



FALLS CITY NEWSLETTER

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

Thrives

Falls City Thrives is a 100% volunteer organization. Thrives' mission is to empower the community of Falls City to live with dignity by working to address issues of housing, downtown revitalization, volunteerism, and personal health faced by the Falls City community. Thrives is working with Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) to facilitate two community visioning events. The event dates have been changed to September 30th and October 28th, from 12:30-3:30. This is open to anyone in the community, and you can participate in one or both.

Kids Baking Class

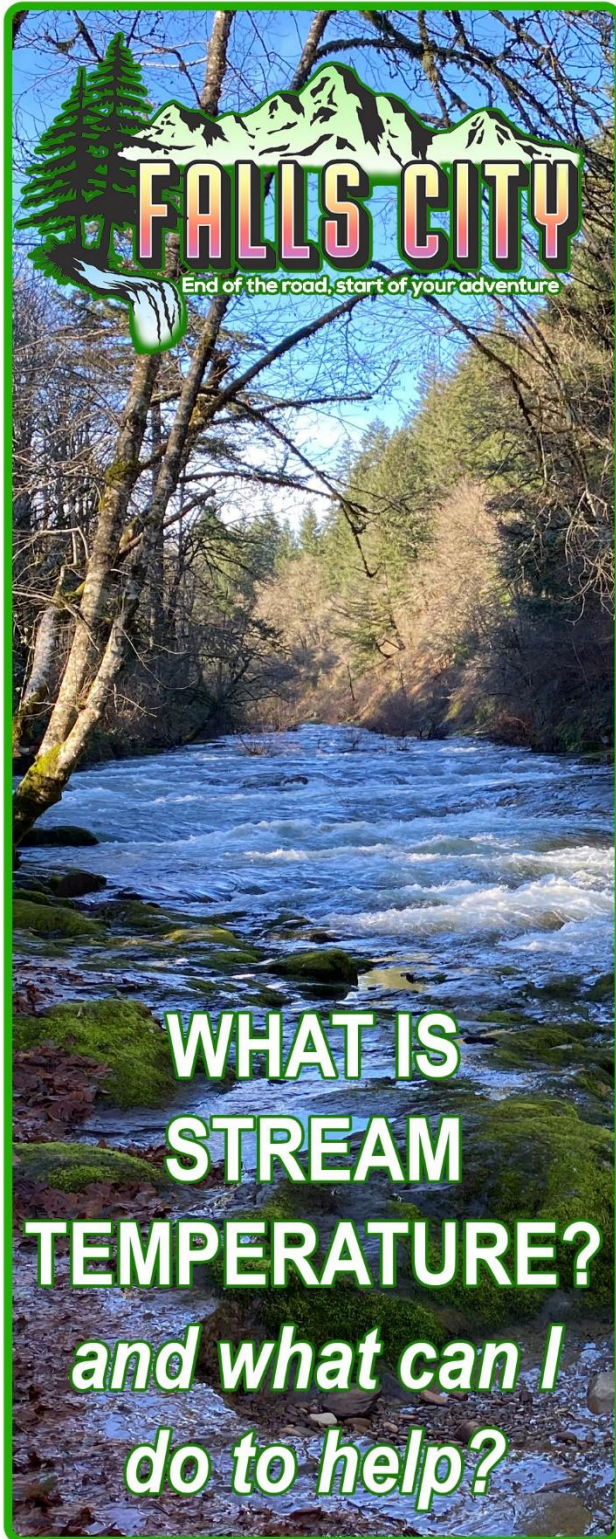
Polk County 4-H is offering a children's baking class for grades 4-12. It will be held on Monday September 11th from 10 am to Noon, at the Polk County Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave, Dallas OR 97338. Children wanting to participate need to be registered by September 7th, the cost is \$5. <https://beav.es/T8j>

CITY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2023 @ 6PM
LOCATION- COMMUNITY CENTER

Office Closures

City Hall will be closed Monday September 4th in observance of Labor Day. We will resume our regular business hours on Tuesday September 5th.



WHAT IS STREAM TEMPERATURE?

Did you ever notice that the vegetation along waterways often includes tall trees, smaller shrubs, and sometimes grasses or vines? These plants all play an important role in providing a healthy habitat for wildlife and everything that lives there – even us.

Tall trees are especially important to stream health for a number of reasons such as bank stabilization, large woody debris for fish, and more. But trees also play a major role in blocking incoming solar radiation from warming the water in our waterways. Trout and Salmon are more sensitive to warm water than some other fish. While some adult fish may be more able to withstand increasing water temperature, for spawning and hatching of eggs, much lower temperatures are required. Many species spawn only above or below certain temperatures.

What can you do to help?

- Volunteer for a restoration project;
- Plant a tree and care for it properly. Whether near a stream or far away, trees do remarkable job of removing pollutants from the air and soil. They also cool the environment in general;
- Explore the use of native plants in your yard or in a neighbors yard;
- Support green infrastructure projects in your community such as rain gardens or vegetated swales.
- Build your own rain garden;
- Educate yourself and spread the word.

GREEN IS GOOD!