

# FALLS CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Happy New Year

Wishing you a happy 2021 from the City Hall staff!

## Time to Clean Your Chimney

“The weather outside is frightful but the fire is so delightful”. Failure to clean your chimney can jeopardize the health and safety of your family. It can be hazardous for your pets too. The inhalation of smoke, creosote, soot, and other dangerous gases can cause a variety of health issues, especially in children, the elderly and those with respiratory ailments. Buildup in your chimney can also cause a chimney fire. Remember to get your chimney cleaned and serviced by a licensed professional this winter. Find local chimney services in our area online or in the phone book.

## City Hall Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed Thursday December 31 for New Year’s Eve, Friday January 1 for New Year’s Day, and Monday January 18 for Martin Luther King Day.

## Notary Services at City Hall

City Hall offers notary services by appointment during the following days/times:

Monday 9 AM to 5 PM  
Wednesday 9 AM to 5 PM  
Friday 9 AM to 1 PM

Call 503-787-3631 to make an appointment. Requires \$3 fee per document notarized and a photo I.D.

## Firewood Available

City Hall has firewood available for someone in need. For more information, please call or email our office.

## CITY SCHEDULE JANUARY 2021

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

DATE/TIME- JANUARY 11, 2021 @ 6PM  
LOCATION- ZOOM ONLY

- MEETING ID:  
PASSCODE:

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

FALLS CITY COMMUNITY CENTER,  
DATES AND TIMES BELOW

- PUBLIC WORKS  
JANUARY 28, 2021 @ 6PM
- PARKS & RECREATION  
JANUARY 20, 2021 @ 11 AM

## **Stormwater Runoff**

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

Polk County as well as Falls City implement a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan. The TMDL Implementation Plan is designed to reduce river and stream temperatures as well as the levels of bacteria and mercury that enter rivers and streams. The TMDL Implementation Plans are City and County Wide.

Additional information can be found at

Falls City

<https://www.fallscityoregon.gov/city-documents>

Polk County

<https://www.co.polk.or.us/cd/building/stormwater-resources>