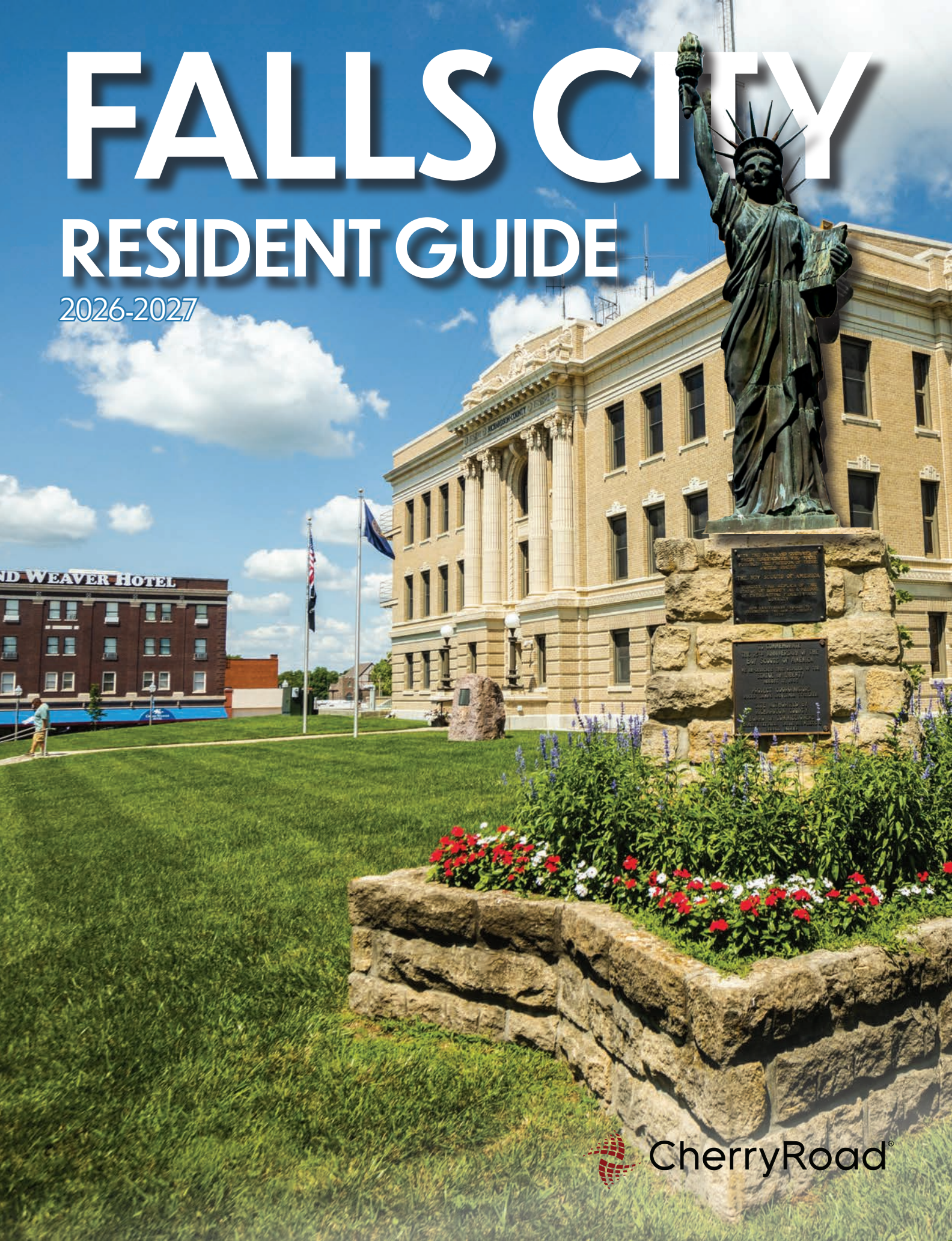


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Nestled in the rolling hills of Southeast Nebraska, Falls City has long been a place where hard work, strong values, and neighborly spirit shape everyday life. Established in the mid-1800s and named for the scenic waterfall once found along the Big Nemaha River, our community grew as a hub for agriculture, railroads, and commerce. Today, that rich heritage lives on in our preserved architecture, thriving local businesses, and the pride our residents take in calling Falls City home.

