

Falls City Newsletter

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

FALLS CITY REPORT

YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Mayor and City Council will be participating in a training and goal setting session on November 10th. Please let them know what your long and short term desires are for the City as soon as possible! Stop them on the street, send an email, schedule a meeting, or drop off a letter at City Hall. No matter how you do it, just make sure your voice is heard and considered. The City Council will consider the desires of each person who tells them what they want. If you don't tell the City Council, they can't consider your desires for the City moving forward.

HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY!

Would you like to see improvements made in some of our parks? More gravel on certain portions of our non-paved roadways? Maybe ditch work on the South side of town, or a War Memorial in Harden Park? Citizen groups are the backbone of a strong community. They make crucial recommendations to the City Council, work on special projects and events, and provide a voice from the community regarding the subject of their committee. We currently need responsible and caring citizens to participate in both the Parks Committee and the Public Works Committee.

For too long our City has run committees made up primarily of City Council members which defeats the purpose of having committees in the first place. The purpose of committees is to involve citizens in certain aspects of the community that they are interested in, and give a voice to the community to advise City Council on what the community wants in a given area of government (e.g. Parks).

If you'd like to serve and help shape Falls City, there is a brief application at City Hall. It is important that our neighbors participate in this civic activity and is another way to make your voices heard to help the City solve problems and plan for the future.

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CITY SEWER USERS.

1. In accordance with both the Falls City Municipal Code and the State Plumbing Code, City Staff cannot repair, diagnose, or otherwise work on your plumbing system anywhere before it flows into the interceptor tank. That is, everything from your residence to the interceptor tank itself is your responsibility to maintain in good repair.

City staff has assisted with some small repairs in this area in the past, mostly in an effort to save the account holder time and money. However, this works an inequity to other account holders by subsidizing individual sewer repairs. Additionally, it carries great risk for the City in case anything were to go wrong, it is outside the scope of the work Public Works is authorized and qualified to perform. Finally, it is flatly unlawful under the State Plumbing Code and Falls City Municipal Code.

2. It has come to the attention of City Staff that several illegal sewer connections exist throughout the City. If you have a sewer hook-up that you think or know is unlawful please contact the City. If you contact the City and cooperate with the disconnect and repair process, the City is less likely to pursue court action.

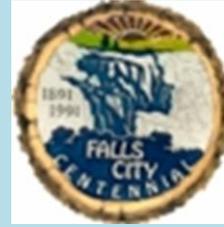
It's also important to note that an illegal hook-up can cause damage to the entire system and subject the account holder and property owner to a great deal of liability beyond code related fines and basic sewer repair charges. The sooner you un-hook an illegal connection the lower your chances of being responsible for fines, fees, and other associated costs.

*For further information see Falls City Municipal Code Chapter 50.

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 deadline to submit a proposal is November 17.*** The Board is also looking to recruit volunteers to help with landscaping and cleaning. Please contact City Hall if you'd like to volunteer!

Scheduled City Meetings



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

City Council 7:00 pm
November 8, 2018

Parks & Recreation 11:00 am
November 15, 2018

Public Works 7:00 pm
November 15, 2018

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Falls City Fire's Spooktacular Halloween Party Wednesday, October 31 from 5-8pm at the Fire Station!

The station is a safe and dry spot to trick or treat or just hang out for a bit!

Community Thanksgiving Meal! Saturday, Nov. 17 11am-3pm in the Community Center

Donations will be accepted at Frinks General Store. We will need 100 lbs potatoes , cranberry sauce, canned yams, 150 lbs of turkey, canned green-beans, desserts . coffee, creamers, lemonade, take out boxes, sterno, butter, and whipped cream. Volunteers needed for setup and cleanup!

Community CPR Class, Thursday, December 6 6:30pm in the Community Center

You are cordially invited to attend a very informal, friendly and informative FREE class on how to recognize the early warning signs of a heart attack or stroke. We will discuss what to do in either of these events, what care you can provide, and how to perform easy, hands only CPR in the event someone you know or love suddenly needs your help until 911 arrives. Learn how to operate an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Free blood pressure checks will be offered by your Falls City first responders. Class offered by Sharon Volk Greve, Falls City Fire, EMS Director. For Questions call Sharon, (503) 871-5140 or City Hall (503) 7887-3631. Hope to see everyone 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.