setting of the farm, picking blueberries in the summer and choosing just the right Christmas tree in the winter."

"We started researching organic blueberry plants and testing our soil. We chose multiple varieties that will ripen from mid-June into August. We were thrilled to learn that our soil was perfect for growing blueberries as it is quite acidic." Lindsey explained, "Last spring, my parents reduced the horse boarding operation to only the north portion of Patterson Creek Farm which remains



JULIE CHUNG PHOTOGRAPHY

Mike and Lindsey Hurt are creating Celebration Farms; a place where agriculture meets community and makes family memories.

an equestrian facility for boarding and training. This freed up the south half of the farm, along Highway 202, to accommodate Celebration Farms. We partnered with King Conservation District to have drain tile installed to help drain the lowest area of the blueberry field during the rainy spring season. We then purchased blueberry plants from a grower in Kentucky and are now working on planting and irrigating as we prepare for this season's harvest."

Last Christmas season Lindsey and Mike opened their first Christmas tree lot with four varieties of Christmas trees grown by a well-established Washington growers. This year they are looking forward to expanding the experience with the same beautiful trees as well as handmade evergreen wreaths, garlands, products from local farmers and producers, gifts, and ornaments. Christmas at the farm will be a full holiday experience with s'more kits, hot cocoa, coffee bar on weekends, carolers, and even a visit from Santa Claus. There will also be family photos with antique tractors, all in a beautiful barn and outdoor setting.

The Hurt's are looking forward to seeing the Fall City and Snoqualmie Valley communities gather at the farm for many memorable experiences. They are participating in the Snoqualmie Valley Sunflower Festival this fall as well as a pumpkin patch and activity area. In the future, they plan to open a farm store featuring products from local farmers and producers.

Watch for announcements and updates on their Facebook page Celebration Farms Fall City.

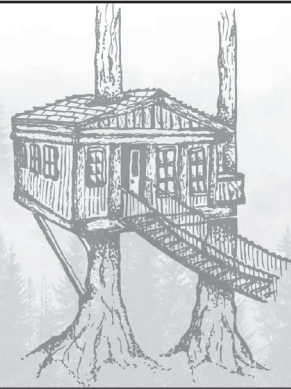




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Summertime Fun at the Fall City Library

by Kellyn Haley

As the days stretch into sunshine and the rhythm of summer takes hold, the Fall City Library is bursting with energy, learning, and community connection. This season, the library invites you to experience everything it has to offer—from cultural celebrations and creative workshops to practical resources and summer reading adventures for all ages.

A Summer of Discovery for Kids & Teens

Our *Curious Creatures* Summer Reading Program is back with an all-new theme that celebrates the curiosity of learning. From now until August 31, kids and teens (ages 17 and under) are invited to pick up a Curious Creature Welcome Kit, set personal reading goals, and earn fun prizes along the way. With exciting events happening at the library throughout the summer, it's the perfect way to keep young minds active and engaged during school break. Participants can sign up in person at the library or online.

Summer Reading for Adults, Too!

Adults can join the fun through our Summer Book Bingo, presented in partnership with the Seattle Public Library and Seattle Arts & Lectures. Readers can pick up Book Bingo cards and challenge themselves to read outside your usual genres. Fill in a row, column, or even the whole card—and maybe even win a prize! It's a great way to rediscover your reading routine this summer.

Discover What's New on Our Shelves

We're excited to share that the Fall City Library has expanded its collection with something new for everyone:

- **Graphic Novels for Adults:** Explore our brand-new section featuring graphic novels just for adult readers. Whether you're into literary memoirs, historical sagas, gripping thrillers, or stunning artwork, this growing collection offers something fresh, bold, and engaging.
- **World Language Section:** We've expanded our offerings to include materials in Spanish and Chinese. Whether you're a native speaker, language learner, or just curious, these books open doors to new stories and perspectives.

Weekly Community Resources

The library continues to be a vital link to essential services. On the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., the King County Department of Local Services is on-site to help with building permits and general county information.

Additionally, the Resource Access Team from the Department of Community & Human Services (DCHS) provides regular support on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and again on the third Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



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Adult readers enjoy sharing good company under the gazebo as part of the Fall City Library monthly Silent Reading ReTreat.

Whether you need help with housing, employment, behavioral health, or veterans' services, the DCHS Resource Access Team is here to assist, offering pathways to stability, safety, and improved quality of life.

