

Fall City NEIGHBORS

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Mid-winter on the Snoqualmie River is less crowded than in mid-summer, but it is still a draw for locals and visitors of all ages who engage in a variety of activities: casting practice, actual fishing, strolling along the river's edge, excavating roads and castles on the beach, roasting marshmallows over a beach fire, and more. (STAFF PHOTO)

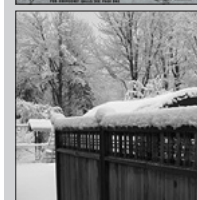
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EDITOR'S NOTE

February 2022 has some fun events: Groundhog Day, on which we learn either that winter weather is ending soon, or we have another 6 weeks of winter depending upon whether the infamous Pennsylvania groundhog Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not; Valentine's Day; the Superbowl—a must-see event for those seriously into football, while a ho-hum for others of us; and, after a four-year hiatus, the Winter Olympics (opening ceremony on February 4.)

I will be the first to admit I do not engage in any of the 15 Winter Olympic events, nor do I follow them in the years in between. But I do believe in the value of the Olympics, and of people around the world—including myself—watching them. With all the events and happenings that can estrange the people on this planet from each other, the Olympics (winter and summer) bring us closer together. Each country hopes its athletes can bring home the gold, yet each can appreciate seeing top athletes compete and share the love of their event(s) regardless of their country of origin, skin color, religion, etc. We are, for those few days at least, identifying ourselves as members of a shared world community.

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Community News and Notes

FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the January 2022 Meeting

FALL CITY SUBAREA AND HOUSING UPDATE. *Fall City housing developments.* The biggest thing we can do to influence the outcome is by communicating with the permitting division and your representatives at King County. View the video of the January 4 FCCA meeting on Fall City Facebook. Roughly 18 minutes in, you will find slides listing the permit numbers of the pending developments, a list of possible concerns you might wish to address, and contact information.

FALL CITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE UPDATES. There are three assistance programs for the businesses in Fall City supported by grants from state or county:

- *Business District Local Online Septic System (LOSS) vote.* The property owners will vote on the alternatives for the LOSS on January 19.
- *Mailer to 98024 ZIP code.* Show a list of 24 of 186 businesses actively showing job postings: “Fall City: Where you GET to work.” Visit snovalley.org/jobs.
- *Executive tax workshop.* E-mail ilovefallcity.org to see the recording of the workshop. You can schedule an in-person half-hour appointment with a Brown and Sterling tax consultant.

WSDOT 202 TWO-PART CORRIDOR STUDY RESULTS. The study purpose is primarily safety-focused (Target Zero: Zero deaths by 2030), getting an understanding of community priorities and roadway issues (724 responses to our web survey), and identifying strategies to address pedestrian and traveler safety, roadway operations, and intersection performance, while preserving community character. The focus is on near- and mid-term actions, not major capital investment events.

244th Ave NE to 324th Ave SE. Proposed: A single-lane roundabout for the Ames Lake intersection because of its history of angle crashes. Likewise, one for Tolt Hill Road, with its history of rear-end accidents and angle crashes. WSDOT also identified other intersections for smaller corrections, e.g., 308th Ave SE (ball fields). Since the SE 31st and 324th is western terminus of the West Side Trail, we are looking for strategies we can use to provide connectivity to the West Side Trail and reduce driver

speed coming from the west heading into town. Cost estimate: Tolt Hill Road roundabout, \$10 million; Ames Lake Road roundabout, \$7 million.

324th Ave SE and SR 202 intersection. This intersection considered to be the gateway to the community has been flagged for further engineering and design analysis, so there is no specific recommendation at this time.

324th Ave SE to SR 202/Preston-Fall City Road intersection. Because the West Side Trail when complete will encourage more pedestrian activity, WSDOT proposes changing the “Y” at FCES to more of a “T,” which would reduce speed. Also proposed: A 14-foot shared-use path along the river with parallel parking on the north side of 202; change to back-in angle parking on the south side, with a rolled curb easement between the east- and west-bound lanes and at least one-per-block pedestrian crossings supported by curbs. Also, a Preston-Fall City Road roundabout, which would improve pedestrian crossing and be designed to allow larger trucks/buses to have a comfortable movement through the roundabout. Cost estimate: \$10 million.

