

# CITYWIDE NEWS

## MAYOR JIM FERRELL ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL WAY'S VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE



**Mayor Ferrell answered media questions about Federal Way's recent news. Thanks to KOMO-TV, KIRO Radio, Fox 13, KING 5, and the Federal Way Mirror for covering the story after the Friday, April 12, announcement.**

After recent shootings, which resulted in the death of a 2-year-old and the injury of a man near Pacific Highway, as well as another incident that injured a teenager at a nearby apartment complex, Mayor Jim Ferrell is pushing back against crime by establishing a highly skilled Violent Crime Task Force.

The Violent Crime Task Force is comprised of members of the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD), whose crucial mission is identifying the perpetrators of these violent acts and bringing them to justice.

Mayor Ferrell clarified that the City of Federal Way will not tolerate such crimes. He is taking all the necessary measures to safeguard the hard-working community.

"Our number one priority here at the City of Federal Way is the safety of our community," said Mayor Ferrell. "We will move heaven and earth and deploy every resource available to find the perpetrator of the horrible murder of the 2-year-old near IHOP and to locate and hold accountable those committing violent crimes in our community."

Mayor Ferrell emphasized that the community needs answers to numerous unanswered questions.

"The Violent Crime Task Force will investigate people involved in violence, find out where they live, and determine who is connected with them. We will use forensic evidence and other means to solve cases and bring violent offenders to justice," said Kyle Sumpter, Deputy Chief of Police.

"We work around the clock to protect the people and families in Federal Way."



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## EMBRACING EDUCATION: MAYOR FERRELL SPENT LAST WEEK TEACHING HISTORY TO SEQUOYAH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!



**FEDERAL WAY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



***From April 9-11, Mayor Jim Ferrell spent most of his time giving back to our Federal Way community as a guest history teacher at Sequoyah Middle School! During the seventh-grade classes, Mayor Ferrell answered excellent questions about Washington State History. Thanks to Sequoyah Middle School for inviting him!***

## Q&A WITH THE NEW LEADER OF THE PAEC: GENERAL MANAGER STACIA WINTERS!



**Welcome to Federal Way! On Monday, April 8, Mayor Jim Ferrell met with Stacia Winters, the newly appointed General Manager of our Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC).**



**As the new General Manager of the PAEC, tell us about your goals.**

**Stacia:** One of the primary goals I have is to broaden the corporate connections and support of the venue through a more in-depth sponsorship effort including naming rights and other sponsorship opportunities, including event sponsorship opportunities, at the PAEC. I am already working closely with our corporate team to set these goals and continue building these relationships in the community.

**Q: Your diverse experience in management, marketing, and event planning across different regions is impressive. How can this be leveraged to benefit the PAEC?**

**Stacia:** I have seen a wide variety of events and have even built events from the ground up and seen them blossom into huge annual events attended by thousands. I have a deep understanding of the event industry from every angle — marketing, execution, food, and beverage, as well of ensuring that each event is a memorable experience for guests. I hold a high standard of service and am bringing a fresh set of eyes to the community. I am excited to see where there is untapped potential and opportunities for growth!

**Q: Some in our community have asked about an ongoing partnership between Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) and PAEC to allow local students to consistently perform on the 'big stage' at our state-of-the-art facility. What are your thoughts about that potential partnership with FWPS?**

**Stacia:** I am a huge advocate of beginning arts from a young age and am looking forward to learning what the needs are in the community and seeing how the PAEC can encourage those opportunities. I am excited to continue our work with Arts 4 Youth and am planning to connect directly with local schools and performing groups to discuss their needs and build a partnership.

**Q: What are some fun facts about you?**

**Stacia:** I grew up in Wyoming and have spent most of my life in the West/Southwest. I am so excited to explore the Pacific Northwest and all it has to offer! I enjoy traveling to new places, especially in my local area and am known to do quick camping trips into the mountains or a two-day getaway to explore a new community nearby. I have also spent most of my life performing and still love to find way to participate — I help coach and choreograph for High School Marching Band Color Guard teams in a few different states when I have some spare time and love to attend and support local plays, bands, and any other performances I can find!

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## THE CITY OF FEDERAL WAY ATTENDS THE HORIZON DUPLEX GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR FUSION!