Programs for Book Lovers

Connect with fellow readers through two book-centered community gatherings:

- Fall City Book Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month for a relaxed and welcoming discussion. All are invited, regardless of how much of the book you've read. The 2025 reading list is available at <https://1.KCLS.org/FCBG2025>.
- For a quieter experience, try our Silent Reading ReTreat in the gazebo at Aroma Coffee. It is held on the third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Bring your book, sip something warm, and enjoy the shared serenity of reading in good company.

Exciting Summer Events

We're proud to offer a wide range of special events this summer. Check them out in the *Neighbors* Community Calendar (page 16) or visit [kcls.org/locations/fall-city](https://1.kcls.org/locations/fall-city) for all the details.

From literary adventures to cultural experiences and community care, the Fall City Library is your summer destination. See the latest in library events at: <https://1.kcls.org/FallCityLibraryEvents>.

Floating Season Is Upon Us

by Kate Grossman

Summer months bring the desire to cool off, and with the inviting Snoqualmie River running through Fall City, our town becomes an epicenter for outdoor recreation in the Valley. People have been coming to float the Snoqualmie in Fall City for decades, but recent years have brought an influx of floaters, especially from out of town, as the regional population has grown.

Only about 60% of those floaters utilize Fall City Floating (FCF), but the company has become the face of summer river tubing since its founding in 2015. FCF rents tubes, life jackets, and other accessories, as well as provides parking at the pull-out in Fall City Community Park and shuttle transportation between the park and the put-in at Plum Boat Launch. Simon Briant, owner of Fall City Floating (FCF), presented his preseason report at the June Fall City Community Association meeting.

According to Briant, during the 2024 season, 19,484 floaters utilized FCF services, with approximately 11,000 floaters renting FCF tubes. This compares to roughly 13,000 floaters in inner tubes in 2013 (out of 26,000 river floating recreationists in total), according to a King County Department of Natural Resources study of recreation on the Snoqualmie. The observations in that study, including the high volume of floaters, led to the creation of FCF and its partnership with King County Department of Local Services, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and King County Parks.

Fall City Floating recognizes that trash from floaters is one of the most significant factors affecting the Fall City community. Among their forty total employees, FCF staff cumulatively picked up trash for 1,419 hours in 2024. “That’s the equivalent of three or four full-time employees doing it each week, across six or seven sites throughout Fall City” explained Briant. “We want you to be able go down [to the river], know you can enjoy the beach, that it will be a clean, fun experience, especially if you have kids around.”

For 2025, FCF is expanding their River Patrol team from six to seven employees to ensure that, during major weekends and holidays, three patrol boats are on the water to help with on-river safety and river cleanup. “We formalized our staff training a little bit more,” added Briant, “adding a training day for each department. We’re really investing in training, making sure our employees are really understanding the compliance standards for the litter pickup and enforcing that more.” If Fall City residents see a site that could use some extra TLC due to river-related trash or tubing traffic, they can report it at fallcityfloating.com/report-clean-up and FCF will follow up promptly to schedule a cleanup.

In addition to trying to keep the river clean, safety on the river and on the roads is a top concern. To enforce river safety and legal parking, FCF pays for overtime contracts with Washington State Patrol, King County Sheriff, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Off-duty officers are scheduled to work in shifts from now until the end of the FCF season on September 7. “They’re doing their part to help enforce the law [and] enforce the rules. We’re grateful to have their support and those partners really help us out,” said Briant. Qualitatively, in 2024 FCF drivers noticed far less parking on SR-202 than in previous years.

FCF also signed a new concession agreement with King County Parks this year, extending their ability to operate on the river through 2028. According to Briant, it set compliance standards and formalized processes. “It allows us to have operating standards and have them written down so we can show people in the county and other people who are entrusted what we’re actually doing.” The parking agreement with King County Parks was renewed through 2029 after a full environmental compliance review.

Trash and traffic are two of the main concerns about the number of people coming to the river during the summer, but safety is paramount. Understanding the river can be key to floater safety, and prospective floaters should check both the river flow and the water temperature to gauge safety and follow the signage and instructions that warn of underwater obstacles and currents. According to SeaTemperature.net, the water temperature in the Snoqualmie has been colder than average through this spring. Paddleboarders also need to take special precautions

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Fall City Day Recap

by Cindy Parks

Fall City Day was an amazing day with perfect weather and great attendance. Abundant vendor booths, terrific live music and lots of yummy food choices.

The day kicked off with the Fun Run and pancake breakfast. Followed by the kiddie parade and main parade. This year's parade winners were: Grand Marshal's choice: Fall City Golf Cart Brigade. General: Cook's Farm. Animal: SnoValley Pride. Float: MOOO! Ice Cream. Antique Vehicle: Vintage Iron NW Tractor Club.

