

# CITYWIDE NEWS

**NLC 100** **CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE** **2024** March 11-13  
 EXECUTIVE EDUCATION AND PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: MARCH 9-10 WASHINGTON, DC



***We are actively supporting our Federal Way community! Mayor Jim Ferrell, our dedicated City Councilmembers, and Tanja Carter, Economic Development Director, traveled to Washington, D.C., for the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference. This conference allowed them to connect with federal officials and gain valuable insights on funding opportunities. During the visit, they heard from President Biden and met with Congressman Adam Smith, who represents Washington’s 9th District. The Mayor and City Council attended NLC to secure resources and discuss top priorities for our Federal Way community — we work for you!***

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## WASHINGTON, DC PHOTO GALLERY!



## MAYOR FERRELL AND FWPD CHIEF ANDY HWANG ADDRESS COMMUNITY QUESTIONS AT OUR TOWN HALL MEETING



**Mayor Ferrell's message to our Federal Way community: Thank you for attending our Town Hall meeting at Olympic View Elementary School on Thursday, March 7. We appreciate the warm hospitality of the Olympic View Elementary School staff, who hosted the community gathering.**

**As public servants, we take our responsibilities very seriously and are committed to serving you to the best of our abilities. As I remind my staff every day, we work for you!**

**Your feedback at the Neighborhood Connection meeting was invaluable, and we will continue to listen to your opinions and suggestions as we move forward.**

**As your Mayor, I take your suggestions seriously and am committed to acting on them!**



## FWPD EQUIPS ITS OFFICERS WITH AXON BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) outfitted all officers with AXON body-worn cameras in December 2021.

Body-worn cameras are a significant step toward greater transparency and accountability, increasing public trust during interactions with our officers.

The cameras also provide officers' perspectives on calls for service and quicker and unbiased resolutions to potential community member concerns.

Using cameras increases public confidence in policing, deters criminal activity, helps de-escalate confrontational situations, and provides additional skill development and training through incident review.



***FWPD officers who frequently interact with community members must wear and operate body-worn cameras. It is mandatory to turn on the cameras during calls for service and other activities, including but not limited to traffic stops, vehicle pursuits, responding to suspicious vehicles or persons, arrests, vehicle searches, domestic violence incidents, use of force, DUI investigations, crimes in progress, offenses involving weapons, mental health-related contacts, and welfare checks.***

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## OUR PREVIOUS LEADER OF THE PAEC, BRIAN HOFFMAN, LEAVES FEDERAL WAY TO PURSUE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

On March 4, Mayor Ferrell and our citywide staff bid farewell to Brian Hoffman, who served as the General Manager of the Performing Arts & Event Center for five years.

Brian is pursuing a new opportunity to bring him closer to his home in New York.

We will miss Brian, who John Hutton, Parks Director, describes as more than a “Rock Star.”

Brian, who has a wealth of knowledge in event-related planning, fought through challenges during the global pandemic to keep the PAEC operational and successfully secured premier events for our community.

Thank you for everything, Brian!



***As we await the official announcement of the next General Manager at the PAEC, Brad Murphy, pictured left with Mayor Ferrell, will serve as the interim GM at our state-of-the-art facility.***



***The City of Federal thanks Autumn Gressett, Community Relations Liaison/ Contract Administrator, pictured with Brian Hoffman, for organizing his farewell gathering at the PAEC on Monday, March 4.***

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## THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY IS COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR COMMUNITY ACHIEVE FINANCIAL SUCCESS!



*They're dedicated to making it happen for our community! From left to right, James L. Wilson (Minda's father), Minda Michelle Mattox, financial management course facilitator from WSECU, and Willard Rance, the Vice President of Community Relations at WSECU.*

The City of Federal Way thanks Minda Michelle Mattox, our six-week financial management course facilitator from the Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU), and the entire team for their invaluable assistance in launching our classes at the Federal Way Community Center.

Their support has been instrumental in getting our program off to a productive start.

