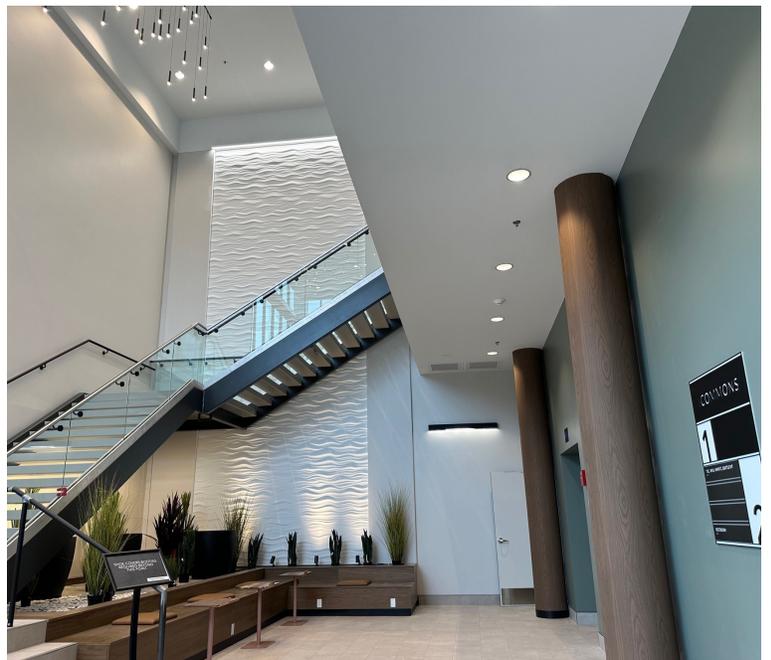


CITYWIDE NEWS

MAYOR FERRELL TAKES A TOUR OF THE REMODELED COMMONS MALL OFFICE SPACE PROPERTY



Mayor Jim Ferrell recently went on a tour to learn about the plans for The Commons Mall with Jamas Gwilliam, the Managing Director at Merlone Geier Partners, along with 40 brokers from South King County — the trip explored the upcoming developments in the Central Business District. Merlone Geier Partners purchased The Commons Mall for \$46.5 million. The Commons, previously known as SeaTac Mall, has been an integral part of the Federal Way community since it opened its doors on August 14, 1975. You can learn more about the future of the historic Commons Mall at Mayor Ferrell’s State of the City Address on Thursday, February 15, at 6 p.m.

CITYWIDE NEWS

MAYOR FERRELL ATTENDS THE SOUTH KING FIRE CELEBRATION TO PROMOTE STAFF MEMBERS!



On February 2, Mayor Ferrell visited the South Kire Fire celebration ceremony to announce the promotions of its personnel. One of the major highlights was the swearing-in ceremony of Dave Van Valkenburg as the Fire Chief. Caroline Vadino (Vice Chair pictured above at the podium) administered the firefighter oath. It was a historic moment when Lisa Defenbaugh, Deputy Chief of EMS, became South King Fire's first female Chief Officer! Congratulations to everyone.

FWPD FOCUSES ON ITS RECRUITMENT PLANNING STRATEGY FOR 2024



Photo credit: Officer Avestruz (left) and Officer Kent (right) are both members of the Federal Way Police Recruiting Team.

The Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) has set a goal to recruit more candidates in 2024. To achieve this, FWPD increased the size of its recruiting team to 10 members.

The expansion will help our FWPD attract quality candidates from diverse backgrounds.

To make the recruitment process more effective, the department has launched a new website (fwrecruiting.com) that provides potential applicants with information and opportunities.

Our FWPD plans on participating in community and military recruiting events — we will actively engage with potential candidates and showcase the best of our department!

In 2023, the FWPD recruited nearly 40 staff members, setting a positive precedent for

our 2024 recruitment goals. To make the application process more accessible and efficient, FWPD has collaborated with Public Safety Testing to streamline its initial testing process for police officer positions.

Lateral and entry-level applicants are offered incentives, such as a signing bonus for lateral applicants and a simplified testing process, including remote interviews and exams.

