# CITYWIDE NEWS

#### **OUR VIDEO SHOWS DEMOLITION PROGRESS AT THE FORMER TARGET BUILDING SITE!**





We thank Swofford Excavating of Washougal for its outstanding demolition work at the former Target building site. From left to right, we see Joe Swofford, the President; his wife, Debra Swofford; EJ Walsh, Public Works Director; Mayor Ferrell; and Brian Davis, City Administrator.

The City appreciates videographer Dave Jimenez for **producing an exceptional video of Mayor Jim Ferrell's** recent Target demolition event! The video featured the Mayor using a golden sledgehammer and drone footage to show us how the demolition is progressing.

<u>To view it, click on this link</u>. Additionally, it will soon be accessible on Channel 21. We hope you enjoy browsing through our photo gallery of the Target demolition building!











#### THE MAUI WILDFIRES HAVE IMPACTED OUR FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY



The City of Federal Way is thinking about our community members affected by the devastating news in Maui.

"Many in Federal Way have friends and family residing in Lahaina, Hawaii, and we want to express our heartfelt concern for all of you in these challenging times," **said Mayor Ferrell.** "We stand with Maui."

If you want to assist the victims of the Maui wildfires, <u>click</u> on this trustworthy donation <u>website</u> that reputable news sources have recommended.





David Solano, Communications Officer, took photos of a recent trip to Maui with his family. Solano said the images taken during golden hour in Maui remind us how we will never forget this tropical tourist paradise; it remains etched in our memories.



Mayor Ferrell visited L&L Hawaiian Barbecue in Federal Way to thank the owner and employees for generously donating to the American Red Cross of Hawaii. L&L Hawaiian Barbecue has taken proactive steps to help those affected by wildfires that destroyed Lahaina.



# L&L HAWAIIAN BARBECUE IN FEDERAL WAY SHOWS ITS LOVE FOR LAHAINA

Our friends from L&L Hawaiian Barbecue in Federal Way are serving delicious meals to our community while significantly contributing to aiding the victims of the Maui wildfire.

The company said it would donate one dollar for every customer order made through its official L&L Hawaiian Barbecue mobile app and online orders up to \$10,000.

The relief effort will continue until August 31, 2023, and proceeds will be given to the American Red Cross of Hawaii, helping thousands who evacuated due to the fires.

"We are humbly asking our supporters, customers, and franchisees across the nation to join us in our effort to support the people of Maui during this challenging time," Elisia Flores, CEO of L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, said in a press release.



#### KING COUNTY ISSUES A STAGE 2 BURN BAN



Due to the recent heat wave, the King County Department of Local Services declared an **upgrade to the burn ban on August 15** in areas of King County that are not within City limits and are unincorporated.

Fire Marshal Chris Ricketts issued a Stage 2 burn ban for these regions, previously at Stage 1.

Many cities have prohibited outdoor burning because of strong winds and the greater possibility of brush fires. Extra safety measures are necessary to protect our community, mainly since our state now covers the entire region with wildfire-fighting resources.

During a Stage 2 burn ban, you can't have outdoor fires except for portable devices such as barbeques, patio warmers, or approved fuel devices. You must put out recreational fires right away if ordered to do so. Dispose of charcoal residue properly, and be careful when putting out cigarettes. According to King County, breaking the burn ban could result in a misdemeanor charge.

"During this time of the year, when there's high temperatures and dry conditions, residents need to exercise extreme caution to not start a fire," **Ricketts said in a press release**. "Something as simple (as) starting an outdoor recreational fire or flicking a cigarette on the ground could result in something bigger and much more dangerous."

The ban will remain in effect until further notice.

Click here to learn more about a Stage 2 fire safety burn ban.



#### THE FWCC IS AVAILABLE AS A COOLING CENTER DURING TIMES OF EXCESSIVE HEAT



After the hazardous heat wave that hit our community recently, we hope those affected had the opportunity to cool down at **the Federal Way Community Center** (FWCC) last week.

Remember that the FWCC is available to our Federal Way community as a cooling center during regular business hours in times of extreme heat.

"We want to acknowledge that many people in our community don't have air conditioning in their homes, which can put them at risk of heat-related illnesses, including death," said Mayor Ferrell.

"Pets are also vulnerable to the effects of extreme heat, and we encourage the community to find a cool place for them as they're not allowed at the FWCC. It's essential to be aware of these risks and take appropriate precautions. We're proud to have the FWCC as a cooling space for our Federal Way community during times like this."