At the heart of our community is our historic and beautiful downtown, a place where past and present meet. Stroll down Stone Street's renovated sidewalks and historic cobblestone-laid streets and you'll find a unique mix of locally owned shops, restaurants, and services that reflect the entrepreneurial spirit of Falls City. Our businesses aren't just places to shop; They're gathering spots where connections are made, stories are shared, and visitors are always welcomed with a smile.



Throughout the year, Falls City comes alive with events that bring our community together and create lasting memories. In May, the City-Wide Garage Sale draws treasure hunters from near and far. Summer brings Lemonade Days, a celebration filled with family fun, retail promotions, and the simple joys of the season. August welcomes Cobblestone, one of our most anticipated festivals, featuring a parade, car show, carnival, and a lively downtown

atmosphere. When the holiday season arrives, the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, the day after Thanksgiving, Falls City transforms into something truly magical. With twinkling lights, festive cheer, and a sense of warmth you can't quite describe, it feels like stepping straight into a Hallmark movie.

Whether you're a lifelong resident or new to our community, Falls City offers a place to belong. It's a town where traditions matter, progress is embraced, and people look out for one another.

On behalf of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce, welcome! We're glad you're here.

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City Hall

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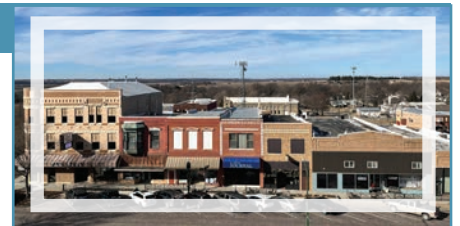
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Library & Arts Center

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The City of Falls City is proud of its mayor and council form of government. The City Council consists of eight council members. There are four wards in Falls City, with two representatives from each ward.

City Officials

Mark Harkendorff serves as Mayor; Don Ferguson, Frank Killingsworth, Joe Buckminster, Kenny Killingsworth, Shawn Fouraker, Sara Ruiz, Derrick Leyden and Josh Kaster are council members. Gary Jorn serves as the City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer. Trevor Campbell is the Utilities Superintendent.

Meetings

The council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 2307 Barada Street. Items to be included on the council agenda must be in the clerk's office by 4 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting.

Boards

Falls City features many boards, including a Board of Adjustment, Board of Public Works, Cemetery Board, Planning Commission and Tree Board.

Contact

To contact any of these boards or to speak with the mayor, call City Hall at 402-245-2851. You may also visit the Falls City website at www.fallscitynebraska.org for information about services. For special announcements, check our Facebook page of Falls City, NE/Utilities.



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Richardson County Assessor
Kimberly Riggs, 402-245-4012

Richardson County Clerk-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioner
Mary Eickhoff, 402-245-2911;
Fax: 402-245-2946

Richardson County Clerk of the District Court
Pamela S. Scott, 402-245-2023;
Fax: 402-245-3725

Richardson County Emergency Manager-Weed Control Superintendent
Brian Kirkendall, 402-245-3054

Richardson County Extension
Kaytlyn Kennedy, 402-245-4324;
Fax: 402-245-4990

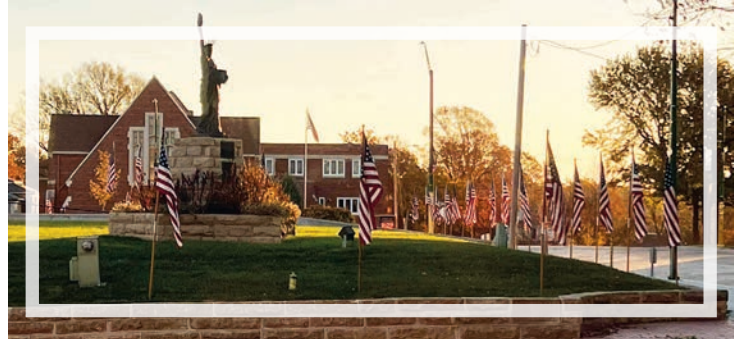
Richardson County Sheriff
Richard Hardesty, Jr.,
402-245-2479;
Fax: 402-245-3327

