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IN A HISTORIC MOMENT, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR TOWN CENTER 3!



On Tuesday, April 16, our dedicated City Councilmembers unanimously approved a Town Center 3 (TC 3) Development Agreement with One Trent, a Seattle-based development company that will invest hundreds of millions of dollars in our community. Additionally, the City Council unanimously approved the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) on second reading and final approval, which will facilitate the investment of millions of dollars toward necessary capital improvements. TIF provides funding for infrastructure that enables private property owners to contribute to the development and improvement of the City. Our next step is to enter into meaningful negotiations with Merlone Geier Partners, the owners of The Commons Mall on 320th, to transform that site. This week represents a hinge point for Federal Way's future!



In November 2014, our City Council unanimously approved the purchase of the former Target property, per Mayor Jim Ferrell's request. "At the time, I recognized that this was somewhat controversial," said Ferrell. "However, I knew that this \$10 million investment would be the linchpin of our efforts toward revitalization and investment in our community ... and will pay dividends for decades."

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[CLICK HERE TO READ JIM FERRELL'S MAYOR'S MEMO IN THE FEDERAL WAY MIRROR!](#)



**THE FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL
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FEDERAL WAY
MIRROR

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“LET’S PLAY BALL!”

MAYOR FERRELL ATTENDS THE FEDERAL WAY NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE JAMBOREE

Baseball • Softball • Challenger



The Federal Way National Little League (FWNLL) invited Mayor Ferrell and other honored guests to The Complex behind WinCo on Saturday, April 20, to celebrate the return of youth baseball and softball participation in our community!

“Teri Foster, the current president of the Federal Way National Little League, is doing an exceptional job, and we are delighted to see the kids’ success under her leadership,” said Mayor Ferrell.

“Last year, their Senior All-Stars represented Washington State at the regionals in Oakland, California, which made Federal Way proud. The kids are incredibly talented, and we are excited to see how they perform this year!”

The City of Federal Way supports the Federal Way National Little League and its hard-working volunteers who support our local athletes!



The Federal Way National Little League President Teri Foster, Mayor Jim Ferrell, City Council President Linda Kochmar, and Councilmembers Jack Dovey and Susan Honda waved to the crowd at The Complex during the Jamboree, where the weather was perfect!

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PARKS APPRECIATION DAY IN FEDERAL WAY!



Our Parks and Recreation Department of Federal Way deserves a big thank you for organizing the 18th annual Parks Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 20! The Federal Way community was in full force to celebrate a day of community, nature, and positive impact at the Hylebos Blueberry Farm and Saghalie Park.

Our community stepped up, ready to work hard by rolling up their sleeves to help with weeding, planting trees, and more. Many brought extra tools and were prepared, rain or shine!



We extend a special thank you to George Richen, Parks and Facilities Manager; Tony Collins, Parks Maintenance Worker Lead; Jason Gerwen, Parks Deputy Director; Hugo Lemus, Parks Maintenance Worker I; Gary Neiffer, Parks and Facilities Supervisor; Carol Lum, Park Maintenance Worker II; and Safarali Hajheidari, Facilities Maintenance Worker I.

We also appreciate the Park Commissioners who visited all the sites.

Mayor Ferrell and our City Councilmembers visited the Hylebos Blueberry Farm to connect with the Federal Way community, volunteers, and Parks and Recreation staff. The numbers tell the story: 130 volunteers worked over 390 hours—significant! Huge kudos to our Federal Way Police officers and South King Fire for their support.



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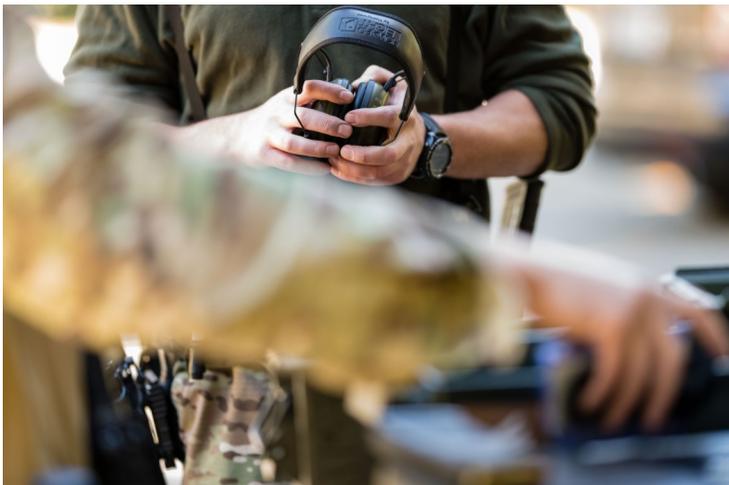
FEDERAL WAY OFFICERS TAKE PRIDE IN BEING A PART OF THE HIGHLY TRAINED VALLEY SWAT TEAM



The Valley SWAT team (VSWAT) is comprised of a dedicated group of professionals who save lives in dangerous situations. A multijurisdictional team, VSWAT consists of officers, sergeants, and commanders from Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, the Port of Seattle, Renton, and Tukwila.

The team responds to high-risk search and arrest warrants, active shooter events, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, terrorist acts, dignitary protection, and other criminal occurrences that require a tactical response that is beyond the capabilities of regular patrol officers or detectives.

VSWAT officers are supported by a team of trained officers specializing in hostage negotiations and crisis communications. Their primary goal is to resolve high-risk tactical operations peacefully while minimizing the risk of injury or loss of life to all parties involved.



The team trains for three days each month, focusing on hostage situations, shoot/no-shoot scenarios, first aid, de-escalation, less-lethal tactics, breaching, and marksmanship. Frequent training is necessary as officers must make quick decisions. VSWAT also teaches active shooter response to regional peace officers.

