



FALL CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the October 2019 Meeting

President Ashley Glennon welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence, thanked first responders and all those who have served our country and introduced the FCCA officers.

Minutes: The September 2019 minutes were approved (MSP)

Fall City Library News, Irene Wickstrom

- Check out the brand-new carpet in the Library!
- 45 kids signed up to help clean books during Love Snoqualmie Valley!
- Between Hopelink (every other Wednesday) and the Snoqualmie Valley food bank van (every other Friday), the library hosts a food bank each Wednesday.
- During August the library had 3,753 visitors, 7,042 check-outs and clients spent 22,633 minutes on the library's computers.

News, Reminders and Photo Updates covering

- Love Snoqualmie Valley event, October 5,
- Fall City Candidates Forum, October 15; Department of Local Services Town Hall meeting, October 17;
- Fall City Historical Society Northwest Passage Event, October 18,
- Sno-Valley Senior Center auction, October 19; and
- New business in town Snoqualmie Valley Pumpkin Patch - open until October 31.

Upcoming Events

- The **mobile dental clinic** scheduled to return Friday, Jan 24, 2020, to SVA church with a capacity for treating 13-14 patients.
- King County Service Area 2020 **grant applications** are due November 4.

Alley Recover THANK YOU King County for our new, smooth, beautiful alley!! In support of Love the Snoqualmie Valley Volunteer Day, King County Road Services crews renovated four alleys behind the businesses between Preston-Fall City Road SE and 335th Pl SE. And thank you Councilmember Lambert and Local Services Area Director Taylor for your support of this project.

King County Updates

John Taylor, Director, King County Local Services, or in his absence the deputy director or chief of staff, will be available in our library on Friday's between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the Fall City Community to share "concerns, issues and



beefs” or even Thank You’s with King County staff. John, also, thanked the staff of the Roads Division for their work renovating our four blocks of alley!

Kathy Lambert, King County Councilperson

- The King County Council will soon begin their **budget analysis** with hopes that the budget will be approved by Thanksgiving. They want community input.
- The Fall City **comprehensive plan** will be launched in 2022.
- If you are a **landlord**, be aware of proposed new legal requirements. Feel free to call Kathy’s office for more information.
- Look for information about Best Starts for Kids grants, Open 4 Culture, and other **grants** in Kathy’s blog or in her regular email newsletter.

King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht

The King County Sheriff’s office has approximately 1200 employees of which 740 are “gun toters” and other professional staff. They offer police services from the north boundary of King County to Pierce County and from Vashon Island to Snoqualmie Pass in areas ranging from rural to urban, including unincorporated areas of King County as well as 13 contract cities, Seattle-Tacoma airport and Boeing field. About 60% of their budget is revenue backed; the remaining 40% is from the King County.

The Sheriff shared information and responded to questions:

- A data-driven staffing study (the first to be completed in some time) will be available in December. Areas of focus include fraud, community policing, over 300 cold (unsolved) homicide cases (150 of which have DNA that could be tested), the impact of the proposed landlord/tenant eviction legislation and crimes of the future.
- A new records management system is being implemented and it’s important to note that future reports will not be on an “apples-to-apples” basis with past reports. The old/current system reports crimes on a per person basis rather than number of crimes basis: If one person commits six crimes the current system would report it as “1” while the new system will report it as “6”. Because the reports are not “apples-to-apples” it will appear that crime is increasing. She suggested being asked to return to meeting in early 2020 to discuss 2019 crimes.
- Fall City residents are the “eyes and ears” for the Sheriff’s office. If you have a concern, call 911 – if your concern is not urgent you will be transferred to the non-emergency line. If you want to know the outcome of a report, be sure to tell the dispatcher that you want “officer contact”. Also, residents are encouraged to complete property crime reports online.
- In addition to Sheriff’s deputies assigned to our area, members of Duval, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Redmond and Sammamish forces offer a “mutual aid”



response. Deputies representing King County work alone while most police forces have two officers per car; this presents hiring challenges.

- The Sheriff reminded us that her office enforces the law, and the Prosecutor's office decides which cases to try. There are not enough court rooms/judges, etc., to hear every case, so sometimes "deals" are brokered between the prosecutor and the offender. The Sheriff's office has no untested rape kits.
- King County is considering a pilot program that allows those arrested for a small quantity of drugs to go to jail or go to treatment. If they choose treatment and complete it and the required follow-up, the charges are dropped. If they choose treatment and don't complete all the required steps, they will be arrested.
- The Sheriff and KC Local Services are working together on issues involving homelessness. The Boise case (which is complicated, but allows homeless people to camp in parks, etc.) will likely go to the Supreme Court.
- Regarding floaters on the river, the Sheriff said her office is continuously trying to improve law enforcement. It is not cost effective for a deputy to write a parking ticket and wait for a tow truck (that might be many miles away). The group discussed "electronic boots" on parking violator's vehicles. In addition to the river, the Sheriff is responsible for parking enforcement around the Mount Si and Little Si trailheads.
- If you see large trucks speeding on highways 202 or 203, call 911 and ask for the State Patrol. They have a commercial vehicle enforcement unit.

Department of Local Services Town Hall Meeting in Carnation, Tolt Middle School

Plan to attend a "virtual" city hall on October 17th with notary services, pet licensing and permits available. Hear from county leaders and participate in a small group discussion regarding public safety, public works, floating, permitting and land use, etc.

Carnation Siren And by the way, if you ever hear the Carnation Siren go off anytime other than noon on Wednesdays, it means the Tolt Dam has broken and a 30-foot wall of water will hit Carnation in an hour and twenty minutes and Duvall in 3 hours. Head to the mountain!!

Next FCCA Meeting:

November 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Fire Station

Officer Search

Ashley reminded the group that a new President will be elected in January and asked that any regular member of the FCCA interested in the position contact him.