

Fall City NEIGHBORS

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In September our community comes together to celebrate the Snoqualmie Valley apple harvest with food, fun and entertainment, but more importantly to support families who are struggling. In this month's issue we learn the bigger reason for the Fall City Apple Festival, connect our community with the West Side Trail, learn what is being done to protect our drinking water, discover what's being done to protect us from wildfires, and so much more.

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West Side Trail: A 13-Year Vision Comes to Life

by Indulekha Arakkal

It's been 13 years in the making, and the thirteenth year finally proved lucky as Fall City celebrated the groundbreaking of the West Side Trail by the Fall City Metropolitan Park District on July 25, 2025. The trail will run along the south side of SR 202 (SE Redmond Fall City Road) and has long been envisioned as a way to improve pedestrian safety and cross-town access for everyone.

The idea for the trail began years ago when growing traffic along SR 202 made it unsafe for children and residents to walk on roadway shoulders from schools and neighborhoods. Over time traffic worsened and the need for a dedicated trail became apparent.

Lori Watts, Fall City Metropolitan Park District Commissioner says, "I have been a resident of this area for over 40 years and my house is situated on a corner where I see people walking every day. Since COVID, the number of people walking has increased. Once the trail is completed, there will be over a 2-mile loop where people can walk comfortably and safely. Having a safe, paved trail right here in our community will hopefully make biking and walking more appealing to kids too."

Currently, more than 10,000 cars and trucks travel daily on this portion of SR 202. By providing an accessible alternative designed with improved safety in mind, the trail aims to enhance public safety and create a more walkable community. It will also link neighborhoods, schools, and community hubs giving families and residents a safe way to move around town without relying on cars.

Fall City resident Kelly Cooper said, "The trail won't just be useful for residents walking from their neighborhoods to downtown. It will also be a community asset. People can use it to walk their dogs, clear their heads after a long day or get in some cardio. One of the things I love about Fall City is how outdoorsy we are, but sometimes that comes with risks like walking on busy roads. This trail gives us the chance to enjoy our town more safely."



Fall City Metropolitan Park District Commissioners (l to r) Sue Holbink, Lori Watts, Perry Wilkins, Kirk Harris, and Charlie Kellogg celebrate the groundbreaking of the long-anticipated West Side Trail.

Construction on the trail officially began on August 11. Phase 1 and Phase 2A are underway and include a 12-foot-wide paved trail between the 334th and 42nd intersection and the drive aisle to Chief Kanim Middle School. This work has an estimated construction cost of \$1.4 million.

Future phases are already being planned. One exciting feature is a community plaza planned eventually at the intersection of 334th and 42nd, home to the elementary school and library. The plaza may include kiosks, seating areas, and bike racks. Harris said, "We were just notified on July 23 that the project's grant application for Phase 2B has been recommended by the County Executive's office for approval by the County Council which helps us move toward the next phase and the trail's extension to 324th."

The trail has been largely funded by grants awarded by King County and the Washington State Department of Transportation, in part due to the support from the Snoqualmie Valley School District, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and the Fall City Community Association. Despite funding pauses over the years, planning never stopped.

"You have to be very tenacious to make a project of this size happen. We are a small park district and a lot of funds are rightfully given to hospitals, libraries and the

fire station. We didn't have any funds for this project for about 5-7 years. It's all about saving the little bits of money, working with different agencies, talking to the right people and being proactive," says Commissioner Watts.

Recently, the District submitted reimbursement requests for two County grants worth \$1 million for Phase 1 and for Phase 2A through the Parks Capital & Open Space program.

Kirk Harris said, "We are fortunate to have been awarded grants and funding from so many partners who see the importance of this trail in the community."

The trail construction is projected to be completed in early to mid-December, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony planned for the community. Residents are encouraged

to attend monthly Park Board meetings held the second Tuesday of each month.

Lori Watts said, "We set up a booth at Fall City Day to help keep the community updated and get their feedback. Walking trails has always been the number one request, with a children's playground being second, something we are always working towards."

Years from now people may forget how long it took to make this happen, but we will surely enjoy the benefits every day.

Scan the QR code for more details on the West Side Trail and follow updates at: www.fallcityparks.org.