Richardson County Treasurer
Amanda Bartek-Ramsey,
402-245-3511

Driver Licensing Office
Hours: Wednesday from 9:45 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
402-245-2772

Richardson County Veterans Service Officer
Odis Fields, 402-245-3722

County offices not located in the courthouse:
Richardson County Attorney
Samantha Scheitel,
1719 Stone Street,
402-245-3015; Fax: 402-245-4192



Richardson County Highway Superintendent
Steve Darveau, Jr.
65087 706 Trail, 402-245-2614

Richardson County Surveyor
Robert Tichy
402-657-6832

Richardson County Board of Commissioners
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402-245-3080

Bob Campbell, District 2
402-801-2919

Rick Karas, District 3
402-239-8228

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ORDINANCES

How Are the City Ordinances Made in Falls City?

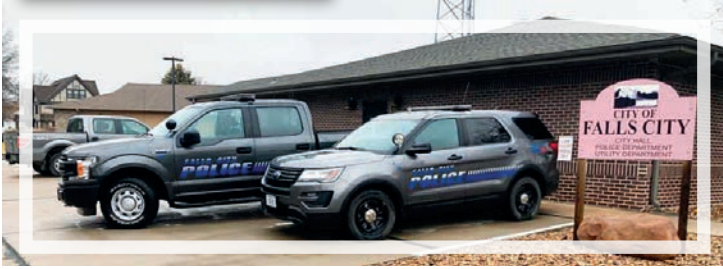
Ever wondered how local laws—called ordinances—are created in Falls City? It all starts with an idea to improve our community. Ordinances are proposed by the Mayor, City Council members, or city staff and are discussed during City Council meetings. These proposals go through a formal process that includes readings, public input, and votes by the City Council before becoming official city law.

Want to Stay Informed? All approved ordinances are available for public viewing. You can explore Falls City's municipal code anytime by visiting our website at fallscitynebraska.org/city-codes.

It's your city—stay in the know and be part of the process!



POLICE



The Falls City Police Department, located at 2037 Barada Street, provides the city with 24-hour coverage, seven days a week. The department's communications center is the answering point for the countywide 911 system.

The Falls City Police Department employs 10 full-time officers and six full-time dispatchers. The department operates under the Community Oriented Policing (COP) model. Jamie Baker is the Chief of Police. The department also provides animal control services.

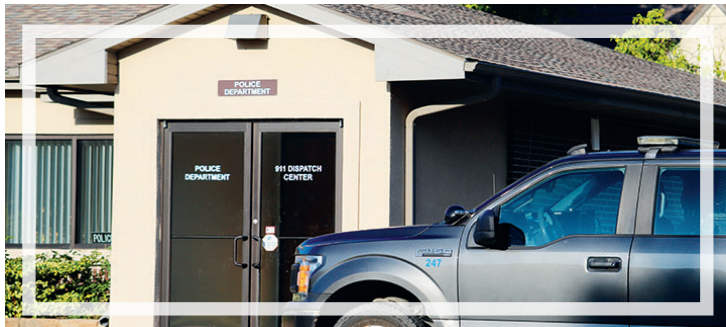
Phone: 402-245-4422

Emergencies: 911

Rural law enforcement is provided by the Richardson County Sheriff's Department.

Phone: 402-245-2479

Emergencies: 911



POST OFFICE

The Falls City Post Office, located at 1520 Harlan Street, collects mail at all day Monday through Saturday. For mail drop off and scanning, it is 5 p.m. Bulk mail should be brought to the post office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information about services, including holding mail and forwarding mail to a new address, call 800-ASK-USPS 24 hours a day, seven days a week, visit usps.com online or stop in at the Falls City post office during open hours.

