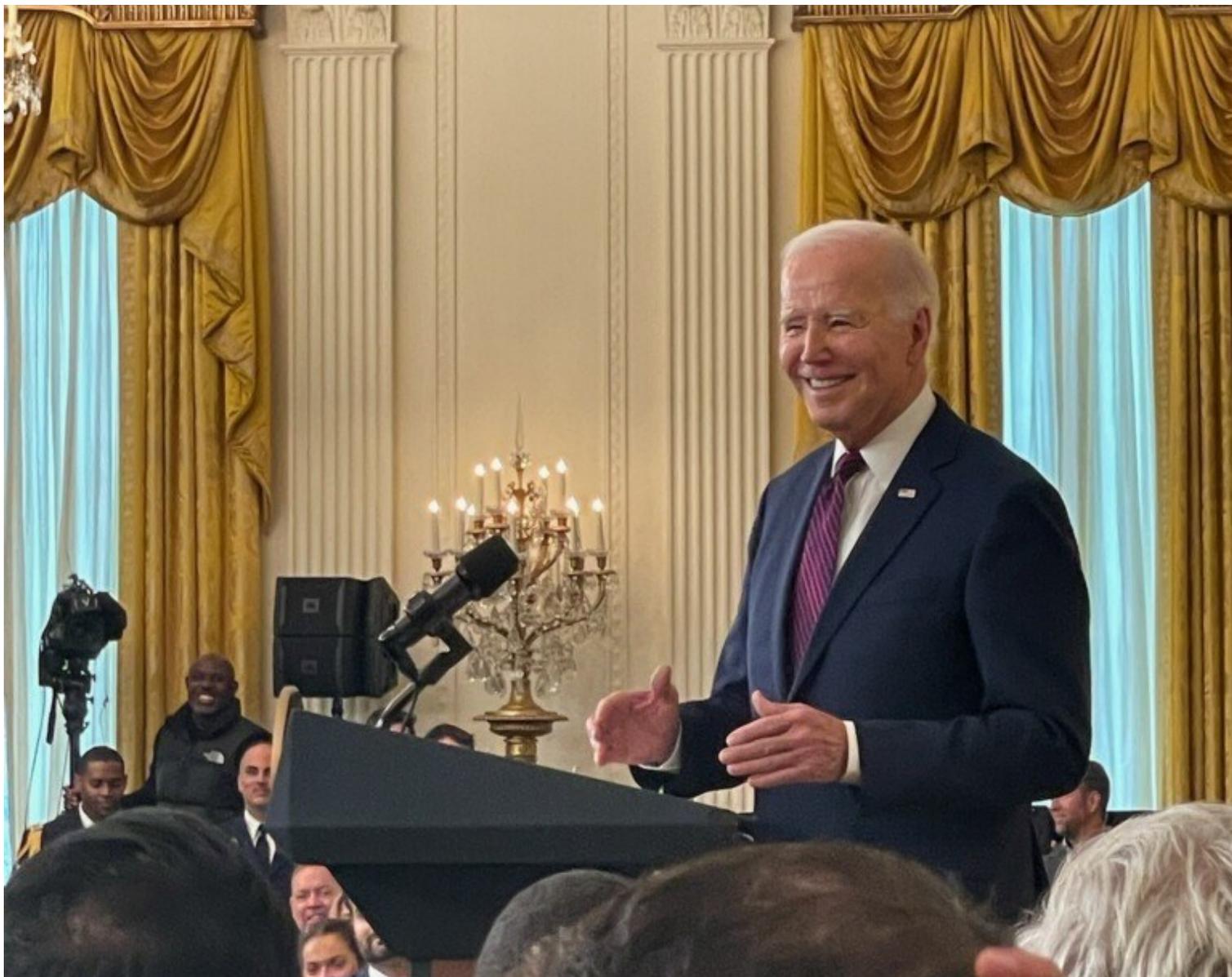


# CITYWIDE NEWS

## JIM FERRELL VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS



***On January 19, Jim Ferrell and other Mayors met with President Biden at the White House during the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 92nd Winter Meeting. The conference is a nonpartisan forum that allows the Mayors to engage directly with President Biden and Congress on the most pressing issues in our nation's capital. Mayor Ferrell reviewed legislative priorities for the remainder of the 118th Congress.***



