

CITYWIDE NEWS

THE STAGE IS SET, FEDERAL WAY!

STATE OF THE CITY

ADDRESS BY
MAYOR JIM FERRELL

"Welcome Home"

Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 PM

FREE EVENT

Located at the
Federal Way Performing
Arts & Event Center

31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S
Federal Way, WA 98003

*Hear about the
exciting direction
of the city from
your Mayor,
Jim Ferrell!*



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Tanja Carter, our Economic Development Director, has a message — Federal way is open for business!

Federal Way has many hidden gems within our city that we can all be proud of and celebrate. Let us unite and build civic pride by discovering and celebrating all that makes our city unique!

Scan the QR code or look for the campaign online and share our most authentic people, places, and things.

Extra credit if you have pictures or articles! The campaign is online for a limited time, so enter today to win a gift card!



Federal Way Residents,
complete our survey
and enter for a chance
to win a gift card!



Federal Way Workers,
complete our survey
and enter for a chance
to win a gift card!



Federal Way Families,
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and enter for a chance
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Federal Way Business Owners,
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Eyes on Federal Way

Download the “Eyes on Federal Way” app from the App Store or Google Play today.

We’re making it convenient for you to report non-emergency issues such as graffiti, road potholes, street litter, or shopping carts.

Let’s work together to keep our community looking great!



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THANK YOU, FEDERAL WAY GRAFFITI TECHNICANS!



Better Together! Left to right: Mike Gutierrez, Graffiti Tech, Gus Bato, Graffiti Technician, and Mickey Elliott, FWPD Police Officer, take a quick picture break before returning to work.



The Federal Way Graffiti Technicians are the unsung heroes who work hard to combat graffiti and preserve the community's charm.

Recently, FWPD recruit Mickey Elliot joined their efforts, which is an excellent example of cross-departmental collaboration to benefit the residents of Federal Way.

Their achievements also showcase how collaboration and community spirit can transform challenges into victories.

We appreciate our Graffiti Technicians and the dedicated FWPD working together to keep our community looking its best!



THE FEDERAL WAY KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INVITES CITY OF FEDERAL WAY TO ITS INAUGURATION CEREMONY



Our dedicated Councilmembers joined Mayor Jim Ferrell at the Inauguration Ceremony and Lunar New Year celebration of the Federal Way Korean American Association, which took place at TAF@Saghalie on February 10! During the event, Mayor Ferrell delivered a heartfelt message, sharing words of appreciation to our Federal Way Korean American Association friends for being fantastic community partners!



Congratulations to the newly appointed Federal Way President of the Korean American Association, Haeng S. Kim (pictured right)! We also appreciate Board Chair Chami Joe Ro (pictured left) for constantly updating us about their events. Thanks to our Federal Way Korean American Association friends for the invite!



MAYOR FERRELL ATTENDS THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL'S READ-ALoud DAY!



Mayor Jim Ferrell recently joined our friends at St. Vincent de Paul School in Federal Way for Read Aloud Day! He read a book with the students, discussed the value of reading, and shared information about careers in local government. The super curious kids asked excellent questions and were great listeners. The City of Federal Way thanks Alisa Haines (pictured below), Librarian at St. Vincent de Paul School, for organizing and making it an educational and fun experience for the students and Mayor Ferrell!



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL
SCHOOL**

HAPPY RETIREMENT, NICK RUIZ!



Congratulations to Nick Ruiz, our Code Compliance Officer, who retired on February 7!

Mayor Ferrell thanked Nick for his years of dedicated service to the City of Federal Way.

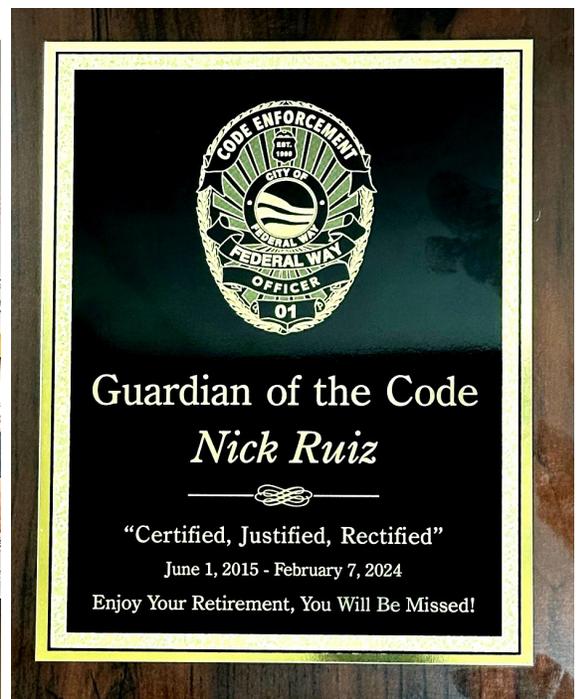
When asked what Nick will miss the most, he said it's "the people" he worked with in Code Compliance over the years.

Nick, a youth soccer coach in Federal Way for 25 years, plans to retire in sunny Arizona!

