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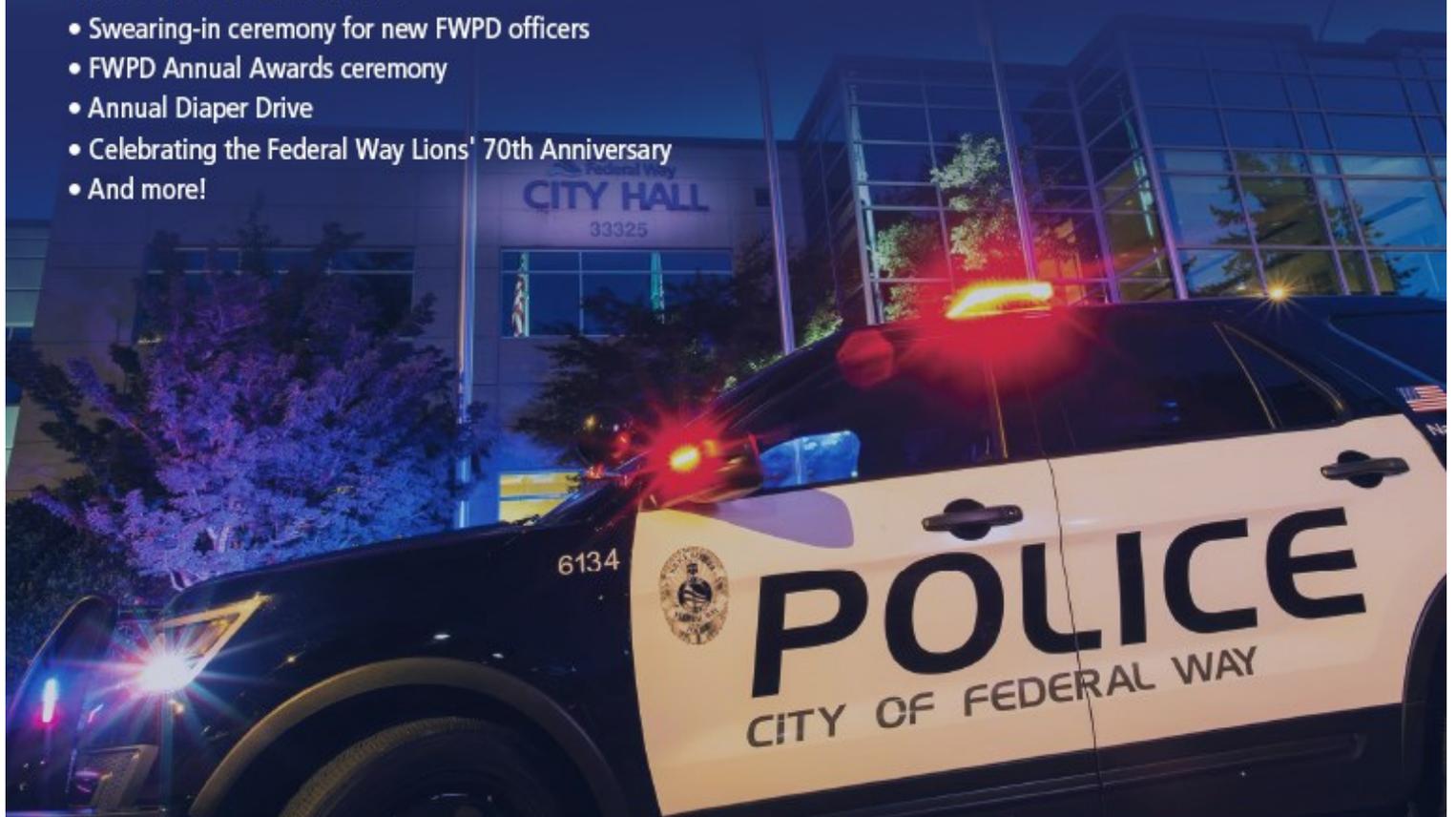
CITYWIDE NEWS

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CITYWIDE NEWS

FIVE NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN DURING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Mayor Jim Ferrell and our dedicated City Councilmembers took a moment to greet and welcome the new police officers to the Federal Way community during the City Council meeting on March 19. Meet Justin McKee, Ella Schlegel, Tiffany Parker, Victor Rodriguez, and Alamalealof Tulenkun from left to right.