Construction of the West Side Trail is finally underway! After years of planning and fundraising the long-envisioned trail will improve pedestrian safety and cross-town access. (Artist's visualization)



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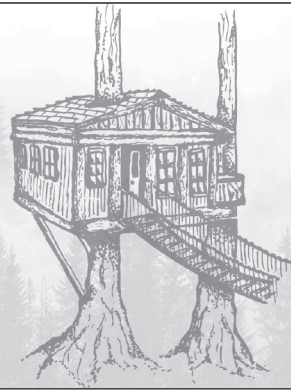


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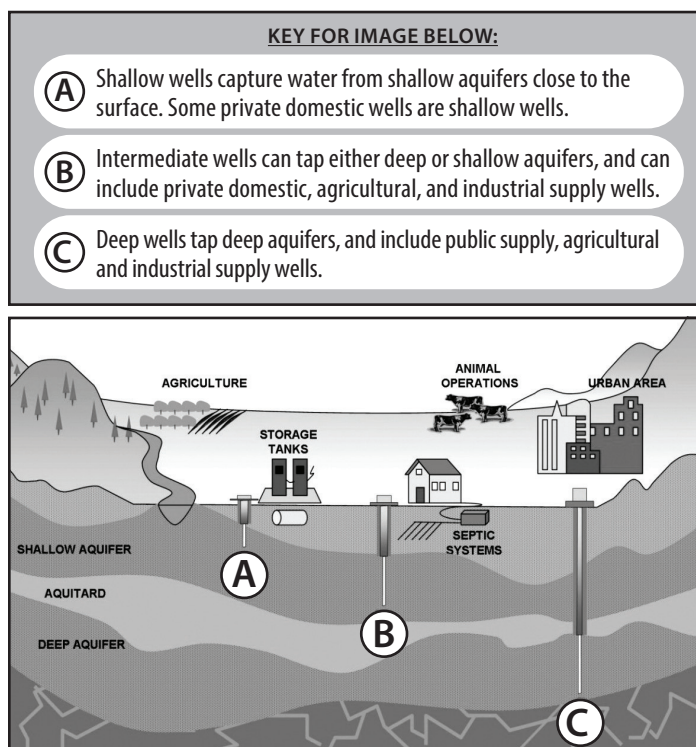
by Kate Grossman

It is easy take our water for granted. Most of us in Fall City can open our taps and drink clean, fresh water that tastes good. Ninety percent of the Snoqualmie Valley is supplied by groundwater from aquifers and Fall City's water supply relies on one of these aquifers for more than 80 million gallons of fresh water each year. However, recent construction and development proposals, and other studies related to growth in the area, have raised concerns about long-term contamination of the local aquifer.

There are three important geological layers comprising the aquifer under Fall City: a shallow or upper aquifer, a lower aquifer, and a relatively impermeable layer of rock and sand separating the two. The shallow aquifer sits relatively close to the surface (think of the top of this layer as the water table) and is replenished by rain or snow falling in the area. Eventually, via other channels, water percolates through layers of earth and makes its way to the lower aquifer, more than 150 feet below the surface. Fall City Water District (FCWD) operates one well field and five individual wells drawing water from the lower aquifer. Depending on the distance from the District's well heads, that water can take months, years, or decades to travel to the part of the lower aquifer from which the water is pumped.

However, the shallow aquifer's proximity to the surface means it is particularly susceptible to contamination, including from new and old septic systems, road run off, fertilizer use, and a host of other sources. However, Water District Commissioner Dwight Miller confirms that there is a "solid layer" between the upper, contaminated aquifer, and the lower aquifer from where the wells in Fall City draw water. Imminent contamination of the lower aquifer is less concerning, but "we're doing a major reassessment with our hydrogeologist to look at sources of contamination and the buffer zone around the well heads" that tap into the lower aquifer to ensure continued water safety.

Despite the barrier between the two aquifers, there are concerns that pollution of the shallow aquifer, and contamination in the broader catchment areas or buffer zones around the well heads, could have ramifications on the lower aquifer over time. The immediacy of these concerns stem from construction of additional Large Onsite Septic Systems (LOSS) for new residential developments, particularly any location of the LOSSes within the "six month critical aquifer recharge area," per documents from the FCWD. The majority of the proposed residential developments downtown are in an area close to Well 1 and Well 2, which supply more than 80% of Fall City's drinking water. In a letter to the County permittees for the new developments, the FCWD explains: "the wells have historically experienced no contamination issues due to the operation of septic systems for wastewater disposal.