Fun fact: Nick, who's from Eastern Washington, is fluent in Spanish/English and takes pride in being among the only Hispanic Americans working in Code Compliance in local government nationwide.

We have to show you the "certified" plaque created by Nick to give his title as Code Compliance Officer an official stamp of approval — that's awesome!

The City of Federal Way will miss you.



A Memorable Retirement Farewell! Curtis Moser, Sound Transit Construction Inspector, presented Nick Ruiz with a plaque reading "Guardian of the Code, Nick Ruiz." We wish Nick a happy and fulfilling retirement with plenty of trips to the golf course!

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

LEADING
THROUGH
SERVICE



There is truly nothing simpler than the words “We Serve.”

This is the motto of Federal Way service club, Lions International. This service club was established in 1954, following its mission statement of “to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.”

This hardworking club of 31 members uses this mission statement to serve the community through scholarship fundraising for senior students in the Federal Way School District, providing dictionaries to third graders in four local elementary schools, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the holiday season, and providing welcome packets with baby sleepers and diapers for new mothers in need in partnership with St. Francis Hospital.

The club values community to a great extent, and it relies on partnerships to fuel its efforts.

Community partnerships include the Federal Way School District, the Farmers Market, the Federal Way Senior Center, the Salvation Army, the Multi-Service Center, and South King Fire & Rescue.

The Lions work with these partners to develop programs to serve needs and donate financially — however the Lions can help, they jump right in.



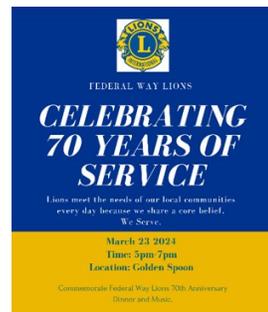
Lions Club members ringing bells with the Salvation Army. Photo courtesy Barbara Fey.



Lions Club members are creating the Sleepers for Newborns packets. Photo courtesy Barbara Fey.

Joining the Lions Club requires being over 18 and sponsored by a current Lion. For those interested in joining the Lions, “I would suggest that members of the community volunteer to help with one of our projects to get a feel for what we do and help them decide if they wish to become a member,” said Lions Club Secretary Barbara Fey.

In celebration of the Lions Club’s 70th Anniversary, the public is invited to join them on **March 23, 2024, at the Golden Spoon**. Preregistration is required, so please reach out to federalwaylionsclub@gmail.com.



Lions Club members with the stack of dictionaries. Photo courtesy Barbara Fey.

Final Parting Words: “Becoming a Lions Club Member allows you to volunteer locally and internationally to lead projects that make your community a better place to live. We are always looking for service-minded members with passion and new ideas for the future,” said Fey.

You can find information about the Lions Club in Federal Way at www.e-clubhouse.org or by emailing Membership Chair Bob Darrigan at worldbooks@msn.com or federalwaylionsclub@gmail.com.

Please check out their Facebook page as well!


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This week's Council Happenings:

- **Parks, Recreation, Human Services & Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting**, February 13 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Senior Advisory Commission Regular Meeting**, February 14 at City Hall, 2 p.m.
- **State of the City Address**, February 15 at the Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center, 6 p.m.

Planning Ahead:

- **City Hall Closure on February 19 in observance of President's Day.** (Reopens February 20)
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, February 20 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Finance, Economic Development & Regional Affairs Committee Regular Meeting**, February 27 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Federal Way Comprehensive Plan Public Open House**, February 29, at City Hall, 4 p.m.



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

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BUSINESS SAFETY SUMMIT

The Federal Way Business Safety Summit is an opportunity to gather experts, leaders, and professionals to discuss, learn, and strategize for a safer work environment.



Wednesday
February 21st, 2024



Time
09:30am- 11:00am

HOSTED BY

***The Federal Way
Police Department***

Small & large retail business owners/managers
Corporate Retail Partners
Loss Prevention Personnel

Encouraged to attend!

For more information contact
Tiffany Clemmings
Tiffany.Clemmings@cityoffederalway.com
or 253-835-6707

Zoom:
Meeting ID: 849 1266 2169
Passcode: 909354





CITY OF FEDERAL WAY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Open House

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday
February 29th, 2024
Leap Day!
4 to 7 P.M.

Located at Federal Way City Hall
33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way, WA 98003

Planning for the future helps build a city that reflects the community's needs and desires. The Comprehensive Plan (aka Update 2024) is a 20-year roadmap for how the City will plan for and accommodate growth. It will establish the vision for what Federal Way will be by 2044 and contain the necessary goals and policies to guide implementation of the vision.

Come learn about changes related to:

Downtown Planning
South Station Subarea Planning
Transportation & Mobility
Climate Change & Resiliency
Community Services



QUESTIONS?

