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Spring Clean a Success!

Falls City Staff would like to give a HUGE shoutout to all the volunteers who helped at the annual Spring Clean sponsored by Republic Services!

Without each and every one of you this event could not happen. Please join us in thanking the following volunteers:

Jim Minor
Robin Cooper
Pete Veronesi
Angie Varney & Edward Grimm
Jeff Propp
Mike Burton
Guy Mack
David Drake
John and Harriet Courts
Eliseo Bell-Uribe
Amy & Amara Houghtaling
Chris Warren
Jeremy Gordon
TJ Bailey
Jon Creekmore
AJ Foscoli

With a very grateful heart, we say THANK YOU!!

Statewide Burn Ban

The State of Oregon has issued a backyard burn ban effective June 16th, 2021.

If you lit piles within the last month, take the time to ensure that they are 100% out.

The burn ban includes yard debris, and agricultural burning. Please be familiar with the definition of agricultural burning, defined here: The burning of agricultural waste generated by an operation that uses, or intends to use, land primarily for the purpose of obtaining a profit by raising, harvesting, and selling crops.

CITY SCHEDULE JULY 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

JULY 12, 2021 @ 6PM

LOCATION- ZOOM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

FALLS CITY COMMUNITY CENTER,
DATES AND TIMES BELOW

- PUBLIC WORKS
JULY 22, 2021 @ 6PM
- PARKS & RECREATION
JULY 14, 2021 @ 6 PM

Check with your local Fire Department/District for more information. For the most current information, please call the Burn Information Line at (503) 838-2020.

Restrictions include:

- Backyard burning (yard debris, etc.)
- Agricultural burning is strongly discouraged, contact your local fire agency for special situations
- Land clearing or slash burning

Individuals found to be in violation of these requirements during the burn ban may be held liable for the cost of putting out a fire and for any property damage resulting from an illegal fire.

Those living in rural areas are asked to maintain their defensible space by monitoring growth surrounding homes and structures, and to maintain adequate access for firefighting equipment,

- * Know fire risks and obey fire restrictions, such as campfire bans.
- * Avoid parking or driving on dry grass as hot vehicles can start a wildfire.
- * Vehicles are required to have a shovel and fire extinguisher or at least a gallon of water in many areas.
- * Do not use candles, fireworks, tiki torches, or other open flames in wildland areas.
- * Remember that sky lanterns are illegal in Oregon airspace.
- * Dispose of smoking material in deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- * Make sure butts and ashes are extinguished with water.
- * Never discard butts on the ground or in vegetation.

For more wildfire prevention information and restrictions, we encourage you to visit Keep Oregon Green at www.keeporegongreen.org and the Oregon Department of Forestry at www.oregon.gov

Mayoral Change

Mayor Gordon has been appointed Polk County Commissioner and will resign his mayor position effective after the July 12, 2021, regular City Council meeting. Mayor Gordon is excited to serve all of Polk County, including Falls City, and we wish him the best in his new role. The City Council will declare the mayor seat vacant on July 12th and Council President TJ Bailey will fulfill the mayor role until the City Council appoints a mayor to serve the remainder of the current term. Please contact City Recorder Jamie Ward if you are interested to apply as Mayor. Previous committee or Council experience is helpful but is not required. If there are multiple applicants, an interview and selection special meeting will be scheduled for later in July.

Summer Celebration Parade

Saturday July 10, 2021 at 12 P.M. Falls City will be hosting the Summer Celebration parade. Those wanting to be in the parade can get an application from City Hall or Falls City website.

The Voice of Falls City

Does your Falls City student want to share their voice through song or poetry? The voice of Falls City is a free program funded by Polk County Cultural Coalition, produced by From the Heart Singing and supported by Falls City Thrives to provide local students with a chance to be heard. If your student is interested in visual arts, poetry, singing, acting, or stagehand work, please contact Rebecca Fromherz via phone at 503-559-5205 or email fromtheheartssinging@gmail.com. Flyers are available at City Hall.