

CITYWIDE NEWS



Making A Big Splash! Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell shares his enthusiasm for welcoming back the community to the re-grand opening of the leisure pool!

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE THE FWCC LEISURE POOL REOPENING!

Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell and City Councilmembers welcomed staff and community members to our ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 16 at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) leisure pool!

“We appreciate the patience of our Federal Way community while we worked behind the scenes,” Mayor Ferrell said. “Our dedicated team has been working tirelessly to transform the pool, and we’re excited to share the journey with you from start to finish. We’re eager to welcome everyone back to the FWCC.”

Leif Ellsworth, Community Center Manager (pictured below), jumped on the slide, fully clothed in excitement — great moment!

Check out the photo gallery!





9/11 MEMORIAL TRIBUTE HELD AT SOUTH KING FIRE STATION 64 IN FEDERAL WAY

The City of Federal Way expresses sincere gratitude to South King Fire as they commemorated the 22nd anniversary of September 11, 2001, at Fire Station 64 in Federal Way. **Mayor Ferrell, Police Chief Andy Hwang, Councilmember Jack Walsh, Council President Linda Kochmar, and Deputy Mayor Susan Honda** were there to honor the memory of those who lost their lives and to acknowledge the courageous first responders who saved others on 9/11. We thank Colonel Michael F. Keenan and Chief Hwang for delivering heartfelt messages that resonated with us.

The City of Federal Way will never forget. From left to right: Federal Way Police Chief Andy Hwang, Colonel Michael F. Keenan USAF (Ret) United Airlines (Ret), Dave Van Valkenburg, South King Fire interim chief, and Mayor Ferrell.



City Council President Linda Kochmar and Mayor Ferrell sit in the front row before the 9/11 Memorial starts at Fire Station 64 in Federal Way.



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OUR ANNUAL PICNIC FOR ALL CITY STAFF HELD AT THE FWCC LAST WEEK!

Employees from the City of Federal Way gathered for our annual picnic at the FWCC on September 12! The event featured delicious food, fun activities, and an opportunity for everyone to connect despite their busy schedules.

It was great to have **Mayor Ferrell, City Council President Linda Kochmar, Deputy Mayor Honda, and Councilmember Walsh** joining us for the festivities.

We thank **Tanja Carter, Economic Development Director**, for contributing many photos featured in the gallery below!



Bon appétit! Mayor Ferrell and John Hutton, Parks Director, met with our City of Federal Way grill masters, which included Police Chief Andy Hwang, Emergency Manager Kevin Pelley, Public Works Director EJ Walsh, and Community Center Manager Leif Ellsworth! The food was fantastic — thank you!



EMPLOYEES REMIND US ABOUT FORWARD-THINKING RECYCLING AND COMPOST PROGRAMS



City of Federal Way employees at the annual staff picnic minimized garbage by using compostable plates, reusable water bottles and properly recycling and composting!

Did you know food waste alone accounts for 14 percent of the total waste in Washington?

It's worth mentioning food waste can be diverted from landfills and turned into compost.

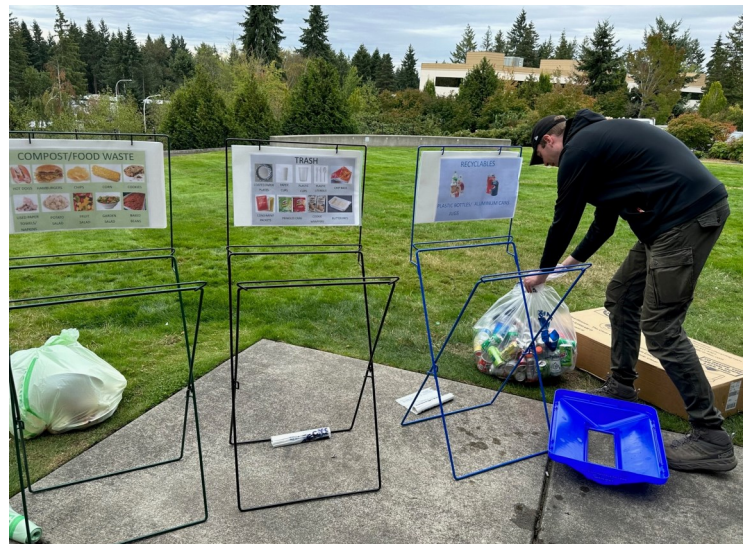
Recycling also keeps material out of landfills while giving items like soda cans and plastic bottles a second life.

Next time you host an event, think about how you can reduce waste by:

- Avoiding single-use plastic foodware and packaging
- Buying what you think you can eat and saving any leftovers
- Providing separate trash, recycling, and food waste bins

We thank **Emma Keese, Public Education and Outreach Specialist**, and **Reece Hobday, Public Education and Outreach Tech** (pictured left), for leading our recycling and composting efforts!

We appreciate **Daniel Sternkopf, Water Quality Specialist** (pictured below), and **Andy Olson, Water Quality Specialist** (not shown), for taking action after the picnic!