Post office boxes in the lobby are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Phone: 402-249-0017

Window Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

FIRE & RESCUE

The Falls City Fire Department consists of 15 volunteer firefighters. The station is unmanned, but one person is available 24 hours a day to respond with the First Engine. A group of five part-time drivers fill the three eight-hour shifts each day and when paged, the other firefighters respond in personal vehicles with their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The department's equipment consists of two 1,250 gallons-per-minute pumpers, both with 800-gallon tanks. The department also has a 95-foot Aerial Ladder truck equipped with a 300-gallon water tank and 2,000 gpm pump. The fire station also has a fixed 4,500 psi (Pounds per square inch) breathing air cascade system for filling their self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles.

The Falls City Fire Department provides protection for the City of Falls City and beyond to the Richardson County Mutual Aid Association, should other fire departments need additional help with manpower or equipment and can respond up to 40 miles outside city limits.

Phone: 402-245-3555

(Non-emergencies)

Emergencies: 911

Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad (FCVAS) has 17 EMTs and six drivers on their roster. The squad has three ambulances, one equipped with the Jaws of Life for extrication, one for town and rural calls and one for inter-facility transfers.

FCVAs entered into an agreement with the Community Medical Center (The local hospital, also known as CMC) in 2017 to provide timely transfers from there to tertiary care facilities. Transfer crews consist of FCVAS providing drivers or EMTs, with CMC providing paramedics for Advance Life Support transfers. Two to three-person crews are on call 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies. With their equipment and training, they serve as an emergency room on wheels.

Phone:

402-245-4422

Emergencies: 911





Falls City features several parks that offer exciting recreational opportunities.

Stanton Lake Park, located at W. 25th Street, is open year round for family fun and hosts annual events like Earth Day/Arbor Day celebrations. The park includes the climate-controlled Candlelight Cabin, which is available to rent. The Fielder Walking Trail takes you around the park. Also available are 11 full RV hook-ups, a bath house, a picnic shelter, fishing, lighted sandlot volleyball courts, a dog park and playground equipment. The Itha-Krumme Memorial Arboretum at the south end of the park showcases 70 species of native Nebraska grasses, flowers, and trees, and is an excellent place to spend some quiet time. For reservations or information, call the City Offices at 402-245-2851, extension 1.

Dallas Jones Memorial Park, located at 13th and Barada Street, features the Fiedler Family Ball Complex, comprising four ball fields with grandstands, dugouts and other amenities. The park also includes a picnic shelter, a playground, tennis courts, concession stands and restrooms, as well as an eight-feature splash pad.

Military Park, located at 7th and Harlan Street, is dedicated to servicemen and women who have proudly served their country. On display is a ship's anchor to rep-



resent the Marines, Navy and Coast Guard, a tank and a Howitzer to represent the Army and National Guard and a B-17 bomber propeller to represent the Air Force and Air National Guard. The park is paved with memorial bricks for our servicemen and women, and there is a very nice picnic shelter. Military Park was created by Falls City's late mayor, Marshall Maddox, a Vietnam War combat veteran.



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PARKS & RECREATION

Legion Park, located at 21st and McLean Street, features a ball field, a new basketball court, playground equipment, and a new military memorial.

Pioneer Park, located at 18th and Barada Street, features a skate park, a basketball court, and a playground with a handicap-accessible swing set and a handicap accessible picnic table.

Grandview Park, located at 12th and Morton Street, has two tennis courts, pickle ball courts, ball fields, a basketball court, picnic shelters, and playground equipment.

The Mini Park in the 1500 block of Stone Street was dedicated in August 1984. Its historic murals depict the history of Falls City from its settlement in 1857 to present day.

Water Tower Park, located at 26th and Crook Street, has new and unique playground equipment.

