

CITYWIDE NEWS

DEMOLISHING THE PAST AND BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE IN FEDERAL WAY



Mayor Jim Ferrell has always fearlessly tackled challenges as a dedicated City leader.

Ferrell took on a new challenge this week — using one of the golden sledgehammers from his office at City Hall. **Public Works Director, EJ Walsh**, worked with Swofford Excavating to allow Ferrell to dismantle a section of the old Target building!

It was a memorable moment for Ferrell, a **former University of Washington Husky linebacker with 19 years of prosecutorial experience.**

A golden opportunity! Mayor Ferrell is actively working towards the future of Federal Way, doing his part by recently demolishing a section of the former Target building with his gold sledgehammer!

“I didn’t have a golden sledgehammer when I played at UW, but now I do,” said Ferrell.



Ferrell still applies the best practices he learned from the great Hall of Fame coach Don James and is never afraid to roll up his sleeves to bring positive change to our Federal Way community.

The future of Federal Way is looking brighter than ever with the **commencement of the Town Center (TC 3) Redevelopment Plan** for our community. Our downtown area will become a bustling hub of activity, attracting businesses and visitors from all over the region.

All in a day’s work! Left to right: Brian Davis, City Administrator, Mayor Ferrell, and EJ Walsh, Public Works Director, visit the Target demolition site on August 14.

We are preparing for the arrival of **Light Rail in 2026** and are excited to accommodate 30,000 daily visitors. With our sights set on establishing one of the most desirable downtown areas in South King County, Federal Way is poised for success and ready to welcome all who want to be a part of our thriving community.



Federal Way boasts a bright future with captivating features like the **Town Square Steps** and live entertainment at the **PAEC**, connecting to **Town Square Park**. We welcome anyone to enjoy our award-winning restaurants along Pacific Highway and 320th Street.



As the demolition continues, Federal Way has already become a top choice for businesses in South King County under the **leadership of Ferrell**, as evidenced by **Dick’s Drive-in** and **Smith Brothers Farms** recently moving in!

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FWCC'S NEW LEISURE POOL AND SLIDE UPDATE! WE'RE MAKING GREAT PROGRESS



Great news, Federal Way!

We're moving in the right direction with the recent installation of our **new leisure pool slide** at the **Federal Way Community Center (FWCC)**.

The pool replastering was **completed on August 8** and filled with water on **August 9** — not for the swimmers — as part of the curing process. The plaster must be in the water to properly cure.

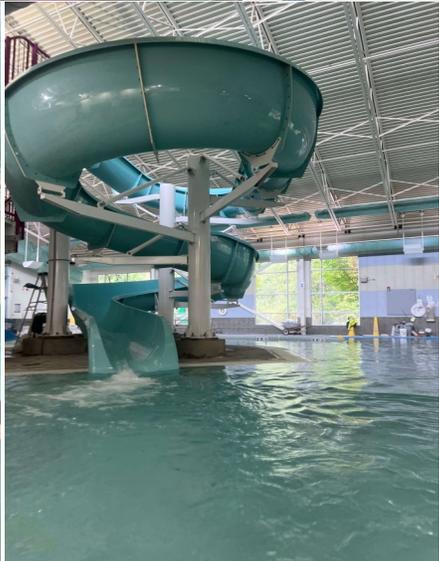
August 10 was a huge FWCC milestone: we filled the pool and tested all the slide-and-play features!

We're making a splash! Crews installed a new slide with a beautiful staircase, and the lazy river was replastered at the FWCC. All of the rust has been removed and treated from the lazy river. Parks Director John Hutton said, "Precautionary measures have been taken to keep that from ever happening again."

We're excited to be one step closer to welcoming the public back into the pool, as this is a big step in that process!

While we know everyone is asking, "What is your opening day?" We are in the final stages of preparing the release date and will announce it soon. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the details.

The City thanks everyone involved in the project for getting us here today!



OUR FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS NEXT MONTH



It is crucial to have financial literacy and competency at any age.

Mayor Ferrell is happy to announce that the City Council unanimously approved the **Financial Literacy Project pilot program during the August 8 meeting.**

We plan to initiate this program in the fall using our general fund.

The City will invite participants from organizations in our community for the course, held at the **Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) from September 14 to November 9 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)** and will be available in multiple languages.

Recruitment for this project, operated by community volunteers, will begin shortly.

After six months, we will conduct exit interviews and evaluate their impact on individuals.

Up to 40 participants who meet the qualifying criteria are eligible to participate for free of charge.

[Click on this link to learn more.](#)

For additional information, please get in touch with Bill.Vadino@cityoffederalway.com.

