

# Fall City NEIGHBORS

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**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** “Bubbles” the Fall City Arts fish (for more on its history, see page 15).

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## December Highlights

**First Day of Hanukkah**, Saturday, December 12  
**First Day of Winter**, Monday, December 21  
**Christmas Eve**, Thursday, December 24  
**Christmas Day**, Friday, December 25  
**Kwanzaa Begins**, Saturday, December 26  
**New Years Eve**, Thursday, December 31





Halloween 2009



Fall City Parade 2007



2007 Before the Parade



Graffiti by Fall City Elementary students

# Fall City Arts

## “Bubbles” The Fall City Fish

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The large salmon that you have seen in various locations around town and rolling down Hwy 202 in the Fall City Days parade was created by Fall City Arts in 2007 to be a part of the Fall City Days parade and the *Be the Change* anti-bullying campaign at Fall City Elementary. With donations from local non profits, individuals and businesses, Fall City Arts was able to raise enough matching funds to purchase the trailer, new tires, wood, canvas, art supplies and enough tee shirts for all the children who attended Fall City Days. John Hunt, John Stahl and Tim Marshall built the oversized salmon, and the children of Fall City Elementary covered him with scales they had decorated with written messages of hope. A contest was held at Fall City Elementary to name the salmon and after careful consideration of 5 different names, one of which was Sushi, “Bubbles” emerged as the overwhelming favorite.

Since his birth, Bubbles has been re-painted by several local artists. For the Holiday Season of 2007 Russell Coxen painted a sleigh scene on his side and outfitted him with lights. The following Fall City Days of 2008 he was painted by Miska and Celeste Coxen (and a few other helpers) with circles to celebrate the “Sphere” Theme for the emerging Fall City Art Walk. The children of FCE made fish hats, wore tie died Fall City Art tee shirts and walked with balloons alongside Bubbles in the parade. For Fall City Days 2009 Miska took Bubbles to the elementary school and had the children paint him in a graffiti style. Again he rolled down the parade route accompanied by the children. At the first annual community Halloween Party of 2009 and premier showing of “Zombie Camp” (featuring 40 local children) he appeared as a Zombie Fish, complete with open wounds and blood. This was the brainchild of Jennifer Delgrande.

Bubbles next incarnation? Local Artist Dave Pharmer will be painting him for the 2009 Holidays. Bubbles will be on display at the Holiday Market at Chief Kanim Middle School during the day and a local photographer will be on site to take pictures with Bubbles for a small fee. It would make a lovely Christmas card. That evening Bubbles will swim on over to the Art Park for the annual Tree Lighting ceremony.

Bubbles will continue to delight and surprise Fall City in the seasons and years to come. Fall City Arts invites anyone interested in painting or supporting Bubbles to please do so. And a big thank you to the volunteers who help to maintain him, tow him around and transform him into a moving and ever-changing piece of Art. He is Fall City’s fish.

**These are the rough design ideas for this holiday season, which one will it be?????**