Thanks to Mayor Jim Ferrell and our dedicated City Councilmembers for their support and significant role in organizing and coordinating with WSECU to ensure productive financial management courses!

This free financial management course runs until April 11.

## DOWNLOAD THE FREE 'EYES ON FEDERAL WAY' APP!

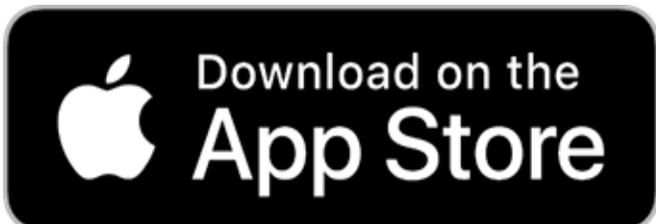
**Available Now!**

Download on the **App Store** GET IT ON **Google play**

# Eyes on Federal Way

You can report non-emergency issues such as graffiti, potholes, littered streets, or abandoned shopping carts using the "Eyes on Federal Way" app.

Thank you for helping us keep Federal Way clean and safe!



Wed. Mar. 13, 2023 11:30 am

Monthly Best Practices Training Lunch

Federal Way, Washington

## Puget Sound Finance Officers Association



### Participating Agencies:

- ✓ Auburn
- ✓ Black Diamond
- ✓ Burien
- ✓ Des Moines
- ✓ Edgewood
- ✓ Federal Way
- ✓ Kent
- ✓ King County
- ✓ Kirkland
- ✓ Lakewood Water District
- ✓ North Bend
- ✓ Olympia
- ✓ Pacific
- ✓ Sammamish
- ✓ Soos Creek
- ✓ Woodinville



The Finance Department recently hosted its second monthly training event for the Puget Sound Finance Officers Association (PSFOA). Deputy Director Chase Donnelly and Sr. Financial Analyst David Liang are instrumental in scheduling best practices training for interested cities in the region.

Staff from 16 cities nearby attended to hear North Bend Finance Director Martin Chaw present on advanced Excel analytics. PSFOA handles the logistics, cost of lunch, and advertising of the training; HomeStreet Bank, next door, hosts the parking for our guests.

Our Finance Administrative Assistant, Thuch Mam, oversaw room setup, lunch delivery, and facility coordination. We're pleased to have the City of Federal Way positioned as a source of best practices training in all aspects of government finance. Finance Director Steve Groom and Chase will teach investing at the June meeting!

The City of Federal Way commends our award-winning Finance Department for its leadership in sharing best practices with other local municipalities in our state!

**PUGET SOUND**  
*Finance Officers Association*



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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR OUR YEARLY IRISH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY AT CITY HALL!

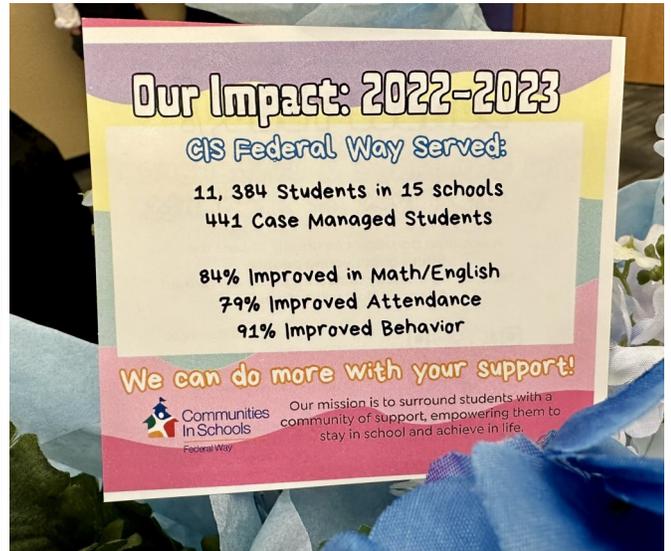


**Mayor Ferrell proclaimed Irish American Heritage Week in the City of Federal Way at our annual flag-raising ceremony at City Hall on March 15 before St. Patrick's Day! The Mayor, our dedicated City Council, and the Federal Way community enjoyed a festive environment to celebrate Irish Americans, rich history, and contributions throughout our state.**



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THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY PROUDLY SPONSORS THE COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS' ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!



