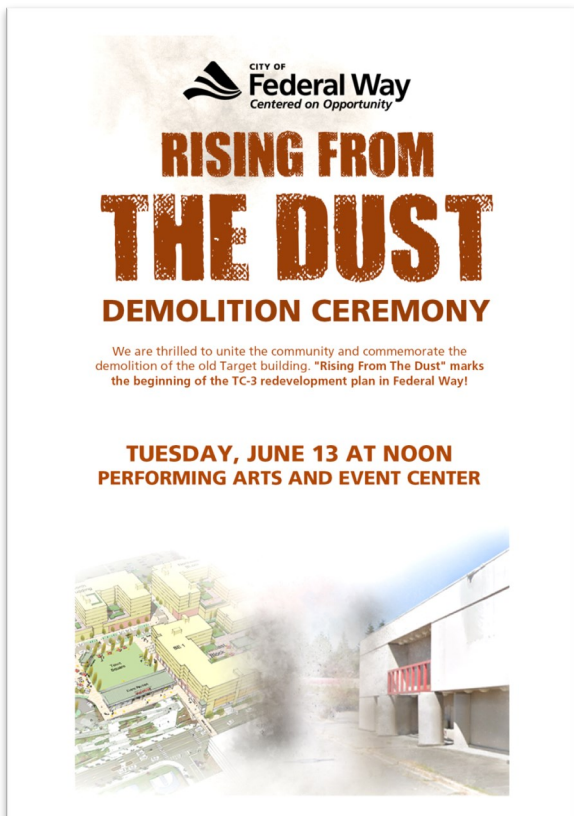


CITYWIDE NEWS

THE “RISING FROM THE DUST” DEMOLITION CEREMONY



Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell has invited staff and local community partners to gather at the Performing Arts and Event Center (PAEC) on Tuesday, June 13, at noon to celebrate a momentous occasion: the Target building demolition.

This community event marks the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter in our City's journey as we pivot from a past of single-story retail buildings to a more vibrant future.

The TC-3 development signifies growth and progress and catalyzes a transforming and revitalizing Downtown Federal Way.

“The redevelopment of this property is a major step in achieving the vision for a downtown destination, the dynamic central gathering place bringing together residents, employment opportunity, entertainment, the arts, and so much more will be the first of its kind in Federal Way,” said Chaney Skadsen, Senior Planner, and organizer for this Rising From The Dust event. “This urban style development will set the bar for future growth in downtown.”

“This event represents a new beginning and significant private investment in downtown Federal Way,” said Ferrell. “The City purchased the site in November 2014, and now, after extensive work, we can’t wait to kick off this important and pivotal ceremony for the future of our community.”

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- The event features speeches by the Mayor, Council members, staff, and the developer of One Trent.
- Explore the redevelopment plans for TC-3 through interactive displays.
- Experience entertainment with a photo booth that features a demolition theme and participates in a community art project.
- You can interact with local government representatives, community members, and businesses in your area.
- The PAEC will generously provide refreshments.

BACKGROUND

Over the last year and a half, **Keith Niven, Community Development Director**, has led the charge to bring real change to the City-owned property Downtown, from developing a preferred land plan and finding the right developer to bring the vision to life.

Negotiations are currently underway with One Trent to develop the TC-3 property owned by the City. The aim is to create a unique mixed-use and community-focused area that does not exist in the City.

The Advisory Group will meet with Niven to provide suggestions on community space-related needs and make a recommendation regarding City Hall's location in Downtown Federal Way.

DICK'S DRIVE-IN FOOD TRUCK ROLLS INTO FEDERAL WAY



Great news, Federal Way!

The President of *Dick's Drive-In*, Jasmine Donovan, and her team arrived at City Hall last week with their food truck to celebrate the opening of their new support depot in our community.

“Adding the *Dick's Drive-In* support center in our community is huge,” said Ferrell. “*Dick's Drive-In* has been a staple in Seattle since the 1950s.

“Our community looks forward to having its own *Dick's Drive-In* on The Commons property this summer. We are thrilled to see *Dick's Drive-In* making a positive impact by creating employment opportunities for the residents of Federal Way.”

Thanks to everyone who stopped by and supported this fun event with us!

PRIDE MONTH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY



Community members gathered last week at City Hall for the **fourth annual Pride Month Flag Raising**.

The attendees received a warm welcome from Mayor Ferrell, who proudly proclaimed June 2023 Pride Month in the City of Federal Way.