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ANNUAL KIDS DAY AT STEEL LAKE PARK



Mayor Ferrell paid a visit to the **Kids Day at Steel Lake Park on August 9**, where attendees enjoyed mouth-watering cuisine from food trucks, and the kids had a memorable time before it's back to school soon! We had over 20 community booths present, representing many organizations in our wonderful community! Children and families enjoyed free giveaways and live entertainment on our mainstage, including our summer day camp. We **estimate over 500 in attendance** throughout the afternoon!

The Karate Kids! Mayor Ferrell greets the students from Master Na Martial Arts in Federal Way at Steel Lake Park on August 9. Kids Day is a massive event in our community, and it's all about the children!

Thanks to **Melinda Blevins, Special Events Assistant, Cassie Swan, Recreation Coordinator Arts & Events**, and our entire team for coordinating the Kids Day event!



SHOPLIFTING LEADS TO MORE THAN JUST A MISDEMEANOR



The **Federal Way Police Department** is sending a message on what can happen if anyone steals from our multipurpose stores — “routine” enforcement of misdemeanor offenses, such as shoplifting baby formula, sometimes **uncovered more significant crimes**.

Police officers working at **The Commons Mall** were recently dispatched to **Target** for the report of a theft.

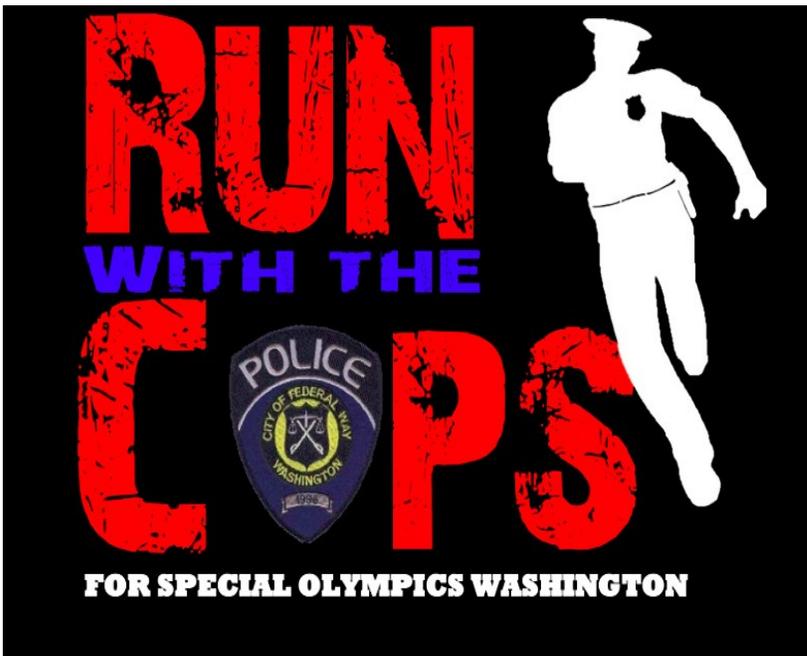
The adult male suspect **used the self-checkout** lanes where he only scanned a few drinks but not the baby formula in his cart, totaling approximately **\$140 in stolen merchandise**.

When loss prevention officers contacted the man, he refused to stop. **Police officers at the mall were nearby and quickly apprehended the shoplifter**.

The man refused to provide his name or otherwise identify himself. Officers equipped with a **portable latent print device** quickly learned his true identity.

For over a year, the man had been evading a felony warrant out of Pierce County for failure to register as a sex offender.

The man was booked into Pierce County jail. His local charges for theft are pending after Pierce County finishes with him.



THE ANNUAL RUN WITH THE COPS 5K IS THIS MONTH!

FWPD is excited to host its annual **Run With The Cops 5K** event at the **FWCC** on **August 26** at **9 a.m.**

This gathering unites law enforcement officials and others to support the **Special Olympics of Washington**.

Approximately 200 participants support the event annually, allowing us to **raise nearly \$10,000 for Special Olympics**.

Tortoise & Hare Timing, a company specializing in timing and results, will be on hand to record your time and provide you with the results.

If you have further questions, contact **Lieutenant Bryan Klingele** at bryank@cityoffederalway.com.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



We encourage you to check out our **major scheduled Capital Projects for 2023 through 2029** in our updated Capital Projects Guide prepared by Public Works.

[Read the details by clicking here.](#)

The guide is routinely updated to provide transparent information to the public on **upcoming construction projects around the City.**

For more details on our current projects, [click this link to learn what's happening.](#)

PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FOR COMPOSTABLE FOOD WARE

Great news for our City's sustainability efforts!

Our **Public Works Environmental Services Division** has secured grant funding for using compostable food ware internally.