Falls City Recreation, Inc. offers youth soccer in the spring, softball, and baseball for ages four to 16 in the summer, Red Cross swimming lessons and a swim team, and boys' flag football in the fall. For more information, call the Falls City Aquatic Park at 402-245-3214 or City Hall at 402-245-2851, ext. 1, or visit www.fallscitynebraska.org.



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Humane Society of Richardson County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the care, rescue, and adoption of homeless animals. The organization's building is located at 1420 East 14th Street, Falls City, NE and it is open by appointment only.

Call 402-245-2779 for more information.

ARBORETUM



The two-acre Itha-Krumme Memorial Arboretum features about 70 species of native plants from Nebraska and adjoining states. The site fittingly has two dwarf Chinkapin oaks, as this National Champion species is located within Richardson County.

In 2007 and 2009, Eagle Scouts from Troop 396 made the arboretum more accessible and enjoyable by constructing a concrete pathway and installing six comfortable benches. The Arboretum is truly a community endeavor, as it is maintained and supported wholly by volunteer donations and labor. The Arboretum receives no tax support as financial donations are always needed and are greatly appreciated. Donations may be made to the Arboretum Maintenance or Endowment Fund, c/o The Richardson Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 161, Falls City, NE 68355. The foundation is an IRS 501 (c)(3) organization.



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Scoring and CT lung cancer screening); oncology and chemotherapy; physical and occupational therapy; cardiac rehabilitation, and telemedicine.

Family Medicine Clinics (FMC) in Falls City and Humboldt provide primary care services. FC Family Medicine Clinic also offers Behavior Health and Child Psychology consultations.

Specialty physicians maintain active part-time practices in the Specialty Medical Clinic. Those services include cardiology, wound and vascular care, rheumatology, podiatry, urology, dermatology, oncology, allergy, pulmonary, audio, neurosurgery, and ear nose and throat care.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Diabetic education; basic lifesaving classes; car seat safety checks; partnership with the city for spin and yoga classes, as well as water aerobics, and wellness outreach clinics and activities. CMC is a major sponsor of the annual Cobblestone Fun Run/Walk, as well as the Earth Day and Turkey Trot Walk/Runs. We support Falls City Youth Recreation, Kids Back Pack Program, SEN-CA Food Pantry, Richardson County House of Hope, and "on campus" American Red Cross blood drives four times a year. CMC is also very proud of the opening of Community Kids Center, a community Daycare Service

launched in 2024.

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Falls City residents support the library through property taxes. There is a non-resident fee of \$10 per student, \$20 per individual or \$25 per family annually.

The library staff provide free programs for people of all ages, including for babies and toddlers. Preschool story hour, elementary after-school and summer reading programs, middle and high school book, film, and gaming clubs, films, book groups and a speaker series for adults are some of the programs available. A free language database, Pronunciator, is available on the library website.

One distinguishing feature of the Falls City Library & Arts Center is its permanent collection of art. Nationally-known artists and renowned Nebraska artists represented include Alice Cleaver, John Falter, Allan Tubach, Harold Edgerton and Jun Kaneko.

The library is the home of the Stalder Art Gallery. Museum-quality exhibits, lectures and programs offer a cultural experience to all visitors. Members of the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council spon-



sor all art programs with memberships, donations and grants. Christina Wertenberger is the curator. Allie McCann is the Library Director. Call 402-245-2913, email info@fallscitylibrary.org, visit www.fallscitylibrary.org, or check the library Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on library hours and programs.





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Corner Stone Baptist

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402-245-4245

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402-245-4246

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1820 Fulton Street
402-245-3002

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1322 Stone Street
402-245-2398

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65502 715 Road
402-245-3828

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402-245-3324

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402-245-2122

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Summer 2026 exhibits at the John Philip Falter Museum include several of the artist's 129 Saturday Evening Post covers, original World War II paintings, book illustrations and covers, and magazine ads. A replica of Falter's Philadelphia studio is on loan from the Nebraska History Museum. A must-see 30 minute video produced by Nebraska Educational Television in 1980 colorfully tells his life story. Falter passed away in 1982.