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OUR FIRST FEDERAL WAY FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK



The Federal Way Financial Literacy class held its first session at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) on September 14!

We thank **City Councilmembers Jack Walsh** (pictured far left), **Paul McDaniel** (pictured second to right), **Jack Dovey** (pictured far right), and **our entire City Council for unanimously supporting the pilot program**, which will run until November 9.

The free program is only available to the first 40 registrants in Federal Way and is held on **Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the FWCC.**



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OUR FWPD HAS A DIVERSE, MULTILINGUAL FORCE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY



The City of Federal Way is a melting pot of diversity, with residents, visitors, students, and workers worldwide!

Did you know our Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) has officers from across the globe who speak many languages?

FWPD officers are fluent in American Sign Language, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Nepali, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, and English, and we are proud of the diverse language skills they bring to the table.

The officers speaking different languages help connect with diverse communities, fostering cooperation and stronger bonds. Language should not be a barrier to emergency services, and our multilingual officers ensure that more people can access the needed services.

Our officers' fluency in multiple languages enriches their cultural competency. Clear communication is crucial to treating everyone with equity, respect, and dignity, preventing misunderstandings, and reinforcing inclusivity.

We offer seamless phone translation for urgent situations and can call on officers who speak specific languages. We're committed to cultural competence and building positive relationships with the community.

We welcome recruits from diverse backgrounds and encourage those with foreign language skills to apply!

INTERNET: <https://www.fwrecruiting.com/>

EMAIL: recruit@cityoffederalway.com

PHONE: (253) 293-6249 (Text/Call)



• NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15



As we reach the halfway point of September, the City of Federal Way proudly celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 and its theme for 2023: “*Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One.*”

It's an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the immeasurable contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans with roots in Spanish-speaking countries. Hispanic and Latino Americans have made significant contributions throughout history, profoundly impacting the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

What is the difference between Hispanic and Latino?

It is common in the United States to use the terms Hispanic and Latino interchangeably, but they have distinct meanings.

Hispanic pertains to individuals from Spanish-speaking Latin American countries, the Caribbean, and Spain. On the other hand, Latino refers to individuals born in Latin America or have ancestors from the region, excluding Spain.

Latin America spans from northern Mexico to the southernmost part of South America.

COUNCIL'S CORNER

*By Amy Glandon
Executive Assistant to City Council*



This month, Council's Corner will be spotlighting Councilmember Jack Dovey.

- **What made you want to get involved in City government?** *In the early 1990s, I was a soccer coach, and I was tired of coaching at Lakota Ball Field, the same place I had practiced in 1968. I realized that the City Council at the time had other priorities than building a new park. I realized the only way to get the park, now known as Celebration Park, built was to get involved.*

- **What is the most rewarding part of being part of City government?** *Helping the citizens feel safe and seeing them utilizing the services the City provides. Listening to public comment at the Council Meetings is the place where most new ideas come from and where I learn the most about the public's concerns.*

- **What have you enjoyed most about being a Councilmember?** *I have enjoyed working with people who are doing everything they can to make the City of Federal Way a better place to live for the next person. Our City has an amazing group of volunteers who give back to everyone they can. There are amazing service clubs and church organizations that have an amazing heart to help individuals, youth groups, and the unsung heroes who you see picking up trash in the City to assist any way that they can.*
- **What is your vision for Federal Way's future?** *Federal Way needs to continue to support its families and create jobs in the City that people can work at and support their families with.*
- **What projects are you currently focused on?** *I am currently focusing my time on land use issues and trying to make affordable development to become more of a reality. I am also spending time working on projects that help our citizens in need to be able to stay in their homes. I also believe public safety is the City's number 1 priority, and I want to continue asking the State to roll back the laws that are making it difficult for the police department to do their jobs.*
- **What makes Federal Way so special?** *Federal Way has everything you would want in a community! Everything is close together, and you will always see someone that you know when you are out and about running errands, shopping, exercising, or enjoying the many parks. I find most people to be friendly and engaging if you talk with them!*
- **Where is your favorite place to go in Federal Way?** *I enjoy riding my bicycle on the BPA Trail. This is a great place to enjoy the views, exercise, and talk to others enjoying the trail. I am glad that I was able to serve with Mary Gates, one of the driving forces for this amazing place. My second favorite place is spending time at the Farmers Market on Saturdays, gathering with people from around the City.*
- **Which city park is your favorite?** *I like Celebration Park! The park is an amazing gathering spot to watch youth sports and experience the Red, White & Blues Fourth of July Party!*

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This week's Council happenings:



- Human Services Commission Meeting, **September 18 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**
- City Council Special Meeting, **September 19 at City Hall, 5 p.m.**
- City Council Regular Meeting, **September 19 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.**
- Planning Commission Meeting, **September 20 at City Hall, 5 p.m.**
- Federal Way Farmers Market, **September 23 at The Commons, 9 a.m.**
- Taste of Federal Way Event, **September 23 at The Commons, 11:30 a.m.**

ATTENTION FEDERAL WAY: ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES TO HELP YOU PLAN



288th Road Diet – Ph 1 (Military Road to East City Limits)

Permanent Lane Closures – Starting 9-14-23: This section of 288th will be permanently reduced to one (1) travel lane in each direction. The outside WB and EB travel lanes will be closed to facilitate pavement patching and grinding between **9-14-23 and 9-18-23**.

