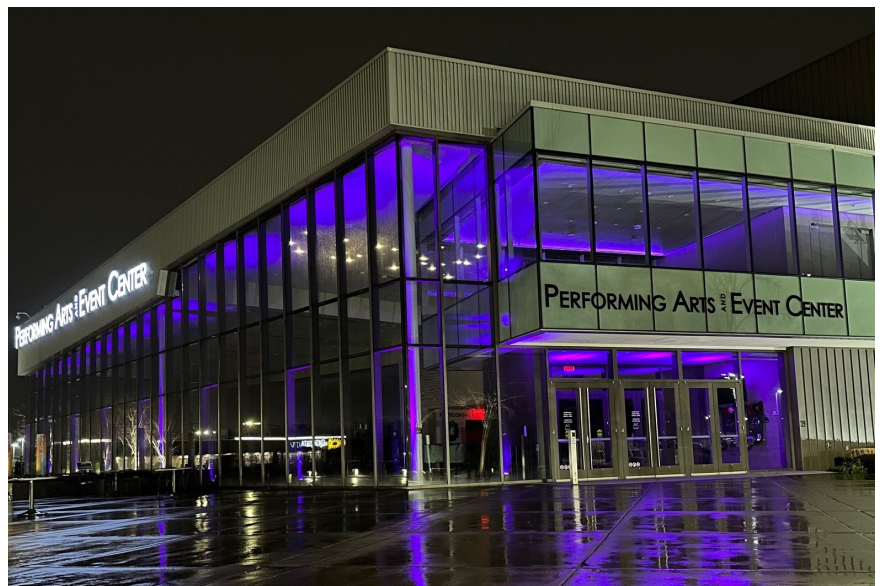


CITYWIDE NEWS

**THANK YOU, FEDERAL WAY, FOR ATTENDING
MAYOR FERRELL'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS!**



Mayor Jim Ferrell thanks everyone who attended his annual State of the City Address at the Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC) on February 15! During the event, the Mayor highlighted the past, present, and future of Federal Way, giving the attendees a glimpse of what our community can expect to see in the coming years. Mayor Ferrell is happy to report that the state of our City is strong! Thank you to the PAEC team for ensuring a smooth event. Pictured below, left to right: Van Dinh, Catering and Sales Manager; Brian Hoffman, General Manager, caught up with Mayor Ferrell before he took the stage.



CITYWIDE NEWS

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS PHOTO GALLERY!



BIG 12 ANNOUNCES WEYERHAEUSER KING COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER WILL HOST ITS 2025 SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP!

By the Big 12 Conference

IRVING, Texas — The Big 12 Conference has selected Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Wash., to serve as the host site for the 2025 Big 12 Swimming and Diving Championship.

This will mark the first neutral site for the Championship as it has been hosted on a Big 12 campus each year since 1997. Beginning in 2025, Arizona, Arizona State and Utah will join BYU, Cincinnati, Houston, Iowa State, Kansas, TCU and West Virginia as Big 12 institutions that compete in Swimming & Diving.

“We are excited to welcome all Big 12 and NCAA Division I collegiate athletes and their families to make the City of Federal Way their ‘home away from home’ for the 2025 Swimming and Diving Championships,” said **Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell**. “Federal Way is centered on opportunities for these athletes to visit, compete, and play. Congratulations athletes and Welcome to Federal Way!”

“We’re honored to host the Big 12 Swimming and Diving Championship, offering a modernized facility that provides an outstanding experience for elite athletes and their fans,” said King County Executive Dow Constantine. “We’ve made significant improvements at our Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in recent years, making it brighter, more energy efficient, and more comfortable for swimmers of all ages and abilities, including collegiate superstars.”

Dates for the 2025 Championship will be **Tuesday, February 25 - Saturday, March 1**. The WKCAC will also be the site of the 2025 NCAA DI Women’s and Men’s Swimming and Diving Championships.

Further information about the 2025 Championship will be released at a later date. The 2024 Big 12 Swimming & Diving Championship is set for Feb. 27 - March 2 in Morgantown, West Virginia, hosted by West Virginia.



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The “Eyes on Federal Way” app will allow you to report non-emergency issues such as graffiti, road potholes, street litter, or shopping carts.

Let's collaborate towards maintaining the appearance of our community!



CITYWIDE NEWS

OUR FWPD GATHERS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR ITS LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT



Federal Way Police Department Chief Andy Hwang (pictured above) said the Leadership Team Retreat also focused on keeping those lines of communication open and ensuring his team is always aligned and on the same page. By working together, FWPD can ensure it serves Federal Way's residents better than ever!

The Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) wrapped up its 2024 Leadership Team Retreat, and it was a huge success!

Over the past two days, our FWPD management staff — civilian and sworn — came together to reflect on its performance in 2023 and set goals for 2024.

The FWPD management staff also took part in valuable training sessions covering topics such as Crime Statistics, Leadership Development, Communication Strategies, and Managing Critical Incidents.

Management staff also received information from a First Responder Peer Support Program to best keep themselves and their teams healthy and supported.

These sessions are all about equipping our team with the skills and knowledge they need to keep our community safe.

Our FWPD believes in the power of coming together as a department.



CITYWIDE NEWS

COUNCIL'S CORNER



It's time for another History Lesson!

On February 19, City Hall was closed in observance of President's Day. This day typically means no school for children and no work for most employees, but upon its creation in 1879, this day was about honoring our Founding Fathers, specifically George Washington, on his birthday.

Although Washington was born on February 22 — or February 11 if you're following the Julian Calendar! — in 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved Washington's Birthday Celebration to the third Monday of the month. Then, it became President's Day as a way to remember all the U.S. presidents or any single president of choice.