Overall, FWPD's recruitment plan for 2024 is a comprehensive approach, leveraging traditional and innovative methods to build a skilled, diverse, and dedicated police force.



CITYWIDE NEWS

MAYOR FERRELL MEETS NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL WAY KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION!



On January 30, The City of Federal Way welcomed Haeng S. Kim (pictured left next to Mayor Ferrell), the newly appointed Federal Way Korean American Association President, and other organization members to City Hall. Federal Way is home to one of the largest Korean American communities in the Pacific Northwest — a great source of pride for us!

CITYWIDE NEWS

LOOKING BACK AT THE MLK DAY CELEBRATION IN FEDERAL WAY

Relive the
**memorable
moments**



MLK Day 2024
Celebration
Summary Video

From January 15, 2024



Thanks to you for supporting our annual MLK Day Event last month! The City of Federal Way Diversity Commission honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15 during a memorable event at the Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC). The attendees heard impactful speeches from Mayor Ferrell and others and watched performances embodying the 2024 theme, *Building Community Bridges*.

[Click on this link to watch the video](#)



CITYWIDE NEWS

COUNCIL'S CORNER



A photo was taken in the Eagle View Room, where Mayor Ferrell, the City Council, and the Federal Way community had a chance to connect.

On February 3, the Mayor, City Council, and City Staff met with members of the Public at their Annual Retreat at Dumas Bay Centre. This meeting allowed the Council to discuss many topics in an open forum, with no decisions or actions being taken.

This Retreat is like an extended study session.

Topics this year included:

- A Review of Council Rules of Procedure led by City Attorney Ryan Call
- Council Goals for 2024 led by Councilmember Honda
- Downtown Update, including Town Center 3 (TC-3) Redevelopment Plan, the Federal Way Link Extension, and the Commons Mall by Community Development Director Keith Niven
- A Capital Finance Discussion led by City Administrator Brian Davis
- An Update on the Joint Use Operations & Maintenance Facility by Public Works Director EJ Walsh



View from the Eagle View Room at Dumas Bay Centre on Saturday, February 3, 2024.



Left to Right: Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Councilmember Paul McDaniel, Councilmember Susan Honda, Council President Linda Kochmar, Mayor Ferrell, Councilmember Jack Walsh, Councilmember Jack Dovey, and City Administrator Brian Davis.

Some notable items from the meeting:

- A new language was proposed that would not have the City Clerk read all code numbers while reading an ordinance at the Council Meetings. This will be brought forth for consideration and action at a future City Council meeting.
 - Councilmember Honda presented the last update to the City Council Vision and Goals, completed in 2020. Through the discussion, it was noted that these goals have held up well in the four years since their inception and will be discussed further in a future study session.
 - Joining Director Niven was Trent Mummery, President/CEO of Trent Development, working with the City to develop TC-3.
- City Administrator Davis brought up all the budgetary items to be known going into the 2024 biennial budget conversations. Discussions on the budget for 2025-2026 will begin in the fall, with final approval before the year's final meeting.
 - Director Walsh gave a presentation regarding the new O&M Facility, which will be on the agenda tonight at LUTC for further discussion. This will also be a topic of conversation for an upcoming Special Council Meeting later this month.

Thank you to the Federal Way public, staff, Dumas Bay Centre, Information Technology, and Café Pacific Catering for contributing to the Retreat!

Thank You



THE HERO, DAVID CLEMONS, RESCUED ABANDONED KITTENS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL RETREAT!

On February 3, David Clemons, the manager of Dumas Bay, was driving in early to prepare for the City Council's Annual Retreat when he noticed something unusual on the side of 509 Dash Point Road.

David saw a box randomly sitting there with a kitten's head sticking out as he drove past.

David quickly pulled over and took immediate action to save the kittens!

The kittens ran towards David, and he was able to rescue them. Currently, the kittens are safe and staying at the Dumas Bay Centre until further notice.

The City of Federal Way commends David for his heroic act of keeping the kittens safe and making headlines for all the right reasons!