Fall City water comes from aquifers deep under our community like the diagram shown here.

However, historically, septic loading has occurred in a more diffuse manner than will occur with the planned LOSS."

The contaminant source inventory and groundwater models will help inform the impact of future developments, and according to Miller, the commissioners are also exploring the potential for designating the Fall City aquifer as a "sole source aquifer" with the federal Environmental Protection Agency. That designation provides additional layers of protection regarding projects that might pose a hazard to a local water supply in places that rely on an aquifer for at least 50% of drinking water in a service area. In a late fall special meeting, the FCWD will hear from their hydrogeologist about these contaminants, updated water flow models, and potential risks in the buffer zones around Fall City's water source.

As of the last water quality report, which was published this year, all contaminants across all wells in the Fall City water supply were well below maximum allowed levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency. The sole exception was the level of manganese in the Plum Creek well, though manganese is a common naturally occurring element in western Washington and contributes more to the appearance of water than to any health concerns.

Other issues have previously arisen and been remedied, such as the water quality issues in Plum Creek (see the February 2024 Neighbors for more information). The District also has plans for additional infrastructure construction, including a new water storage reservoir on Mitchell Hill. In a letter to customers in March, the District reiterated the need to protect our water supply: "We are extraordinarily fortunate to have abundant clean water, and we must take steps now to ensure that water remains clean in the future."

Fall City Apple Festival— More Than a Community Party

The annual Fall City Apple Festival returns on Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 32925 SE 46th St. in Fall City. This is the tenth year for the festival that brings fun and celebration to the Fall City Community. But, more important is why the festival exists.

Since 2010, the non-profit NWNHC Family Fund that produces the festival has been offering military families a powerful opportunity to heal, reconnect, and create lasting memories through its Warrior Family Retreats. The retreats are a free weekend getaway that blends equine-assisted therapy with meaningful family bonding.

The program focuses on helping families navigate the complexities of military life such as long separations, frequent moves, and the emotional impacts of deployment. Under the guidance of certified equine-assisted therapists, art-therapists and professional horsemanship instructors, couples work towards becoming more loving partners, better parents, and improving their communication skills. The children find solace in sharing their military experience with peers. Of course, there is time set aside for fun, family reconnection, and making lifetime family memories.



According to retreat participant and military mom Ashley Murray, "We've been involved in countless retreats, and this experience you can't teach in a classroom. It's a sacred moment etched in our shared memories."

In addition to the Warrior Family Retreats, the Family Fund also provides summer camp scholarships for Valley kids whose families are struggling.

The Fall City Apple Festival is the fundraiser that makes all this happen.

This year's festival features apple cider pressing, apple pie slices, a

Kids Orchard with bouncy castles and slides, live music, a hard cider tasting garden, horseback rides, a Vendor Orchard and local food trucks. Admission is free, and more than 2,000 attendees are expected to gather for a day filled with food, fun, and community spirit.

A big highlight of the festival is the annual apple pie baking contest, sponsored this year by Hauglie Insurance and Aroma Coffee Company. Adults and kids get a chance to test their apple pie



recipes with a panel of local bakers, community leaders and celebrities. Ribbons, cash, and gift packages will be awarded to the top three finishers in both the adult and youth divisions. The Best In Show prize goes to the best pie in the contest. Bakers can learn more and enter at: nwnhcfamilyfund.org/apple-pie-entry

Festivalgoers can also get in their cardio exercise by helping to grind and press fresh apples into refreshing apple cider that will be for sale and savor slices of delicious apple pie from

Whidbey Pies. This year's sponsors of the Cider House include Traverso Real Estate Group and Farmhouse Market who supplies the apples. At last year's festival, volunteers made more than 100 gallons of cider and served up more than 200 slices of apple pie!

The Cider Garden will be rockin' and swaying with the sounds of a wide variety of local musicians, including performances by the ever-popular Laurel Canyon Legacy and Sheyenne Leonard, and introducing

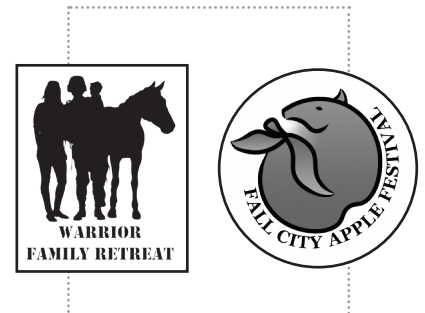
Gavin the Seeker. While everyone can enjoy the music, adults can also sample and enjoy a variety of hard ciders from Finnriver.

