

# FALLS CITY NEWSLETTER

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## **City Hall Hours are Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4 pm Closed on Fridays**

### **Road Paving**

The paving of Fair Oaks & Ellis Streets will take place in the next 2-3 weeks (most likely beginning the first week of March) when the temperature is ABOVE 40 DEGREES, and there is DRY WEATHER. We would like to give everyone a more specific start date at this time, BUT this type of work is highly WEATHER & TEMPERATURE dependent. We will do our best to give further updates on the upcoming work as the weather forecast guides the contractor's schedule. The paving work itself should take no more than 2 days, so we ask for your understanding during this phase of the sewer line project.

### **CITY SCHEDULE MARCH 2024**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 @ 6PM  
LOCATION: COMMUNITY CENTER

### **After Hours Emergencies**

City Hall staff want residents to know that we are here to ensure city-run utility services are maintained at all times. During office hours, we can be reached at 503-787-3631. For after-hours utility emergencies, our public works staff can be reached at 503-302-1087.

### **Thrives Events**

Falls City Thrives is holding the following events at the Luckiamute Community Building (304 N. Main Street, Falls City).

Stitch Night: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month January – May from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Board Game Night: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month January – May from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Craft Night: February 13<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 8 pm & April 30<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

All events are free, and supplies will be provided.

# Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart: The Do's and Don'ts of Your Septic System

Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:



## Protect It and Inspect It:

### Do:

- Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

## Think at the Sink:

### Don't:

- Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
- Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
- Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.

### Do:

- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
- Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
- Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

## Don't Overload the Commode:

### Don't:

- Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.

### Do:

- Dispose of these items in the trash can!

## Shield Your Field:

### Don't:

- Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
- Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.

### Do:

- Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

## Don't Strain Your Drain:

### Don't

- Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.

### Do:

- Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
- Become more [water efficient](#) by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.

For more SepticSmart tips, visit: [www.epa.gov/septicSMART](http://www.epa.gov/septicSMART)