

CITYWIDE NEWS

MAYOR FERRELL AND OUR CITY COUNCIL WELCOME THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL TOXICOLOGY LAB TO FEDERAL WAY



Welcome to Federal Way! Mayor Jim Ferrell and the City Councilmembers were on hand when the Washington State Patrol's Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau dedicated a new Toxicology Laboratory on December 7. WSP has opened its second toxicology laboratory in Washington state at a new location in Federal Way to meet the increasing demand for toxicology services. The facility on Weyerhaeuser Way spans 11,700 square feet and costs \$4.5 million. The dedication featured remarks by Governor Jay Inslee, WSP Chief John Batiste, and Dr. Fiona Couper, Director of the Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau.



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MAYOR FERRELL PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE NEW SIMPLY HEALTH DP3 IN FEDERAL WAY!



Continuing with the topic of new businesses arriving in Federal Way, Mayor Ferrell recently visited Simply Health DP3, located at 32114 1st Ave S #202 in Federal Way, to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Ai-Hien (Grace) Bui, D.O., and Dr. Tam Bui, D.O., and to express his appreciation for their contribution to our community!



SIMPLY HEALTH DP3
Direct Primary Care, Pain & Performance

MAYOR FERRELL ASSISTS WITH THE JUDGING PROCESS AT THE DECA COMPETITION HELD AT DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL!



Mayor Ferrell took time out of his busy schedule to serve as a judge for the DECA mock competition at Decatur High School on December 8! DECA focuses on nurturing young talents and grooming them into future marketing and management leaders. Residents in Federal Way shared stories with the Mayor before the event, indicating that their DECA experience in high school influenced their community involvement as adults. DECA's membership theme for 2023-2024 is "Experience The Difference."



PROTECT YOUR PACKAGES: FWPD OFFERS TIPS TO PREVENT THEFT DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During the holiday season, online shopping becomes even more popular. While it's a time for cherished moments with loved ones, it's unfortunate that package theft, commonly known as porch piracy, tends to increase. Packages are often left unattended on the doorstep, allowing criminals to take advantage of the situation and steal them. Like many others, these thefts often occur due to the opportunities presented.



Here are tips to help you navigate this season more safely:

- **Secure Deliveries:** Consider purchasing a locking bin for frequent package deliveries.
- **Informed Delivery:** Sign up for Informed Delivery by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to preview packages and track updates. You can enroll at InformedDelivery.USPS.com.
- **Alternate Delivery Locations:** Use package lockers or retailers that accept deliveries — this helps prevent packages from sitting unattended.
- **Signature Requirement:** When possible, select shipping methods that require a signature upon delivery, particularly for expensive or crucial items.
- **Delivery Services:** Request package holds for customer pick-up when you cannot receive deliveries directly.
- **Alternate Delivery Address:** Whenever feasible, arrange for packages to be delivered to your workplace or where someone can receive them in your absence.
- **Home Security Measures:** Utilize the features of home security cameras to monitor or record footage. Employ motion sensors with deterrents such as sirens or recorded messages to deter potential thieves.

If you suspect a package was stolen:

- Contact the company to confirm its delivery
- Contact the shipping company and inquire about their reporting service.
- Please contact the **non-emergency line of the Federal Way Police Department at (253) 835-2121** or use our online reporting portal.



Porch Pirate Thefts Are On The Rise!

It is essential to provide footage from your security cameras if needed. Let's work together to keep our Federal Way community safe during this festive season.

Remember to stay alert and secure your deliveries for a happier and safer holiday shopping experience!

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



Keep Federal Way walkable.

Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow/ice.

- Clear or De-ice a 42-inch path on sidewalks.
- You may apply salt to help melt/prevent ice.
- Do not shovel snow into the street or storm drains.
- Questions contact Public Works at (253) 835-2700.
- For more details, visit the City of Federal Way's website.

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Eyes on Federal Way

Remember to download the Eyes on Federal Way app for free from the App Store or Google Play!

When reporting non-emergency problems such as a shopping cart obstructing the sidewalk, a pothole in the road, or trash all over the streets, Eyes on Federal Way is a great resource.



COUNCIL'S CORNER



Councilmember Paul McDaniel.

Photo credit: Chris Leavitt Photography

Let's meet the Council's newest member: Paul McDaniel!