COUNCIL'S CORNER

This week's Council happenings:

- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) Regular Meeting**, February 5 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, February 6 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Planning Commission Regular Meeting**, February 7, at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Youth Commission Regular Meeting**, February 8, at the Federal Way Community Center, 5 p.m.
- **Diversity Commission Regular Meeting**, February 8, at City Hall, 5:30 pm.

Planning Ahead:

- **Parks, Recreation, Humans Services & Public Safety Committee (PRHSPSC) Regular Meeting**, February 13 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **State of the City Address**, February 16 at the Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center, 6 p.m.
- **City Hall Closure in Observance of President's Day**, February 19. **(Reopening February 20)**
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, February 20 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Finance, Economic Development & Regional Affairs Committee (FEDRAC) Regular Meeting**, February 27 at City Hall, 5 p.m.



GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES!



Welcome To Federal Way! On February 1, Mayor Ferrell and our City Councilmembers attended the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony at Global Credit Union, located near the Commons Mall. We thank Branch Managers Sonali Sonika, Kimi Dowell, and Regional Manager Sergio Lopez for inviting the City of Federal Way to Global Credit Union's special day!



On January 31, Mayor Ferrell participated in the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Staybridge Suites & Holiday Inn Express in Federal Way! The remodeled hotel property is an excellent addition to our business community. The location near 320th is fantastic, especially with Light Rail expected to bring 30,000 people to our city daily in 2026!

PARKS AND RECREATION



Great news! All four Traditional Federal Way Thunder Special Olympics Basketball teams are advancing to the Regional Tournament on February 10!

Within the tournament, only 11 out of 31 teams advanced, with Federal Way making up four of those 11 — that's commendable!

We had three teams that received a Gold medal and one that received a Silver medal.

The City of Federal Way will cheer on the athletes across King County during the tournament as they compete to move on to the State Games!



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CITYWIDE NEWS

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



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

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

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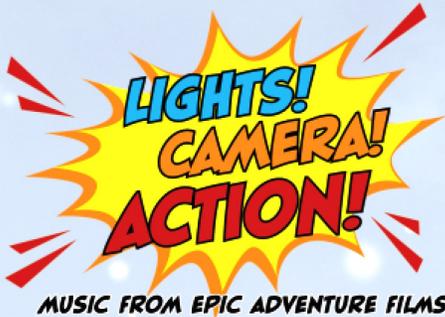
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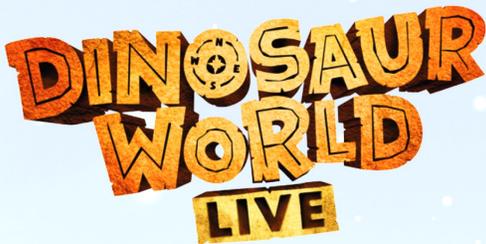
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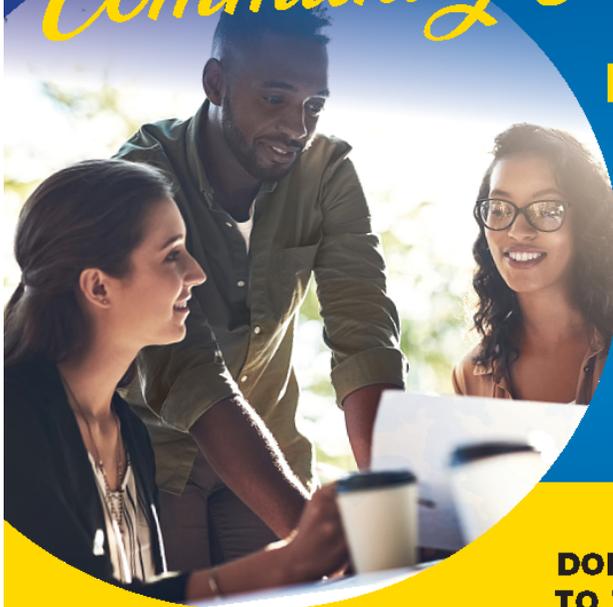
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Our friends at Valley Cities are connecting with the South King County community! The Coffee Chat will highlight the fentanyl crisis affecting King County communities and how Valley Cities is responding to this and other behavioral health challenges.

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
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- 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*

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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
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 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.

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