The FWCC operates during the following hours: Monday to Friday from 5 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. When there is extreme heat, the FWCC is open to the public for free.



#### DUMAS BAY CENTRE'S TEAM IS HIGHLY SKILLED IN ORGANIZING EVENTS WITH FINESSE!



The DBC makes it happen! David Clemons, who grew up in the Burien and SeaTac area, joined us in 2010 and has contributed significantly to the success of our Dumas Bay Centre.

If you were to ask any employee at the City of Federal Way, they would likely describe **David Clemons**, **Dumas Bay Centre (DBC) manager**, as a hardworking, friendly, and intelligent professional who leads with a customer-centric approach.

"(He's) probably one of the best customer service people," said **John Hutton**, **Parks Director**. "He is dedicated and a tremendous team player. He's a dynamic, bigger-than-life personality when he wants to be. He has that innate ability to take the bull by the horns (and) he's universally loved by the entire staff."

Clemons and his DBC staff continue to make it happen at the facility built in 1950.

On August 2, during the FUSION summer fundraiser and gala at the DBC, Clemons and his team collaborated with a different organization in another part of the building. Clemons and the staff held a successful event, which resulted in a significant increase in revenue for the DBC.

"We had around 10 staff members," said Clemons about working on the day of the FUSION event. "It was a team effort with such a large event taking place. We're talking about (members from our) parks and maintenance making sure the grounds are beautiful. Our janitorial staff was helping (during the event and deserves credit). It takes a village to make that work. Judy (Ferguson) has a great relationship with our customers. She's involved with each rental and stays on top of those needs."

Clemons has a growth mindset and constantly seeks ways to improve the services offered at DBC, focusing on providing value to organizations that rent the space for their events.

"We learned what we can do better next year," said Clemons. "My goal is to ensure our customers stay happy and return year after year. When they stay with us, we have the opportunity to learn where we can improve and what we can do to serve them better during their next stay."

Clemons emphasized the significance of preserving the legacy of the DBC. He said the DBC is fortunate to host diverse groups, and providing a memorable and professional experience is crucial so they'll return.

"I love that we're offering a place where they can stay and have the space," said Clemons. "There are a lot of groups that we're fortunate to have. It's important to me that we retain their business."

The City greatly appreciates Clemons and his team's commitment to customer satisfaction, as it significantly improves the experience for organizations visiting the DBC!







#### COUNCIL'S CORNER

The City of Federal Way has many different ways for you to get involved, primarily within the City through the Citizen Advisory Bodies. These Boards, Commissions, and Committees consist of members that the City Council appoints after an interview process. One of these Commissions is the **Federal Way Arts Commission**.

The Arts Commission went into effect on January 23, 1991, to develop and oversee the City's various arts programs.

The Arts Commission advises and recommends to the City Council on all areas of the arts, including the fine arts, literary, performing, visual, and cultural. Following a mission to develop a community where cultural heritage is valued and the Arts are alive, the Arts Commission focuses its efforts through the work of three special committees with specialty objectives and a collective focus on special projects. One of the programs that the Arts Commission concentrated on in 2023 was the Arts Explosion event held at the **Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC) in June**.

At the Arts Explosion event, the Commission hosted artists in three mediums: Photography/Digital artwork, Two-Dimension artwork, and Three-Dimensional artwork. This event was a huge success!

#### **Meet your Arts Commission!**

The Arts Commission has eight members, with three more positions available. There are vacancies for a voting position and two alternate positions. The current commissioners are:

- Position 1 Kimberly Bowman
- Position 2 Kenny Byrne
- Position 3 Joe Clark
- Position 5 Karen Brugato, Vice-Chair
- Position 6 Angela Hahn
- Position 7 Vickie Chynoweth, Chair
- Position 8 Janine Barber
- Position 9 Iveta Felzenberg



The Arts Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC). Their meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome!

#### This week's Council happenings:



- Human Services Commission Regular Meeting, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Lake Haven Open House & Ribbon Cutting, August 23 at 2 p.m. at Lake Haven.
- Run with the Cops 5K Event, August 26 at 9 a.m. at the FWCC
- Lions Car Show, August 26 at 9 a.m. at The Commons
- Federal Way Farmers Market, August 26 at 9 a.m. at The Commons

We want to remind you the next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.



#### THE SEATTLE TIMES: FEDERAL WAY BOASTS THE BEST KOREAN FOOD IN THE PNW!

A <u>front-page article on August 17</u> by food writer Tan Vinh from The Seattle Times revealed big news about new restaurants opening up in Greater Seattle.