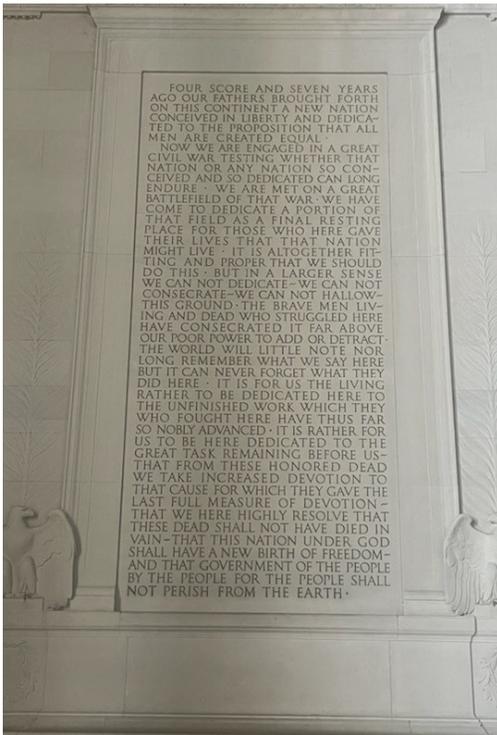
THE UNITED STATES  
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

# CITYWIDE NEWS

## THE MAYOR'S PHOTO GALLERY FROM WASHINGTON, DC!

On January 19, Mayor Ferrell had the opportunity to do some sightseeing while attending the United States Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC. During his visit, the Mayor had an awe-inspiring experience as he stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, with snowflakes falling around him.

"It reminded me of the greatness of our nation, and I feel proud to call this country my home," said Ferrell.



# CITYWIDE NEWS

## DECORATED FWPD VETERAN RECEIVES PROMOTION; POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES FOUR NEW OFFICERS



*Welcome To Federal Way! The swearing-in of four new police officers took place during the City Council meeting on January 16. From left to right, the newly appointed officers are Kyra Webber, Noah Franquez, Jacob Stark, and Noah Miller. Mayor Jim Ferrell administered the Oath of Office to them.*



*The Promotion! The City of Federal Way congratulates Bryan Klingele on his promotion from Lieutenant to Commander during the City Council meeting on January 16. Mayor Ferrell administered the Oath of Office to Commander Klingele.*



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: FWPD WELCOMES DEANNA PATTERSON TO ITS TEAM!



***Welcome to Federal Way! Deanna Patterson, pictured with FWPD Chief Andy Hwang, brings a wealth of law enforcement experience to her new role.***

Dear Federal Way Community,

My name is Deanna Patterson, and I am the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police at the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD). I started with FWPD on November 1st, 2023. Prior to joining FWPD, I spent 12 years at the Snoqualmie Police Department and 10 years at the Washington State Patrol as a dispatcher and Secretary Supervisor.

In my role, I am responsible for managing schedules, handling various correspondence with the officers, coordinating projects, assisting in the preparation of budgets, communicating with internal and external stakeholders, maintaining confidentiality, and supporting various administrative tasks to ensure our department operates smoothly.

The most thrilling aspects of my role are twofold. Firstly, the ever-changing, bustling environment keeps each day dynamic and different. Additionally, the people I work with—this law enforcement family—demonstrate support, professionalism, and warmth. Despite being relatively new, I have experienced an environment filled with energy, positivity, and kindness. In a field where days can be challenging, being part of such a supportive team is invaluable; here, they consider each other family, ready to lean on one another when needed.

The pride in working for the City of Federal Way is evident.

After attending my first all-city staff meeting, I was pleasantly surprised to witness individual employee recognition. I found this gesture deeply rewarding. It's these acknowledgments that make my job feel even more fulfilling.

I also participated in the Department's Shop with a Cop this year. These opportunities are a way to give back and cherish the positive interactions between law enforcement and the community.

Outside of work, I am a devoted mother. Although my children are adults, I love spending time with them. I also find relaxation in hobbies like singing, playing the piano, and exploring the great outdoors through hiking. The picture featured is from the Burroughs Mountain 3 at the base of Mt. Rainier. It's my best hike so far!