*Mayor Ferrell and the City Councilmembers attended the FUSION Horizon Duplex groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, April 11, at 31212 13th Ave S in Federal Way. The Horizon Duplex will provide housing to families in our community who have experienced homelessness. From left to right above, City Council President Linda Kochmar, Mayor Ferrell, and David Harrison, the Executive Director of FUSION.*

**FUSION**  **N**  
HOUSING FAMILIES IN NEED



## FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



***On Thursday, April 11, the Federal Way Korean American Association held an open house to celebrate the expansion of its hall and 15th anniversary. During the event, Mayor Ferrell delivered a thoughtful presentation about the value of our community partnership. We thank our Federal Way Korean American Association friends for extending their invitation to us.***



***On Monday, April 15, Mayor Ferrell and our City Councilmembers attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Federal Way Audiology. We welcome the owners, Yeasel Chae, Doctor of Audiology, and Laura K. Moran, Director of Audiology, to our neighborhood! They are one of the few audiologists in Federal Way to offer Korean translation services to the community.***

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## FEDERAL WAY POLICE RECORDS UNIT SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR: AMANDA HEWER



***We are committed to serving Federal Way!***

***Amanda Hewer—pictured in the middle next to Diane Shines, Civilian Operations Manager, and Federal Way Police Chief Andy Hwang—has contributed to streamlining processes and introducing innovative solutions to enhance the efficiency of records specialists' tasks.***

***Amanda prioritizes building meaningful connections with new team members and fostering a welcoming and supportive environment within the Federal Way Police Department.***

In 2023, the Federal Way Police Records Unit expanded its team by hiring ten records specialists and a new supervisor.

Records Supervisor Amanda Hewer's pivotal role in facilitating onboarding and ensuring comprehensive training for new hires cannot be overstated.

Her dedication and commitment have been instrumental in navigating the unit through staffing challenges, ultimately fostering its growth.

Amanda exemplifies meticulousness in her professional endeavors and consistently goes above and beyond to support her colleagues.

She is readily available to address questions and guide records personnel and law enforcement officers in need.

Amanda has willingly sacrificed her time to mentor probationary records specialists, demonstrating exceptional dedication and showcasing her selflessness and commitment to the team's success.

In addition to her supervisory responsibilities, Amanda has shouldered the additional workload of training new staff, effectively assuming the duties of two individuals.

The City of Federal Way congratulates Amanda on this massive announcement!



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Eyes on Federal Way

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

Help us keep Federal Way clean and safe by reporting non-emergency issues, like graffiti, potholes, littered streets, or abandoned shopping carts, using the "Eyes on Federal Way" app!



# Upcoming EVENTS FWPAEC

- 4.20 FIVE FOR FIGHTING**  
7:30 PM
- 4.21 RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS**  
7:00 PM
- 4.28 GISELLE**  
1:00PM & 7:00 PM
- 5.05 AUBURN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
2:30 PM
- 5.11 FEDERAL WAY CHORALE**  
4:00 PM