*The City of Federal Way was thrilled to have our dedicated City Councilmembers stand with Mayor Ferrell at the Communities In Schools of Federal Way Annual Breakfast fundraiser at the Federal Way Community Center on March 15! Together, we are making a difference and showing our support for education. We were a proud sponsor!*



# Communities In Schools

## Federal Way



**Senior trips are taking place** — Participation in senior trips has recently picked up. We've now had back-to-back sold-out trips to Port Townsend and the San Juan Islands. In addition to our weekly day trips, several seniors have taken advantage of our travel partnership with Collette Travel. Six participants recently returned from a beautiful 10-day adventure to Portugal!

**Community Recreation** — Our preschoolers are on the move this month as they explore the world of transportation! The preschool teachers recently added a sprinkle of science magic to their lesson plan with building rockets! They also had a chance to move their bodies and walk around the FWCC to visit the salmon!



# Upcoming EVENTS

FWPAEC

**3.23**

**GIRLS NIGHT! THE MUSICAL**

7:30 PM

**3.24**

**ILUMINATE**

7:30 PM

**4.05**

**AN EVENING WITH JIMMY FAILLA**

8:00 PM

**4.13**

**MATT MATHEWS**

3:00 PM & 8:00 PM

**4.20**

**FIVE FOR FIGHTING**

7:30 PM





# DIAPER DRIVE

FRED MEYER TWIN LAKES  
SATURDAY, MARCH 23  
10 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M.



MAYOR JIM FERRELL AND OUR DEDICATED CITY COUNCILMEMBERS ARE TEAMING UP WITH VOLUNTEERS TO COLLECT DONATIONS OF PREMIE-SIZE 6 DIAPERS, PULL-UPS, BABY WIPES, AND ADULT DIAPERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: (253) 457-5578.**



# CENTERSTAGE!



**TICKETS ON  
SALE NOW!**

BUY ADULT TICKETS  
ONLINE AND SAVE \$3

## FIRST DATE THE MUSICAL

WRITTEN BY **AUSTIN WINSBERG**

COMPOSED BY **MICHAEL WEINER & ALAN ZACHARY**

DIRECTED BY **JEANETTE SANCHEZ**

**MARCH 29 - APRIL 21**

**CENTERSTAGETHEATRE.COM | (253) 661-1444**  
3200 SW DASH POINT RD, FEDERAL WAY, WA 98023

### SPONSORS



**YOUR TYPE  
IS JUST WHAT  
WE NEED.**

**Schedule your blood donation today.**



## CITY OF FEDERAL WAY

Bloodmobile | 33325 8th Ave S Federal Way

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

visit [BloodworksNW.org/GiveBlood](https://BloodworksNW.org/GiveBlood) or scan the QR Code to book your one hour appointment today!

Photo ID & appointments required. No one under the age of 16 permitted onsite.

**ALL DONATIONS GO TO PATIENTS IN THE PNW**

# **CITYWIDE NEWS**

**Join us for a FREE event featuring  
guided Tai Chi, Qigong, mindfulness,  
and community connection!**

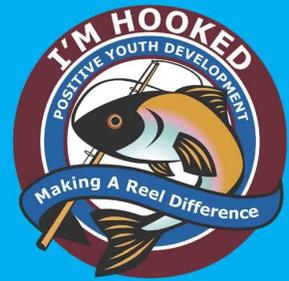
**Saturday, April 27  
10-12 p.m.**

**Pacific Bonsai Museum  
2515 S 336th Street  
Federal Way, WA 98001**



The poster features a central blue background with a white Yin-Yang symbol surrounded by a decorative circular border. The text "WORLD TAI CHI DAY" is arched over the symbol. At the top, logos for "CITY OF Federal Way PARKS & RECREATION" and "Federal Way COMMUNITY CENTER" are displayed. Below the symbol, the date and time "Saturday, April 27, 2024 10AM - 12PM" are listed. Four photographs show groups of people practicing Tai Chi in various outdoor settings, including a large group in front of a building and smaller groups in parks.