“We continue our efforts in Federal Way to build a more inclusive community,” said Ferrell. “The June 1 event and, later this month, our Juneteenth Flag raising celebrate the diversity of our community—these events promote equality. They’re more than just symbols. Collectively, they confirm our commitment to action and to change.”

Thanks to Council President Linda Kochmar, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, Council Member Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Allison Fine, the founder of Federal Way PRIDE, State Rep. Kristine Reeves (D), State Sen. Claire Wilson (D), and everyone who attended.

Kudos to our **Policy Advisor, Bill Vadino**, for organizing this event!

Pride Month spans the month of June each year. Pride celebrations – including parades, festivals, parties, and picnics – are held throughout the month in different cities across the United States of America.

Pride Month **commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York and celebrates the LGBTQ community and the fight for equal rights.**



FEDERAL WAY POLICE COMMUNITY SURVEY

As part of our accreditation process, the **Federal Way Police Department** is conducting a community survey, and we encourage you to get involved.

We're looking for input from residents, business owners, and anyone who has interacted with our agency, including those who work in Federal Way. Our goal is to gather feedback that will help us improve the quality of life in Federal Way and to measure how effective our agency is within the community.

The survey is open through August 18, so act fast!

You can access it through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SL9DT89>

FIRST ANNUAL ARTS EXPLOSION WAS A SUCCESS!



The Federal Way Performing Arts Center (PAEC) held its first annual Arts Explosion Festival on June 3 and 4!

The festival and juried art contest were made possible by the **Federal Way Performing Arts Foundation and the City of Federal Way Arts Commission.**

“What an honor to be part of the inaugural Arts Explosion held at the PAEC and present awards to the talented artists on Friday night,” said Ferrell.

The City thanks Karen Brugato, Vice Chair of the Federal Way Arts Commission, for inviting our Mayor.

Congratulations to the award-winning artists whose work made everyone stand up and take notice!



CATCHING UP WITH THE MARINERS' JERRY DIPOTO!



The City of Federal Way thanks King County Council member Pete von Reichbauer for organizing a fantastic event at the Emerald Downs Racetrack on June 3 to raise funds for student-athletes and sports programs in South King County.

Jerry Dipoto, President of Baseball Operations for the Mariners, gave inspiring words and spoke to a packed crowd ready to support youth sports.

“Our City was thrilled to be a sponsor for this event and support our local student-athletes,” said Ferrell.

Our community looks forward to attending the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star game on July 11 at T-Mobile Park, marking the first Midsummer Classic in Seattle since 2001!



OUR AWARD-WINNING FINANCE TEAM RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS HONOR



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The City of Federal Way's financial department has received recognition from the **Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)** for our recent Budgeting and Financial Reporting reports.

"GFOA is the gold standard of government finance policy, best practices, award criteria, and has a reputation for the go-to organization for authoritative resources," said **Finance Director Steve Groom**.

Passing the highest level of scrutiny matters to our citizens, elected officials with fiscal oversight, and the investors and creditors in the municipal market. Every day, all year long, the Finance team members put in their effort to ensure the highest quality of budgeting and financial reporting.

What's the difference between a Budget and an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)?

Liz Farmer, the regular contributor on fiscal policy work in Governing Magazine, Forbes, and other publications, says, "The ACFR is the full body scan, physical, and medical history, while the budget is the diet and exercise plan you come up with after."

The City of Federal Way is committed to adopting balanced budgets and following up with audited financials, demonstrating our accountability and transparency.

Congratulations to our award-winning financial team!

COUNCIL'S CORNER



As a strong Mayor form of government, the City Council serves as the City's legislative body. Therefore, it is essential to acknowledge that the Council holds the authority to establish and execute City policies, and the Mayor ensures their successful implementation.

This month, we are spotlighting Council President Linda Kochmar.

- **What made you want to get involved in City government?** *I wanted to help make the City a place we are proud to call home. My college professors, many years ago, encouraged us to get involved and become leaders in our communities.*
- **What is the most rewarding part of being part of the City government?** *Helping others.*
- **What have you enjoyed most about being Council President?** *The role of Council President is difficult and entails many meetings. However, it is very rewarding to see positive outcomes from the Council as a whole.*

- **What is your vision for Federal Way's future?** *That the drug-addicted homeless are helped and that our crime issues have been resolved.*
- **What projects are you currently focused on?** *Public safety for homes and businesses, developing the "downtown" into a vibrant area to live and work, and attracting corporations with living wage jobs to our community.*
- **What makes Federal Way so special?** *The people are what makes Federal Way special!*
- **Where is your favorite place to go in Federal Way?** *My favorite place to eat is Tokyo Steak House, and my favorite place to walk is the Redondo Boardwalk.*
- **Which City park is your favorite?** *West Hylebos Wetlands Park*