For local businesses, the festival is a unique chance to connect with families from across the Eastside and Snoqualmie Valley. More than 30 local artisans and service providers will be sharing their wares in the Vendor Orchard. Activity sponsors help bring the festival to the community and demonstrate their commitment to helping the military families who serve us and the kids in the Valley who just want to have the same experiences as their friends.

Of course, all this would not happen without the help of an army of volunteers. Students needing community service hours, Scouts, church groups, veterans, and more all pitch in to staff the many activities and lead the subcommittees that keep the festival running smoothly. Anyone who is interested in helping out, having fun, and paying it forward can sign up via the link on the Apple Festival webpage.

The Fall City Apple Festival is more than a celebration of the harvest — it's a celebration of community. Every pie, every ride, every apple pressed helps strengthen families in the Snoqualmie Valley and beyond.

For details on volunteering, entering the Apple Pie Contest, applying as a vendor, or becoming a sponsor, visit: nwnhcfamilyfund.org/service/fall-city-apple-festival. Neighbors can also follow on Instagram, Facebook and Nextdoor.





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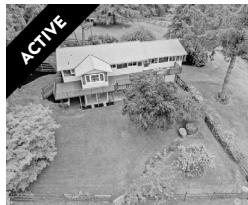
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County Developing Community Wildfire Protection Plan

by Brian Culp



King County is developing its first Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). It is a comprehensive strategy to help communities prepare for and reduce the risks of wildfire. Fall City Fire Chief Brian Culp is serving on the Core Planning Team, lending local expertise and advocating for improved forest management to make the region more resilient to fire.

The CWPP is being led by King County Emergency Management with input from fire districts, state and federal agencies, and community partners. The plan focuses on six goals: protecting people and property, reducing the likelihood of destructive wildfires, empowering residents with resources, increasing public understanding of wildfire in Western Washington, building collaborative partnerships, and strengthening recovery efforts.

This plan is about being proactive. Wildfire is no longer just an Eastern Washington issue. We have to be prepared on the west side of the Cascades. Fall City is especially vulnerable to wildfire due to the surrounding hills of dense vegetation and homes nestled in the trees.

Residents are being asked to participate in shaping the plan by completing a short community survey at publicinput.com/136004. The survey takes about five to ten minutes and will help county leaders better understand local concerns and priorities.



As part of wildfire preparedness, King County reminds residents to be familiar with the three evacuation levels used during a wildfire emergency:

- **Level 1 – READY:** Possible evacuation in your area. Be alert and prepare.
- **Level 2 – SET:** Short notice evacuation likely. Be ready to leave quickly.
- **Level 3 – GO!:** Evacuate immediately.

Currently, a Stage 1 Fire Safety Burn Ban is in effect in King County. This means outdoor yard debris burning is not allowed, although small recreational fires are permitted under strict safety conditions. Fires must be in a metal or concrete pit no larger than three feet in diameter



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If fire danger increases, the County may move to a Stage 2 Burn Ban, at which point all outdoor burning, including recreational fires, will be prohibited. For up-to-date information on burn bans, visit king27fire.com.



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Monday, September 29, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Join us as we honor our past and celebrate the people who made it possible. We'll share stories, photos, and memories from the last century and look forward to the next 100 years! This free event includes cake and refreshments, historical displays, special guests and more. All are welcome. Register at: fundraise.givesmart.com/form/gnBGXw?vid=1km8f8

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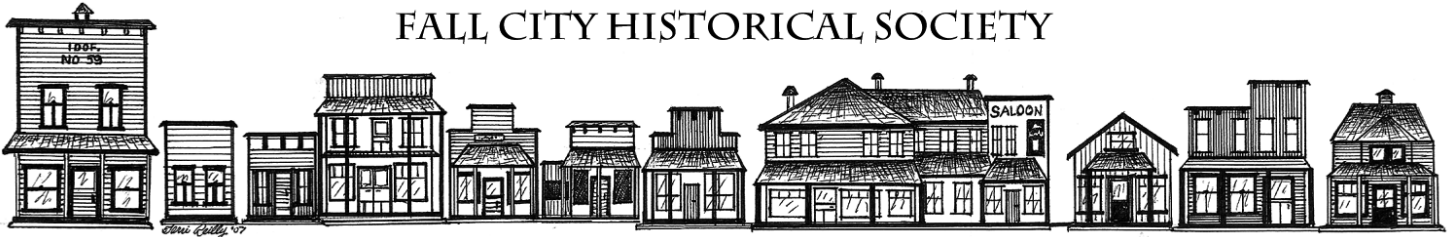
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“You’re The Bee’s Knees!”

