

# Falls City Newsletter

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

## FALLS CITY REPORT

### **1. Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 pm at The Boondocks! We need to hear from you about the Future of Falls City!**

The City has partnered with Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) to engage residents about the future of Falls City. What do you want to see change? What do you want to remain unchanged? With high rates of land use applications, rapid County-wide development, and other changes, we want the Community, as a whole, to help steer us in the right direction. Please join us at the Boondocks (thanks for hosting!) at 1pm on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the kick-off event and engage in stimulating conversation with your neighbors about all things Falls City. Food, refreshments, and child care will be provided by RDI. To participate, please RSVP by emailing [mayor@fallscityoregon.gov](mailto:mayor@fallscityoregon.gov) or call City Hall at, (503) 787-3631. More details to follow!

### **2. No Weapons in City Hall!**

Just a friendly reminder that weapons of all varieties are not allowed in City Hall. Oregon Revised Statute 166.370 makes it a Felony to carry weapons in a public building which City Hall certainly is. Please leave your weapons at home when you come see us.

### **3. Credit Card Utility Payments Coming Soon!**

The City is in the process of setting up a credit card payment portal for the utility billing system. City Clerk JoHanna Birr has worked extremely hard to make this a possibility and we are in the late stages implementing the system. Stay tuned for more, but within the next few months you should see the change.

Please note that a fee of approximately 3% or \$2.50 (whichever is greater) will be charged to each transaction. The City does not receive those funds, instead they are paid to the vendor who provides the Credit Card payment system.

#### **4. Falls city Facebook Page**

The City of Falls City recently hosted a photography contest aimed at gathering photographs of our city for the new Falls City Official Facebook Page! Now that the contest is over, our panel of judges will select the winning photographs to adorn the cover of the new page.

The official Facebook page will provide information to the public on events, issues, and stories that effect the City of Falls City and her citizens. If you are a social media user, please follow the new page located here: [www.facebook.com/cityoffallscity](http://www.facebook.com/cityoffallscity)

#### **5. DEQ supplemental environmental protection project**

Last month we informed you that the City had mitigated 80% of its DEQ fine by undertaking a supplemental environmental protection program.

This month we are celebrating a strong start to that program. If you haven't been by the Mill lot lately, you might not have noticed that the blackberries have been cut down and a car that was dumped in the Riparian zone approximately 20 years ago has been removed. Thus far the City has removed over 1.5 tons of garbage from the area!

Then next step is a follow-on program in which the Falls City High School Forestry Class will partner with the City to plant native vegetation in the area.

If you'd like to be involved with this program please contact City Hall!

#### **6. Falls City E-Newsletter**

Beginning this month, the City will produce and disseminate an E-Newsletter. "But we already have a newsletter," you might be saying. This is true, but the nature of print makes it very expensive to provide certain graphics and information. Thus, the City has created an opportunity to receive these items without increasing costs.

Please sign up to receive the newsletter by getting your email address to City Hall in person, via telephone, or by email.

## Community events

### Annual City Wide Garage Sale: Mark your calendars for May 18, 2019!

Want to clean out all that stuff you no longer use or need? The Annual City Wide Garage Sale is a great way for residents to participate in the community, make some money and reclaim your space. Sign up at City Hall by May 16, 2019 to get your sale on the map. Maps will be available at Frink's General Store and City Hall Friday, May 17, 2019, no later than 4:30 pm.

### Safety Tips from your Falls City Volunteer Fire & Ems Dept.

- Home Heating Safety. All heaters need space. Keep things that burn such as paper, furniture, bedding, curtains, etc at least 3 ft from heating equipment.
- Have a 3 ft "kid free zone" around open fires and heating equipment
- Use only heating devices made for that purpose. Never use ovens, Bar B Ques, camping stoves or gas heaters indoors!
- Turn off and unplug space heaters when going to bed or leaving your home.
- Never run electric heaters with an extension cord. The cords are not heavy enough nor approved for that purpose and will overheat and cause fires.
- Make sure space heaters are on a flat solid surface and purchase ones that will turn off automatically should it become tipped over.
- Have your wood stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and flues cleaned and checked annually by professionals.
- Always use fire place screens, keep stove doors closed, and dispose of cold ashes in a tight metal container away from combustibles. Never use gas or oils to start your fires indoors.
- Have an escape plan for your family and practice 4 times per year.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at least twice per year. Replace as needed.
- Call 911 anytime you see flames, smell smoke or feel heat inside your home's walls.

### Scheduled City Meetings



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

**City Council 6:00 pm  
February 20, 2019**

**Parks & Recreation 11:00 am  
February 14, 2019**

**Public Works 6:30 pm  
February 21, 2019**

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