You can reach us at Update.2024@cityoffederalway.com
or 253-835-2644

Share your Update 2024 thoughts, ideas, and comments by
visiting www.engagewf.com

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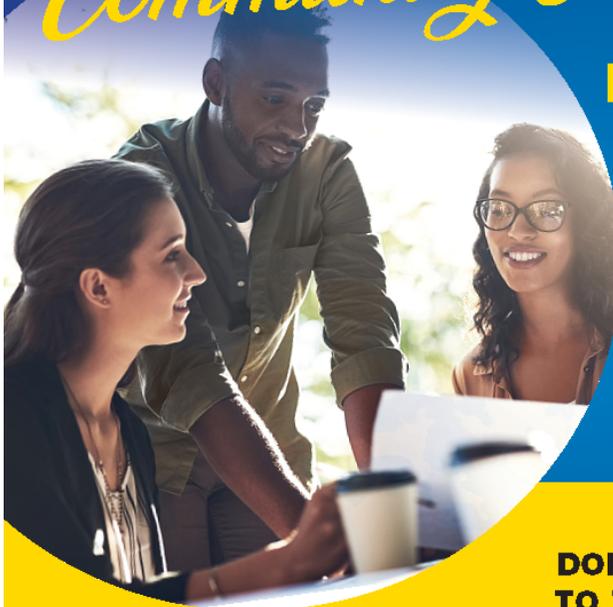
The **MIRROR** FEDERAL WAY presents...

HOT OFF THE PRESSES:
Community Conversations

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

1:00 – 2:30 PM

**POVERTY BAY CAFÉ,
1108 S 322ND PL**



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

– Arthur Brisbane

JOIN US!

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK WITH THE NEWSROOM!**

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or cindy.ducich@federalwaymirror.com



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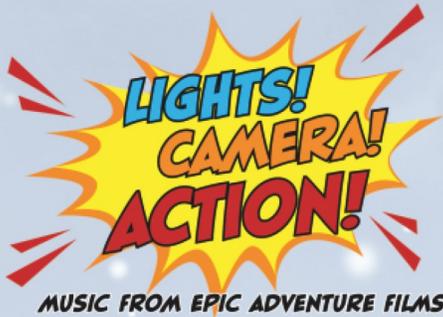
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THE GREATEST PIANO MEN

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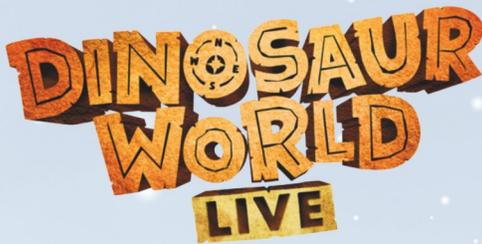
**AUBURN SYMPHONY
PERFORMANCE #1**

2.25.24



VOCTAVE

2.28.24



**DINOSAUR WORLD
LIVE!**

2.29.24



**THE BLACK JACKET
SYMPHONY**



Our friends at Valley Cities are connecting with the South King County community! The Coffee Chat will highlight the fentanyl crisis affecting King County communities and how Valley Cities is responding to this and other behavioral health challenges.

Register soon — space is limited!

When: Wednesday, February 14

Time: 8-9 a.m. (PST)

Location: Phoenix Rising Recovery Cafe'
915 26TH STREET NE
AUBURN, WA 98002

[Click here for more information](#)



Sweetheart Ball

February 17





Neighborhood Connection

TOWN HALL MEETING

*Join Mayor Ferrell, City Councilmembers, and City of Federal Way staff
for a Neighborhood Connection Town Hall Meeting
at the NEW Olympic View Elementary School in Federal Way!*

Thursday, March 7 at 6 PM

(Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.)

**Olympic View Elementary School
Commons Room
2626 SW 327th Street, Federal Way**



ACT & SING



ACTING & MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

Have fun developing your acting skills while creating characters using movement, voice, and creativity. We'll use theatre games, improvisation, group scenes, and more to develop the skills all actors need for their acting training as well as interpersonal skills needed for success in everyday life.

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2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

JAN 20 - MARCH 2
APR 13 - JUNE 1

SATURDAYS
ACTING: 9:30 - 10:30 AM
MUSICAL : 10:45-11:45 AM

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\$100 REBATE

ENROLLMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 1 – MAY 30, 2024

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if you can answer **YES to all** of the following questions:

- You lived within the incorporated limits of the City of Federal Way in 2023 YES NO
- You paid household utilities, which are in your name, in 2023 ...*..... YES NO
- The annual gross household income in 2023 did not exceed the following: YES NO

* *Income of every member of your household over 18*

ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME*	
PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$47,950
2	\$54,800
3	\$61,650
4	\$68,500
5	Please call 253-835-2506

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- U.S. Individual Tax Return Form 1040 for 2023 (if one was filed);
OR
- Bank statements for November and December 2023 (if no income tax return was filed) showing all sources of income including Social Security Income .
AND
- One copy each of utility bill paid in 2023 for the following utilities only:
 - Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Telephone/Cell Phone/Cable
 - Documentation must show the bill was paid.
 - DO NOT send original bills. Paperwork will NOT be returned.

Please mail or bring your application to the address below:

Federal Way City Hall
 Finance Department
 Attn: Utility Tax Rebate Program
 33325 8th Ave South
 Federal Way, WA 98003-6325

CONTACT

Have questions or need assistance, please contact the Utility Tax Rebate line at 253-835-2506 or visit us at Federal Way City Hall.

[If you want to learn more, please click on this link](#)