Next steps. We are meeting with you all and would like your feedback and questions before finishing the report; then, looking for future opportunities for funding such as grants as we move forward. Project contact information: Maan Sidhu (maan.sidhu@wsdot.wa.gov); Thomas Noyes Thomas (noyes@wsdot.wa.gov); study website: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/planning/studies/sr202/multimodal-planning/home>.

FALL CITY FIRE DEPT UPDATE, CHIEF CULP. 2021 was our busiest year: 972 calls kept the crews busy as opposed to 771 in 2020. *Two new firefighters* gave us our 12th full-time firefighter, which will allow us to have four per shift, with a minimum staffing of three on duty. *Volunteers:* Tomorrow we start to work with possible new volunteers who will be testing over the next few days, hopefully starting their training in February. *Community outreach:* Operation Santa with our lit-up fire engine. The firefighters’ union raised donations,

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The original Roman calendar consisted of only 10 months, with a year of 304 days. Tradition has it that King Romulus didn't think that the days that would become January and February were important because they were not agriculturally productive, so didn't need to be on the calendar.

The Roman ruler Numa Pompilius added January and February to his calendar to create the 12-month year, increasing the number of calendar days to 354 or 355, still short of our current 365 days. In addition, to avoid the total number of days in the year adding up to an even (read that as "unlucky") number, he assigned 28 days to February, and it has stuck through all the calendar changes.



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By a stroke of luck, I was invited to an early December webinar about the World Tree enterprise featuring a diverse panel of mostly younger climate-change leaders. The purpose of the webinar was to inform and motivate potential investors and farmers. What we all had in common was a passion for win-win horticultural efforts to counter climate change.

World Tree's Empress trees are farmed by 270 farmers in four countries: the U.S. (two farms in Oregon and Washington considered ideal for its first such farm), Mexico, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. World Tree farmers' trees are cut by World Tree staff after they reach maturity in about 8–10 years, and the proceeds are divided 50% to the farmers, 25% to investors, and 25% to World Tree.

In 2022, a revenue stream from carbon offsets is planned by a third company whose name has not yet been released. World Tree plans more webinars for investors and farmers and will collaborate with other organizations that share World Tree's vision and values.

The Empress *paulownia elongata* will grow as high as 8 to 10 ft in its first year, reaches maturity at 30 to 70 ft, and is harvested after 8 to 10 years. The tree can be cut and regrown from its stump 7 times. It can be pruned or coppiced yearly to manage regrowth. Its lumber is considered "gold" in the wood industry, and a log can be worth \$3,000. Milled *paulownia elongata* products are blond, lightweight, flexible, and strong. In Japan it was especially prized for hope

GARDEN CORNER

by Susan Miller

chests given as traditional wedding presents. A news report of "Poachers Pinching Empress Trees" shows its commercial value is fast being exploited.

Empress trees replenish the soil with their nitrogen-fixing roots, though I'd speculate that the mycorrhizal fungi in their soil were hard at work recycling nutrients to remediate the root rhizome and surrounding soil. Among their foot-wide leaves, the tree's flowers attract pollinators, and a thick canopy of leaves can shade and cool a nearby house. An acre of blossoming trees can produce 100 jars of honey per year. The jumbo leaves absorb carbon and nitrogen and are 22% protein rich; so when leaves fall, they're good eating for ruminants and also will mulch the soil. By the way, we grew an empress tree out of curiosity and, in hindsight, it was clearly the *tomentosa* cultivar. As I knew nothing about the tree's future and was startled by its rapid growth, I dug it out. Empress tree wood is a natural "wet wood," meaning it's fire resistant and does not attract insects other than pollinator bees.

48% of farmers surveyed plan to "intercrop"—that is, grow crops in between their trees. World Tree lists 30 crops that tree farmers grow, and 12 of those crops are grown regularly in PNW farm fields. Some farmers also allow cattle to graze between trees of sufficient height for a limited time. Should this tree pique your interest as a potential grower, please stay in touch so I can follow your mutual progress.