Purchasing fully compostable plates, spoons, forks, and knives takes us one step further toward our **waste diversion goals.**

All internal events will now be able to use fully compostable food ware, reducing waste going to the landfill.

As the City continues its journey to reduce consumption and divert waste from landfills, there is no better place to start than with us!

It will also help City staff better assist local businesses and residents interested in reducing or eliminating single-use food ware in their homes and businesses.

Staff interested in ordering free plates, spoons, forks, or knives for a City event should contact **Reece Hobday** in Public Works at recycle@cityoffederalway.com.



ATTENTION FEDERAL WAY RESIDENTS, DO YOU HAVE ANY UNCLAIMED FUNDS?

Did you know **The Washington Department of Revenue (DOR)** has returned more than **\$1,374,833,452** that people forgot or didn't know existed?

According to a 2023 press release from DOR, they processed **192,704 claims in 2022**, resulting in a total payment of **\$89.4 million** for individuals, businesses, and organizations.

The DOR said, "Returning unclaimed property is one of our favorite parts of the job."

[Click on this link to find your unclaimed funds!](#)



RELEASE THE KRAKEN! STATE OF THE CHAMBER AT THE PAEC



The City thanks **Becca Martin, the CEO/President of Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce**, and her team for inviting us to the State of the Chamber luncheon at the PAEC on August 9!

Martin gave an outstanding keynote to our local business owners, Mayor Ferrell, and other community leaders.

We thank the Chamber of Commerce for continuously promoting economic growth in Federal Way!

It was a great turnout and an excellent opportunity to connect and network. We appreciate the **PAEC team** rolling out the red carpet for everyone!



MAKING IT HAPPEN AT THE PAEC!



**FEDERAL WAY
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Our friends at the PAEC have been working around the clock to organize fantastic events!

Last week, Brian Hoffman, the PAEC General Manager, and his team hosted an administration retreat for **Federal Way Public Schools**. A long and busy day, but also informative for FWPS employees!

We appreciate their hard work to help the Federal Way Public Schools prepare for productive meetings with early breakfast to start the day.

We wish the Federal Way Public Schools all the best for the 2023-2024 school year!

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We're looking ahead to one of the most exciting shows at the PAEC!

On **April 13, 2024**, comedian **Matt Mathews**, The Hilarious Viral Chicken Man from Birmingham, Alabama, will travel to the Great Northwest for his performance at the PAEC.

General public tickets have been available since August 11. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!

And we're excited about this one, as Mathews is a prominent **TikTok comedian with 4 million followers** and **1.6 million on Instagram**; Mathews knows how to connect with his audience!

As **Kate Croteau, PAEC Marketing Manager**, reminded us, many of his performances on this tour are selling out, so get your tickets now!

Check out the [PAEC website](#) for more details, and we encourage you to watch some of his comedy videos if you haven't already.



The PAEC welcomed the incredibly talented **Ranjit Bawa** to Federal Way on August 11.

Bawa, a well-known Punjabi singer, and actor, made it to the music charts in 2020 with his song "Impress 2," which had over **36 million views on YouTube!**

He's influenced various genres of Punjabi music, including Bhangra, Folk, Romantic, Pop, and Sikh.

The new Punjabi music video for Punjab Wargi by Bawa garnered **2.8 million views on YouTube** days after its release.

Bawa is very popular worldwide!



On August 12, **Joel Sebag** and **The Pinoy Superstars** made our thriving Filipino-American community proud with a memorable performance in Federal Way!

The Pinoy Superstars, including the young rising star **Peter Rosalita**, were featured on the popular TV show "America's Got Talent." Rosalita received a standing ovation from the audience and judges in front of millions of viewers on NBC!

Rosalita also made everyone stand up and take notice at the PAEC with his stunning vocals and stage presence over the weekend!

COUNCIL'S CORNER



This week's council happenings:

- Public Briefing: Tax Increment Area at City Hall, **August 15 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Movies at the Park featuring Lyle, Lyle Crocodile at Town Square Park, **August 19 at 8:45 p.m.**

A friendly reminder that our next **City Council Meeting** is on **September 5 at 6:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PARKS AND RECREATION



On August 9, our Federal Way community was on hand to watch the **Steel Lake Park** scenery while enjoying free live music.

The band **One Drop** performed exceptionally well and provided a fantastic evening of entertainment for everyone in attendance!



Federal Way's Special Olympics team competed in the Summer Northwest Regional Tournament this past weekend, competing in softball, Bocce, and golf!

Many athletes took home gold, silver, and bronze medals in various divisions.



The Federal Way Thunder softball team went undefeated in its division, taking home the gold! Between Bocce and golf, there were five gold medalists, two silver medalists, and one bronze.

Congratulations to all athletes who played with great effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm!



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