# The Seattle Times

During a recent visit to **Mandu-Ya in Federal Way to taste its kimchi pork dumplings**, Vinh wrote, "It was the steamed dumplings at a strip mall cafe in Federal Way, a city that arguably boasts the best Korean food in the Northwest."

Thank you, Tan, for recognizing us as the best in the Great Northwest. That's huge news for our community!



The Seattle Times article also mentioned Dick's Drive-in recently opening its ninth branch in Federal Way. Mayor Ferrell thanks Jasmine Donovan (pictured right), the President of Dick's Drive-in, and her fantastic team for choosing to do business in our community!

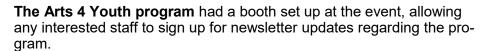




Our hard-working **PAEC** staff welcomed the **Federal Way Public Schools on August 17**, this time for its new staff orientation breakfast. Over 250 were on hand, primarily new certificated staff, accompanied by building administrators.

The group had a buffet-style breakfast and was entertained by an incredibly talented jazz ensemble from Decatur High School!

**Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, the Federal Way Public Schools superintendent**, delivered an inspirational message to new educators, encouraging them to remain optimistic despite the challenges the profession has faced in recent years.







**On August 19**, the PAEC audience was captivated by the breathtaking performance of the **dramatic soprano Kim Eun-Kyung**.

Her nuanced yet emotional performance deeply connected with the audience, which is no surprise given her excellent reputation!

Her commanding stage presence and captivating voice filled the room, leaving the crowd uplifted and inspired!

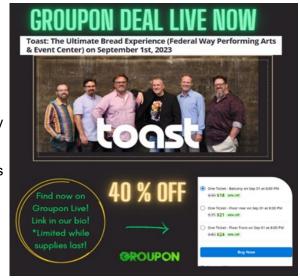
The occasion celebrated the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between South Korea and the USA.

The PAEC reminds our community about its upcoming show, Toast:

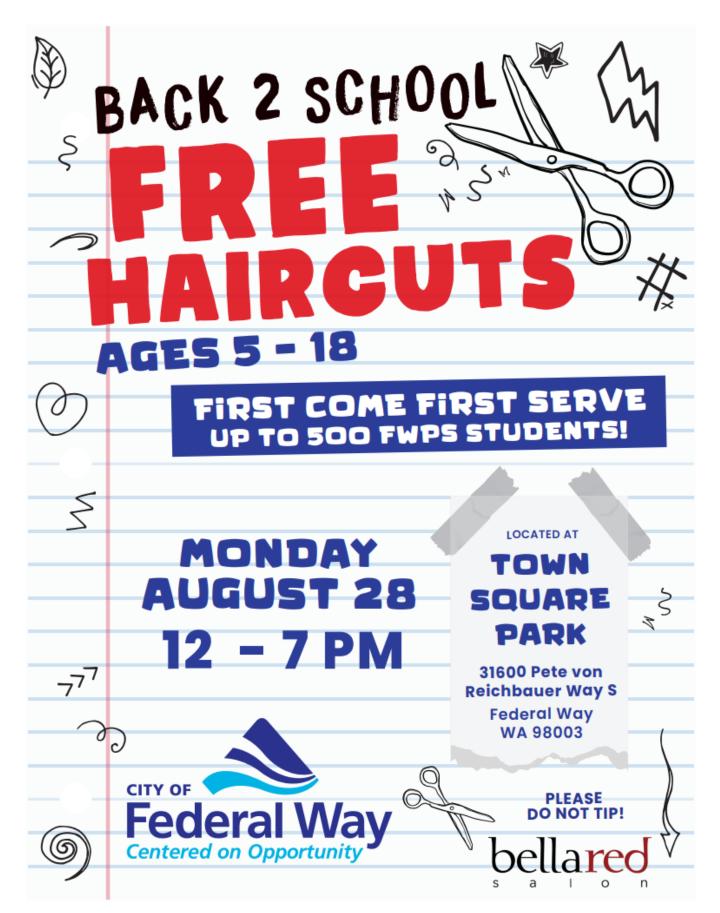
The Ultimate Bread Experience, scheduled for September 1 at 8 p.m., was <u>recently added to Groupon</u>. A great deal is available for tickets with a discount of up to 40 percent!

It is important to remember that the number of tickets is limited, and they will only be available while supplies last.

**Kate Croteau and the PAEC team** will conduct ticket giveaways for this show on **Instagram** and **Facebook**. Keep a lookout for the chance to win a pair of tickets!











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