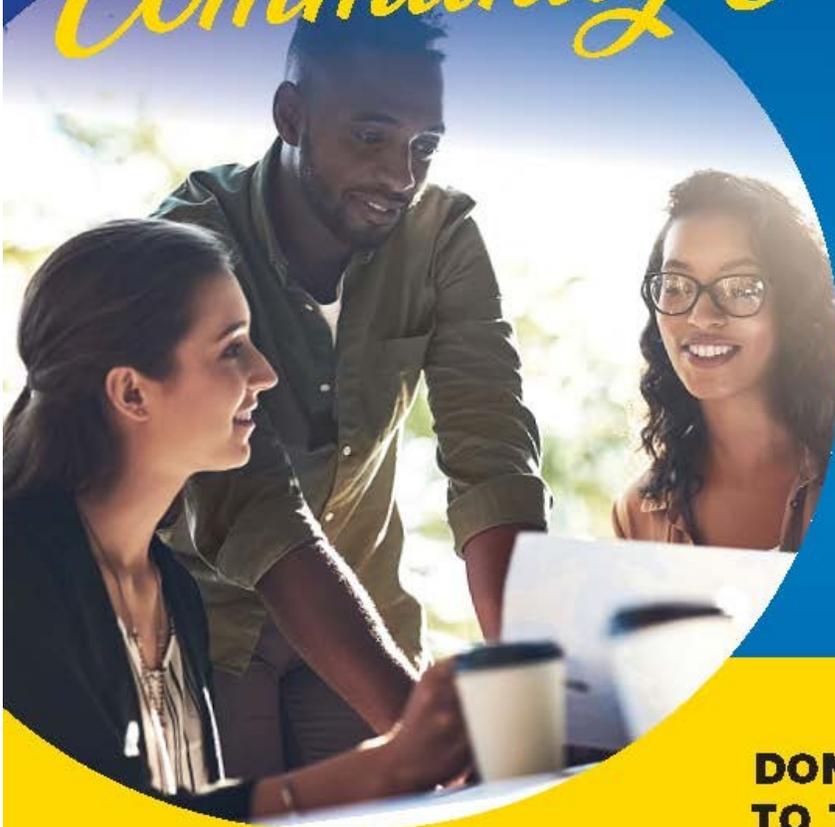
**PERFORMING ARTS  
EVENT CENTER**

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

**FREE**  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The **MIRROR** FEDERAL WAY presents...

HOT OFF THE PRESSES:  
*Community Conversations*



**TUESDAY,  
APRIL 16, 2024  
1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**POVERTY BAY CAFÉ,  
1108 S 322ND PL**

*"A newspaper is a mirror  
reflecting the public..."*

– Arthur Brisbane

**JOIN US!**

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO TALK WITH THE NEWSROOM!**

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or [cindy.ducich@federalwaymirror.com](mailto:cindy.ducich@federalwaymirror.com)



# 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@federalwaywa.gov](mailto:sharon.green@federalwaywa.gov)**

**April 10:**  
6-8:30pm

**Disaster Preparedness and  
CERT Organization**

Federal Way City Hall  
33325 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Federal Way  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 312<sup>th</sup> St, Federal Way

**May 15:**  
6-8:30pm

**Light Search and Rescue**

Federal Way City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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



# FREE SPRING SHRED AND eCYCLE EVENT

Shred sensitive documents, discard old electronics, and donate to local food banks.

**Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**BECU Federal Way Pavilions  
Neighborhood Financial Center**  
31411 Pacific Hwy South  
Federal Way, WA 98003

On Saturday, April 20, bring up to three grocery bags or two banker boxes of old documents and electronics.\* That includes old TVs, CPUs, monitors, laptops and cellphones for safe disposal. A small recycle fee may apply to some electronic items. Shredding available until trucks are full.

While you're at it, consider helping neighbors in need by donating cash or nonperishables to Multi Service Center Food Bank. We'll have a local food bank representative on-site to collect your donation. Northwest Center will collect clothing and small household items. Televisions greater than 4 ft. tall will not be accepted at this location.

## OTHER LOCATIONS

**Bellingham**  
Lincoln Creek parking lot  
800 Lincoln St  
Bellingham, WA 98229

**BECU Tukwila  
Financial Center**  
12770 Gateway Drive  
Tukwila, WA 98168

**Everett Mall**  
1510 SE Everett Mall Way  
Everett, WA 98208

\*Shredding service available until trucks are full. eCycle accepts TVs, laptops, CPUs, monitors, computers, cellphones, tablets and portable DVD players. There may be a small fee to recycle any other items.



# 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@FederalWayWA.gov



**[WWW.ITALLHAPPENSHERE.INFO/PARKSDAY](http://WWW.ITALLHAPPENSHERE.INFO/PARKSDAY)**



# STOP ~~STRESSING~~ & START

# Winning WITH MONEY

The City of Federal Way, in partnership with committed community volunteers and the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University, is sponsoring a FREE 9-week course teaching financial skills for residents.

Located at the Federal Way Community Center  
Wednesdays, April 24 - June 19 (9-weeks)

6:30pm - 8:30pm

FREE to Federal Way residents

**Class Size: Limited to 40 participants**

*Course Materials include a workbook and software to assist after course completion.*

**Gift cards for participants who complete at least 7 of the 9 classes!**

**FREE Child Care Available!**

Limited child care will be provided by the Community Center, up to age 8, first come first served. Children ages 9-12 are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Utilizing materials from **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** and group discussion, topics include wisdom and common sense to help sharpen skills in budgeting, paying off debt, as well as increasing savings for emergencies, home ownership and education expenses. There will be a \$50 gift card to those who complete at least 7 of the 9 classes.

