

# CITYWIDE NEWS

## CITY PARTICIPATES IN FEDERAL WAY'S ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!



On August 1 from 3-9 p.m., Mayor Jim Ferrell, City Councilmembers, and our Federal Way Police Department proudly celebrated this year's National Night Out (NNO), an annual tradition in Federal Way for 24 years! NNO enhances the relationship and builds trust between FWPD and the community by providing a night of safety, fun, and enjoyment.

This year, more than 20 neighborhoods met with over 25 police employees at neighborhood block parties, barbeques, and businesses.

*A warm welcome! Mayor Ferrell, City Councilmembers, Deputy Chief Kyle Sumpter, and others from our Federal Way Police Department participated in the National Night Out celebrations on August 1. The event was an excellent opportunity to enjoy activities for all ages.*

The officers and staff distributed goodie bags and played games with the kids while engaging in meaningful conversations with the community, making for a memorable experience for all!

Communities across the United States have recognized NNO for almost 40 years!



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## OUR CITY SPONSORED THE ANNUAL FUSION GALA AT DUMAS BAY CENTRE



**FUSION** hosted its annual summer gala and fundraiser on **August 2**, with the **City proudly sponsoring the event**. The theme of FUSION was “Tropical Paradise,” which allowed **Mayor Ferrell** and other attendees to dress stylishly and casually!

The fundraiser received overwhelming support from our community. The **fundraiser supports FUSION’s programs** that provide housing and assistance to families in Federal Way experiencing homelessness.

*On August 2, Mayor Ferrell attended the yearly FUSION fundraiser on behalf of the City of Federal Way. The City thanks David Harrison, the Executive Director of FUSION, and his fantastic team for allowing us to participate in their largest fundraising event of the year!*

**FUSION has completed 30 years of committed service**, a remarkable milestone worth celebrating!



*Enjoying the FUSION gala at the Dumas Bay Centre! Left to right: Lawson (Bud) Bronson, Dennis LaPorte, Mayor Jim Ferrell, and Peggy LaPorte, who co-founded FUSION in 1993.*



## TARGET BUILDING DEMOLITION UPDATE!



### Attention Federal Way!

The former **Target building site** is undergoing **external demolition**, signaling the end of one era and the beginning of another for our beautiful City! The destruction marks a transition towards a more dynamic future in **Federal Way** as we continue our **Town Center 3 (TC-3) Redevelopment Plan**.

This development will bring downtown Federal Way growth, progress, transformation, and revitalization!



## WE THANK OUR FRIENDS WHO RAN THE KING COUNTY VOTING CENTER AT CITY HALL



The City extends its gratitude to **Janice McCall**, a full-time **King County employee**, and the temporary staff who were instrumental in operating our **King County Vote Center** in the **Patrick Maher Room** from **July 29 to August 1**. **McCall**, our **King County Vote Center election official leader**, and her temporary staff helped **Federal Way voters** fulfill their civic duty.

They assisted with registering new voters and ensured individuals with disabilities could cast their ballots confidentially and independently. We acknowledge and value their dedication to guaranteeing the timely delivery of the **votes for the August primary election**.

### Kids Day

Steel Lake Park  
2410 S. 312th Street Federal Way  
Wednesday, August 9, 2023  
11am-3pm | Ages 2-12yrs old

www.ItAllHappensHere.org

### KIDS DAY AT STEEL LAKE PARK ON AUGUST 9

Take advantage of all the excitement at **Steel Lake Park's Kids Day** event on **August 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.!**

Get ready to enjoy delicious food truck dishes. And for only \$3, the kids can grab an inflatable slide with unlimited rides.

**Children between the ages of 2 and 12** are welcome to partake in our family-friendly live entertainment and other enjoyable activities.

### Free Admission!

**Alex Zerbe**

This event allows families and friends to come out relax and enjoy a day at the park with one another.

- Inflatable slide rides \$3.00 unlimited
- Concessions will be sold—Cash only
- Stage performances & entertainment
- Alex Zerbe the Zaniac

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Vendor Space and Sponsorship opportunities available!  
Call Melinda 253-820-9455 or Event.Assistant@cityoffederalway.com



## Save the Date:

# #CityHallSelfie Day is Aug. 15!

Don't forget to mark **August 15** on your calendar for the eighth annual **#CityHallSelfie** Day! It's a perfect occasion to show your support for local government institutions and their valuable public services.

If you work for a town, City, county, library, or special district, **here's your call to action** — snap a selfie in front of your building and share it with the world using the **#CityHallSelfie** Day hashtag on social media. Be creative and have fun with it!

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## SMITH BROTHERS FARMS OPENS ITS SOUTH SOUND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY

Welcome to Federal Way!

After months of anticipation, the **Smith Brothers Farms** South Sound Distribution Facility officially **opened on July 30!**

This warehouse space will accommodate deliveries nearby. The opening has gone smoothly, and they are filling up their warehouse to distribute goods to the community!