In sum, dear reader, you'd be a World Tree pioneer in Fall City if you tried growing this Empress tree. If you have space (a half acre or more) to grow this tree in sunshine: welcome, Fall City tree grower! If we had open space and sunshine, I'd try it either by joining World Tree, or finding a reliable nursery source for buying individual Empress *paulownia elongata* or *fortunei*. Stay in touch and I will assist you as needed: Cheer you on, write progress reports, help you find a tree nursery source, or help you make a start to your future Firewise Plan.

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which provided cool toys for eight or nine families and provided donated food items to the Food Pantry. *Station closure:* Because of an increase in COVID cases among our firefighters, I am closing the station down again, and we are going back to virtual meetings for a while. We POC test our firefighters as they come in for their shift—if positive, they exit the building, and we send them for a PCR test. We will reevaluate after the Omicron variant shuts down a bit.

FALL CITY METRO PARK UPDATE. We are working with King County on the impact of the LOSS system in Bernard Park. The majority, if not all, of the drain field would take up most space, and we want to make sure we can use the park for our intended purpose. *10-Year Plan.* We will be reaching out for input. *Homestead Field* can be used.

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT UPDATE. 2021: 26,000 vaccines administered and 60,000 tested. *Omicron:* Currently, 140 tests/day and 150 vaccines/day, with positives upward of 20/day—compared to pre-Omicron, 3–4 positives/day. You do need appointments for testing (we prioritize those with symptoms first) and vaccines. *Hospital visitor policy:* We still have visitors coming in. Precautions include upgraded masking and distancing. Pediatrics moved to the hospital in December. *Urgent care:* The Snoqualmie Ridge Urgent Care opens January 13 with three providers on site. Our x-ray will be a couple of months late because of delayed delivery. *Portal.* We are bringing in EPIC for handling charts and coordinating records, etc., resulting in MyChart.

5TH DISTRICT REP LISA CALLAN. Legislative session starts on Monday. The House will be fully remote, with a few members able to work in their offices, if tested regularly, etc. The Senate meets today to decide on remote or in-person meetings. The good news: remote testimony makes us much more accessible by the public. On my FB page, I can show you how to get signed up.

The 60-day session includes a couple of weeks of committee hearings, then dealing with bills, followed by tweaks to budget. We do have additional unexpected money coming in. We want to make sure we are giving our schools what they need to keep going during the

pandemic with a focus on prevention, education, and early intervention rather than emergency situations.

REPRESENTATIVE BILL RAMOS. *Transportation: Highway 18—190.* Three bids have come in. Work will start, I hope, this spring, finishing in 2 to 3 years. *Temporary license plate.* We are working on a system to create an actual temporary plate front and rear that can be read. This safeguards police officers and enables tolls to be collected for an added \$3 million/year. *Adult family homes* have been exempted from property taxes. There is conversation about that, but we want to keep them tax free so they can provide services. *Police reform.* Three bills will be coming through to clarify what people should and should not do. *River.* I am starting to work on a part of salmon recovery that hasn't been focused on recently: the early life stages of salmon who are hunted day and night because of light pollution on lakes and rivers. It will be a long-term program.

KING COUNTY 3RD DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER, SARAH PERRY. *Interests:* Housing, behavioral health, small business, environment, and transit. COVID will get worse for the next 6 weeks or so; I look forward to hearing from you and getting together for coffee after COVID. Contact: sarah.perry@kingcounty.gov; office: 206-477-1003.

KING COUNTY DEPT OF LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR, JOHN TAYLOR. *Perfect-storm snow.* Several days of snow, COVID, and a job market where it is difficult to fill jobs, and we are working hard to get the roads cleared in Fall City. *COVID.* Big day: 3371 cases between yesterday and today. We still have access to hand sanitizer and masks. *Subarea Plan.* Planning to begin in earnest in the next month or so. *Float season.* Our annual debrief meeting for 2021 is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, 11:00 a.m.–noon. We will review 2021, determine what we need to do for the coming season, and what we need to do re: young salmon. Simon is doing a good job trying to regulate folks.

NEXT FCCA MEETING: Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Facebook Live, and phone.

FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Mom, what's a phone book?