The Watermelon Eating Contest was the biggest ever - 74 participants! Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 41528 from Fall City for helping judge the event. And thank you to Fall City Arts for the great kid activities.

The fun continues with the Fall City Great Duck Hunt. One hundred ducks, painted by community folks, are still hidden around town. If you find the luckiest duck, it's worth \$100. Turn it into the Lucky Duck store for the prize.

Of course, Fall City Day could not happen without our generous sponsors: Nelson Treehouse Supply, Beth Traverso Real Estate, Fall City Market & Deli, Farmers Insurance, MOOO! Ice Cream Shop, Aroma Coffee, Studio 202 Salon, Baxter Barn, Swin Guru, Fall City Floating, Law Office of David Speiker, Model Garage, Noble Plumbing, Mercury's Coffee, Perkins Excavating, Sno Falls Credit Union, Tokul Pilates & Strength, Eastside Tree Works, Sculpture Fitness, Ameri-Can, Farmhouse Market, Talking Rain and Snoqualmie Running.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that made this happen and who make Fall City so special. And special thanks to Judy Dix for being the Fall City Day Chair.





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Garden Corner

Landscaping from within

by Teresa Kluver

You may not think of yourself as a landscape designer, but every time you add plants to your yard, renovate a planting area or take on a large project of landscape renewal you are doing landscape design. You select plants and determine their placement - essentially landscape design. I want to share some basic principles that will aid in your success and help your summer planning for fall planting.

Most of our homes were originally landscaped with only one thought in mind - curb appeal. Shrubs were planted around the foundation of the house and maybe a flowering tree placed in the front yard with plants lining the driveway. I think landscape design should not only consider what the yard looks like from the street, but more importantly what it looks like from indoors.

In the Pacific Northwest we spend so much time inside that the views from our windows may be the only time we enjoy the garden for many days of the year. I think we should be landscaping to enhance the time we spend at the kitchen sink or the nook where we sit to read. When you are placing plants next time think about not only what does this look like from the street, but what does it look like from the porch, deck or dining room window.

Also consider “firewising” your landscape to protect your home from wildfire threats. Maintain a 30-foot defensible space and consider plantings near your house that have a high water content. Even if you are not in the middle of the forest, embers from wildfires travel and ignite landscapes far from the actual event. The King Conservation District provides a free Fire Wise Risk Assessment. Learn more at: <https://shorturl.at/H06fS>

One of the frequent mistakes I see is spacing plants too close together and too close to our homes. If crowded, the tendency is to over prune plants. Hedging should only happen on hedges or topiary plantings. If planting around the house, the roots of all plants should be outside the roof overhang. The area under the eaves is too dry in the winter to ensure the success of your plants. We also space plants too close together because we fail to consider their mature size. Don't be afraid to leave space between shrubs or perennials. For shrubs, the ultimate size listed on the plant tags is a 10-year growth. Many will outgrow what is listed over time. Perennials will spread as the saying goes, “The first year they sleep, the second they creep, the third they leap!”

Since you left space between your shrub plantings, fill it in with ground covers, bulbs, or summer annuals. Think of your space as having three layers: Ground - the space for low plants such as spreading ground covers or low growing perennial. Middle - the space for planting shrubs and



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When landscape planning, don't just think about what it looks like from the street but what it looks like from your porch, deck or dining room window.

taller perennials. Canopy - the space for trees or very large shrubs. Using the layered approach allows you to have year-round interest and a greater variety of plant material.

Know your planting area and always select plants to match your sun exposure and soil conditions. And then select plants for qualities beyond spring and summer flowers. Winter-blooming shrubs such as Witch Hazel and Sasanqua Camellia have a greater impact as they are not competing with the mass bloom of later seasons. Many trees also have beautiful bark that is more evident in the winter months. Fall color is a bonus on deciduous shrubs and trees and using plants with golden or chartreuse leaves can brighten shady areas and provide great contrast to other plants.

Do you need to plant in groups of three or five? No, but it is pleasing to the eye to have some repetition in the landscape. This can be done with the number of plants or by repeating similar colors or shapes. And it isn't all about plants. Using large ceramic planters in the garden can serve as your middle layer bringing plants up closer to eye level. Adding an arbor or trellis to support a climbing rose or clematis is an effective way to use vertical space. And if you desire, art work, garden sculpture, or water features can also complement your landscape.

