

CITYWIDE NEWS

A MONUMENTAL MOMENT! OUR CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREES TO A SECOND READING OF THE TOWN CENTER 3 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT



We are investing in the future of Federal Way!



Mayor Jim Ferrell had been waiting for this moment for over 10 years!

On April 2, our dedicated City Councilmembers unanimously approved the first reading of the Town Center 3 (TC 3) Development Agreement after a presentation from Keith Niven, Community Development Director (pictured above left at the podium), and Trent Mummery, President and CEO of Seattle-based One Trent (pictured above right at the podium).

“The TC3 Development Agreement is not yet official, but this news is enormous for the Federal Way community,” said Mayor Ferrell.

“The City of Federal Way ordinance related to entering into a development agreement with Trent Development Inc. for the TC3 property is setting the stage for the next 100 years in Federal Way. The deal will invest hundreds of millions of dollars in mixed-use, retail, and residential purposes, providing value to Federal Way residents. It’s a monumental moment for the City of Federal Way.”

A second reading—and final approval of the TC3 Development Agreement—will occur at the next City Council regular meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m.

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THE FORCE TRAINING UNIT PROVIDES THE HIGHEST QUALITY TRAINING AND SERVICES TO OUR POLICE OFFICERS



The Federal Way Police Department's Force Training Unit (FTU) consists of certified instructors who comprehensively train officers in the use of force, defensive tactics, and de-escalation techniques.

Their primary objective is to equip officers with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to effectively navigate complex and potentially volatile situations.

This is accomplished in training with firearms, physical defense techniques, use of force topics, and less-lethal tools.

FWPD officers fresh out of the academy undergo an orientation with FTU to further build on their fundamentals and proficiencies. FTU ensures these officers are qualified with their firearms and less-lethal tools and includes training on using their body-worn cameras.

They also receive further instruction in defensive tactics, de-escalation, and the use of force. This preparation equips them for their time in the upcoming field training program and law enforcement career.

Because a commitment to excellence doesn't wane with time, officers must receive ongoing training, even those with decades of experience. FTU provides annual updated training for all our FWPD officers, Animal Services, and Jail Transport staff.

Through hands-on instruction and scenario-based exercises, officers continuously refine their abilities, ensuring they are prepared to respond appropriately to situations they may encounter in the line of duty.



Protecting and Serving Our Federal Way Community! Recognizing that de-escalation is an essential and critical part of a police officer's training, the FTU incorporates de-escalation training into its curriculum, teaching officers techniques for defusing conflicts and minimizing the need for physical force when possible. In the FTU, excellence is not just a goal; it's a commitment. The FTU is committed to providing the highest quality training and service to Federal Way Police Officers. Their goal is to create a safe and vibrant community for all!

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THE FEDERAL WAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB RECENTLY CONDUCTED ITS 'FIFTH SATURDAY DRILL' AT CITY HALL



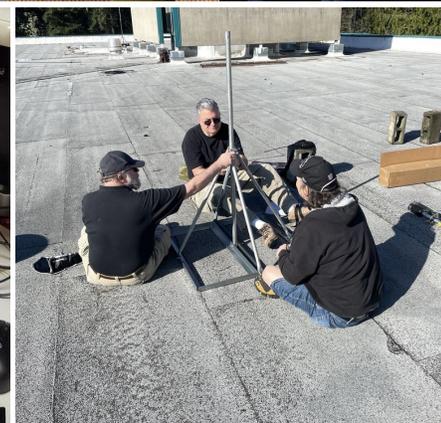
King County
Emergency Management

On March 30, the Federal Way Amateur Radio Club (FWARC) tested our radios and contacted the King County Office of Emergency Management (KCOEM) in Renton and the Washington State Emergency Management Division (WAEMD) at Camp Murray (Fort Lewis) using several bands, including our new high-frequency (HF) antenna!



“After a major emergency or a disaster, the system of repeaters that enable our 800mhz radio system to communicate over long distances may be interrupted, preventing us from talking to KCOEM or WAEMD,” said Kevin Pelley, City of Federal Way Emergency Manager.

“But our high-frequency radios can reach County and State Emergency Operation Centers without repeaters; this gives us redundancy and resilience for our Emergency Operation Center (EOC) communications.”



