

# Falls City Newsletter

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

## FALLS CITY REPORT

Falls City is looking at some major staff changes over the next few months, as you know Terry was resigning as City Manager and had been training his replacement, unfortunately his replacement decided the job was to much and resigned. Terry let Council know he would keep on as interim Manager while we search for a replacement. So the City is currently accepting applications for a City Manager and also a Public Works worker, so if interested stop by City Hall for an application or go to the City Website for more information.

We were successful in receiving the Community Development Block Grant for the final engineering on the wastewater project. We expect to receive the agreement in the next month and then we will have two years to complete this stage of the project. So we are slowly moving along to increase our capacity and to be able to reduce our impact on the Little Luckiamute drainage. This was a full funding award, so rates will not be impacted during this stage of the project. Although the sewer operational costs are still going up and we might have to address costs with a rate increase in the future.

The Fire Department has seen a lot of changes since the loss of the Southwest Fire District contract. We were donated two Fire Trucks, we are still short a four wheel drive Engine but this will allow us to answer limited calls in rough terrain. We have a new Doctor over seeing our EMS crews, so we can provide medical stabilization on calls. We are still down a duty rig, used to help transport patients to an ambulance and provide support at fires. We are also still in need of updating our breathing units before they are obsolete under State Law, this allows us to enter structure fires for rescue. The City residents owe a big thank you for all of the volunteers help in getting our Department back up to standards.

We are encouraging folks to sign up to volunteer for the Spring cleanup; we need traffic directors, volunteers to pick up curbside piles for the elderly and disabled, and people to help unload and keep the vehicles moving. Contact Jo at City Hall if interested in helping the community out. This a great opportunity that Republic Garbage Services offers to Falls City to help keep us cleaned up and looking good.

Code Enforcement is still moving along, we have issued 10 complaints to property owners and entered into 8 clean up agreements. There are a couple of properties that are not fulfilling their agreement to meet compliance, so we will be moving to the next stage of issuing citations to attend the Falls City Municipal Court. The City's goal is to

get properties cleaned up rather than fine property owners through our Court, but we at least have the capability now to enforce through a judgment, if needed. Thanks to everyone for their patience while we developed a program to address this issue.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

#### Falls City Community Wide Garage Sale

May 19, 2018 at 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Get rid of your unwanted items and make some money! Sign up at City Hall by Thursday, May 17, 2018 to have your sale listed on the sale map and to obtain a large “Garage Sale” sign for \$1.00! Maps will be available at Frink’s at 4:30 May 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call: Bo Johnson

#### Republic Services & Falls City 2018 Spring Clean!

Saturday, June 2, 2018 8:00 am- 2:00 pm on the Old Mill lot. Please see information at [www.fallscityoregon.gov](http://www.fallscityoregon.gov) under the Community tab menu by clicking events. Links are provided with information on Acceptable and non-acceptable items. Volunteers may sign up at City Hall. Seniors and Those with disabilities may sign up for curbside hauling by volunteers.

#### Falls City Community Night:

The Falls City Service Integration Team will be hosting another Community Night. There will be fun activities, resource sharing, and a free dinner. Join us April 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7 PM at the community Center.

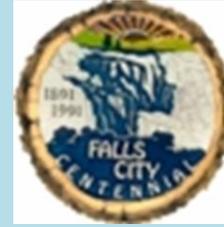
**The Chemeketa Polk Center** (located in Dallas) provides many opportunities for education right here in Polk County. We serve the communities of Dallas, Monmouth, Independence, Falls City, Grand Ronde and more. We have a variety of classes to help students get started in any program including:

- Lower division transfer courses & Career and technical education
- Business and technology courses & General education
- Criminal Justice & Building Inspection Technology

We also have GED preparation classes as well as a full array of Student Support Services. All new GED students are required to attend a GED intake. Intakes are offered at various times in Dallas and Independence throughout the year so please call the Chemeketa Polk Center at 503.623.5567 to reserve your spot. To get more information on any of our classes or programs please call us or go to [go.chemeketa.edu/polk](http://go.chemeketa.edu/polk).

**If any organization has upcoming events that they would like to see in the newsletter, email event information to:** [mayor@fallscityoregon.gov](mailto:mayor@fallscityoregon.gov), before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Scheduled City Meetings



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

**City Council**  
April 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm

**Parks & Recreation**  
April 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm

**Public Works**  
Cancelled, might be rescheduled

**Budget Committee**  
April 19 at 6:30 pm