Fall City Historical Society board members receive the John D Spellman Award for Exemplary Achievement in Historic Preservation. (L-R) Donna Driver-Kummen, Paula Spence, Anne Neilson, Ruth Pickering, Cindy Parks, and King County Executive Dow Constantine. (Not present: Board member Leanne Adcox) (PHOTO: Ned Ahrens)

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EDITOR’S NOTE

The rainless summer of 2017 has come to an end, and the winds and rains of fall have arrived, bringing our first flood of the season in late October. Summer patio furniture has been retired to the basement or garage, or in some cases may be hunkering down in place for the winter, feeling lonely and forgotten as the people who enjoyed its company so much in the summer have moved inside, gathering around their warm, cheerful stove or fireplace.

November is the month of nationally recognized “thanks,” hosting both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. While many of us acknowledge to ourselves that we are thankful for our blessings, family, friends, and community, we often don’t actually say it directly to those whose lives positively impact ours. November seems like a good time to do so.

So—to all those people in our family, community, and beyond, ranging from family members, friends, and acquaintances to those totally unaware of us personally, whose actions in ways great and small positively impact us, our community, and the world community that we are privileged to live in: THANK YOU. May the positivity generated by each of you be returned to you tenfold.

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Highlights of the October 2017 Meeting

GENERAL NEWS.
- Look for the new flower shop next to the former Fall City Bistro building—it will be opening soon!
- Graffiti reported on the Bistro building (already removed), as well as the building next to the Raging River Café.
- Although it was news to the owner, a group has approached #Chipstarter for funding to open a coffee shop in the Prescott-Harshman House!

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION SURVEY. PLEASE complete the survey that was just mailed to every home from Monroe to North Bend. The cities of the Valley, the King County Metro, the Snoqualmie Tribe, Hopelink, and others, including Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, are gathering in mid-November to create a Valley transportation plan. Your input is essential, as our public transportation providers consider not only costs and profitability but also geographic equity.

It is extremely difficult and challenging for those who do not drive to find employment, commute to work or school, enjoy and participate in community activities, etc. The lack of public transportation on the weekend is also problematic. One recommendation was to offer shuttle service to Valley town festivals (such as Fall City Day) when parking is very challenging; this would be much like the bus that shuttles folks from Snoqualmie to the Issaquah Salmon Days festival.

NEW FALL CITY WEBSITE. Check out the new Fall City website at Fallcity.org! It is beautiful and informative, and it renders well on a mobile phone. FCCA agendas and minutes will now be online; there is also an events calendar, and nonprofit groups will be highlighted. Next steps include a new header/logo, more links, paths for Facebook/Twitter/Instagram, sign-ups for the Yahoo Group and Nextdoor, and a plan for managing the “administrivia” of the new site. A suggestion was made to allow paid advertising. Thanks to Sue Holbink and Ashley Glennon for making this dream become a reality!

CSA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. The County is interested in funding (up to $5,000) one-time expenditures that help bring people in unincorporated King County together or make the area more attractive. Grant proposals are due in late November. For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/initiatives/community-service-areas.aspx.

KING COUNTY UPDATES.
- The Snoqualmie Watershed Forum, a group comprised mostly of elected officials, is looking for a representative from unincorporated King County for an ex-officio position on their board.
- A diverse group of King County agencies, including the Sheriff’s Office and Fish and Wildlife, participated in a discussion regarding strengths and weaknesses of floating on the Snoqualmie River. The group determined that the current operator has done a very strong job on garbage pickup and, overall, parking is much improved.
- Fred Jarret, who is charged with King County’s “local services initiative,” is completing a survey of which County services and products are available to unincorporated King County and will be completing a strengths/weaknesses analysis before the 2019–2020 County budget.
- The local land-acquisition group that was formed earlier this year is beginning to work on recommendations.
- Tolt Bridge construction will begin in 2018; the bridge will be strengthened to allow for both car and truck use.
- Each year the County reviews a certain geographic area under the King County Comprehensive Plan. In 2018, the review will include unincorporated areas of the Snoqualmie Valley.

