As we eagerly await the opening of Matt Alexander’s Meat and Seafood Market, the archives show us a list of earlier meat purveyors on River Street (SR202). The photo above shows Charles F Elwell’s Butcher Shop which we believe sat between Orchard (338th Pl SE) and Main Streets (337th Pl SE) between Dr. Cheney’s Drug Store and Hazelhurst’s Confectionary. In 1903, Wes Richards bought the building from Augustus Marshall and opened his butcher shop. Sometime before 1930, he sold the building. In an ad in the 1907 King County Record we find Richard & Rehm Wholesale and Retail Butchers selling “Fresh and Salt Meats Constantly on Hand.” The 1920 ad in the Fall City Spirit tells us for “The Best Meat” we should go to Geo. Swalwell’s Fall City Meat Market. Another Fall City Spirit ad from 1921 says H.H. Watt’s had the “RIGHT PRICES ON CHOICE MEATS.” The ad goes on to list Lard at 28¢, Fancy Bacon at 45¢, and Smoked Ham at 40¢. Wilfred Otonicar built a building on River Street to house his Custom Cut Meats in 1978. In early 2005 that was purchased by Lois Buschen for her River’s Edge Gift Store. When Lois closed up shop, Sahara Pizza moved in and now that they’ve moved on, Matt Alexander is locating his business in that same building that was built to house a butcher years prior.
Show 'Em Around the Town

If you missed the historic signs tour in July, our brochure with a map of the seventeen historic signs is available at our website fallcityhistorical.com. Each sign has at least one photo and text describing the site. A clickable link offers additional information and photos. This is a great activity to do with out-of-town guests.

Whoo Hoo! A Big Win For Historic Preservation

On June 22nd, the King County Landmarks Commission unanimously approved the preservation of the Preston Kiln building which stands in the new Preston Mill Park. Led by Fall City Historical Society President, Rick Divers, the extensive process took many months of research and documentation establishing the building’s unique historical contribution. The future use of the building has not been decided, but it is no longer in danger of demolition. Congratulations to the whole team!

Fall City Cemetery Tour and Wine Walk
Thursday, August 3rd 6:00-8:00 PM

Join us at the cemetery for a walk through the history of our town. Learn about early Fall City-ites and enjoy a glass of wine provided by Wm Grassie Winery.

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