

Falls City Newsletter

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

FALLS CITY REPORT

FALLS CITY AWARDED \$85,000 for Community Visioning

The City of Falls City entered a competitive grant process for two grants from the Ford Family Foundation and a Local Economic Opportunity Grant through Business Oregon. The City was awarded the grants and is now partnered with Rural Development Initiatives to undertake a community visioning and capacity building process that will enhance economic and community development.

Please be a part of shaping the future of our community. The first visioning event will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Boondocks, from 1-3pm. All Falls City residents and partners are invited to attend. There will be food and drinks served at no cost to attendees. We look forward to seeing you all there!

CITY HALL UNDERGOES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERHAUL

Please be patient with City Staff over the next couple of weeks. The City's IT infrastructure was so outdated that it lost support from the manufacturer. Additionally, some of the IT hardware began to crash, but City Staff was already hard at work implementing a replacement plan. That plan is in full effect and the City will be fully on-line with more capabilities within the next two weeks.

In the interim please be patient and understand that the upgraded system will allow for such things as credit card utility payments, and enhanced Information Security to better protect your information, to name just a couple. We thank you for your understanding throughout this process.

City of Falls City Local Government Internship

The City has selected Amara Houghtailing and Wyatt Weems as its inaugural interns for the local government internship. Amara and Wyatt are standouts in both academics and extracurricular activities. The pair will be working on various projects related to the learning objectives set out for the course. These projects are designed mainly to enhance their education, but also help meet some long neglected needs of the City. We are lucky and excited to have such amazing young people in our Community, and even luckier that we all get to benefit from their talents!

New Staff Member

Please join me in welcoming the newest member of our City Staff, Jamie Ward. Jamie is a long-time resident of Falls City and will soon join our team as our Utility Biller – Clerk Path. We are very lucky to have someone with Jamie's values, abilities, and love for our community to help bring the highest level of service to our citizens. Be sure to give Jamie a warm "hello" when you see her at City Hall, starting March 4!

New Noise Ordinance

Over the last two City Council meetings the Falls City Council read and adopted a noise ordinance to replace our existing. The ordinance goes into effect on March 16, 2019. Please take the time to read it on the City of Falls City web page. It will be located on the main page when you go to www.fallscityoregon.gov. The ordinance is posted in full so the curious can see what was removed and what has been inserted.

NOTE* City Wide Garage Sale- Date Change!

Due to a conflict with major garage sales taking place in Dallas on our chosen weekend, Falls City's City Wide Garage Sale will take place **MAY 25th, 2019**.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Community Visioning

Saturday, March 2nd 1pm – 3pm at The Boondocks Restaurant
Refreshments provided, free child care at the Community Center.

Bingo and Chili! Parent Group Fundraiser

Saturday, March 2nd 5pm-7pm at the Community Center

YOUR SAFETY TIP FOR MARCH 2019

EMERGENCY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Since there is a lot of information to convey, we will break topics down in the next several bulletins.

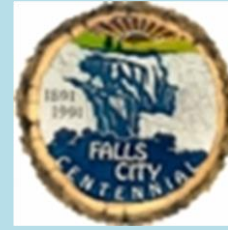
1. BE INFORMED. Severe weather may cause power or heat loss for days and result in safe highways, roads and bridges, no telephone or cell reception, jammed circuits for hours or days, which means no 911 service. Even if you can reach 911, first responders and police may be so overwhelmed with calls, they will not be available to help right away, or they themselves may be unable to respond due to damaged roads and bridges. Stores will quickly run out of supplies and may not be able to restock for days or even weeks. You may not be able to refill your medical prescriptions. Freezers and fridges will fail. Don't forget water! Pipes may break, or water may be unsafe to drink. What if a disaster happens, such as an earthquake and you are unable to get home, or reach loved ones at work or school? How will you know if they are OK or tell them where you are?

2. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A PLAN! To begin, let's create a minimum 3-day self-sufficiency plan. Your "homework" for this month is to get a solid tote with a tight fitting lid, or a clean 5 gal plastic bucket. In the bottom, place one hand crank can opener, 1 roll of Duck tape, and 5 Lg 30 gal heavy duty plastic garbage bags. Roll bags up into a tight, small roll. Secure with some tough twine or small diameter rope, and use plenty of it. It will come in handy later. The bags, tape and twine can be used to build a temporary shelter or close off a broken window, make a rain poncho, for waste disposal, or to catch water. Twine can be used for a clothes line to dry clothing or blankets that get wet.

Next month we will check to see if you have your homework done and talk about more supplies to round up. Remember, many of these items you already have around your home. Go on a scavenger hunt before heading to the store.

Remember, it is only a Disaster, if we are not prepared! We can do this, let's GET READY NOW! Thank you! Your Falls City Volunteer Fire and EMS.

Scheduled City Meetings



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

City Council 6:00 pm
March 14, 2019

Parks & Recreation 11:00 am
March 20, 2019

Public Works 6:00 pm
March 21, 2019