Along with four other Falls City sites, the Falter Museum is proud once again to have been selected to participate in the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's 2024 travel adventure program, "Wander Nebraska." Please plan also to visit the Stalder Gallery, the Richardson County State Historical Society Museum, and the Heartland Fine Arts while you are in town.

The Falter Museum is in the middle of historic downtown Falls City at 1622 Stone Street. Summer hours from June 1 through August 31 are Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. by appointment only. Please call ahead for your visit so the staff will be ready. During other days in the year, the museum is open by appointment only. To plan your free visit, call or text Dobey Haws at 402-450-3724 or email at curator@johnphilipfalter-museum.com. Someone will be present 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to let visitors in. For more information, visit our website at www.johnphilipfalter-museum.com.





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UTILITIES



The publicly-owned City of Falls City Utility Department, located at 2307 Barada Street, provides electricity, natural gas, water and sanitary sewer to ensure reliable service and abundant supply at lower rates for its citizens.

For information on rates, the average payment program, new service, or line repair, contact the Utility Department at 402-245-2851, ext. 2, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or visit the website at www.fallscitynebraska.org. For convenience, a drop box for utilities payments is located at the west driveway of the city office at 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

Garbage Collection and Recycling

Falls City Sanitation Service, a private business, provides garbage removal for Falls City. Trash containers are available for residents that do not have one. Residents must also put their trash container in the appropriate spot for pick-up, either in the alley behind their homes or by the curb in front of their homes. Falls City Sanitation, located at 3417 Barada Street, will pick up trash in designated neighborhoods on a regular weekly schedule. Call 402-245-4545 for more information.

Hamilton Recycling and Disposal, a local, small family-owned business provides waste and recycling collection in Falls City and is located at 635 Stone Street. Weekly trash and recycling collection with a cart will be provided if needed. Please contact the office to get started today by calling 402-801-8169.

Telephone

Telephone service is provided by Southeast Nebraska Communications, which is located at 110 W. 17th Street. For more information, call Southeast Nebraska Communications at 402-245-4451, or stop in from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

High Speed Internet

Southeast Nebraska Communication also offers Fiber To The Home (FTTH) high speed internet. Call 402-245-4451 for rates and connection information.

Skitter TV

Southeast Nebraska Communications also offers Skitter-TV Service, where customers can bundle their voice, Internet, and TV. Call 402-245-4451 for more information, or stop by the Southeast Nebraska Communication office.



AIRPORT

Falls City has its own fully functional municipal airport in Brenner Field, located one mile northeast of the city. Private and corporate aircraft regularly use the airport as it handles more than 4,800 landings per year.

- **Elevation:** 984

- **Coordinates:** N40-04.72, W095-35.51

- **Runaway:** A 4,000-foot hard surfaced fixture designed to handle a variety of aircraft in all weather conditions.

- **Terminal:** The terminal building has a 160-by-400-foot concrete apron and a 70-by-100-foot maintenance hangar that can accommodate eight single-engine aircraft at once. Other on-site hangars can house an additional 25 aircraft.

- **On-site services:** The airport's fixed base operator, Ahern Aviation, provides such services as aircraft, fuel, aircraft maintenance, and any assistance to travelers that is needed to help get them to their next destination. A pilot courtesy car is also provided at the airport.

- **Contact Information:** Bradley Ahern, Falls City Airport, 3301 Business Parkway North, Falls City, NE 68355, 402-245-3751.





Community Wide Garage Sales
May 2

Smokin' on the Bricks
May June 5 & June 6

Lemonade Days
June 8-June 12

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July 19-July 25

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TANNER SHELBY MERZ FOUNDATION

After losing their 21-year old son Tanner Shelby Merz to an automobile accident, Marc and Sally Merz formed a foundation in memory of their son.