*Top Left: Two of the three owners, Todd Behan & Craig Koester. Not pictured: Dusty Highland.*

*Top Right: Smith Brothers Farms Logo outside building.*

*Bottom Left: Todd Behan shows Economic Development Director Tanja Carter around their newly opened warehouse.*



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## SENIOR RECREATION

Our fantastic staff recently organized **three senior program** trips. The first was to **Portland, Oregon**, where 12 seniors traveled to the City of Roses on the Amtrak Cascades train.

They walked downtown and took the tram to explore other parts of **Portland**.

The seniors had a great time traveling during the long day as they took the Amtrak back to Tacoma. The second trip was to **Port Townsend** for fun and sightseeing.

The seniors visited **T-Mobile Park** in Seattle to watch the Mariners play ball!

## DUMAS BAY CENTRE UPDATES

The **Dumas Bay Writers Retreat**, hosted by the **Emerald City Romance Writers**, took place on **August 5-6**. The two-day event provided attendees exclusive access to communal and private writing areas. The Emerald City Romance Writers promote excellence in romantic fiction by helping writers achieve their dreams of being published within the romance genre.

The **21st Annual Youth Leadership Forum of Washington State** occurred at the **Dumas Bay Centre** from **July 30 to August 4**. The event allowed young adults to enhance their interpersonal skills and acquire valuable tools to prepare them for college, the workforce, or any other post-high school endeavors.



WASHINGTON STATE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
**YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM**  
For High School Students with Disabilities

July 30-August 4, 2023 - Dumas Bay Center, Federal Way



## COUNCIL'S CORNER



This month, Council's Corner will be spotlighting **Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson**.

- **What made you want to get involved in City government?** *Initially, working for the cities of SeaTac and Federal Way piqued my interest in the position, particularly in policy that guides the direction of the City. In addition, I participated in Advancing Leadership, which gave me an insight to the City and motivated me to get involved. In 2014, a vacancy became available and since all of my children were grown, it freed me up to consider applying for it.*
- **What is the most rewarding part of being part of City government?** *For me, it's where the outcome of our collective decision has come to fruition, and you see the results. It's when people stop you and thank you for your hard work.*
- **What is your vision for Federal Way's future?** *Federal Way's logo says "Centered on Opportunity," so I see potential that we have not tapped into. Geographically, we are located between two large cities, and we can use that to attract large and global companies to bring their business to Federal Way. That will keep our talent here, our next generation would want to stay here, and new people would like to move here. With that comes making Federal Way a vibrant city where people would want to go for dining, entertainment, and recreation, a place to work, and a place to call home. I want my legacy to be that I contributed to a futuristic thinking where the policies we implement today will take Federal Way into the future. I would like for us to embrace and celebrate our cultural diversity and showcase what each has to offer.*
- **What projects are you currently focused on?** *I am excited about the direction the City is headed in, and am looking forward to the arrival of Light Rail, the completion of TC-3, and the future downtown area. I would like for us to embrace our diversity and develop policies and statements that are inclusive, promote equity, and make people feel they belong. We have been looking at Financial Literacy, and I would like to see that go beyond literacy and help people take it to the next level where they could find livable wages, purchase homes, and live comfortably.*
- **What makes Federal Way so special?** *It's the people and the trees! I have had the opportunity to talk to people in a group setting and individually, and I love the wealth of knowledge they pour into me. Even when we don't agree, there is a lot we can learn from each other. I enjoy driving around Federal Way and taking in the scenery. Each neighborhood has its own character that I can appreciate.*
- **Where is your favorite place to go in Federal Way?** *My favorite place to eat is at the East Indian Grill, and my favorite place to go is Steel Lake Park.*
- **Which city park is your favorite?** *Steel Lake Park!*