Do you remember the thrill the first time you saw your name and number in the phone book? Due to the generous donations of Alan Lind and Marion Querro, the Historical Society has copies of the Fall City phone books going back as far as 1957. That book covered the Cascade and Fall City Telephone Companies and included the towns of Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Falls, Cedar Falls, Meadowbrook, Fall City, Preston, and Carnation. In the back a handy table let you know it would cost \$1.15 per minute to call Spokane during the day and \$1.70 if person-to-person. (One would call the operator and she would call and ask for the person you wanted to talk to. If they weren't there, you tried later.) Needless to say, at those rates, most people opted for a 3¢ stamp. The page on "Party Line" covered the laws of yielding to emergency calls. It fails to mention the rules of etiquette our parents drummed into us. Listening in to someone else's conversation was something you didn't want to get caught doing. There was also a page of "Frequently Called

Numbers." In the books we have, that's the section that's most interesting. Relatives, businesses, friends all listed for easy reference - Mother, Gracie, Eagles Club, Valu Mart.

The Yellow Pages provided us with the information on who could do what. The snappy ads sought to catch the attention a regular listing couldn't. Notice the phone number lists CA 2-xxxx with the CAstle 2 yielding to our familiar 222 years later. The books we have date from 1957-1983 and serve as an interesting chronicle of Fall City residents and businesses. We have some holes in our collection. Do you have any old telephone books?

Things that were once such a staple in our lives now seem archaic. Century Tel still publishes a book, but it's not very big and it covers the entire Eastside. And, of course, no mobile phone numbers are included! Do you remember the last time you looked something up in the phone book?





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And the winner is...

In December, we challenged readers to guess where the photo on the cover of our calendar was taken and what was the name of the pictured pooch.

Some of most creative guesses were:

These are the Bolt Brothers from "Here Comes the Brides" on the farm just west of town. They traveled to Fall City to find wives, but only found a dog that they named Honey. Honey ran away as soon as she could.

This is the first home delivery wagon coming down River Street. They are ancestors of Jeff Bezos. The dog's name is Amazon.

Fall City's first band in the park. George strummed on the fruit board, John played the rhythmic reins and Paul drummed. The dog, Ringo, is on the drum.



The answer is: the picture was taken on the Barfuse farm, across SR 202 from the Middle School, in about 1938. Bill Barfuse holds the reins, Bob Hamerly (left) is ready to transplant broccoli. Garin 'Doc' Donnelly is on the right. Even Christy Davidson, whose Dad 'Doc' Donnelly is in the picture, doesn't know the name of the dog!

A total of 47 people turned in guesses.

Lorraine Uchon-Hefti was the lucky winner of the two stemless wineglasses.



Congratulations, Lorraine!



President's Day Quiz



If you homesteaded in Fall City when it was founded in 1872, which president would have signed your claim?

Answer: Ulysses S. Grant





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February is an interesting mid-winter month. One would expect it to be cold and rainy, or even sport a bit of snow. But as you can see from the pictures at right, in the same year (2017) in February, in the same location in Fall City, a significant snow event was followed 6 days later by sunshine and shirt-sleeve weather, and spring pruning was underway. This year, we had an early (for Fall City) significant snowfall, paired with unusually cold temperatures that lasted several days. For a combination of reasons, roads remained unplowed and those without winter-ready vehicles were unable to journey out of their driveways. Most of us got by without losing lights and heat—but what if the power had failed for more than a few hours? How many of us are prepared to wait it out for several days without power and heat and transportation? It might be time to assess just how ready we are to handle a winter weather emergency.

Buying or assembling your own basic disaster kit personalized for the needs of your own family (including pets) is a great first step. FEMA has recommendations about what to include in your kit. If you have no power and no heat and no way to leave home for extended periods of time, what are your options for preparing food and for staying warm? If you have a generator, how long as it been since you started it to see if it is still working? Does it have oil and gas/diesel? What alternatives do you have? A wood stove? A fireplace? Warm blankets? In addition to a winter survival plan for your family, also consider what help your friends and neighbors might need in an emergency, like help



The weather on February 6, 2017.



The weather six days later: February 12, 2017.

with a generator, clearing a sidewalk or driveway, or getting dry wood inside for a wood stove or fireplace. Fall City is a community, and community is neighbor helping neighbor.