Paving will occur on **9-19 and 9-20** (weather permitting).

Starting on 9-20-23 (after paving is complete), the road will be striped to its permanent configuration of:

- One travel lane in each direction.
- One bike lane in each direction.
- A two-way center turn lane.

The initial striping will be temporary until the pavement can cure for placement of the permanent striping. The new lane configuration provides safety for left-turning vehicles (with the two-way left turn lane) and cyclists (new bicycle lanes) while providing adequate capacity for vehicle volumes.

For additional information, follow this [link to the 288th Road Diet Project Web Page](#).

S 348th (9th Ave S to Pacific Hwy) Pavement Preservation Project

The City's Contractor, Miles Resources, began removing and replacing sidewalk ramps on **September 13, 2023**. Temporary daytime lane closure will be required.

For additional information, follow [this link to S 348th Preservation Project](#).



Federal Way Link Extension

Receive free trees during our 2023 tree giveaway!

The Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension project in collaboration with our construction contractor, Kiewit, is providing 4,000 trees to community members and organizations in Kent, Des Moines, SeaTac, and Federal Way. The project will aim to distribute 1,000 trees per year between 2021 and 2024.

Trees will be provided to people looking to plant them near the FWLE alignment, in the cities of SeaTac, Kent, Des Moines, and Federal Way, with limited exceptions considered. Community-based organizations, neighborhood groups, environmental associations, classroom-based programs, community gardens, advocacy groups, and community members are all welcome to request trees.

What types of trees will be provided?

Young trees will be in one-gallon pots and vary in height from 1 – 2 feet tall. Most available tree species will be about 25 – 35 feet tall at maturity. We are also offering native tree species which can grow to approximately 200 feet at maturity.

Things to consider before planting

- Young trees need a great deal of care and because we are unable to provide long-term maintenance for all of our trees, it is critical that someone can water the tree for at least the first 5 summers after it is planted.
- How much planting space do you have available? Large native trees, such as Douglas Fir at maturity, have extensive root systems that can impact pavement, concrete, etc.
- First time tree planter? Review more tree planting tips, at bit.ly/Treetips.

Interested in free trees?

Fill out our form at bit.ly/FWLEtrees or scan this QR code.

A confirmation email and date for pick-up will be sent to the email address applicants share in their contact form. You are responsible for picking up, planting, and maintaining your trees.

Questions? Contact us

fwle@soundtransit.org or (206) 398-LINK (5465)



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Federal Way Link Extension

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Sound Transit and their contractor Kiewit providing free trees to residents of Federal Way, Des Moines, SeaTac and Kent?

In addition to fulfilling replanting requirements along the Federal Way Link Extension, our construction contractor, Kiewit, committed to providing 1,000 trees per year for four years to communities near the alignment.

Why are trees only available in fall and winter?

Fall is the best time to plant a tree outside in our geographic area. Trees planted in the fall are more likely to survive our hot, dry summer season because our naturally wet winters help overcome the shock of planting. Trees planted in the spring and summer often die.

Can I apply for trees if I rent my house?

Yes! However, you should get permission from the homeowner before you apply for trees through our program. Consider who will take care of the trees (i.e. pruning and watering) during the tree's crucial establishment years (first 5 years after planting) and beyond.

Can I request a tree that's not on your planting list?

No. We secure trees from nurseries far in advance of the application opening. We cannot change that order and can offer only what we have already purchased. You can, however, send us suggestions for trees you would like to see offered in the future and we will take that into consideration.

How do I avoid hitting an underground utility line when I dig my planting hole?

Not only is it within your interest to contact the Utilities Underground Location Center before you plant a tree, it's the law. Before you plant your tree, call 1 (800) 424-5555 (or 811) at least 2 days before you plan to dig. Visibly mark your proposed planting location in white before the utility companies arrive. Utility companies will mark the location of your water, electric, and gas lines. You should also know where your side sewer line is located before digging your planting hole. Plant your tree at least 10 feet away from your sewer line.

How do we choose what species are offered?

We strive to offer species that the public will be most interested in planting. However, our species selection is based on a number of guidelines like how tall a tree will be at maturity, whether the species is recommended in the Pacific Northwest, and what species the nurseries have available among other things.

About the project

Sound Transit's 7.8-mile Federal Way Link Extension connects Kent, Des Moines, Star Lake, and the Federal Way Downtown stations and surrounding communities to a regional transit system that is expanding to 116 miles. Learn more at soundtransit.org/fwlink

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