**If you have questions, please call 253-835-2420**



## TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE COURSE

Scan the QR Code!

Visit: [www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/CF7330](http://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/CF7330)

Email: [bill.vadino@FederalWayWA.gov](mailto:bill.vadino@FederalWayWA.gov)

Phone: 253-835-2420



Please note that this course requires a minimum of 20 participants to sign-up, otherwise the class will be postponed.

# **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 graphic with a Yin-Yang symbol inside a decorative circular frame. The text "WORLD TAI CHI DAY" is arched over the top of the frame. Below the frame, the date and time are listed: "Saturday, April 27, 2024" and "10AM - 12PM". At the top of the poster, logos for "CITY OF Federal Way PARKS RECREATION" and "Federal Way COMMUNITY CENTER" are displayed. The poster is surrounded by four photographs showing people practicing Tai Chi in various outdoor settings.

# FREE DRIVE-THRU PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**THURSDAY, MAY 2 • 10 AM–2 PM**

**Red Canoe Credit Union  
33616 Pacific Hwy S • Federal Way, WA**



## PAPER SHREDDING

Bring your confidential documents for shredding in a secure and environmentally-friendly manner.

### DETAILS:

- Limit 5 file boxes or paper bags per event.
- Documents are securely shredded on-site. No pre-shredded paper.
- Store confidential documents in the trunk/back of your vehicle. For your safety and convenience, remain in your vehicle while we unload your documents.

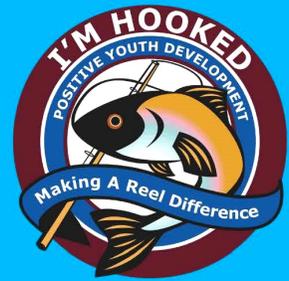
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### QUESTIONS:

- 📞 253-835-2771
- ✉ [recycle@FederalWayWA.gov](mailto:recycle@FederalWayWA.gov)
- 🌐 [FederalWayWA.gov/recycling-events](http://FederalWayWA.gov/recycling-events)
- 📘 [facebook.com/CityofFederalWay](https://facebook.com/CityofFederalWay)

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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)

# Swap Til' You Drop

Free Community Clothing Swap Event!

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 10am-2pm**



## WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SWAP?

Get rid of your adult seasonally appropriate (spring/summer) clothing, accessories, and shoes. Please pre-hang clothes. No children's items.



Learn more and register at [uqr.to/classes-events](http://uqr.to/classes-events) or scan the QR code. Registration appreciated, but not required.

## Drop Off Details:

April 3 - May 3 at the following dates and times:  
Mon, Sat: 10am-2pm; Wed: 2-6pm  
South King Tool Library, 1700 S 340th St, Federal Way

## WANT TO SWAP?

Come grab amazing and new-to-you items while helping reduce textile waste.

**PLEASE** Bring your own bag(s).

## WANT TO REPAIR?

Try your hand at mending or transforming your clothing. One of our skilled fixers will advise and assist you with repairs and adjustments.

## Event Location:

South King Tool Library  
1700 S 340th St - Federal Way

All items not claimed will go to local non-profits for reuse or recycling.

Para obtener información en español, visite:  
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**SEASON  
OPENING DAY**  
*CELEBRATING 21 YEARS!*

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**

**OPENING CEREMONIES 10:00 am**

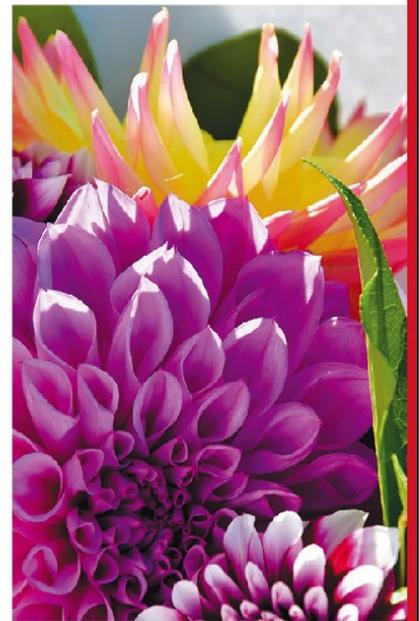
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- Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell, with Dignitaries
- Federal Way High School Band
- Special Mother's Day Festivities
- Fresh Flower Bouquets
- Photo Booth
- Face Painting
- Artisans
- Treat Bags for Mothers
- Kids Activity Booth Making Cards for Mother's Day

*Pick up a Calendar of Upcoming Events  
at the info booth!*

**ENJOY LUNCH AND SNACKS FROM  
OUR FOOD VENDORS  
IN OUR COVERED EATING AREA**

**SHOP AND ENJOY** — Our many farmers with in-season fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh flower bouquets, bakery goods, snacks, plants, artisans and sponsors.

**Saturdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**



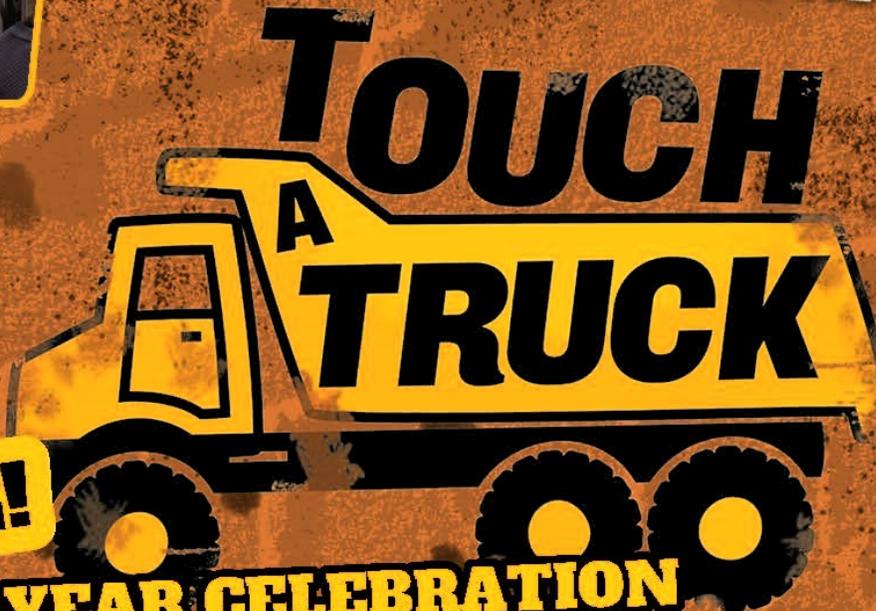
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**federalwayfarmersmarket.com | 253-261-8157**

Accepting: WIC, EBT, SFMNP, & Market Snap Coupons

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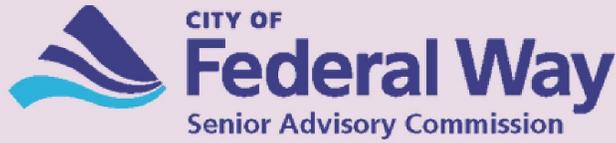
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WILD WAVES THEME & WATER PARK  
PARKING LOT  
36201 Enchanted Pkwy S  
Federal Way, WA 98003

HAVE A TRUCK OR WANT TO SPONSOR TOUCH-A-TRUCK?  
Abbie.Wenick@FederalWayWA.gov  
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

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

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See our website for more details!  
[www.cityoffederalway.com/page/senior-advisory-commission](http://www.cityoffederalway.com/page/senior-advisory-commission)

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## COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT WITH VALLEY CITIES



*Come together to learn about the fentanyl crisis and learn what Valley Cities is doing with community leaders to combat it!*

**MAY 29TH, 2024**

Wednesday | 8:00AM to 9:00AM

Valley Cities Admin Building  
33405 8th Ave S  
Federal Way, WA 98003

### Event Information

This educational in person event brings community leaders together with Valley Cities to learn about the behavioral health crises of King County and what we can do to combat it together.

### For More Information Email:

- [DEVELOPMENT@VALLEYCITIES.ORG](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@VALLEYCITIES.ORG)

**SCAN TO RSVP!**



CONTACT US : PHONE (253) 833-7444 | [DEVELOPMENT@VALLEYCITIES.ORG](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@VALLEYCITIES.ORG)

Mailing: 325 West Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032

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**VALLEY | CITIES**  
Behavioral Health Care

[www.valleycities.org](http://www.valleycities.org)

**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!!**