In our collections, we have many old bottles from the early 1900s, from cold cream facial cleanser manufactured in New York City to a fig syrup laxative, based in Reno, NV, and even animal care from NYC. These various bottles are just a sampling of products used here in the Valley, and were found either by Les Morton on the property of his father's dance hall by the green bridge, or by Bonnie Barker when hand-digging in historical logging, camping, and railroad sites across the Valley. We are grateful for their donations!



(clear bottle, left) “Lucky Tiger Remedy” hair tonic. In the early 1920s, the Lucky Tiger Remedy Company products were popular in barbershops, and in 1935 the owner trademarked the brand and began to market nationwide, based in Kansas, MO



(brown rectangular bottle, left) “Glover's Imperial Mange Medicine” is a topical treatment historically used to combat mange in animals, particularly dogs, manufactured by the company Glover's, known for its line of pet care products, from the 1920s. Manufactured in New York City



(clear bottle, left) Imprinted with “Bartell,” dating from 1910-1920s. George Bartell Sr. opened his first store in Seattle in 1890, and had a thriving pharmacy business across the city by the 1920s.



(clear bottle, left) Imprinted on the front with “The Reliable Old-Time Preparation for Home Use” and “Prepared by Dr. Peter Fahrney and Sons Co. Chicago Illinois USA” on the back, dating to about 1900. The tonic was known for its high alcohol content and claimed to cure various ailments.

So Dapper!



(White jar, left) Ingram's Milkweed Cream was a complexion cream made by Frederick F. Ingram & Company in Detroit, Michigan. It was marketed as a way to improve skin tone and reduce the appearance of wrinkles, acne, and sun spots.

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Help Shape the Future of Fall City: FCCA Elections Coming This Fall

by Erica Mentor

As we look toward the end of the year, the Fall City Community Association (FCCA) is preparing for our annual elections for the board of directors. We are calling on community-minded residents to step forward and serve.

Each year, we elect five board positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. These roles are essential to guiding our work in advocacy, local events, communications, and community development.

This year, we're especially excited to welcome individuals with a long-term vision for Fall City's future. Neighbors who bring strong leadership, thoughtful communication, and a collaborative spirit. In particular, we are hoping to welcome someone who can help lead our communications efforts who has a knack for keeping the

community informed and engaged through thoughtful, creative outreach. Additionally, we'd benefit from someone with a talent for facilitation, organization, and strategic thinking, someone who enjoys bringing people together, aligning ideas, and moving projects forward with clarity and heart.

Serving on the FCCA board is a rewarding way to make an impact, build relationships, and help guide the decisions that shape daily life in Fall City. If you have a passion for public service and a desire to contribute meaningfully to our town, we hope you'll consider running. You do not need prior board experience, just a commitment to community and a willingness to lead with integrity and care.

If you are interested in learning more or throwing your hat in the ring, email adamg.fcca@gmail.com. Nominations will be gathered ahead of our final meeting of the year, when elections take place, and our Election Committee will guide the process to ensure a fair and engaging experience for all candidates.

Fall City is made stronger by those who show up. Join us in shaping what comes next together.



Kindness Matters

by Tina Drain

Three years ago, Pastor Carrie Bland of Fall City United Methodist Church was looking forward to getting acquainted with the people and businesses in town. While walking by the El Caporal Mexican restaurant, she noticed the sandwich sign was looking old and in disrepair. She made a mental note and continued on her way.

Over time, the sign became so damaged the restaurant employees had to tie it to a pole to keep it upright. In July of this year, Carrie suddenly remembered the church had some spare sandwich sign boards in storage. Drawing on the talents of parishioners Bev and Bobbie Bethards, the sign was cleaned, repainted, and decorated with new lettering and was presented to the owners of El Caporal.

