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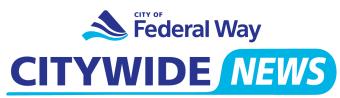


We are excited to launch the new City of Federal Way website — it went live on February 22! Our domain is now www.federalwaywa.gov to ensure security and alignment with other local governments. Our new website is up-to-date, user-friendly, and optimized for desktop and mobile devices. We also offer language translations and have used Google Analytics to improve user experience. Over the next few weeks, we will fine-tune the website. Thank you to our Information Technology Director, Thomas Fichtner, for working diligently to pull this together!



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STANDING WITH UKRAINE: MAYOR FERRELL ORGANIZES A UKRAINIAN FLAG -RAISING CEREMONY AT CITY HALL TO SHOW SUPPORT

Saturday, February 24, marked the second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, escalating tensions between the two countries.

To show support for the Ukrainian community, Mayor Jim Ferrell invited the public to attend a flag-raising ceremony in remembrance of the second anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine on Friday, February 23, at the City Hall.

Honorary Ukraine Consul General Valeriy Goloborodko, born in Ukraine, and Federal Way City Councilmembers were in attendance.

"In 2022, I recommended our dedicated City Council to add Rivne, Ukraine, as one of our Sister Cities," said Ferrell. "I'm delighted that the Council voted unanimously to make that happen. We value that partnership with our friends in Rivne and support the Ukrainian community across Washington state and throughout the United States during this difficult time."





THE FEDERAL WAY POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS VIRTUAL BUSINESS SAFETY SUMMIT



The City of Federal Way thanks Tiffany Clemmings, FWPD Community Engagement Coordinator, for organizing a virtual Business Safety Summit on February 21. Mayor Ferrell, Council President Linda Kochmar, Councilmember Jack Walsh, Councilmember Susan Honda, Economic Development Director Tanja Carter, and FWPD Chief Andy Hwang were on the Zoom call with Robert Nelson, Washington Organized Retail Crime Association (WAORCA), President Joe Laky, Safe City Board Representative, and local business owners. Nearly 50 individuals participated in the virtual summit last week. The event brought together experts, leaders, and professionals to discuss strategies for improving workplace safety. It was an excellent opportunity to gather valuable feedback from the local business owners in Federal Way.





BALANCING TWO ROLES: CORPORAL CUELLAR SPLITS TIME BETWEEN FWPD AND AS WRESTLING COACH AT TODD BEAMER



The City of Federal Way is thrilled to highlight Corporal Ricardo Cuellar, an invaluable member of our Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) team who exemplifies dedication and excellence. As a Corporal in the Patrol Division and coach of the Todd Beamer Wrestling team, Corporal Cuellar consistently goes above and beyond in his endeavors.

Corporal Cuellar recently coached at the Wrestling Division's regional tournament, where four wrestlers qualified for the state tournament at the Tacoma Dome. His presence boosted morale and showcased his commitment to the team's success.

In 2024, Corporal Cuellar and his coaching team were awarded the North Puget Sound League Coaching Staff of the Year award for their outstanding leadership and coaching skills. This achievement tells the story of Corporal Cuellar's dedication to excellence and significant influence on those under his guidance.

"Being able to coach wrestling and help build up young men in the Federal Way community is a highlight of my career," said Corporal Cuellar.



A Community-Minded Leader! The City of Federal Way credits Corporal Ricardo Cuellar (pictured second to left) for his leadership and contributions to our community. His passion for law enforcement and coaching shines through in all aspects of his work. With his guidance, the Titans continue to thrive on the wrestling mat and within our community. Congratulations to the Todd Beamer Titans!





"Your Relationship with Money" is a course held at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) on **Thursdays** from March 7 to April 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This course is open to all residents of Federal Way and is a collaboration between **Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU) and the City of Federal Way**.

The course will deep-dive into the "Psychology of Spending," a comprehensive study of the factors influencing our spending habits.



It will cover multiple topics such as spending, banking, saving, credit, credit reports, investing, and wealth management. The free six-week course will be highly engaging, featuring interactive group sessions, thoughtprovoking conversations, activities, and PowerPoint presentations.

Childcare is available upon request.

To register, please email <u>bill.vadino@federalwaywa.gov</u> or call 253-835-2420.



Meet the facilitator! Minda Michelle Mattox from WSECU is a lifelong educator with over 30 years of experience. Mattox will facilitate the Federal Way Community Center sessions starting Thursday, March 7. Mattox is passionate about providing youth of color with diverse education and career opportunities. She is committed to ensuring communities have the knowledge and resources to build generational wealth by being well-versed in personal and business finance.





DOWNLOAD THE FREE 'EYES ON FEDERAL WAY' APP!



Don't miss out on the "Eyes on Federal Way" app!

Download it today from the Google Play Store or the App Store. With this app, you can easily report non-emergency issues like graffiti, potholes, littered streets, or abandoned shopping carts.

Thanks for helping us keep our Federal Way community safe and clean!









King County Elections Language Access Resources

All registered voters can sign up to receive their materials in their preferred language by filling out this <u>online form</u>, calling KCE at 206-296-8683, or sending us an email at <u>elections@kingcounty.gov</u>.

The content below can be also provided in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese. Images are available for download at <u>flickr.com/kcelections</u>.

Sample social media messages

Your vote is your voice, no matter what language you speak. Sign up to get your ballot and voting materials in [Chinese/Korean/Russian/Somali/Spanish/Vietnamese] at <u>kce.wiki/languages</u>, or call 206-296-8683.

Did you know that you can vote in [LANGUAGE]?! Call King County Elections at 206-296-8683, email <u>elections@kingcounty.gov</u>, or sign up online at <u>kce.wiki/languages</u> to get your ballot, voters' pamphlet, and more in [LANGUAGE].

Are you ready to vote in 2024? You can now vote in Russian or Somali in King County. Sign up today at <u>kce.wiki/languages</u>.

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Translated Elections websites

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Russian	Vietnamese	

Voter education videos youtube.com/kingcountyelections Chinese Somali Korean Spanish Russian Vietnamese

Contact

Naheed Aaftaab, Language Access & Community Outreach Supervisor <u>naaftaab@kingcounty.gov</u> 206-714-3692





PERFORMING ARTS EVENT CENTER

EVENT CALENDAR 31510 PETE VON REICHBAUER WAY S FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003





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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UTILITY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

ENROLLMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 1 – MAY 30, 2024

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if you can answer <u>YES to all</u> of the following questions:	ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME*	
You lived within the <u>incorporated</u> limits of the City of Federal Way in 2023 YES INO	PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
You paid household utilities, which are	1	\$47,950
in your name, in 2023	2	\$54,800
The annual gross household income in 2023 did not exceed the following: I YES I NO	3	\$61,650
	4	\$68,500
* Income of every member of your household over 18	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:
 - O Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Telephone/Cell Phone/Cable
 - O Documentation must show the bill was paid.
 - O 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