NEXT FCCA MEETING: Friday, November 10
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fall City Fire Station
4301 334th Place SE
WINTER COLOR

November is our rainiest month, so let’s search for a few colorful plants to cheer us through the dark months. You may find it hard to plant shop now, but a few of these plants will add the Midas touch and help you smile.

‘Firefly’ oriental spruce is a much smaller (6 ft x 4 ft in 10 years) seedling selection of ‘Skylands’ (25 ft x 15 ft) that offers electric yellow needles that soften to a rich gold and stands out against its darker interior foliage. Skylands is perfect for a larger garden, and Firefly fits neatly into smaller gardens. I’ve seen them for sale at McAuliffe’s Valley Nursery in Snohomish.

Korean Firs are prized for large purple upright cones, and they love full sun. A smaller witch’s broom* was found on the larger Korean fir ‘Horstmann’s Silberlocke,’ and the small ‘Kohout’s Icebreaker’ is a hot new silvery fir ball resembling a shiny basketball. It grows slowly to 2 ft x 2 ft in 10 years. I saw some Kohout’s Icebreaker on 4-ft-tall trunks selling for $450 in a conifer nursery in Oregon. Even us “coneheads” can fall for spendy, exotic creations.

The needles of the famous Chief Joseph lodgepole pine (*pinus contorta latifolia ‘Chief Joseph’) turn a brilliant gold in the space of one week in late October/November. Since it was found in the drier Wallowa Mountains, this golden pine can be finicky to propagate. I’ve lost one Chief Joseph and am nursing a second one along that looks healthier after being moved to a more reliable visual site. It’s a spendy conifer, but if you get it off to a good start, its warm lemony yellow hue and reddish trunk will make you glow when you glance at it.

‘Gold Coin’ Scots pine is a pyramidal, mid-sized, blue-green color in early fall that supposedly turns brilliant gold in the winter in a sunny location. Jury’s still out on my Gold Coin—I keep thinking there is a perfect, mostly sunny location with luscious soil that I may someday find on my property where all plants will perform as stated on their tags.

A workhorse gold conifer is the *abies nordmanniana ‘Golden Spreader.’ I have two growing in light shade, which it prefers. Slowly (it is written) the Golden Spreader starts to rise up into a pudgy, upright conifer; but after close to 10 years, my Golden Spreaders are only spreading, and not yet upright or pudgy.

An elegant golden feathery gem is the new dwarf conifer *‘Golden Duchess’ Eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*). It offers graceful, arching branches. I saw it in a garden magazine, looked up its sales location (Squak Mt. Nursery), and love its aristocratic look.

Consider the cheery gold-streaked yucca called Color Guard Adam’s Needle (*yucca filamentosa ‘Color Guard’), 3 ft x 4 ft, paired with the tough golden-variegated *elaeagnus ‘Gilt Edge,’ an easy-care, moderate-growing, 4 ft x 5 ft shrub. It loves full sun and does well in light shade. I add vertical dark purple contrasts of Black Tower elderberry or sambucus. I love the reliable steadfastness of these color-packed shrubs.

Happy Gardening!

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Master Gardener and Master Pruner

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* A witch’s broom is a mutation or deformity on a tree where a dense mass of shoots grows from a single point. The resulting structure resembles a broom or bird’s nest. Coneheads hunt for them in conifers to be the first to capitalize on a potential new, smaller prized conifer with naming rights!
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Fall City Community Association Meeting
Every 2nd Friday of the month
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Location: Fall City Fire Station

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RAGING RIVER CONSERVATION GROUP UPDATE

The Department of Permitting and Environmental Review has issued the results of their periodic review of the existing operations at the Raging River Quarry. They have issued 52 rules and conditions for the quarry, and quarry owners have up to 90 days to submit all of their plans. The new rules and conditions include a traffic management plan.

Other agencies involved with the quarry include the Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Clean Air, and the Department of Natural Resources. If you have concerns or questions, you should contact these agencies.
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King County Preservation Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony on October 18th was such a pleasure. Unsolicited and unexpected recognition is wonderful! We were honored to be among the other award recipients and inspired by their work. We were asked to bring the Hop Shed model and it was again much enjoyed! (Thanks again to David McAndrew and Tom Keene for creating the model.)

After the ceremony we talked with folks from other historical groups and have been asked to share information on our historic signs and on some of the other outreach that works well for us. As one of the youngest in the large King County HistSoc family, it feels good to be have valuable experience to share.