The City of Federal Way thanks the Federal Way Amateur Radio Club for its invaluable contribution in restoring our radios to full operations and volunteering to operate our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) radios during emergencies. It's a critical step in ensuring the safety of our Federal Way community!

THANKS TO BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST FOR HOLDING ITS MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE AT CITY HALL



The City of Federal Way wants to recognize Vanessa Audett, the Human Resources Director, for helping us spread the word about the Bloodworks Northwest Mobile Blood Drive held in our parking lot on April 2.

We applaud the tireless efforts of Bloodworks Northwest and its numerous volunteers who work daily to serve the residents of Federal Way.

If you missed it, our friends from **Bloodworks Northwest** will return to City Hall on **Tuesday, July 2, from 9-3 p.m.**

“Saving lives through research, innovation, education, and excellence in blood, medical, and laboratory services in partnership with our community.”

—Bloodworks Northwest Mission Statement

800-398-7888 | bloodworksnw.org/giveblood

@bloodworksnw   

 **Bloodworks**
Northwest

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

Baseball • Softball • Challenger



The first breath of Spring is typically accompanied by the sounds of bats connecting with balls on a softball field; the sound of laughter and cheering, peanuts, popcorn, and, of course, singing the classic *Take Me Out to The Ballgame*. In Federal Way, Spring represents the beginning of a new chance for children and youth to make their mark on the baseball diamond.

And 65 years ago, the Federal Way National Little League (FWNLL) had its season opener.

The FWNLL starts and ends each season with one goal in mind: to provide an environment for the children of our community to learn the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority so that they may be well-adjusted, stronger, and happier children that grow into good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy adults.

While working closely with community partners like the Federal Way Schools, the Community Center, the Chamber of Commerce, and Bridging a Gap (BAG) Federal Way, the word is out about the FWNLL and its goal of reaching all children.

Since its inception, the FWNLL has been 100% volunteer-run, so there is always a need for extra hands on deck, from helping to maintain the fields, coaching teams, or umpiring games.

“The vision of the league is to find a partner in our community to help us turf our fields, allowing us to provide a multi-purpose sports DreamPark in Federal Way that will serve our youth for generations to come year-round,” said Reuben Morales, Director of Community Partnerships.

This year, 525 children ages 4-16 are competing in baseball and softball, which also includes a unique division, the *Challenger*. Challenger Division, established in 1989, is a baseball program geared towards boys and girls with intellectual or physical challenges from ages 5 through 21.



Drone photo of the Federal Way National Little League complex. Photo courtesy of Reuben Morales.

The season is a long one by most youth sports standards, with Spring Season tryouts beginning in February for the older kids and the season running through to State Championships in July.

The Fall Season begins with registration in June, with practices and games running from August to October.

In two weeks, the 2024 Annual Spring Jamboree will be taking place with all players and community members.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend on Saturday, April 20, from 8:45-10 a.m.

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This week's Council happenings:

- **Parks, Recreation, Human Services, & Public Safety Committee Meeting**, April 9 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting**, April 10 at City Hall & Remote, 10 a.m.
- **Senior Advisory Commission Meeting**, April 10 at City Hall, 2 p.m.
- **Youth Commission Meeting**, April 11 at the Federal Way Community Center, 5 p.m.
- **Diversity Commission Meeting**, April 11 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.