This week's Council Happenings:

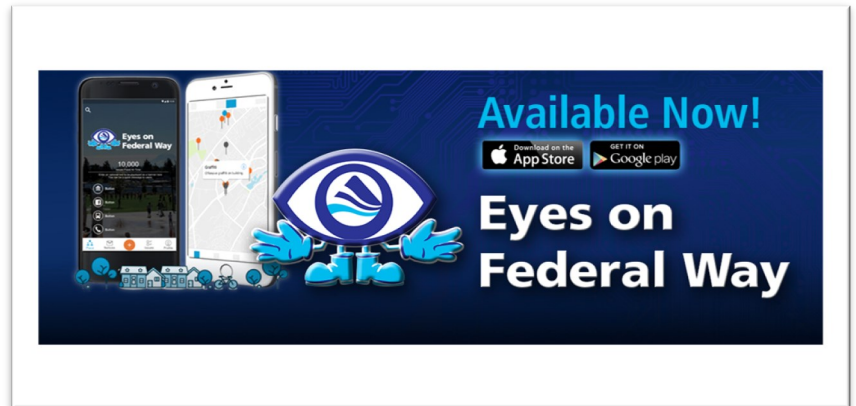
- Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting at City Hall, **June 5 at 5 p.m.**
- City Council Special Meeting at City Hall, **June 6 at 5 p.m.**
- City Council Regular Meeting at City Hall, **June 6 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall, **June 7 at 6 p.m.**
- Diversity Commission Meeting at City Hall, **June 8 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Ribbon Cutting at Black Bear Diner, **June 9 at 1 p.m.**

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LOOK UP IN DOWNTOWN!



The **Public Works** crews are focused on getting flower baskets hung downtown, replacing flags, and completing a lot of mowing. If you see something in the City that needs addressing, the best way to let us know is through **Eyes on Federal Way**, which can be downloaded on your phone or accessed through the City website.



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS



Our Parks Maintenance staff has been cleaning the flag poles and putting up new flags along West Campus in preparation for Flag Day.

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to recognize the following maintenance employees listed below for their unyielding commitment to keeping our community and its residents safe:

- Joe Broughton
- Jesse Eisenbacher
- Hugo Lemus
- Carol Lum

On June 14, we celebrate Flag Day to honor the U.S. national flag's approval by Congress in 1777. The flag, once named "Old Glory," symbolizes the values and history of our nation.

You can proudly display the flag and other symbols outside your home to show your patriotism. So let's celebrate together in Federal Way!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The department is forwarding proposed zoning changes to the Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) on June 5.

These code amendments aim to protect views of Mount Rainier from the Performing Arts and Event Center (PAEC). LUTC will also receive a presentation on code revisions for Accessory Dwelling Units. The City Council will consider proposed code revisions on June 6, which include the creation of the Park Impact Fee and improving housing production.

On June 7, the Planning Commission will be considering proposed code amendments relating to the required amount of open space for new development, and they will receive a presentation on the work done by the Cascadia Consulting Group on the Comprehensive Plan Chapter relating to Climate and Resiliency.

Community outreach for the **Comprehensive Plan continued over the weekend at the Federal Way Farmers Market**. Code Compliance is beginning to roll out a proactive form of Compliance Citywide. In addition, CD staff went above and beyond to get Black Bear Diner permits/inspections and occupancies and are working collaboratively with Smith Brothers toward temporary occupancy for their distribution facility.

The ARPA Social Services grant application closed on May 31, 2023, receiving far more requests than available funds. It highlights the community's need and the nonprofits' readiness to respond and expand services. The funds made available through the City will address the widespread impact of COVID with particular recognition of the increased and disparate impact on communities of color and low-income households. This specific grant application will address housing stability and youth programming. Additional funds for financial literacy and workforce development will be available shortly.

Levi Luft (they/them, [why pronouns matter](#)) **joined the City as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Analyst on June 1.** We are excited to welcome Levi to the team. Levi will be working on a large body of work with access, inclusion, diversity, and equity. It will include Title VI work, a language access plan, and the Diversity Commission.

WE'RE HIRING!



Do you have mechanic skills or know someone who does?

The City of Federal Way is recruiting Fleet Maintenance workers!

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