The Fall City Brick School sign and its mounting hardware have been received. The sign and an installation location (near the front of the Fall City Gymnasium) have been approved by the School District and the installation will be done by their staff.

Watch for a “Sign Warming” event, to be organized by Fall City Elementary!

Partial funding for the Brick School Sign is provided by a grant from the King County Community Service Area program.

Many thanks to all who have joined in the 2017 Fall Fundraising Drive!

Go to www.fallcityhistorical.org to make a donation or become a member. For a donation of $50 or more you may ask to have a free copy of the new calendar mailed to you.

Watch for us at the Holiday Market, Dec. 2nd!
November Sno-Valley Senior Center Events

ROARING '20s RAINBOW BINGO!
Friday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun night of bingo hosted by the delightful Sylvia O'Stayformore! Just $15 ($25 per couple) for 10 bingo games, costume contest, and the chance to win $100 in cash! Dinner will be available for purchase, separately, at the event.

COMMUNITY SEAHAWKS POTLUCK
Thursday, Nov. 9, 5:00 p.m. The Seahawks play the Arizona Cardinals in this Thursday night NFC West matchup—bring a dish to share and enjoy a great Seahawks game! The event is free, hosted by the Senior Center and the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network and is open to the whole community!

VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST
Saturday, Nov. 11, 8:00–10:00 a.m. Celebrate our veterans and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast sponsored by our local Rotary Club of Duvall and the American Legion, and hosted at Sno-Valley Senior Center. All current and former service members are invited to a free breakfast. $5 for family, friends, and supporters; $3 for children.

REQUIEM FOR THE STATUS QUO, WITH IRENE OLSON
Thursday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m. Together with the Old Friends Club, the Senior Center will be hosting Irene Olson for a reading from her book, Requiem for the Status Quo, which explores the delicate balance of families upended by dementia.

STEAK DINNER AND PIE AUCTION
Saturday, Nov. 18, seating at 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. $15 paid in advance ($20 at the door) for a full steak or salmon dinner with dessert and all the fixings! You will also have the chance to bid on delicious pies baked by our very own members. Purchase tickets online at our website.

For more info on any of the above, visit our website, SnoValleySenior.org, or call 425-333-4152.
**FALL CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

**Happy Birthday FCCFP!**

The Food Pantry is 10 years old! We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to serve our community and interact with so many wonderful volunteers and community members over the past decade. Without your helping hands and generous donations we would not have been able to provide the many meals and special extras to those in need.

*Your support brings our mission to life!*

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**Thank You Valued Volunteers**

The Food Pantry is happy to welcome two new volunteers, in addition to thanking two longtime volunteers, who help restock the Food Pantry shelves on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. From left to right: Ezra Bacon-Gershman, Avery Hamby, Mike Hedrick and Kaley Hedrick.

Ezra, Avery and Kaley are Mount Si High School students. Ezra has volunteered in the past and recruited Avery to help this fall. Mike and Kaley are long-time volunteers. Kaley’s dad, Mike, just created the much appreciated wall hanging pictured in the background. The pockets contain labels for all the items we provide. Volunteers attach these labels to the crates as they fill them, so we can see at a glance what we have on hand. Hats off to these wonderful volunteers!

Thank you to **Kristen Smith** for organizing fellow members of the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** to provide a **Day of Service** in September. In six hours, these wonderful volunteers collected a large SUV full of food plus a generous amount of cash. Seven volunteers wrapped up their Day of Service by delivering the thoughtfully sorted food to the Pantry as well as carrying it upstairs for storage.

Kristen said, “*We all felt blessed to be able to contribute something to the community. It was one of the most meaningful experiences my husband and I have had in a long time.*”

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the participants, donors and to the Ridge IGA for their service to the community.

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- FC United Methodist Church
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Please call 425-269-8098 if you are interested in volunteering – more hands are always welcome!

