

Falls City Newsletter

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

FALLS CITY REPORT

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1. Falls city Facebook photography contest!

Amateur and Professional Photographers are invited to enter their best “Falls City Images” in the 1st annual City of Falls City Photo Contest. Photographers should focus loosely on: Life in Falls City, Places in Falls City, Plants and Wildlife in Falls City, Pets in Falls City, Recreation in Falls City (or nearby). The winning photographs will be featured on the Falls City website and on the new Falls City Facebook page.

Three winners will be selected and will receive: 1st place- \$50 gift card; 2nd place- \$30 gift card; 3rd place \$20 gift card.

Photos will be judged on technical quality, clarity, composition, flair for the unexpected, and the moment that is captured. If no suitable photograph is entered, the City reserves the right not to award prizes.

Official Rules and Requirements can be found on the Falls City website “Home” page, by calling City Hall (503) 787-3631, or visiting City Hall at 299 Mill St. Falls City, OR 97344.

2. Deq supplemental environmental protection project

Some of you may have heard that our wastewater treatment program was subject to enforcement action due to a failure to record some routine inspections from 2016-2018. The City has published an informational document regarding the fine and inspections

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available on the “Home” page of the City website, or you can get a copy by coming down to City Hall.

The City was allowed to use 80% of the fine amount to undertake a DEQ approved Supplemental Environmental Protection Project to settle the fine. The City submitted a plan to clear the riparian area on the edge of the mill lot of non-native blackberries and trash (including an abandoned vehicle). DEQ approved the project and it will be complete by May of 2019! This will not only clean up the riparian area near our Downtown Falls, but will offer better access to the river for all activities, expanded recreation area, and improved habitat for native plants and animals.

3. Code enforcement update

The City’s Code Enforcement program is off and running, albeit with limited resources. The City recently took its first Code Enforcement case to court and achieved a successful prosecution. Code Enforcement Officer Birr channeled the Council well in his closing argument when he stated, “it’s a shame that it’s come to this.”

It’s important to reiterate that it is the City’s desire to resolve all code issues outside of court. This requires communication and cooperation from non-compliant properties. The City will continue to exhaust all means of communication prior to issuing citations, but these code issues will not go away by ignoring them.

4. Falls city email list & committee recruitment

The City is undertaking a campaign to increase citizen information and involvement. To that end there are two lists up at City Hall: an email list and a committee recruitment list. The email list will provide you with updates on City activities via a City e-newsletter that will begin publication in January. The Committee recruitment list will show your interest in serving on a Citizen Committee that can help shape the City.

If you have interest in either and can’t make it to City Hall, please email your interest and contact information to the City’s “Contact Us” page on the City website.

5. Commercial space for lease

Do you have an idea for a local business, or work for a nonprofit that needs a new location for its programming? The Luckiamute Clinic Advisory Board is now accepting proposals. Copies of the proposal instructions can be found at City Hall and online at: fallscityoregon.gov. The Board is also looking to recruit volunteers to help with landscaping and cleaning. Please contact City Hall if you’d like to volunteer!

6. Community events

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Saturday

December 1st at 6:30pm: There will be hot chocolate and snacks, caroling, fire pits, and the lighting of the tree. The tree will be in the Mountain Gospel parking lot and everyone is welcome to take part. A special area will be provided for you to take family/children's photos so come dressed in your favorite Holiday attire!

Free Community CPR Class, Dec 6th at 6:30pm in the Community Center: Learn the early warning signs of a possible stroke, heart Attack or cardiac arrest and what to do in these urgent emergencies when every second counts!

Come to a friendly, informal awareness class on how to perform "Hands Only CPR", something everyone can learn to do. Ages 10 and up are welcome to attend. We will also discuss Low Blood Sugar, Drug Overdose and life threatening Allergic reactions.

Questions? Contact Sharon Volk Greve, (503) 871-5140 or City Hall (503) 787-3631. Thank You! Hope to see you there!

Direct Connect Transportation

The Polk County Direct connect continues its free bus service from Falls City to Dallas and Monmouth. Feel free to obtain a schedule at City Hall or online at:

www.co.polk.or.us/fco/falls-city-direct-connect

Support Your Mountaineers!!!

Winter Athletic Schedule can be found at www.fallscityschools.org/athletics

If any organization has upcoming events that they would like to see in the newsletter, please email event information to: mayor@fallscityoregon.gov, before the 15th of each month.

Scheduled City Meetings



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

**City Council 6:00 pm
December 13, 2018**

**Parks & Recreation 11:00 am
December, 19 2018**

**Public Works 6:30 pm
December 20, 2018**