

CITYWIDE NEWS

OUR CITY IS CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF DICK'S DRIVE-IN!



Great news for Federal Way residents!

The long-awaited grand opening of **Dick's Drive-in** at The Commons Mall occurred on **July 27**.

We were grateful to participate in their ribbon-cutting ceremony, making it a significant moment for our community. The City is delighted to have this new addition and convenience available to us!

"Our community has eagerly anticipated the grand opening of Dick's Drive-in," **Mayor Jim Ferrell said**. "We welcome President Jasmine Donovan and her fantastic Dick's Drive-in team to Federal Way with open arms."

On Thursday, July 27, our community eagerly lined up for the delicious food at the Dick's Drive-in location in Federal Way. Since its much-awaited grand opening, this location has been constantly bustling with customers!



OUR CITY SUPPORTS THE FEDERAL WAY POLICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



The **Federal Way Police Department** has successfully established a devoted **Police Volunteer Program**.

Comprised of dedicated community members, these volunteers support law enforcement efforts, enabling the department to provide exceptional service to the City and its residents.

With their unwavering commitment, the volunteers contribute countless hours to various positions within the department, embodying the spirit of community partnership.

The **Federal Way Police Department's Volunteer Program** comprises a team of 17 passionate and committed individuals who selflessly devote their time and expertise. Their valuable contributions in terms of hours and skills greatly enhance the department's capacity to serve the community effectively.

Whether contributing to the smooth operation of administrative tasks or providing vital support in vehicle maintenance, criminal investigations, the Safe City program, property & evidence, or fingerprinting services, the volunteers bring valuable skills to support the department's mission and daily operations.

Their selfless dedication and countless hours of service contribute significantly to the well-being of the community the **Federal Way Police Department** serves.

For more information, please visit [City of Federal Way Volunteer Opportunities](#).



OUR CITY EMERGENCY MANAGER ORGANIZED A PRACTICE DRILL TO EVACUATE EMPLOYEES



Emergency Manager, Kevin Pelley, organized and led an evacuation drill at **Federal Way's City Hall on July 27** to ensure our employees, guests, and visitors could safely and quickly exit the building in an emergency.

During the drill, City employees heard this message:

"Attention, this is an exercise of the City Hall evacuation procedures; this is only a drill. Please evacuate the building. Follow the instructions of your safety coordinators and proceed to your rally points. Again, this is an exercise of the City Hall evacuation procedures. Evacuate the building now. Follow your safety coordinators to your rally points."

After the all-clear was given, Pelley said, "The City accomplished our two objectives: to get everyone out safely and to account for all our employees, guests, and visitors. For the record, we did this in just 11 minutes!"

Pelley emphasized prioritizing safety measures and proposed ongoing training sessions for City Hall teams on safe evacuation protocols.

The City greatly appreciates Pelley's meticulous planning and organizational skills, which ensure the safety of everyone during emergencies.



Kevin Pelley organized and led Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sessions in the Patrick Maher Room at City Hall on June 28 and 29.





Parks & Recreation:

We uploaded our new fall Parks & Recreation program guide to the **Federal Way Community Center** website on July 24.

We are only printing a limited number of guides and driving more people online, which is the current trend in Parks & Recreation.

We had more views of our fall and winter catalog last week than we had for our spring/summer catalog in four months!



Community Recreation:

Last week's theme at **Fireflies Preschool Camp** was "Buddy Builders." Creating safe places where preschoolers can socialize during the summer is essential to Fireflies' camp.

The preschoolers recently worked together in activities like towel bounce, balloon toss, and building towers in their sensory station with new buddy preschool friends!

The kids enjoyed Movie Mania at day camp!

It's summertime, and we couldn't just spend it in front of screens; instead, we took 172 campers and 17-day camp leaders to **Defy indoor trampoline park in Tacoma!**

The campers participated in various exciting activities, such as jumping into foam pits, battling with partners on battle beams, overcoming obstacles on the ninja course, and challenging fellow campers to dodge-ball games.

Special Events:

Summer Sounds in the Park at Steel Lake had its third concert in the 2023 series with Bayou Envie, a mix of Zydeco and Cajun music – with the largest crowd yet at 150 attendees.

The community showed up and enjoyed an excellent performance with picnics and dancing with the beautiful backdrop of Steel Lake. **Our final concert** in the City wraps up on **August 9 at 6:30 p.m. with One Island Drop**, a local reggae group sure to get you moving!

Inclusive Recreation:

We recently hosted our quarterly dance with the theme of "Un-Birthday." 66 participants and their parents, caregivers, and volunteers gathered to celebrate birthdays through dancing, arts and crafts, and snacks and beverages.