Special Weapons and Tactics, or SWAT, are widely recognized and familiar to many people. SWAT officers undergo a rigorous selection process that requires years of law enforcement experience, a review of their job history and performance, and passing a fitness test that includes challenging exercises while wearing a gas mask and heavy tactical vest.

Teamwork is essential as operations are complex and require specialized roles, and officers must adapt to changing situations.

SWAT's primary goal is to save lives.

VSWAT members take this goal very seriously, continuously learning, practicing, and preparing so that when a critical call happens, they are well-suited to ensure the safest outcome!



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Available Now!

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

Eyes on Federal Way

Here's a call to action for the Federal Way community!

We encourage you to download the free “Eyes on Federal Way” app on the App Store or Google Play to report non-emergency issues in our community, such as graffiti, potholes, littered streets, or abandoned shopping carts.



Shop Local

Fed Way.com

**—Shop local. Eat local.
Keep Federal Way Strong!**

ShopLocalFedWay.com

Thank you for supporting local businesses in Federal Way! If you have friends or family visiting, take them to one of our award-winning restaurants along Pacific Highway, 320th, or 348th. Our chefs in Federal Way take pride in preparing delicious, mouth-watering cuisine, and we value their hard work!

Upcoming EVENTS

FWPAEC

4.28 **GISELLE**
1:00PM & 7:00 PM

5.05 **AUBURN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
2:30 PM

5.11 **FEDERAL WAY SYMPHONY**
7:30 PM

5.18 **THE FEDERAL WAY CHORALE**
4:00 PM

5.19 **ABBAFAB**
3:00 PM





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

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



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

Email: bill.vadino@FederalWayWA.gov

Phone: 253-835-2420

 **RAMSEY**

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

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.

Para obtener información en este idioma visite:
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Чтобы получить информацию на этом языке, посетите:
Để nhận thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ này vui lòng truy cập:



QUESTIONS:

- 253-835-2771
- recycle@FederalWayWA.gov
- FederalWayWA.gov/recycling-events
- 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



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 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:
한국어로 된 정보를 보려면 다음으로 이동하십시오.
Информация на русском языке:
Đối với thông tin bằng Tiếng Việt, chuyển đến:



uqr.to/5.4SwapTranslations



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Federal Way
FARMERS MARKET

**SEASON
OPENING DAY**
CELEBRATING 21 YEARS!

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

OPENING CEREMONIES 10:00 am

- Opening Prayer by Pastor Dan Larson, Family Life Community Church
- 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



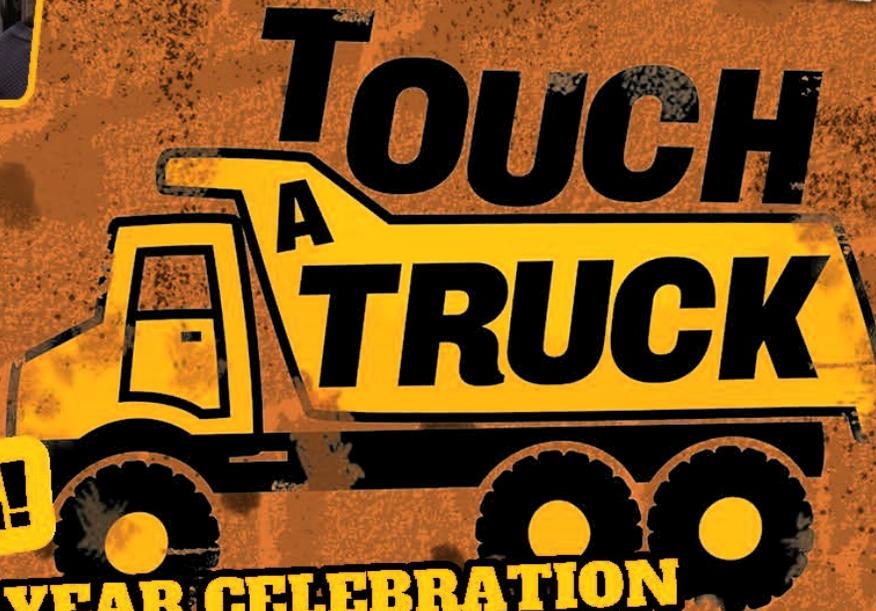
LOCATED AT THE COMMONS MALL BACK PARKING LOT
federalwayfarmersmarket.com | 253-261-8157

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

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PRESENTED BY
SOUNDTRANSIT



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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CALPORTLAND

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@FederalWayWA.gov
253-835-6924



Help Us Tee Up for Success!

Seeking Donations of Golf Clubs & Bags!

The Federal Way Inclusion Program is looking for gently used golf clubs & stand and carry golf bag donations for our upcoming summer recreational golf league!

We are in need of all types of clubs, including:

- Drivers
- Irons
- Putters
- Wedges
- Hybrids
- Fairway woods

Contact Sabrina Bates for more information or to schedule a donation drop-off!

Sabrina.Bates@FederalWayWA.gov
253-835-6927



Please drop off at Federal Way Community Center!



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

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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

SCAN TO RSVP!



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

Mailing: 325 West Gowe Street Kent, WA 98032

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VALLEY | CITIES
Behavioral Health Care

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



FREE



Federal Way COMMUNITY Festival 2024

Celebrate and experience diverse cultures in and around Federal Way!

- Free admission!
- Fun for the whole family
- Diverse kid activities
- Vendor booths
- Flavorful food from around the world!
- Multicultural Stage Performances



AUGUST 10
11AM - 6PM

TOWN SQUARE PARK

31600 PETE VON REICHBAUER WAY S • FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003

**We are currently looking for
sponsors, entertainers,
vendors, and more!**



**Email us or Scan the QR Code
for more information!**

Diversity@FederalWayWA.gov