“These officers are quality individuals and people of integrity, and we are fortunate to have them as part of our team and serving our community,” said Federal Way Police Chief Andy Hwang.



Mayor Ferrell administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed police officers.



Federal Way Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony Photo Gallery



The Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) recently held its Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize the achievements and heroic actions of its staff from 2023. A gathering of family, friends, and colleagues came together in the City Council Chambers to celebrate staff who strive to make Federal Way a safe city each and every day.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
GRETCHEN SUND



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CORPORAL HILARY MARIANI



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS
DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR
MATT NOVAK



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
AMANDA HEWER, RECORDS SUPERVISOR



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
OFFICER JOSEPH HALFORD



SPECIAL RECOGNITION
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
CORPORAL CHRIS MICKELSEN



SPECIAL RECOGNITION
MOST DUI ARRESTS
OFFICER SARAH MONTJOY



SPECIAL RECOGNITION
POLICE CHIEF'S CITATION
VOLUNTEER DEBBIE DAVIS

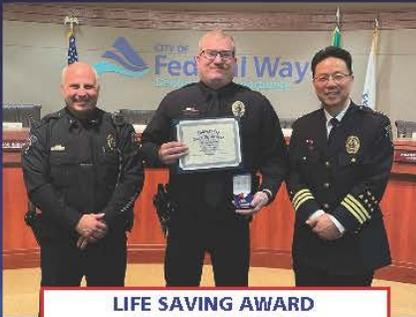


SPECIAL RECOGNITION
MERITORIOUS SERVICE
CORPORAL ANDREW SEDERBERG

Federal Way Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony Photo Gallery



LIFE SAVING AWARDS



LIFE SAVING AWARD
OFFICER LEE PRICE



LIFE SAVING AWARD
OFFICER JOSHUA POWER



LIFE SAVING AWARD (x2)
OFFICER SEAN RIGNEY



LIFE SAVING AWARD
OFFICER MICHAEL WELLS



LIFE SAVING AWARD
ACTING LIEUTENANT JAE AN



LIFE SAVING AWARD
OFFICER JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR AWARDS



VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR AWARDS
TIM LEHNERR



VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR AWARDS
JIMME SCHNEIDER



VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR AWARDS
FRANK GABRELUK

DIAPER DRIVE



Mayor Ferrell, Bill Vadino, Policy Advisor, and City Councilmembers attended the 10th annual March of Diapers drive at Twin Lakes Fred Meyer on March 23. Cheryl Hurst (pictured third to right), the lead organizer for the past decade, attended her final Diaper Driver event as she is relocating to another state. This year, the drive collected just shy of 15,000 diapers and over 8,800 wipes, which is higher than the numbers from last year. We appreciate Cheryl's dedicated service over the years, and we thank Do The Right Thing for hosting another successful Diaper Drive and the volunteers who made it happen!



MAYOR FERRELL ATTENDS THE 70TH-ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE FEDERAL WAY LIONS CLUB



On March 23, Mayor Ferrell thanked Raul Baird, Federal Way Lions Club President (third from left in the picture), and Golden Spoon Buffet & Banquet for their warm welcome at a dinner gathering. Mayor Ferrell gave a thoughtful presentation during the celebration, thanking the Federal Way Lions Club for its dedicated service to meet the needs of our community every day!

Breakfast Takeover

CAMP FUNDRAISER



MARCH 23 | 8-10AM



Mayor Ferrell supported the young generation by joining our friends at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse for the Breakfast Takeover Camp Fundraiser on March 23. The breakfast event raised funds for Young Life Federal Way, an international Christian ministry that serves youth and teens worldwide.

The organization focuses on changing young people's lives by giving them acceptance, adventure, and an invitation to experience life!

We thank Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse for its warm hospitality and Young Life Federal Way for the invite!



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OUR FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES AT FWCC ARE HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY!



