

FALLS CITY NEWSLETTER

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Most Improved Yard Contest

Back before the onset of COVID-19, the City Council approved a contest for the most improved yard(s) in Falls City. There are four prizes: 1) Surplus 1996 Chevy Tahoe; 2) \$250; 3) \$125; Last) 4 hours PW yard help. Before and after pictures must be turned in to City Hall...

[See the MOST IMPROVED YARD flyer included with this newsletter for details!]

Falls City Fire: Summer Safety Tips - Assistant Chief for EMS, Sharon Volk Greve

Warmer weather offers great opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy some sun. Here are some tips on how to keep you and your family safe.

1. Stay hydrated! Increased temperatures and activities mean we should drink at least 6-8 glasses of water, a day. Watermelon, grapes, cucumbers, juice or sports drinks also help. Seek medical help for symptoms of dehydration or heat stress if you become dizzy, light headed, headache, fatigue, profuse sweating, body feels hot, confusion, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing or fainting.
2. Never swim alone. And Never when you have consumed alcohol or recreational drugs. Wear life jackets around water. Remember, summer time means river levels are much lower than anticipated. Do not dive in water until you check for hazards and water levels!
3. Keep your home cool by adding extra shades (towels or sheets) over your windows. Cook meals early in the day that can be reheated in a microwave. Use fans if you don't have A/C.
4. Open windows become fall hazards for small children and pets. Use window stops, blocks or install exterior steel safety screens to insure no one can fall through the open window. This also prevents burglars who watch for easy access to our homes in the summer.
5. Use Mayo and egg free recipes for picnics, Bar B Ques, etc. Never allow foods to sit out unrefrigerated. Salmonella can develop quickly causing food poisoning. Symptoms are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps. Seek medical advice for severe cases.
6. Use sun screen, wear hats, light colored clothes and limit sun exposures to avoid sunburns.

7. Use approved starter fluids for Bar B Ques. Never use gasoline or propane torches. Bar B Ques should be set on concrete or gravel, never on wood or dry grass, and away from structures, or vegetation. Keep a charged garden hose, fire extinguisher, or large bucket of water present. Keep small children and pets away. Never leave a lit Bar B Que unattended.
8. It is fire season. Backyard burning is closed. Check with the burn line (503) 588-6420 to see if small camp fires or open flames are allowed in the area you will be. Restrictions may apply.
9. COVID-19 is still with us. Remember to practice safety with social distancing, washing hands often, avoid crowds and using masks as recommended by the Oregon Health Assoc.
10. Summer is a time to enjoy the simple things in life. Be safe, stay well, take time to smell the flowers, listen to a bird sing, or watch a sunset or sunrise with someone special. And definitely, laugh more!

Sewer Rate Increase – Effective Immediately

As most of the community is aware, the City of Falls City was awarded a Community Development Block Grant, administered by Business Oregon, funded by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and purposed to design a lagoon style sewage plant somewhere other than the High School Football Field (where the current city drain field lies). However, grant funding is not currently available to pay for the entire cost of the new facility, so other sources of payment must be determined. For now, the cost for residential and commercial sewer connections will increase from \$46.00 to \$52.65. This will be the first increase in nearly four years, and will begin to build a reserve for construction of the new plant.

Backflow Repairs Required

Each water service connection is required to have a backflow preventer installed on it, this keeps water from backing up into and contaminating the city's entire water system. The law requires these backflow devices to be inspected annually, which you pay for under "Backflow" on your water bill. The City's most recent inspection yielded approximately 150 backflow devices that are in need of repair or replacement. The Falls City Municipal Code makes it the property owner's responsibility to repair or replace inoperable backflow devices within 90 days of being advised. When advised of the number of failed devices, the Council directed City Staff to look into options to ease the burden of repair/replacement of backflow devices. If your device is one of those in question you will receive a letter with options.

Falls City Direct Connect Resumes Service

Falls City Citizen Committees Resume Meeting

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CITY SCHEDULE AUGUST, 2020

CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DATE/TIME- AUGUST 10, 2020 @ 6PM
LOCATION- FALLS CITY COMMUNITY
CENTER, PHONE, OR INTERNET

- COMMUNITY CENTER; 299 MILL ST. FALLS CITY, OR 97344
- DIAL (425) 436-6370; CODE 251514
- WEB APP FREE DOWNLOAD AT FREECONFERENCECALL.COM; MEETING CODE- MANAGER3208

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

FALLS CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, DATES AND TIMES BELOW

- PUBLIC WORKS
 - AUGUST 20, 2020 @ 6PM
- PARKS & RECREATION
 - AUGUST 12, 2020 @ 11AM
- HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 - NONE SCHEDULED