Tanner played football in high school and college and suffered from concussions, which continued to give him problems, like blackouts, even after he quit playing. Marc and Sally believe that their son's vehicle accident was due to Tanner having a blackout. Tanner was killed in a vehicle accident on March 30, 2013.

The Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation was established to raise awareness about traumatic brain injury and keeping children safe in athletics. Since it was founded five years ago, the Foundation has provided new batting helmets for the Falls City High School (FCHS) softball team. It has also partnered with the Richardson Foundation to donate new equipment to Falls City football teams, including state-of-the-art helmets, rib protection gear, and a tackling dummy. The Foundation has given money and new singlets to the Falls City Wrestling Club and a new wrestling mat to the FCHS wrestling team. The Foundation also donates annually to high school scholarship funds in Falls City, and it supports the Community Medical Center's new TBI Specialty Clinic.

More recently, the Foundation has provided EGO cordless misting fans for both of Falls City, which are large

cooling fans with water tanks attached that delivers cooling mist. These fans were provided for the football teams playing for both Falls City High School and Sacred Heart. Even the opposing teams who play in Falls City will also have their own misting fans during games. In addition, the Foundation also provided freezers so players could have ice for games as well.

The Foundation hosts a variety of annual events throughout the year, including the TSMF Memorial Cruise taking place in July. In addition to raising funds for sports equipment, the Foundation holds a fundraising raffle for different items every year. The Foundation is present during the Smokin' on the Bricks event in May.

"Our goal is to do all we can to help keep kids safe in athletics now and in the future. The safety of our children is our top priority," the Merzes said. "We are very busy with many fundraisers for our community, as well as going to other towns and doing fundraisers for them to help with any of their needs for safety."

The Foundation was recognized for its work with March 2017's You've Got the Hometown Spirit Award from F&M Bank in Falls City.

Go to the Tanner Shelby Merz Foundation's Facebook page for more details and upcoming events. For more information, call Sally at 402-245-0650 or Marc at 402-245-0308.

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PRITCHARD AUDITORIUM

Pritchard Auditorium, located at 312 W. 17th Street, is commonly referred to as "the Jewel of Southeast Nebraska."

In the year 2000, a \$1.5 million renovation was completed to provide many upgrades to the facility. This exceptional sports, exposition, cultural, and performing arts facility is the location of choice for most of the major events that occur in Falls City, southeast Nebraska, and the three-state region.

Pritchard Auditorium was built in the 1930s after Laura L. Pritchard donated funds as a memorial to husband Leander C. Pritchard. The community matched funds, and Pritchard Auditorium was built by the Works Progress Administration.

The building's exterior is constructed of 2,000 tons of native limestone from Richardson County. It was designated a historic building on the Nebraska Historic Register in December 2013.

The facility currently provides the following:

- Fully functioning kitchen with equipment for preparation of large meals
- Fully functioning concession stand
- A meeting room
- Basketball, pickleball, and volleyball courts
- Seating capacity for 2,000 people

- Lighted stage and spotlights for performances
- Dressing rooms and locker rooms
- Sports and performance equipment
- Tables, coat racks, and chairs

Contact Information

For more information, driving directions, or to rent the auditorium facility, call City Hall at 402-245-2851, ext. 1 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Richardson County Transit, located at 221 W. 16th Street, provides public transportation in Falls City and surrounding areas in partnership with Southeast Nebraska Community Action. This service is open and available to all persons, but gives priority to those 55 and over and persons with disabilities.

The bus provides rides Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. within Falls City. Transportation is also provided to and from communities within Richardson County on various days according to a set schedule and for various rates. Rides are also provided to Lincoln (on the first and third Tuesdays) for medical appointments and other outings. A minimum of four paying riders is required for non-medical trips to Omaha or Lincoln, or one rider for medical reasons.

Appointments for rides must be scheduled in advance according to the regular RCT bus schedule. All riders must be on

time for their scheduled appointments. For further information or to schedule rides, call the Richardson County Transit office at 402-245-3664 or visit its website at www.senca.org/transportation.



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