**Dates**

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month

**Time**

12 - 1:30 P.M. & 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**Location**

Fall City United Methodist Church
4326 337th Place SE
fallcityfoodpantry.org

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**NEXT FOOD PANTRY DATES**

November 1 and November 15
**NOVEMBER 2017 FALL CITY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

(Please send calendar items to Andree Hurley at andree@seattlehometour.com. Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

**Thursday, November 2**
7:30 p.m. Mount Si Fish and Game Club meeting. Snoqualmie Police Department on Snoqualmie Ridge. Learn more at www.mountsifishandgameclub.com.

**Thursdays (November 2, 9, 16, and 30)**
6:00–7:30 p.m. Harmony Women’s Group CoDA meetings at the Snoqualmie United Methodist Church, 28701 SE River St., Snoqualmie. Info: Cynthia Martin, 425-830-0050

**Thursdays (November 9, 16, and 30)**
7:30–9:00 p.m. Adult co-ed volleyball, Fall City Elementary School Gym

**Second Friday of each month (November 10)**
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Fall City Community Association Meeting, Fall City Fire Department Meeting Room.

**Second Tuesday of each month (November 14)**
7:00 p.m. Fall City Metropolitan Park District meeting at the Fall City Library
7:00 p.m. Fire District 27 Commissioners’ meeting, Fall City Fire Department

**Third Wednesday of each month (November 15)**
7:00 p.m. Fall City Water District Commissioners meeting, FC Water District Office

**Thursday, November 16**
7:00 p.m. Friends of Fall City Library Meeting. Join and help plan library programs and support library services. New members are always welcome.

**Third Thursday of each month (November 16)**
1:00–2:00 p.m. Care Giver Connection, an ongoing support group for folks caring for a family member or friend. Sno Valley Senior Center, Carnation, 425-333-4152.

**Third Saturday of each month (November 18)**
Trellis Garden Forum Meeting, 9:00 a.m. For information go to http://trellis.ning.com.

**November Events at the Fall City Learning Garden and P-Patch**
Hands-on learning opportunities: Wednesdays, November 1 and 15, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. We are continuing with garden cleanup and redoing the strawberry beds this month, with plenty of strawberry plants to share with volunteers. Fall-planted strawberries should give you a good harvest next summer. Come and learn along with us! Join us for an occasional hour at the garden, or more. Please note: if the rain is heavy, we won’t be at the garden, but we keep on gardening in light rain. Visit our website at http://letusgarden.org. The garden is located behind the Masonic Hall at 4304 337th Place SE.

**November Events for Fall City Library**
**Thursdays (November 2, 9, 16, and 30), 3:00 p.m. Game On, Ages 11–18. We’re gaming at the library. Xbox 360, WiiU, board games, and snacks. Sponsored by Friends of Fall City Library.**

**Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 a.m. Parent Talks. Please join Encompass at our Snoqualmie Valley libraries as we informally discuss a variety of parenting topics, share ideas, and get to know fellow parents going through the same things as you and your family. November topic: Executive functioning skills.**

**Tuesdays (November 7, 14, and 28), 10:00 a.m. Toddler Story Time. Newborn to 3 with adult. Enjoy bouncy rhymes and tickles, familiar songs, and stories with your little one! Stay for social time after, with toys and bubbles. An adult must attend and participate. 11:00 a.m. Preschool Story Time. Ages 3 to 6. This program includes books, music, and movement designed to help build early learning skills as your child gets ready to read. A short playtime follows the program. An adult must attend and participate.**

**Tuesday, November 14, 3:30 p.m. Book Swap. Bring up to five good-condition books to the library and trade them in for some new-to-you titles collected by Friends of the Fall City Library! Limit 5 trade-ins per child, per event. Books should be appropriate for children ages newborn to 12.**

**November Events for Raging River Riders**
**Thursday, November 16, Monthly RRR Meetings. 7:00 p.m., Board; 7:30 p.m., General. Agenda: Final 2018 Calendar available; details for 11/25 Trail Ride, 12/2 Xmas Caroling/Food Drive Ride, and 12/9 Christmas/Awards Banquet; snacks; door prize; fall event wrapup. Valley Christian Assembly Church, 32725 SE 42nd, Fall City. Front entrance please. All are welcome. See y’all there!**

**Thursday, November 23. Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Saturday, November 25. RRR Trail Ride. 10:00 a.m. ride-out. Details: www.rrriders.org or join us on Facebook: Raging River Riders.**