- **What made you want to get involved in City government?** *My family got tired of hearing me complaining about things I felt or experienced in Federal Way, so I knew that it was time to take action. I wanted to see if I could help the city, the families, and the small businesses in Federal Way.*
- **What is the most rewarding part of being part of City government?** *Having a voice and a vote that counts. I am 1 of 7 votes to make things go through or not within the city. That's incredibly empowering, and being involved makes a difference.*
- **What have you enjoyed most about being a Councilmember?** *Meeting the families and residents of Federal Way and seeing the "behind the scenes" of local government. There is more to it than you think!*

- **What is your vision for Federal Way's future?** *To have a healthy environment where families can feel safe, thrive, and call "home".*
- **What projects are you currently focused on?** *Currently, I am working to decipher the budget as next year will be a budget year, and working with IT and Parks to enhance the city's digital footprint, including analyzing data and increasing the visibility to city properties (like the PAEC and Community Center) for tourism.*
- **What makes Federal Way so special?** *My family and I have lived here for most of my life. This city has all the makings of a large city, but still feels like small-town, family vibes.*
- **Where is your favorite place to go in Federal Way?** *The Weyerhaeuser trails and Isla Jiu Jitsu.*
- **Which city park is your favorite?** *At the risk of sounding too much like a politician, there are so many beautiful parks in Federal Way that it is just way too hard to choose just one!*

This week's Council happenings:

- **Senior Advisory Commission Regular Meeting**, December 13 at City Hall, 2 p.m.
- **Diversity Commission Regular Meeting**, December 14 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Cookies with Mrs. Claus Event**, December 14 at the Federal Way Community Center, 5:30 p.m.
- **Korean Community Quarterly Meeting**, December 14 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

STATE OF THE CITY

ADDRESS BY
MAYOR JIM FERRELL

"Welcome Home"

Thursday, February 15, 2024
at 6:00 p.m.



Mayor's State of the City FREE EVENT

Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center
31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S
Federal Way, WA 98003

FREE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The **FEDERAL WAY**
MIRROR presents...

HOT OFF THE PRESSES:
Community Conversations

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 PM

**POVERTY BAY CAFÉ,
1108 S 322ND PL**

*"A newspaper is a mirror
reflecting the public..."*

– Arthur Brisbane

JOIN US!

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TO TALK WITH THE NEWSROOM!**

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CENTERSTAGE!

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A HOLIDAY PANTO

BY **VINCE BRADY**
DIRECTED BY **HELEN MARION**



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SCAN ME

DEC 4TH & 5TH IN DES MOINES

DEC 11TH, 12TH, 18TH & 19TH

IN FEDERAL WAY

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

Since 2020, South King Fire has lit up the streets with Santa Parades to spread cheer and support our community.

We partner with our local cities to gather canned food for donation to food banks, offering a helping hand to families in need during a challenging time of the year.

Please scan the code to learn more about this year's parades.





Cookies with Mrs. Claus

DECEMBER 14
5:30 - 6:30 PM

\$3 ENTRY
PER PERSON



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HAPPENING AT THE FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY CENTER!

FEDERAL WAY

2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 * 2023 *

WINTER CAMP

SWIMMING * ROCK CLIMBING * CRAFTS * FIELD TRIPS * AND MORE!

DECEMBER 26TH – DECEMBER 29TH
JANUARY 2ND – JANUARY 5TH

Federal Way
**COMMUNITY
CENTER**
It all happens here

FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

A graphic with a white background and a red border, set against a blurred background of a Christmas tree. At the top is the Federal Way Community Center logo, which includes the text 'Federal Way COMMUNITY CENTER' and the tagline 'It all happens here' with a stylized wave icon. Below the logo is the title 'Holiday Schedule' in a large, red, serif font. Underneath the title is a table with two columns: the date and the operating hours. The table lists dates from November 23 to January 1, with corresponding hours or 'CLOSED' status.

Federal Way
COMMUNITY CENTER
It all happens here

Holiday Schedule

NOVEMBER 23	CLOSED
NOVEMBER 24	8 AM - 9 PM
DECEMBER 24	9 AM - 2 PM
DECEMBER 25	CLOSED
DECEMBER 31	8 AM - 2 PM
JANUARY 1	CLOSED



SCOUTING FOR TREES

JANUARY 6, 2024

10:00AM–2:00PM PICK UP

Support from: Troop 307, Troop 330, Troop 361, and Troop 841G

Register your holiday tree for pick-up by: January 3, 2024

Drop-off available at Celebration Park:

9:00am–3:00pm January 6th–7th

Must be in Federal Way city limits. Limited amount of pick ups available.
3 trees per person at drop-off

- Suggested donation: \$5–\$10 for drop off; \$15–\$20 for pick up
- No ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, or other debris
- Environmentally responsible disposal!



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