Another Step Toward Financial Freedom! We thank Minda Michelle Mattox (pictured above in the middle in front of City Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson) from Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU) for facilitating the six-week Psychology of Spending Course!



They're Making It Happen! The City of Federal Way congratulates the participants who completed a nine-week financial management course Ramsey Financial Peace University facilitated. The Federal Way group, pictured above, recently graduated from our free course.

In September of 2022, more than 100 people gathered in Council Chambers to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Korean Community Quarterly Meeting.

At this event, former Mayor Mike Park introduced members of the Korean community to city leadership and introduced special guest performers worthy of such an event, sharing 30 years of collaboration and outreach.



The Korean Community in Federal Way is one of the largest single Korean populations in any state.

With almost 6% of the population identifying as Korean, this community has deep roots in Federal Way.

Many within this population have retained their native tongue; some struggle with understanding English; all strive to connect to the City they call home.

Thus, in 1992, the first Korean Community Quarterly Meeting was held. During this meeting, with opening remarks from the Mayor and City Council, the various departments of the City gathered to provide translated updates to the Korean community. The Korean American Parents Association provided a meal after the event.



On March 21, the Korean Community held its first quarterly meeting in City Hall's chambers.

Former Mayor Park and Council President Linda Kochmar gave opening remarks before department leads took the microphone to share updates on Community Development, Economic Development, Finance, Parks, Public Works, and Federal Way Police.

And, as usual, the Korean American Parents Association ensured no one left hungry!

The quarterly meeting is on the third Thursday of March, June, September, and December. After 126 meetings, there is no sign of stopping.



From left to right, we have Councilmembers Paul McDaniel, Jack Walsh, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Kim Hensley, the liaison for the Korean community, Councilmember Susan Honda, and Council President Linda Kochmar. Haeng S. Kim, President of the Federal Way Korean American Association, and former Mayor Mike Park also attended the Korean Community Quarterly Meeting!

Thank you to the City Directors, Mayor Jim Ferrell, the Korean American Parents Association, the Federal Way Korean American Association, and former Mayor Park for their continued support!

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

This week's Council happenings:

- **Human Services Commission Meeting**, March 25 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Finance, Economic Development & Regional Affairs Committee**, March 26 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Senior Advisory Commission Meeting**, March 28 at City Hall, 2 p.m.



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Eyes on Federal Way

Want to help us keep Federal Way a clean and safe living place?

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

We appreciate your efforts to help keep our community clean!



FREE FIX-IT EVENT

REPAIR CAFÉ

Bring your damaged furniture, broken small household items, dull knives, and torn clothing. Our fixers will do their best to make your items usable again!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

10AM-2PM

South King Tool Library
1700 S 340th St • Federal Way, WA



DETAILS:

- First come, first served. Plan to stay during the repair.
- Bring any manuals and/or parts and components to help us fix and test.
- NO items that are oversized, leaking, contain gasoline, or have a strong odor. No broken cell phone screens, locked out electronics, or microwaves.
- Expert fixers will do their best to fix items, but no guarantees.

Join us to get
your items fixed
and receive a
FREE
small repair kit!

Help us help you—let the South King Tool Library know what you plan to bring:

@SouthKingTools @south_king_tools info@southkingtools.org 253-237-2290

For more information about recycling or future events visit federalwaywa.gov/recyclingevents or contact 253-835-2771 or recycle@federalwaywa.gov

Para obtener informacion en este idioma visite:
이 언어로 된 정보는 다음을 방문하여 확인하십시오:

Чтобы получить информацию на этом языке, посетите:

Để nhận thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ này vui lòng truy cập:



uqr.to/repaircafe3-30



This event is partially funded through a Public Participation Grant from the Washington Department of Ecology as well as through support from the King County Solid Waste Division and EPA Region 10 HRSC

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Upcoming EVENTS

FWPAEC

4.05 **AN EVENING WITH JIMMY FAILLA**
8:00 PM

4.13 **MATT MATHEWS**
3:00 PM & 8:00 PM

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

4.20 **FIVE FOR FIGHTING**
7:30 PM

4.21 **RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS**
7:00 PM



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

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**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 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

800-398-7888 | bloodworksnw.org/giveblood

@bloodworksnw   





Basic Course

Wednesday Evenings

April 10 – May 29, 2024



What is CERT? - The Greater Federal Way (GFW) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program provides residents of the Federal Way Community with disaster preparedness skills to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors. It also teaches the skills and organizational structure to respond to the immediate needs of the community, supporting First Responders in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Training is Free – Upon graduation, each student volunteer receives their own backpack with CERT gear and a certificate of completion.