I am so excited to be working with you all.

Sincerely,  
Deanna Patterson



# CITYWIDE NEWS

**PUBLIC WORKS IS WORKING HARD TO KEEP YOU SAFE!**



Our Public Works Department has made tremendous efforts to prepare for any potential snow or ice in Federal Way. They are standing by with snow plows and mountains of salt for the unpredictable weather we have experienced in our community.

We appreciate their hard work in keeping the residents safe!



**DOWNLOAD THE  
FREE 'EYES ON  
FEDERAL WAY' APP!**

If you see an issue caused by the weather, you can report it using the free "Eyes on Federal Way" app from the App Store or Google Play at your earliest convenience.

This app allows you to report non-emergency issues such as shopping carts blocking sidewalks, road potholes, or street litter. We appreciate your collaboration in helping us maintain a clean and safe community in Federal Way!



## FROZEN MOMENTS IN FEDERAL WAY



We get it — it's freezing outside!

Did you see the frozen fountain at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC)?

It's an icy wonder and reflects how chilly it has been in our community.

Remember to bundle up, stay warm, and stay safe outside.

For those who don't have a warm place to go during the day, Mayor Ferrell wants to remind you the FWCC at 876 S. 333rd Street will serve as a warming shelter for Federal Way residents during this cold weather.

The warming shelter is free, but access to workout equipment and other amenities at the FWCC requires a separate purchase.

Pets are not allowed at the FWCC.

Federal Way  
**COMMUNITY  
CENTER**  
*It all happens here*



## COUNCIL'S CORNER

LEADING  
THROUGH  
SERVICE



Established in 1955, the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way has lived its mission of *“Improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”*

This is their driving force, their beacon, as they map out ways to serve throughout the year. Throughout the year, fundraising opportunities to aid in student scholarships, volunteering in the community, recognizing good citizenship through the Terrific Kids program at the local elementary schools, mentoring young leaders in the local high schools through Key Club, and community partnerships make Kiwanis a club that knows how to make an impact.



At their weekly lunch meetings (held at Puerto Vallarta Twin Lakes on Wednesdays), they stay connected to their club as well as community partners that include Federal Way Cares for Kids, Boy Scouts & Cub Scout Troops 307, Federal Way Community Caregiving Network, Bridging a Gap, Centerstage Theatre, Federal Way Public Schools, FUSION, and the Multi-Service Center (MSC) Foodbank, through speaking and presenting opportunities. This is a forum for the community partners to share their needs with a club-ready and willing to assist and share the wins along the way.

Joining Kiwanis is simple and adds numbers to their impact on the community through new memberships. This also allows a citizen to serve local children and families in various ways monthly. As member Melissa Hamilton said, *“We are just ordinary people working together to fulfill our mission of improving the world one child and one community at a time. The most important requirement for our members is a heart for kids and a heart for service.”*



The Kiwanis Club of Federal Way is just one branch in an organization that is global and encompasses all ages through K Kids (Elementary School), Builders Clubs (Middle School), Key Clubs (High School), and Circle K Clubs (Colleges/Universities) with over 600,000 members worldwide. In Federal Way, Key Clubs are present at all four high schools.

*“Our Kiwanis Club accepts members as young as 18 years old all the way to 110 years old! We value and include all generations of community leaders,”* said Hamilton.

**Final Parting Words:** *“It’s been an honor to serve the Federal Way community for over 68 years. Helen Keller famously said, ‘Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.’ We are always ready to welcome new members who want to see children in the community thrive, prosper, and grow,”* said Hamilton.

Information about the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way can be found at [www.federalwaykiwanis.com](http://www.federalwaykiwanis.com), Facebook, and Instagram.

**COUNCIL'S CORNER**



**This week's Council happenings:**

- **Human Services Regular Meeting**, January 22 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Finance, Economic Development, & Regional Affairs Committee (FEDRAC) Regular Meeting**, January 23 at City Hall, 5 p.m.

**Planning Ahead:**

- **City Council Retreat**, February 3 at Dumas Bay Centre, 8 a.m.
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, February 6 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **City Hall Closure for President's Day**, February 19. **(Reopening February 20)**
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, February 20 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.



