

CITYWIDE NEWS

RED WHITE & BLUES FESTIVAL

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

★ 4 – 5:30 PM	Zydeco Lowdown	★ FREE ADMISSION!	★ Interactive Arts
★ 6 – 7 PM	Mr. Pink		★ Family Games
★ 7 – 7:10 PM	Mayor's Address	★ Inflatables	★ Free parking
★ 7:15 – 7:30 PM	Kid's Parade		
★ 7:30 – 8:30 PM	Brickhouse		
★ 9 – 10 PM	Spike & The Impalers	Event starts at 4:00 pm	
★ 6 – 10 PM	Alex Zerbe (Emcee)	Fireworks Display at 10:15 pm	
★ 10:15 PM	Fireworks Display	At Celebration Park	
		1095 S. 324th St., Federal Way	

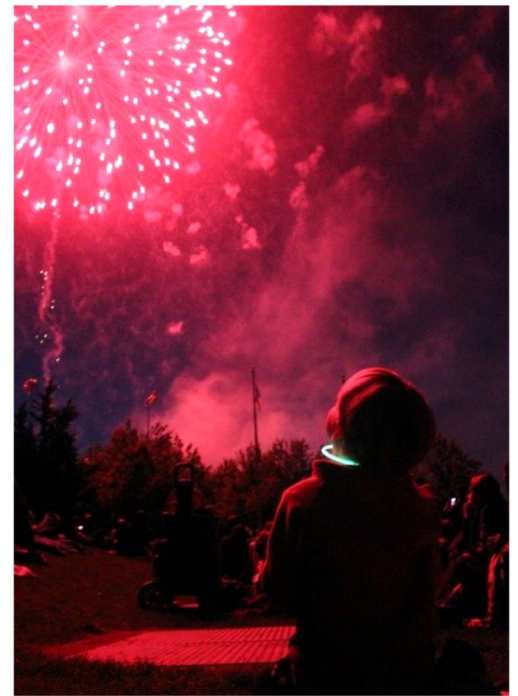
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THE STAGE IS ALMOST SET!

We look forward to seeing you at our **28th annual Red, White & Blues Festival at Celebration Park on July 4!**

Spike & The Impalers are the headliners for the concert beginning at **4 p.m.** before our fireworks show at **10:15 p.m.**

The kids will enjoy activities, and you will have many food options at this free event tomorrow. From all of us at the City, we hope you have a safe Fourth of July!



THE DEMOLITION OF FORMER TARGET BUILDING BEGINS THIS MONTH



Attention Federal Way residents—we're making progress! **The demolition of the former Target building downtown will start on July 17.** The process will be carried out methodically without using a wrecking ball. We expect the destruction will wrap up before the end of summer.

"We're incredibly excited about this new chapter in Federal Way. The Town Center 3 (TC 3) Redevelopment Plan aims to create a vibrant, diverse mixed-use building with top-notch dining options, entertainment, and residential living space," **Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell said.**

COUNCIL'S CORNER



During a Special Meeting on June 26, Paul McDaniel took his oath of office. The Council Meeting on July 5 at 6:30 p.m. will include a ceremonial swearing-in and reception to celebrate this event.

The Council appoints a new Councilmember!

Following the abrupt exit of former Councilmember Erica Norton at the May 16 Council Meeting, **the Council has been searching for a new member to finish her term until December 31, 2025.**

The search brought in 19 applicants; 18 qualified to move on to the next round, seven interviewees were selected, and ultimately an appointment for **Councilmember Paul McDaniel to Council Position 2.**

Councilmember McDaniel is a military veteran and a small business owner who works in the technology and consulting industries. He has been a resident of Federal Way for 30 years and **graduated from Federal Way High School in 1996.** Councilmember McDaniel's top priority for Federal Way is ensuring safety in the City. He is committed to addressing community concerns through laws and policies.

"I want to make sure our community is safe for our families. I'm excited to be able to represent my community," said McDaniel. "I'll do the best job possible for the families of this community."

COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT ON JULY 15



Join us at the **Starbucks, located at 1301 S 320th Street in Federal Way, on July 15 from 11-1 p.m.** for a meet and greet with the **Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS)** and members of our **City Council.**

We value your feedback and look forward to fostering meaningful connections and conversations within our community.

The City recognizes the importance of community collaboration as it enables us to understand your top priorities better.

See you soon!