Sign Up Today!

Sharon Green,

Federal Way Emergency Management

Outreach Coordinator

Call: 206-930-6645

Email: sharon.green@cityoffederalway.com

April 10:
6-8:30pm

**Disaster Preparedness and
CERT Organization**

Federal Way City Hall
33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way
1st Floor, Patrick Maher Room

April 17:
6-8:30pm

**CERT and Terrorism and
Disaster Psychology**

Patrick Maher Room

April 24:
6-8:30pm

Disaster Medical 1

Patrick Maher Room

May 1:
6-8:30pm

Disaster Medical 2

Patrick Maher Room

May 8
6-8:30pm

Fire Safety and Utility Control

South King Fire Training St. 68
1405 SW 312th St, Federal Way

May 15:
6-8:30pm

Light Search and Rescue

Federal Way City Hall
2nd Floor, Council Chambers

May 22:
6-8:30pm

**Make Up Classes and
Practical Exercise Prep**

Patrick Maher Room and
Council Chambers

May 29:
6-8:30pm

Practical Exercise

TBD



PARKS APPRECIATION DAY

**Saturday, April 20
9 AM - NOON**

Rain or Shine!

Bring gloves, wear sturdy shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!

PLEASE BRING EXTRA TOOLS!

Tools are available, but extra shovels, gloves, clippers & wheelbarrows are needed!

Site 1:

Brooklake Blueberry Farm
726 S. 356th Street

Site 2:

Saghalie Park
33914 19th Ave SW

Pre-Register With George Richen!

(253) 835-6963

George.Richen@cityoffederalway.com



WWW.ITALLHAPPENSHERE.INFO/PARKSDAY

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

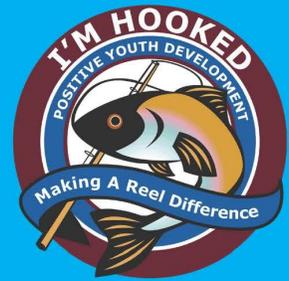
**Saturday, April 27
10-12 p.m.**

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



The poster features a central blue background with a large white Tai Chi symbol (Yin-Yang) surrounded by a decorative circular border. Above the symbol, the text "WORLD TAI CHI DAY" is written in a white, stylized font. Below the symbol, the date and time "Saturday, April 27, 2024" and "10AM - 12PM" are displayed in white. At the top of the poster, logos for "CITY OF Federal Way PARKS & RECREATION" and "Federal Way COMMUNITY CENTER" are visible. Four photographs are arranged around the central text, showing groups of people practicing Tai Chi in various outdoor settings, including a grassy area near a building and a paved path in a park.

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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





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!



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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?
Abbie.Wenick@cityoffederalway.com
253-835-6924



SAVE THE DATE

*The City of Federal Way
Senior Advisory Commission Presents...*

Senior Health & Resource Fair

Thursday | May 16, 2024 | 10AM - 1PM

Located at
Federal Way Performing Arts
& Event Center
31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S
Federal Way, WA 98003

This will be an opportunity for families, ***and especially seniors***, to be introduced to vendors and resources available in the senior community!

See our website for more details!
www.cityoffederalway.com/page/senior-advisory-commission

FREE



Arts Explosion

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

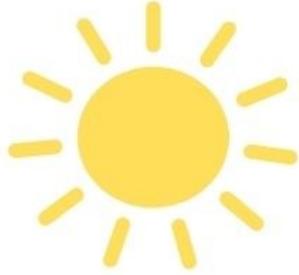
May 31 - June 2, 2024

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





**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 for more info!!