FALL CITY CLIMATE COMMITTEE

Setting Our Personal New Year's Resolution to Draw Down Greenhouse Gases after a Year of Climate Reckoning

by Andrew Rapin

2021 was a year of reckoning with respect to global climate change. There were two milestones in climate science and policy for the year. The first was a sobering United Nations report prepared by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which states that things are going to get worse if greenhouse-gas emissions continue.^[1] The report also makes it crystal clear that the future of the planet depends, in large part, on the choices that humanity makes today. The second milestone was a landmark COP26 climate summit consisting of 196 countries that signed a climate pact calling for a 45% reduction in global carbon dioxide emissions by 2030. This agreement fell short of the amount necessary to keep Earth's global temperature increase below 1.5°C—a “line in the sand” that was set at the Paris Agreement to prevent extreme temperature and weather events that are predicted to become more intensified and more frequent if atmospheric greenhouse gas drawdown targets are not met.^[2] The final agreement of the conference, according to climate scientists, if fully implemented (and followed), would still put the world on a path to warm 2.4°C above pre-industrial levels.

The gravity of this existential crisis is clearly known: we need “all hands on deck” to solve this crisis, at all levels from the individual to global, and we're running out of time. As a high school science teacher, I think it is critical for our youth (Gen Z) to be in the know about climate change, from sources such as the IPCC's climate report. It is negligent not to share this information with our youth. I hope that

their generation will forgive the last few generations for knowing that humans have been the main causes of climate change for more than 50 years.^[3] How we make our communities resilient to climate change should be a conversation at every dinner table between and among all generations. To act on this knowledge, the Fall City Climate Change Committee highly recommends the many solutions posted by Project Drawdown. Please check this organization out at <https://drawdown.org/solutions>.

I tell my science students that there should be individual, household, and community-wide plans to assess their greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and their impacts on natural carbon sinks. These plans should be valued as much as an individual's or a nation's financial budget and followed to stay within the recommended budget. For GHGs such as carbon dioxide and methane that are “out of sight” to the human eye—and as a result, “out of mind”—it is essential to our response to the climate crisis that we make these emissions less abstract and measurable. We need to quantify our carbon footprint as accurately and as easily as tracking our daily steps on our FitBits. There are several carbon/GHG calculators online that can engage you in understanding this question and helping you to act on this information. The one app/calculator recommended by the Fall City Climate Change Committee is Earth Hero. I had my environmental-science students and members of the Mount Si Green Team (about 120 students) try this app in December. They found it easy to use and thought it provided them with meaningful data and useful recommendations to help them reduce their carbon emissions, according to the results of a survey I gave them. Students made their New Year's resolutions to reduce their GHG production by 10%–20% in 2022.

Here are the steps to downloading and using the user-friendly Earth Hero app:

- Download Earth Hero by typing <https://www.earthhero.org/app> in your cellphone's browser.
- Fill out the survey to get a profile of where your carbon emissions come from and how much you produce (tons/year). A comparison is then given to

^[1] Full report: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02179-1>

^[2] Full report: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-03034-z>

^[3] Full report: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/mar/15/50-years-climate-change-denial>

you about your production of GHGs and the national average, as well as a comparison to global averages.

- Set your target (this can be your belated New Year's resolution to reduce your GHGs).
- Browse ideas for actions to figure out your first steps.
- Track your progress with helpful reminders and tools to measure your impact.
- Discover social actions that have a multiplier effect.
- Refine your profile as you go, to get a personalized view of possible actions.
- Go out and reduce carbon pollution, and work with others to address climate change.

Here are some ambitious, inspiring, and thoughtful New Year's goals set by some of my environmental-science students for 2022 for reducing their GHG emissions (it's not too late to set our own personal goals):

- Carpool more; reduce how much fast fashion I use by thrifting more; and work on teaching my family about what they can do to reduce climate change.
- Travel closer to home; use more public transit as opposed to driving myself; vote, so I'll be able to make an impact that way; increase buying clothing that is second-hand or from a sustainable company!
- Buy clothes from ethical fashion brands; arrange rides with friends and/or coordinate rides with family members; and limit my meat intake to 1–2 times per week for my health and for the environment.
- Carpool when I can; switch to more sustainable items in my home like cloth napkins, biodegradable toothbrushes, reusable food storage containers; and be more energy-efficient, like turning off the lights and heat in my house when not in use, and unplugging vampire electronics.
- Fly less and start composting.
- Set my emissions target to 12 tons of carbon (about a 15% decrease in my current emissions of 14.1 tons).
- Travel less, compost, and advocate for educating about climate change.