This week's Council happenings:

- City Hall closed in observance of Independence Day, **July 4 (City Hall reopens on July 5)**
- Red, White & Blues Festival at Celebration Park, **July 4 from 4-10:30 pm.**
- City Council Special Meeting at City Hall, **July 5 at 5:30 p.m.**
- City Council Regular Meeting at City Hall, **July 5 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Arts Commission Regular Meeting at the Community Center, **July 6 at 9 a.m.**

SHIFTING GEARS INTO THE SUMMER: ADVANTAGES OF BIKE PATROL OFFICERS

The Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) is pleased to announce we are adding more officers to **bicycle patrols this summer**. These patrols will focus on the downtown area, including the spaces between 312th Street to 324th Street and I-5 to 11th Avenue.



We aim to enhance community members' safety and quality of life by providing highly-visible patrols and engaging with people more personally.

Our officers can connect with business owners, employees, customers, shoppers, residents, and those visiting our fine parks and Performing Arts and Event Center (PAEC).

Bicycles give our officers significant advantages in terms of mobility and accessibility. They enable officers to maneuver through congested areas, alleys, trails, parks, and other sites that are difficult to reach compared to patrol cars. Our bikes are considered patrol vehicles; officers often ride them to community meetings, shopping areas, and special events.

To become a bicycle officer with FWPD, officers must complete a challenging 40-hour course that covers maintenance, safety practices, off-road and on-road riding, and tests – both *written* and *skills* testing! If being a bicycle-certified police officer is something that interests you, learn more by going to [Federal Way Police Recruiting](#) or by sending an email to recruit@cityoffederalway.com.

Our FWPD officers are looking forward to engaging with community members and are happy to answer any questions you might have.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING AND CRISIS RESOURCES

The City and **Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care** have joined forces to raise awareness about the significance of mental health. **This free program is available to all King County residents and workers**, including self-directed pre-work through an online portal.

To participate in the upcoming **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** training, please [click here](#) to register.

A comprehensive list of crisis resources for veterans, youth, LGBTQ+, first responders, and other groups is [accessible here](#). If you are a City employee who suspects a colleague experiencing mental health or substance abuse issues, **please contact our human resources department**.

VALLEY | CITIES
Behavioral Health Care

We would like to recognize **Vanessa Audett, our HR Director**, for accomplishing the coursework and obtaining certification in MHFA.

KEVIN PELLEY PROVIDES CRISIS AND EMERGENCY TRAINING AT CITY HALL

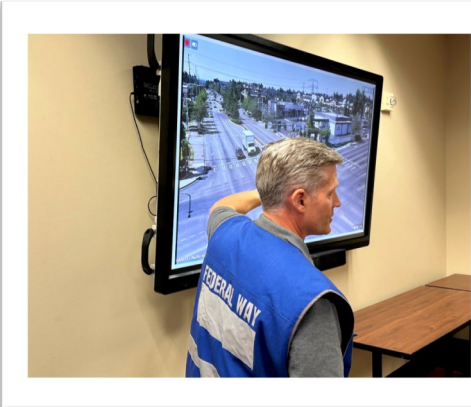


The City thanks **Kevin Pelley, Emergency Manager**, for organizing and leading Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sessions on **June 28 and 29**.

The Greater Federal Way Emergency Management Program (GFWEMP) held monthly training from 9–10:30 a.m. in the Patrick Maher room at City Hall. The GFWEMP conducted an exercise to respond to an alert and activate the EOC to a **Level 1 Full Activation** event. 21 members of the EOC from our City, **South King Fire & Rescue (SKFR)**, and **Lakehaven Water and Sewer District** participated.

Here is the scenario: a commercial airliner had a dual engine failure during takeoff from **Sea-Tac International Airport**. It crashed close to the intersection of Pacific Highway and 320th St. The members were responsible for activating the EOC, contacting the Incident Command Post at the crash scene, and creating an Incident Brief based on FEMA's Incident Command System (ICS).

Team members were assigned tasks to set up the room, turn on the big screen TVs and display views from city cameras near the crash site, monitor TV news reports, and collaborate on compiling the Incident Brief. After completing the training, we held a review session to discuss our actions, their acquired knowledge, and the adjustments we will make for future implementations.



One item we identified was the ability of our partner agencies to connect to the secure Federal Way City Hall Wi-Fi and share information. Our IT department developed a plan to ensure they are connected. **In preparation for our annual Red, White & Blues festival at Celebration Park, we will activate the EOC in a Level 3 Warm Start on July 4 from 3-5 p.m.** We will leave the EOC unoccupied but set up and ready to support if there is an emergency during our Fourth of July event.

The EOC can be activated in three levels:

Level 1: Full Activation. The EOC is activated at Level 1 to respond to major emergencies or disasters. All sections are fully staffed to facilitate planning, communications, and resources and to make recommendations to the Policy Group. Major events requiring Level 1 EOC activation will likely continue beyond one operational period requiring planning and personnel for a second or third shift.