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

Upcoming EVENTS

FWPAEC

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

4.21

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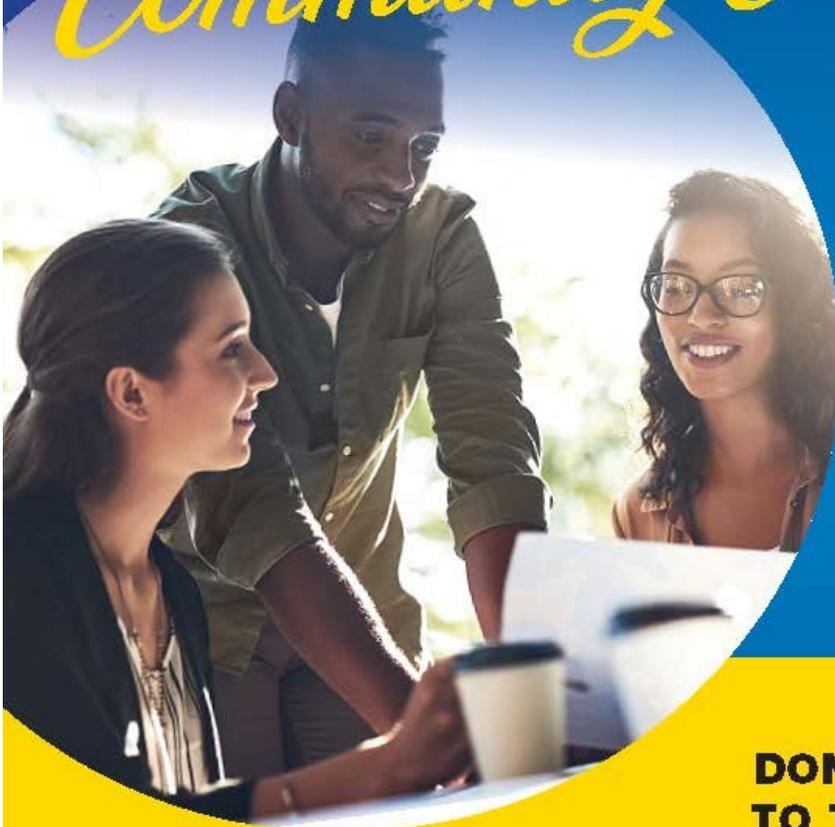
1:00PM & 7:00 PM



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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Questions? Contact editor@federalwaymirror.com
or cindy.ducich@federalwaymirror.com



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



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

Email: 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.

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

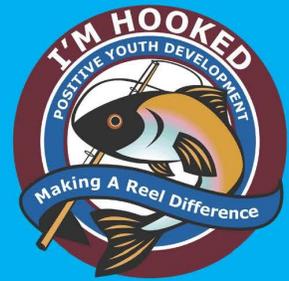
**Saturday, April 27
10-12 p.m.**

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



The poster features a central blue background with a 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. At the bottom, the date and time "Saturday, April 27, 2024 10AM - 12PM" are listed. Three photographs of people practicing Tai Chi are placed around the central graphic.

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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





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**

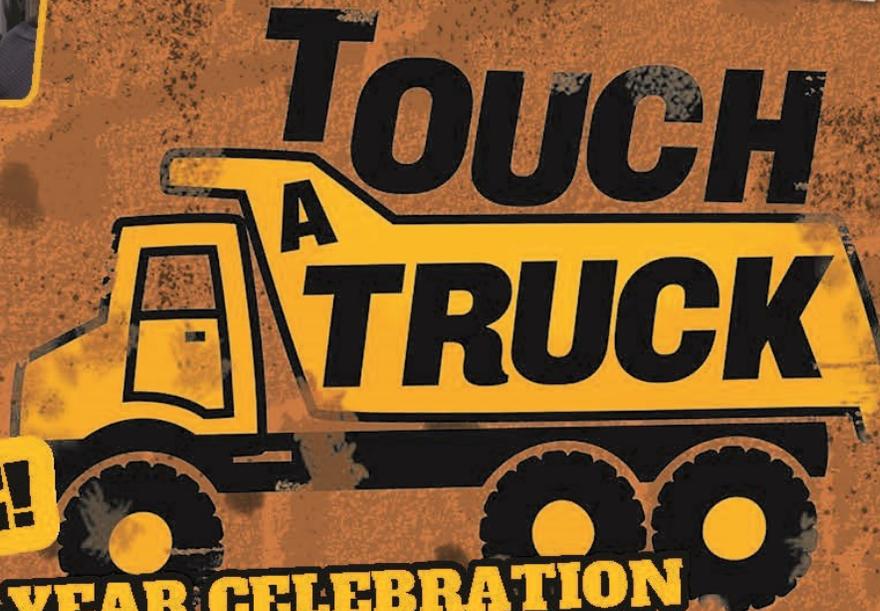
SHOP AND ENJOY — Our many farmers with in-season fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh flower bouquets, bakery goods, snacks, plants, artisans and sponsors.

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



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!

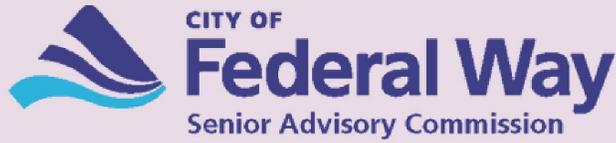
LOCATED AT



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@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

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!!