

# Falls City *focus*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND  
PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

## Join us! Little Luckiamute River Clean Up

**Calling all volunteers!** The Falls City Parks and Recreation (Cemeteries) Committee will be hosting a Parks and River clean up event on September 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 3 pm with SOLVE followed by a barbeque to feed the volunteers. Volunteers are needed. To sign up for this event please call City Hall at 503-787-3631.

## Backflow Testing

### Why test?

Oregon Administrative Rule 333-061-0070 Cross Connection Control Requirements requires all backflow preventers to be tested at least annually.

### What is backflow?

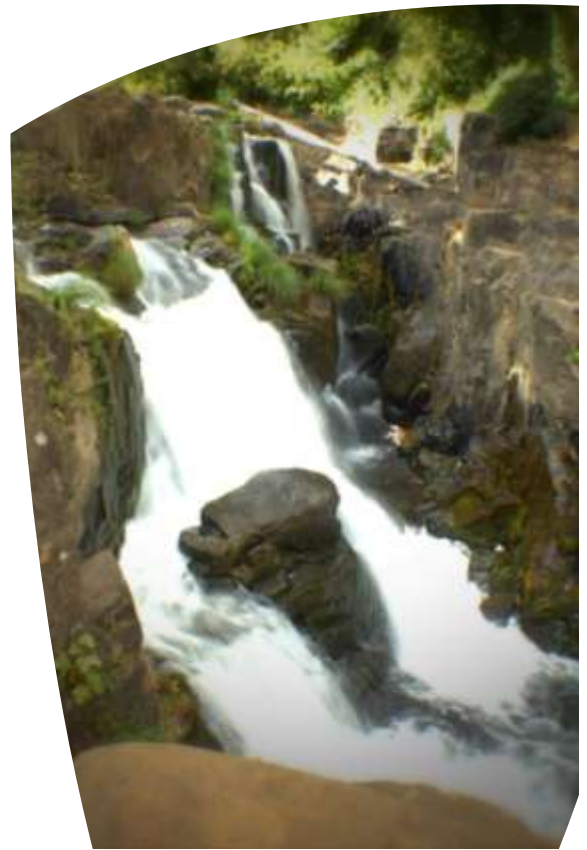
Backflow is the undesirable reversal of the flow of water from its intended direction in any pipeline or plumbing system. Backflow is dangerous because it can allow drinking water in plumbing systems to become contaminated and unusable.

### What is a backflow preventer?

Backflow preventers are mechanical plumbing devices installed in a plumbing system to prevent water from flowing backward in the system. A properly installed, tested and maintained backflow preventer at the service entrance to a building or property can reliably prevent the backflow of water of an unknown quality from flowing back into the community water system.

### What will this cost me?

In an effort to reduce the cost of testing for Falls City residents the City has decided that the city will accept bids for a contract for all preventers to be tested by one technician so we can take advantage of bulk pricing. The price of the contract will be divided among all services, and will be reflected on the utility bills. At this time we are expecting to be able to announce the amount of the fee after the bids have been opened in early September.



# Community Events

## Back to School

School starts September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep our kids safe and pay extra attention to your speed near the schools and in the mornings and afternoons. The speed limit is 20mph in all school zones.

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## FACES is accepting Applications

Family Academic Community and Enrichment for Success, better known as FACES is a k-12 after school program that cultivates safe and fun activities designed to provide math and literacy skill development. These activities include afterschool meals, homework assistance, fieldtrips, art, music and more. Enrollment forms are available at the Falls City Schools.

To learn more, or to volunteer contact Directors Amy Houghtaling or Bethany Walton at 503-787-3521 ext. 303



## CITY MEETINGS



All meetings are in the Community Center at 320 N. Main unless otherwise noted.

City Council 6:30 pm  
September 12, 2013

Parks & Recreation 6:30 pm  
September 17, 2013

Public Works 7:30 pm  
September 17, 2013

Charter Review Committee 6:30 pm . Date to be determined ,please check the city website for the dates.

# Do You Need Help with Your Septic System?

## Septic system maintenance saves you money!

If you are a part of the Falls City Septic System, Call 503-787-3631.

If you have a private septic system and need help please call Polk County Community Development Corporation at 503-831-3173. You may be eligible for the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Septic system maintenance vs. No Maintenance

Don't maintain your system and it will cost:

- Total system replacement cost = \$4,000 to \$22,000
- Plus sewerage cleanup and environmental clean-up costs

Do maintain your system and it will cost:

- Pumping every three years (average size household)
- 1,000 gallon tank will cost approximately \$350 to pump or about \$10 per month

Signs of septic problems

- Toilet gurgles when the washer/dishwasher is running
- Excess moisture or very green grass above the septic tank
- Suspicious odors inside or outside your house
- Drain Field is soggy, smelly or ultra-lush

*If you suspect a problem local septic service services provide free inspections*

## Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed on the following dates:

- September 2, 2013 Labor Day
- November 11, Veteran's Day
- November 28 and 29 2013 Thanksgiving
- December 24 (half day) and December 25 Christmas
- December 31 (half day) and January 1, 2014 New Year's