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Washington Department of FISH & WILDLIFE



# I'M HOOKED KIDS FISHING EVENT

# FREE REGISTRY FOR KIDS

**MAY 4**  
**7AM - 2PM**

**STEEL LAKE PARK**  
**2410 S 312TH ST**  
**FEDERAL WAY**

Bring the whole family for a fun filled day of fishing! Community mentors will guide your child in the art of fishing, instilling a love of the sport for years to come!

## RAIN OR SHINE!



### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Angler Education
- Shoreline Fishing
- Water Safety
- Aquatic Ecology
- Health & Wellness
- Musical Art Experience
- Nature Art Experience
- Free Lunch For Kids

### WE WILL PROVIDE:

- Fishing Rods & Reels to use
- Bait & Tackle
- BAGs & Ice
- PFD (Life Jacket)

### LUNCH PROVIDED

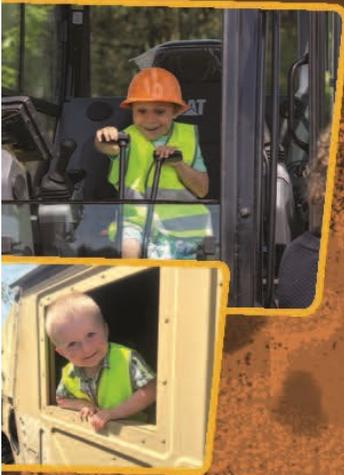
KIDS: FREE  
ADULTS: \$5



REGISTER ONLINE [WWW.IMHOOKEDINC.ORG](http://WWW.IMHOOKEDINC.ORG)



PRESENTED BY  
**SOUNDTRANSIT**



# TOUCH A TRUCK

**FREE!**

**10-YEAR CELEBRATION**

# MAY 11

## 11AM - 2PM



Touch-a-Truck is a fun family event to get up close and personal with all of the vehicles and equipment that build, serve and protect our community with pride. This event will put your child's imagination in gear as they honk, toot and climb aboard their favorite vehicles for hands on experience! RAIN or SHINE!



*Dash Point  
Distributing*



**THANK YOU SPONSORS!**

**LOCATED AT**



WILD WAVES THEME & WATER PARK  
PARKING LOT  
36201 Enchanted Pkwy S  
Federal Way, WA 98003

**HAVE A TRUCK OR WANT TO SPONSOR TOUCH-A-TRUCK?**  
[Able.Wenick@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:Able.Wenick@cityoffederalway.com)  
253-835-6924

**FREE**



# Arts Explosion

**Federal Way's 2nd  
Annual Arts Festival**

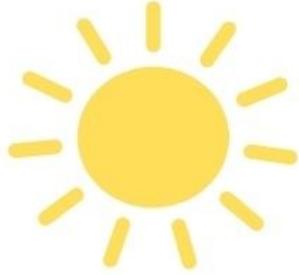
**May 31 - June 2, 2024**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT THE**  
Federal Way Performing Arts & Events Center  
31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S  
Federal Way, WA 98003

**Artist submissions deadline is April 20, 2024**

Cash awards. For more information go to  
[cityoffederalway.com/content/Arts-Commission](http://cityoffederalway.com/content/Arts-Commission)





**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR THE**

Federal Way  
**COMMUNITY**  
*Festival*

**AUGUST 10, 2024**

**11AM - 6PM**

**TOWN SQUARE PARK**

**31600 PETE VON REICHBAUER WAY S.  
FEDERAL WAY, WA 98023**

**We are looking for sponsorships, entertainers, food vendors, retail vendors and services, childrens ideas, non-profits & volunteers!**

**Applications due 4.15.24!**

**Email [Diversity@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:Diversity@cityoffederalway.com) for more info!!**