Fall is a great time to plant and although your landscape projects should not be limited to one season, it is a great time to purchase plants as many nurseries have autumn sales with substantial savings on trees, shrubs, and perennials. Planting in the fall also comes with the added reward of having naturally occurring rains lessen your work of plant establishment. All new plantings will need supplemental water through their first summer. Have fun designing your next garden project.

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Sno-Valley Senior Center, Carnation

COLORED PENCIL DRAWING—PART 1 & 2

Mondays, July 7 & 21, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Learn the basics of colored pencil drawing and work on two projects. Students must bring their own supplies. This is an eight-class series that will run July - Oct. Sign up at the Senior Center, call 425-333-4152, or register online at: <https://igfn.us/form/kOab3g> \$10 Senior Center Members / \$20 Guests (for both classes)

FLORAL TEA CUPS

Wednesday July 9, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Join Crystal to make a beautiful flower arrangement in a tea cup. All materials included. Take home your beautiful creation. Sign up at the Senior Center, or call 425-333-4152, or register online at: <https://igfn.us/form/iL-Y9A> \$15 Senior Center Members / \$25 Guests.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Friday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Continue driving safely for as long as possible with the AARP Smart Driver course. Sign up at the Senior Center, call 425-333-4152, or register online at: <https://igfn.us/form/eF410w>. Payment due to AARP on day of class, check is preferred. \$20 AARP Members / \$25 Guests.

SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Come hunt for kitchen goods and small appliances, home décor, children's items, books, collectables, craft supplies, and more. RIC Thrift Store will be open as well. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center.

LET'S TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Wednesday, July 16, 11:00 a.m. Premier Travel will share

itineraries for upcoming 2026 trips: Colorful Costa Rica, Arizona Spring Training Explorer, Alpine Swiss Rails & Villages, & Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, and New Orleans Holiday. Sign up at the Senior Center, call 425-333-4152, or register at: igfn.us/form/nHXttA. FREE event.

FASCINATING HISTORICAL FICTION: IRINI OF ATHENS

Wednesday, July 23, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Local Author Janet McGiffin talks about historical fiction through her four-book series about the 8th century Empress Irini of Athens. The series follows Byzantine history with characters taken from real people. Sign up at the Senior Center, call 425-333-4152, or register online at: <https://igfn.us/form/auEH7A>. FREE event.

Mt. Si Senior Center, North Bend

GET YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW

July 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Concierge Care Advisors presents "Ducks in a Row" a free presentation designed to help you prepare for future senior living and care decisions.

BIKE RIDE MEET-UPS

Join us for two rides filled with scenic views and fresh air!

- *Wednesday, July 9, 11:00 a.m.* Ride from North Bend to South Fork via the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and back.
- *Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 p.m.* Ride from North Bend to Old Snoqualmie, looping through Centennial Fields and Tollgate Farm. Meet at Mt. Si Senior Center.

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

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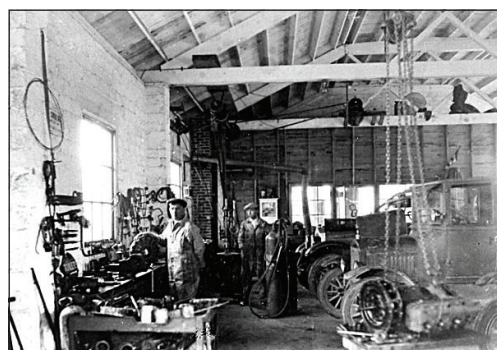
Fall City Day ~ The Model Garage

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the long history of the Model Garage!

It all began with Lud Peterson and his interest in automobiles. After arriving in Fall City in 1919, Lud rented a corner of Pete Jorgensen's Blacksmith Shop on River St, and it wasn't long before Lud's car repair operation began to overwhelm the rest of the shop. In 1920, Murphy's Garage closed, creating an opportunity for Lud to lease the building and open Fall City Garage. Sometime in 1922, Lud changed the name to Model Garage, and his business was so successful that he was later able to purchase the building and adjacent house. Needing a larger space for the growing business, the house was torn down and a new larger garage was constructed, featuring a canopy covering the 3 fuel pumps out front. With the Sunset Highway being the major route over Snoqualmie Pass, the tourist business was a staple for the Model Garage. In 1931 Lud built a restroom to accommodate the traveling public, and about the same time, two electric gas pumps were installed out front. No more pumping the gas by hand, just put the nozzle in the car's tank and watch the numbers go around. Business was so busy, the Model Garage was open every day, 11 hours per day. When the United States entered WWII in 1941, things changed quickly. Tires and gasoline were both rationed, which dramatically impacted tourist business. However, new cars were not available, so auto repairs were important... when parts could be found. The Model Garage was a family business, with three of the Peterson sons working as soon as they could pump gas. All three returned from



The new Model Garage building, 1928



Model Garage Shop, c. 1929

WWII, and Art took over the business following the death of Lud in 1971. Friends and extended family were also a part of the ongoing success of the business. Art sold the business in 1985 and the new owner, Dennis Musga, changed the operation from a service station to a repair business - and his business is still going strong!