Finally, here are some New Year's wishes by environmental-science students at Mount Si High School for planet Earth in 2022:

- I wish that America would start to acknowledge our part in the climate crisis and put measures in place to help reverse what we have done before it is too late.
- I wish that we will take numerous constant, conscious, and collective actions to protect the Earth. That would be absolutely applaudable!
- I wish that we will begin and make progress on flattening the curve of carbon ppm in the atmosphere and band together as a society to find and execute solutions.
- I wish that we will continue to inform those less educated on climate change.
- I wish that we will decrease carbon emissions drastically.
- I wish that people will be more attentive to the important issue of climate change, realize the alarming rate at which climate change is increasing, and face reality and act, starting with the little things like recycling.
- I wish to spread awareness about climate change.
- I wish that we will not warm the Earth more than 2 degrees C.
- I wish for the planet to be able to restore some of its damaged ecosystems, as well as save the species that are starting to go extinct.
- I wish to have more government actions towards reversing climate change or slowing it.
- I wish that we as a planet can reduce global carbon emissions by at least 10%. We are at a point of no return.
- I wish that more people will understand the effects of climate change and what they can do to prevent it.

February Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

CATPALOOZA RAINBOW BINGO!

Friday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. It's time to PAW-ty! Join us for a delightful cat-themed Rainbow Bingo hosted by the wonderful Sylvia O'Stayformore! Register in advance (\$15/person, \$25/couple). Thanks to our sponsor Colleen Wardell!

SOAP-MAKING CLASS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1:00 p.m. Join natural skincare artist Susan Fowler to create heart-shaped soap just in time for Valentine's Day! All supplies provided. No experience needed. \$12/person.

LOW-IMPACT AEROBIC DANCE CLASS, 8-WEEK SERIES

Starts Thursday, Feb. 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Burn calories, improve flexibility, tone up, and have fun while you learn basic choreographed aerobic workouts. Don't worry if you have two left feet. Cost: \$10 for 8-week series.

DRUMS ALIVE WITH RENEE

Monday, Feb. 14, 1:00 p.m. Music and exercise! Sitting or standing, you will find that drumming will help you

regain and maintain muscle strength, improve your mood, and can transform your emotions. No experience necessary. \$12 per person, limited spots available.

HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD OL' COUNTRY MUSIC!

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1:30 p.m. In-person. We will hear recorded music by some of the great artists who are now members of the Country Music Hall of Fame. Doyle will not only discuss the details of a particular tune but will also give us some more information on the artists and writers of the tunes.

HYDE SHUTTLE—TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE SNOQUALMIE VALLEY!

Our drivers can take you to the store, SVSC, local medical appointments, errands, and more! Who is eligible? Everyone aged 55 and older, and people with disabilities living within Redmond Ridge, Duvall, Carnation, or Fall City. Call 425-333-4152 or 206-727-6262 to learn more and schedule a ride. There is no cost, but donations are accepted, and interpreter services are available.

For more information on any of the above, to order meals, or to register for classes and events, go to www.snovalleyseior.org, e-mail kiraa@soundgenerations.org, or call 425-333-4152.

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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

February 2 and February 16

FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

FCES ROCKS THEIR FOOD DRIVE, COLLECTING OVER 3,000 ITEMS!

Fall City Elementary School held a hugely successful food drive last month and we were thrilled to welcome students, faculty and parent volunteers when they delivered their generous donations in mid-December.

Approximately 3,100 items were shuttled from the school and delivered to the Food Pantry on a chilly Saturday morning in December. With the direction of Food Pantry Manager Nance Myhre, the Pantry was a hive of activity as volunteers sorted and moved the items to their appropriate storage locations.



