



Falls City Newsletter

“Addressing the needs of the community and planting the Seeds for a secure future.”

1. Falls City School District Local Option Levy 27-130.

A Message from Falls City School District: the November ballot will have only one item on it, this levy. Passing the levy **will not raise taxes**, the taxes will continue to be the same as they have been, this will simply renew the existing levy.

This levy will support the 12th year of the FACES afterschool program, which offers enrichment classes such as 3-D printing, art classes, sewing, physical activity and science, amongst others. The program also offers field trips on Fridays when the kids aren't in school, and is free of charge so every student can participate regardless of their home financial condition.

This levy will also continue to support school sports programs at the middle school and high school. Our school board chooses not to charge for students to play sports to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to play sports if they choose.

Because of the community's generosity the school district is able to use other funding to keep up with the latest curriculum and trainings for our staff to ensure we are meeting our students where they are at and bringing them to where they need to be for success in the future. Ballot boxes are located at Frink's and at the Polk County offices.

2. Interested in Volunteering in the Community?

Volunteers are the backbone of our community! Taking opportunities to volunteer can stir up civic pride, help strengthen our Falls City community, improve your health, and can be a valuable asset in building personal and professional experience. The Falls City Steering Committee is currently looking to build out its volunteer base.

If you're interested in hearing about volunteer opportunities, please send your contact information to William Sullivan, your Community Development & Outreach Coordinator, at City Hall, or at wsullivan@fallscityoregon.gov. This is a great chance to make sure you're notified of opportunities to get involved!

3. FALLS CITY VISIONING: Greenway Project

The Falls City Downtown Beautification Committee has identified two main projects to help enhance the beauty, and by proxy, the tourism draw of Falls City. The Greenway Project is one of those identified and will result in a pathway around the Falls City Downtown Business area, parks, and between the schools. The project was identified in the Falls City Parks Master Plan, and has been refined by the Community Group working to make the project a reality. There will soon be a rendering and engineer plans produced in consultation with the Downtown Beautification Committee. This plan will ultimately make its way through the Parks and Recreation Committee and finally, the City Council. The momentum is strong, and the community interest is even stronger... More to come!!!

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL 11/23/19!

The Falls City Thanksgiving Meal is alive and well thanks to Volunteer Dana Schowalter, who has graciously volunteered to organize and host the event this year.

It will be held on 11/23/19, 11am-3pm, at the Community Center. Please contact City Hall if you're interested in helping out with the event, or if you need information on attending.

COMPLETE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF FALLS CITY!

Contact City Hall for Details.

FALLS CITY-POLK CDC TEAM UP TO APPLY FOR \$400K IN HOUSING REHAB GRANTS!

If awarded, funds will become available to Falls City and Polk County residents in 2020.

Polk CDC has many funding options, including the 2018 version of this grant, available to Falls City Residents at all times. Polk CDC: (503) 831-3173.

SCHEDULED CITY MEETINGS

The Public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

City Council

November 12, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Parks & Recreation

November 20, 2019 @ 11:00am

Public Works

November 28, 2019 @ 6:00pm

*Note: All meetings are in the Community Center at 320 N. Main St. Falls City, OR 97344, unless otherwise noted.