Art Peterson with Model Garage wrecker, c. 1974

Support for our work from King County Heritage 4Culture is gratefully acknowledged.

Si View Expands Afterschool Care to Fall City Elementary

Starting Fall 2025, Si View Metro Parks will be offering after school care at Fall City Elementary. This program provides families with a much-needed option for quality care.

The afterschool care program operates from school release until 6:30 p.m. on all school days. Financial need-based scholarships are available for students enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program. Registration for school year 2025-2026 opened June 6, but there are still spots available. An annual registration fee is required to secure space in the program and tuition payments will be due the first of each month when the program is in session.

Si View currently operates after school care programs at North Bend Elementary and Opstad Elementary, providing students with a safe space for homework, group projects and active play time. Students gain new skills, develop healthy habits and create lasting friendships. Additionally, Si View coordinates seasonal enrichment programs, including at Fall City Elementary, for students to explore activities from science to the arts. The fall 2025 enrichment program schedule will be available in August.



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For more information about the afterschool care program visit: siviewpark.org/before-after-school.phtml.

For details on Si View youth programs at Fall City Elementary contact coordinator Josh Conlee at jconlee@siviewpark.org



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Dates*

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month

Time

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

Location

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

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NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES

July 2 and July 16

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Meet Anika: Leading with Heart and Action

This spring, Anika—a self-motivated and creative young leader—organized not one, but two food drives to support the Fall City Community Food Pantry.

She began with a trial run, collecting donations from neighbors and family friends. Energized by her success, she launched a school-wide drive at Bellevue Children's Academy. Anika designed and hand-delivered flyers to every classroom and then followed up with personal visits to explain the importance of donating and why she chose FCCFP as the recipient.

Anika's dedication is deeply rooted in family tradition. Her parents have been longtime supporters of the Pantry, and now Anika, her mom and her grandmother are all volunteering their time to help others. Thank you, Anika, for inspiring us all with your compassion and initiative!



CKMS Food Drive Delivers Big!

A huge thank-you to the faculty, staff, families and students of Chief Kanim Middle School for your incredible support! Your recent food drive brought in a truckload and carload of much-needed items for the Pantry.

Pictured below are some of the amazing students who helped deliver the generous donations. Way to go, CKMS!





COURTESY OF MT. SI HIGH SCHOOL

Mt. Si Seniors celebrate the end of their four-year high school journey.

JULY 2025 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Not-for-profit organizations and elected/appointed government groups may submit calendar items to editor@fallcity.org.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Fall City Learning Garden.* July is garlic harvest time. Lots of organic veggies to plant and harvest and really need the extra help. All produce is donated to Fall City food pantry. Garden is located behind the Masonic Hall at 4304 337th Pl. SE.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12

11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. *Mental Health First Aid Certification.* This free, day-long workshop from NAMI Eastside offers practical tools for recognizing and responding to mental health challenges. Pre-registration and online pre-work required. Participants who complete the class will receive a \$50 gift card. Fall City Library

TUESDAY, JULY 15

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *Midsummer Mariachi.* Celebrate summer with the energetic sounds of Mariachi Monarcas in

a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Snacks provided by the Friends of Fall City Library.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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

SATURDAY, JULY 19

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Origami with Mariko.* Fold creative, summer-themed origami and craft bookmarks using traditional Mino Washi paper. No experience necessary. Fall City Library.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

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.

FLOATING

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not to connect themselves to the board as ankle lines can and have hooked on underwater obstacles and held boarders underwater with tragic results. Briant noted that, "Our social media team is doing a ton of safety messaging this year."

Overall, the large number of floaters coming into Fall City during the summer can bring mixed reactions from residents, but one thing is clear, FCF provides

infrastructure around safety and clean-up that was previously only provided by volunteers. "We estimate that, on any given weekend, about 40% of the people you see going down the river are not associated with our company at all," says Briant. "And we tell people, even if they're not using our services, park on [our] side of the river. Don't block the businesses down here. Be good neighbors."