Thanks to the alphabetically labeled boxes in the FCES hallways for collecting donations, sorting the food was a breeze—the perfect model for a speedy and efficient process! What a magnificent effort by the FCES community! Your donations are indispensable for our families in the Valley who depend on the Pantry for food assistance.



FCES also raised \$725 with a special Thanksgiving Day workout session held at Sculptor Fitness and hosted by Debby Moller. The money raised was used to purchase 29 - \$25 gift cards for Target that were presented to families at our last distribution day in December.

Thanks to Jennifer Mitchell and Amy Gagnon who coordinated food drive efforts and also dropped off cake mixes, candles, frosting, sprinkles and clementine oranges that their Girl Scout troop collected. Our families appreciate getting these special treats! Thank you!

THANK YOU, FC FIREFIGHTERS!
 As a delightful surprise, five Fall City Firefighters delivered toys and a large amount of food to the Pantry in December. Thank you so much for taking the time to collect and deliver the results of your immensely successful toy and food drive to the Pantry!



FEBRUARY 2022 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Please send calendar items to Andree Hurley at andree@seattlehometour.com. Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 2 AND 16

11:00 a.m.–Noon. *Hopelink Mobile Market van* at the Fall City Library. Everything is free! We have a wide selection of fresh produce, dairy, and breads, as well as frozen foods. You can also receive a prepackaged box of food with soup, pasta, peanut butter, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, beans, tuna, and cereal. During each visit, you will be able to pick up enough food for at least 21 meals.

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 7 AND 28

Fall City Little League registration. Explore all the news, registration deadlines, fees and more at <http://ow.ly/yV7c50GVY6S> or FallCityLittleLeague.org.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

FC Metropolitan Park District meeting. For meeting time and location, visit fallcityparks.org or e-mail info@fallcityparks.org.

Election Day. Don't forget to vote! Mail it in (no stamp needed) or drop it in the ballot drop box at the Fall City Library no later than 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 p.m. *Fall City Fire District 27 Board of Commissioners meeting.* Visit king27fire.com for instructions on how to connect with the online video conference and audio-only teleconference.

FEBRUARY AT THE FALL CITY LEARNING GARDEN

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we gather at the garden on two Wednesdays: February 2 and 16. Please come for as long or short a time as you have available. February garden activities include building compost, season planning and seed starting, and general cleanup to prepare for spring. Lots to do!

We follow the King County required COVID protocols, although working outside in fresh air among a few well-spaced companions should be a safe and fun activity. If possible, please bring your own clean garden gloves. We do have gloves for volunteers to use if needed and we provide all garden tools.

The Fall City Learning Garden is a great way to learn new vegetable-gardening techniques, share your experiences with fellow vegetable gardeners, meet new friends and neighbors in the greater Sno-Fall area community, and help your community. All produce is donated to local food banks. Take a break from your day, enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, and conversation, and have fun in the garden!

Visit our website at <http://letusgarden.org> or our new Instagram page: www.instagram.com/fallcitylearning to see photos. Garden tips and ideas shared on our new MeWe page: <https://mewe.com/join/fallcitylearninggarden>. Contact us at info@letusgarden.org, or on Facebook: [facebook.com/FallCityLearningGardenandPPatch](https://www.facebook.com/FallCityLearningGardenandPPatch).

FALL CITY MURAL CONTEST

Murals should portray Fall City's rural and historic character in an artistic, welcoming manner. The selected muralist will receive a \$5000 grant to complete the mural. Go to fallcity.org for the online application. The application deadline has been extended to February 28.

ELECTION FOR KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2022 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Your vote helps to shape clean water, healthy forest, and local food programs in King County. Visit kingcd.org/elections to review candidates and vote. Voting closes at 8:00 p.m. on February 8. For more information: elections@kingcd.org or call 425-282-1900.

FALL CITY DAY IS ON FOR 2022: SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Kickoff meeting: January 20, with a hybrid option for meetings (in-person or via Zoom). Continuing meetings will occur at 6:30–8:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, hosted at the Hauglie Insurance conference room. Between Fall City Day events and the Fun Run, about \$14,000 goes back to our schools every year. To get involved, e-mail Ilovefallcity@gmail.com.