***Top Left:** The second iteration of the Community Flame in January 2006 during the MLK Senior High Summit at the LaQuinta Inn. Photo courtesy of Ron Walker.*

***Bottom Left:** The 2024 iteration of the Community Flame. Photo courtesy of David Solano.*

***Right:** Federal Way's Evan Cook assists Council President Kochmar in lighting the Community Flame on January 15, 2024 — photo courtesy of David Solano.*

On January 15, the Diversity Commission presented the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC). One portion of the presentation included the lighting of the Community Flame.

A candlelight ceremony inspired the Community Flame in 1999. Throughout the last 25 years, there have been five iterations of this flame representing community and building a great place to live, learn, work, worship, and play.

This year, representing **Live** was Senior Advisory Commissioner Frank Fields, a Federal Way resident for 41 years.

Representing **Learn** was retired Federal Way High School English Teacher Pam Ashe, who taught for 50 years, including 31 years dedicated to educating the students of Federal Way.

Representing **Work** was Katie Krause, a Chamber of Commerce member who has worked within Federal Way primarily for 15 years. Pastor Gordon Banks from Overcomer Covenant Church represented **Worship**.

Representing **Play** was Evan Cook, a youth mentor, coach, and former Eastern Washington University football

player who has lived in Federal Way for 14 years. On behalf of the **City**, Council President Kochmar represented the government and citywide leadership.

This flame was lit as a reminder to continue cultivating community bridges, welcoming those new to the City, returning to the City, and celebrating the current residents of the City of Federal Way as a great place to live, learn, work, worship, and play.

**STOP STRESSING & START**  
*Winning*  
**WITH MONEY**

  
CITY OF  
Federal Way  
Centered on Opportunity

The City of Federal Way, in partnership with committed community volunteers, is sponsoring a FREE 9-week course teaching financial management skills for residents.

Located at the Federal Way Community Center  
Wednesdays, January 24th thru March 20th (9-weeks)  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
FREE to Federal Way residents  
Class Size: Limited to 40 participants  
Course Materials include a workbook and software to assist after course completion.

**Child Care Available!**  
Limited child care will be provided by the Community Center, up to age 8, first come first served.  
Children ages 9-12 are encouraged to attend with their parents.

 **RAMSEY**

Utilizing materials from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University and group discussion, topics include wisdom and common sense to help sharpen skills in budgeting, paying off debt, as well as increasing savings for emergencies, home ownership and education expenses. There will be a \$50 gift card to those who complete at least 7 of the 9 classes.

If you have questions, please call 253-835-2420

 Please register using the QR code or the Eventbrite link at [rb.gy/swqbrm](https://rb.gy/swqbrm)

The City of Federal Way, in partnership with committed community residents, is sponsoring a FREE course teaching beginning financial management skills.

This weekly course will take place on **Wednesday evenings from January 24 through March 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC).**

The course utilizes *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University* materials and group discussion.

The topics include wisdom and common sense to help sharpen skills in budgeting, paying off debt, increasing savings for emergencies, home ownership, and education expenses.

Each family will receive a workbook with financial planning software for post-course planning.

**Location:** Federal Way Community Center

**Dates:** January 24 through March 20, 2024

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Free to Federal Way residents

**Class Size:** Limited to 40 participants

**Registration:** Registration will be through the Evite website (below).

**Curriculum:** The course utilizes *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University* materials and group discussion.

**Child care:** Child care will be provided by the Federal Way Community Center for children up to age 8 years. A total of 20 children can be accommodated.

**Youth Attendance:** Children ages 9-12 are welcome to attend the class with their parents if they are interested. Otherwise a room will be provided for them where they can read or do homework. This room will be monitored by an adult volunteer who can assist with homework. Up to 30 youth can be accommodated.

**Course Completion Incentives:** There will be a \$50 gift card given to those who complete at least 7 of the 9 classes.

**Registration:** Please register using the QR code or the Eventbrite link at [rb.gy/swqbrm](https://rb.gy/swqbrm)

If you have questions, please call (253) 835-2420 or email [bill.vadino@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:bill.vadino@cityoffederalway.com)



# 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

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**





# Sweetheart Ball

**February 17**



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## UTILITY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

# \$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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](#)