This holiday even has its dessert assigned to it – Cherry Pie! This dessert is a little tongue-in-cheek nod to the longest-running myth and legend about George Washington:

"The cherry tree myth is one of the oldest and best-known legends about George Washington. In the original story, when Washington was six years old, he received a hatchet as a gift and damaged his father's cherry tree with it. When his father discovered what George had done, he became very angry. Young George bravely said, 'I cannot tell a lie...I did cut it with my hatchet.' Washington's father embraced him and declared that his son's honesty was worth more than a thousand trees" (George Washington's Mount Vernon Archives).



So grab a slice of cherry pie and celebrate all 46 presidents, or just your favorite, because President's Day was about a little bit of history.

Can you name all 46? Test your knowledge!



 CITY OF
Federal Way

CITYWIDE NEWS

COUNCIL'S CORNER

This week's Council happenings:

- **City Council Special Meeting**, February 20 at City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, February 20 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Business Safety Summit**, February 21 on Zoom, 9:30 a.m.
- **Planning Commission Regular Meeting**, February 21 at City Hall, 5 p.m.

Planning Ahead:

- **Finance, Economic Development & Regional Affairs Committee (FEDRAC) Regular Meeting**, February 27 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Federal Way Comprehensive Plan Public Open House**, February 29 at City Hall, 4 p.m.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) Regular Meeting**, March 4 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, March 5 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.



CITYWIDE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!



BUSINESS SAFETY SUMMIT

The Federal Way Business Safety Summit is an opportunity to gather experts, leaders, and professionals to discuss, learn, and strategize for a safer work environment.



Wednesday
February 21st, 2024



Time
09:30am- 11:00am

HOSTED BY

***The Federal Way
Police Department***

Small & large retail business
owners/managers
Corporate Retail Partners
Loss Prevention Personnel

Encouraged to attend!

For more information contact
Tiffany Clemmings
Tiffany.Clemmings@cityoffederalway.com
or 253-835-6707

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 849 1266 2169

Passcode: 909354



Upcoming **EVENTS** FWPAEC

2.24 **LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!**
7:30 PM

2.25 **VOCTAVE**
7:30 PM

2.28 **DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE!**
6:30 PM - KIDS \$10

2.29 **THE BLACK JACKET SYMPHONY**
8:00 PM

3.03 **FEDERAL WAY SYMPHONY**
2:30 PM



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reflecting the public..."*

– Arthur Brisbane

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CITY OF FEDERAL WAY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Open House

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday February 29th, 2024

Leap Day!

4 to 7 P.M.

Located at Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way, WA 98003

Planning for the future helps build a city that reflects the community's needs and desires. The Comprehensive Plan (aka Update 2024) is a 20-year roadmap for how the City will plan for and accommodate growth. It will establish the vision for what Federal Way will be by 2044 and contain the necessary goals and policies to guide implementation of the vision.

Come learn about changes related to:

Downtown Planning
South Station Subarea Planning
Transportation & Mobility
Climate Change & Resiliency
Community Services



QUESTIONS?

You can reach us at Update.2024@cityoffederalway.com
or 253-835-2644

Share your Update 2024 thoughts, ideas, and comments by
visiting www.engagefw.com



Neighborhood Connection

TOWN HALL MEETING

*Join Mayor Ferrell, City Councilmembers, and City of Federal Way staff
for a Neighborhood Connection Town Hall Meeting
at the NEW Olympic View Elementary School in Federal Way!*

Thursday, March 7 at 6 PM

(Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.)

**Olympic View Elementary School
Commons Room
2626 SW 327th Street, Federal Way**



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ACTING & MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES



Have fun developing your acting skills while creating characters using movement, voice, and creativity. We'll use theatre games, improvisation, group scenes, and more to develop the skills all actors need for their acting training as well as interpersonal skills needed for success in everyday life.

Calling all Broadway Babies! Who wants to be a "Triple Threat"? We'll work on developing your physicality, vocal projection & articulation, and dance in this musical theatre class. Have fun singing & dancing to your favorite musical theatre numbers from popular Broadway musicals.

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AND FAMILY ON LAST CLASS DAY.**

2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

**JAN 20 - MARCH 2
APR 13 - JUNE 1**

SATURDAYS

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AGES 7 - 16

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UTILITY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

\$100 REBATE

ENROLLMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 1 – MAY 30, 2024

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if you can answer **YES to all** of the following questions:

- You lived within the incorporated limits of the City of Federal Way in 2023 ☐ YES ☐ NO
- You paid household utilities, which are in your name, in 2023 ☐ YES ☐ NO
- The annual gross household income in 2023 did not exceed the following: ☐ YES ☐ NO

* Income of every member of your household over 18

ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME*	
PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$47,950
2	\$54,800
3	\$61,650
4	\$68,500
5	Please call 253-835-2506

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- U.S. Individual Tax Return Form 1040 for 2023 (if one was filed);
- OR
- Bank statements for November and December 2023 (if no income tax return was filed) showing all sources of income including Social Security Income .
- AND
- One copy each of utility bill paid in 2023 for the following utilities only:
 - Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Telephone/Cell Phone/Cable
 - Documentation must show the bill was paid.
 - DO NOT send original bills. Paperwork will NOT be returned.

Please mail or bring your application to the address below:

Federal Way City Hall
Finance Department
Attn: Utility Tax Rebate Program
33325 8th Ave South
Federal Way, WA 98003-6325

CONTACT

Have questions or need assistance, please contact the Utility Tax Rebate line at 253-835-2506 or visit us at Federal Way City Hall.

[If you want to learn more, please click on this link](#)