OUR CITY SPONSORED THE ANNUAL ROTARY SPEED CROQUET TOURNAMENT!



The City thanks **Bill Vadino, Policy Advisor**, for assembling our team at the **second annual Rotary Speed Croquet Tournament and dinner auction** held on **July 29** at Evergreen Middle School in Kent!

We had an excellent time and enjoyed the sunny weather! According to organizers, **proceeds from the Speed Croquet fundraiser will benefit the Rotary Club of Federal Way programs**. We are proud to announce that the City sponsored this fantastic event!

On Saturday, July 29, in Kent, a group of individuals supporting the City of Federal Way were on hand for the speed croquet fundraiser. Left to right: David Trial, Shelley Springer, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, Council President Linda Kochmar, Policy Advisor Bill Vadino, Mary Lou Walen, and Robin Garcia.



Congratulations to **Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Federal Way Public Schools Superintendent**, and the **FWPS team** for winning the tournament!



OUR CITY HELPS SERVE VOTERS THROUGHOUT KING COUNTY



Since July 29, City Hall has designated the **Patrick Maher Room** as a **King County Vote Center** location.

We're proud to support voters in filling out their ballots, registering new voters, issuing voter cards, updating voter records, and offering specialized equipment and trained staff to help those with disabilities cast a private and independent ballot.

The City is pleased to have supported voters in the county leading up to and on the **August 1 Election Day**.

Please note that our **King County Vote Center** operates from **8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. today**.

UPDATES FROM THE PAEC!



The PAEC was the third stop in the **NHRA Drag and Drive event on July 20**, where fans drove to four locations throughout the day alongside street-legal race cars and some legendary race car drivers! Attendees could check out nice rides at each stop and hang out with the drivers. **We thank the PAEC** for rolling out the red carpet — and providing delicious popcorn — during this event and teaming up with our friends from NHRA and **Pacific Raceways!**



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Broadway, bagpipes and ... dinos! Federal Way PAEC launches exciting season

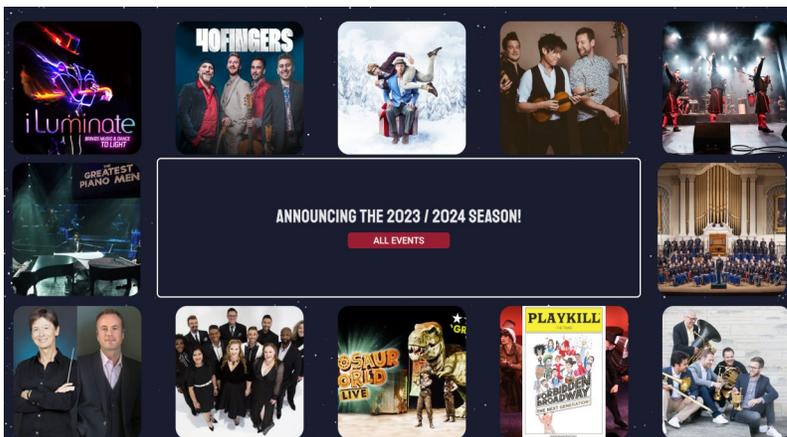
Tickets are on sale now for the stellar lineup of shows for the whole family that kicks off Oct. 14

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The PAEC recently announced its **2023-24 season lineup!** The team at the PAEC wants to share an [article](#) from **The Federal Way Mirror** with you regarding the events happening this season.



We encourage you to learn more about the PAEC's current season offerings. You can easily find more information by visiting the [PAEC website](#), where the season shows are prominently displayed.

Other upcoming performances added to the PAEC website:

The event is the [Native American Comedy Jam](#), which has been hosted at the PAEC multiple times. Brian Hoffman and his team are excited to welcome them back to Federal Way! **The tickets, including a VIP option, can be purchased on the PAEC website.** The show will be on **November 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

Experience the lively holiday performance of [Davina and the Vagabonds: A Vagabond Holiday](#), available for purchase now. The band puts a unique twist on a classic sound, featuring a fusion of blues, swing, and New Orleans-style jazz. Catch the show on **December 9, with performances at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

We are excited to announce [40 Fingers](#) will perform at the PAEC this fall! The presale for this show took place on **July 27, followed by a public sale on July 28.** The event takes centerstage on **October 6 at 8 p.m.** **40 Fingers** is a new and exciting crossover phenomenon known for its energetic and dynamic covers of popular songs by bands such as Queen, Eric Clapton, The Beatles, and more!

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