Level 2: Partial Activation. The Partial Activation of the EOC occurs when an event or incident exceeds the resources of responding agencies and departments or to facilitate the coordination of resources, communications, and planning between agencies, departments, and policymakers. A Level 2 activation will be tailored to the event, only recalling the staff required to manage the event.

Level 3: Warm Start. The EOC may be activated at level 3 in anticipation of an incident that could cause disruption and overwhelm agencies or departments. Examples include predicting a severe winter storm, planned protest, or another event that is anticipated not to exceed available services. Level 3 activation prepares the EOC, setting up tables, chairs, computers, telephones, and graphic aids. The EOC Manager and select staff monitor events, establish communications, gather situational awareness, and evaluate required and available resources.



FEDERAL WAY WM RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT

As we prepare for **Independence Day**, it's important to remember that certain items we typically use during **Fourth of July celebrations are not recyclable.**

Here is the list:

- Metal/foil food trays
- Plastic drink cups
- Fireworks
- Plastic plates and utensils
- Used napkins/paper towels.

We encourage you to use compostable or reusable food ware this year. **Let's all do our part to reduce waste!**



WM **RECYCLING
COLLECTION EVENT**
SATURDAY, JULY 8
9 AM - 3 PM

SOUTH KING TOOL LIBRARY
1700 SOUTH 340TH STREET
FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003

PLEASE ENTER FROM
S. 340TH STREET
NORTHBOUND PACIFIC HWY

**FREE! PAPER SHREDDING EVENT,
DROP OFF TEXTILES AND APPLIANCES
OPEN TO ALL FEDERAL WAY RESIDENTS**



On July 8, Federal Way residents can access free recycling services for textiles, household appliances, and batteries at **the South King Tool Library from 9-3 p.m. at the address above.**

Additionally, a confidential document shredding and tool donation program will be available.

For more information, please visit this website:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/266432652597641/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Given some restructuring and the decision to close the Permit Center on Wednesdays, the system is now more effective at keeping permits moving quickly. As of this week, the backlog of the Permit Center responding to permit applicants has gone from six days to less than 24 hours. The department's goal is for the backlog to be less than two days. The planning staff is currently organizing an open house to discuss the recent code changes for Accessory Dwelling Units, and they invite interested property owners and individuals to participate.

PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES



Community Recreation:

Last week, we kicked off our 10-week summer camp, "Jumped into Summer," with a field trip to Town Square Park! We have 168 kids in camp this week who have climbed to new heights on the rock wall, swam in the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) pool, and participated in various name games and icebreaker activities to get to know each other. Pacific Northwest Soccer Club and our Parks & Recreation department hosted a free youth soccer camp at Celebration Park. We had over 125 kids ages 5 -12 registered.

Arts & Special Events:

Sylvan Learning recently held its first STEM camp at Dumas Bay Centre for 17 children. The Recreation Department also organized an art camp for children aged 5-8, with 10 participants. The Recreation Staff led the activities, which included two daily take-home art projects.

Inclusive Recreation:

Our annual "Friendship Theatre" performance occurred on June 22-25 at the Knutzen Family Theatre. We averaged over 150 in attendance for our performance of Bugsy Malone Jr., with Sunday being a sold-out show.

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EVENTS AT THE PAEC!



Acts on Stage rented the PAEC on **June 23** and presented a play called **Pipeline**, where 200 people were on hand for the show. The play centered around a family's education struggles — particularly the school -to-prison pipeline.

The family works together to build each other up with love and support while dismantling structures meant to hold marginalized individuals down.

The play was well received, and the production company was grateful, as they usually perform in much smaller spaces.

There's a chance they'll be back at the PAEC one of these days!



On June 28, the PAEC welcomed the **Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce** to its theater. This time they had a happy hour mingling event versus their standard luncheon.

Becca Martin and the Chamber of Commerce team had a great turnout!

The employees at the PAEC, known for being super creative, tried something new by setting up the event on the Stage!

The Stage was set up like a lounge, including cocktail tables, a bar, benches, a food line, and even a couch. It elicited incredibly positive responses. People were excited by the unique vibe and concept!

The event was a great networking opportunity, as attendees were able to make valuable connections for printing and potential future event space rentals.



As we approach Independence Day, the **PAEC** will have a tent and table at our **28th annual Red, White & Blues Festival!** At the table, look out for fun giveaways. For those new to Federal Way, the PAEC will share information regarding its venue and event-related details. We look forward to seeing you and our friends from the PAEC on **July 4 at Celebration Park!**