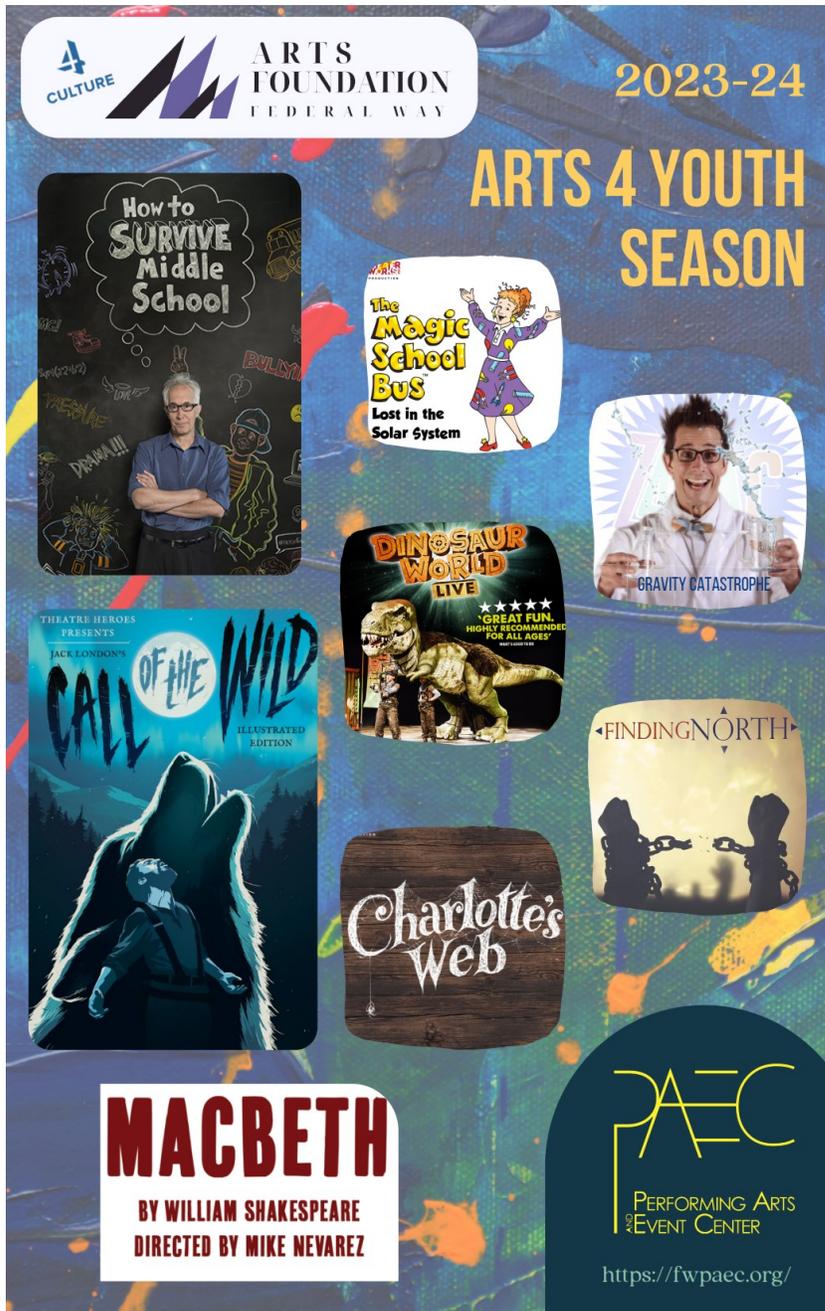
## This week's Council happenings:

- Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) Meeting at City Hall, **August 7 at 5 p.m.**
- City Council Special Meeting at City Hall, **August 8 at 5 p.m.**
- City Council Regular Meeting at City Hall, **August 8 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Kids Day at Steel Lake Park, **August 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**
- Senior Advisory Commission Regular Meeting at City Hall, **August 9 at 2 p.m.**
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting at City Hall, **August 9 at 5 p.m.**
- Summer Concert Series at Steel Lake Park, **August 9 from 6:30-8 p.m.**
- Diversity Commission Regular Meeting at City Hall, **August 10 at 5:30 p.m.**



*A behind-the-scenes look! The City wants to thank our friend Bruce Honda for capturing the moment at Council Chambers, where Mayor Ferrell and our City Councilmembers received instructions from the photographer during their recent group photo session. We appreciate the creative and fun photo!*

## UPDATES FROM THE PAEC



The graphic features a collage of promotional images for the Arts 4 Youth Season 2023-24. At the top left is the Arts 4 Youth logo with the text 'ARTS FOUNDATION FEDERAL WAY'. The central text reads '2023-24 ARTS 4 YOUTH SEASON'. Various program highlights are shown in rounded rectangular frames: 'How to SURVIVE Middle School' with a man in a blue shirt; 'The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System' with a cartoon bus; 'DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE' with a dinosaur; 'GRAVITY CATASTROPHE' with a man in a lab coat; 'CALL OF THE WILD' with a wolf; 'Charlotte's Web' with a wooden sign; 'FINDING NORTH' with a map; and 'MACBETH BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE DIRECTED BY MIKE NEVAREZ'. At the bottom right is the PAEC logo and the website 'https://fwpaec.org/'.

We have exciting news from our friends at the **Performing Arts and Events Center (PAEC)**!

**The Arts 4 Youth program** is returning to the PAEC after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

### What does the PAEC do?

The PAEC works with school districts to offer top-notch in-person schedules for educational shows for K-12 schools and offers \$5 tickets to students and free/discounted access to those who qualify.

Transportation grants are available to eligible schools. The PAEC aims to enrich our community through performing arts and provide cost-effective solutions to schools. Common Core-aligned lesson plans are also available for educators.

### How can you help?

The PAEC encourages our Federal Way community to promote its program by talking to your child's teachers, principals, and school officials to see if their school is participating or aware of the **Arts 4 Youth program**.

Community involvement makes a huge difference, and the PAEC appreciates your help spreading the word.

### How can I learn more about the Arts 4 Youth program?

- Visit the [PAEC website](https://fwpaec.org/)
- Email [Kate.Croteau@oakviewgroup.com](mailto:Kate.Croteau@oakviewgroup.com)

This program wouldn't be possible without the generous **Arts Foundation Federal Way** funding.





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**TIF PUBLIC BRIEFING  
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CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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