One of the partners, Enrique Sanchez, was surprised and very moved by the gesture, saying, "I felt happy. We were going to order a new one, but it was very expensive – over two hundred dollars – so we hadn't done it yet." Sanchez, along with Pedro and Manuela Velasco, have lived in Fall City and owned the restaurant since 1994. Sanchez added, "I love it in Fall City. The people are very nice and the neighboring businesses are nice too."

When asked about the sign project, Pastor Carrie said, "I believe churches and community should support one another. We often think the only way to support someone is to do something big, but that isn't true. The restaurant is deeply loved by this community and is an institution here. This was a way to give back to them, letting them know we love them."

As for the future of the restaurant? Sanchez said he loves the community and has no plans to leave. Which is good news for all of us.



(l to r) Pedro and Manuela Velasco, Enrique Sanchez, and Pastor Carrie Bland admire the new sign created and donated by parishioners of Fall City United Methodist Church.



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P.O. Box 640, Fall City, WA 98024

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interested in volunteering – more
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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

September 3 and September 17

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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Your support brings hope and comfort to our neighbors in need. We are truly grateful for your donations, which allow us to continue this vital work.

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Most Needed Items

Cases of 8 oz. boxes of shelf-stable milk

Boxed cereal

(like Life cereal; less popular are Cheerios and cornflakes)

Canned corn

Feminine items

Jif or Skippy peanut butter

Strawberry jam

Tomato sauce and tomato paste

Toilet paper

Toothpaste



SEPTEMBER 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

3:00 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. Fall City Library.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 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. Fall City Library.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Fall City Learning Garden.* Come help harvest. All produce is donated to Fall City food pantry. Garden is located behind the Masonic Hall at 4304 337th Pl. SE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *After-School Teen Gaming.* Join us for some after-school fun at the Fall City Library. Play board games, card games, or race each other on the Nintendo Switch. There is something for everyone. Snacks provided while supplies last.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Origami with Mariko.* Celebrate the art of paper folding. Join in the fun and creativity where you will learn to make several fall-themed origami pieces. Also create beautiful greeting cards using Mino Washi—traditional handmade paper from Japan. All skill levels are welcome. Fall City Library.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Welcoming Week- Fermenting Stories: Kraut-chi Workshop.* Learn about microbes, fermentation, and transformation while making fizzy kraut-chi to take home. Inspired by award-winning books *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* and *Sandor Katz and the Tiny Wild*. Fall City Library. Recommended for kids 6 and older (with caregiver), teens, and adults.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. *Fall City Strums—Ukulele Group.* Free ukulele sessions for all ages and skill levels. Learn to play in a welcoming, no-pressure setting. Work together to prepare a performance for community events. Friendly Saturday sessions are a chance to learn songs, meet neighbors, and enjoy making music together. Instruments available for registered participants or bring your own. Fall City Library. In partnership with Friends of Fall City Library, Fall City Arts, and 4Culture.

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *Aroma Coffee Block Party.* Aroma Coffee Company is celebrating five years in business with a community appreciation party. Enjoy live music, a wine and beer garden, toy making workshop, vendor booths, coffee tasting, food trucks, giveaway raffle, and more.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Mindful Movement and Chair Yoga for Elegant Aging.* This 60-minute workshop focuses on mindful, feminine movement and healing breath work, improving balance, and safely stretching and strengthening muscles. It ends with a guided meditation and a time of deep, restorative relaxation. Fall City Library.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *Friends of the Fall City Library Meeting.* Join the Friends of the Fall City Library, an independent nonprofit that raises funds for library programs and services. New members are always welcome. To learn more, email kerrickson@kcls.org or go to kcls.org/friends.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Fall City Apple Festival.* Tons of family fun with cider making, horseback rides, bouncy castle, live music, hard cider garden, apple pie contest, apple pie slices and treats, more than 30 vendors, food trucks and more. Free admission. Donation required for parking, some activities, and food and drinks. Proceeds benefit the non-profit NWNHC Family Fund Warrior Family Retreat and summer camp scholarships. 32925 SE 46th St., Fall City

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *Spot the Scam: Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft & Fraud.* Learn the Five Signs of a Scam from the Consumer Protection Division of the Washington State Office of the Attorney General to protect yourself and loved ones. Fall City Library.