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28TH ANNUAL RED, WHITE & BLUES FESTIVAL PHOTO GALLERY



It was great seeing you at our 28th annual Red, White, & Blues Festival at Celebration Park on the Fourth of July! We hope you enjoyed the epic concert and my fireworks music soundtrack (it's an annual tradition to select the music).

Thanks to our amazing Parks & Recreation team and the Federal Way Police Department for keeping everyone safe in our community. I appreciate Spike & The Impalers taking this picture with me before they performed on July 4!

- Mayor Jim Ferrell



FVPD OFFICERS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS; CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES MCDANIEL



Left to right: FVPD's Thaddeus Hodge, Hilary Mariani, Jae An, Ricardo Cuellar, and Eric Reyna were promoted in front of family and friends on July 5.

We congratulate the **Federal Way Police officers** who received promotions at our **City Council meeting on July 5**.

Chief Andy Hwang promoted **Lieutenant Thaddeus Hodge** to Commander and appointed **Jae An, Ricardo Cuellar, Hilary Mariani, and Eric Reyna** to Corporal.

"These individuals have constantly demonstrated strong work ethic and principal leadership," said Chief Hwang. "They embody the core values of our agency and are certainly deserving of this recognition."

The City praises these individuals for their outstanding service and dedication to ensuring the safety of our community.



Commander Thaddeus Hodge has over 26 years of law enforcement experience and joined our agency in 1997.



Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell administered the Oath of Office to the recently promoted officers on July 5.



City Council appointed Paul McDaniel as the newest member to fill the vacant Position 2 seat during a special meeting at the Council Chambers on June 26.

WELCOMING OUR NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

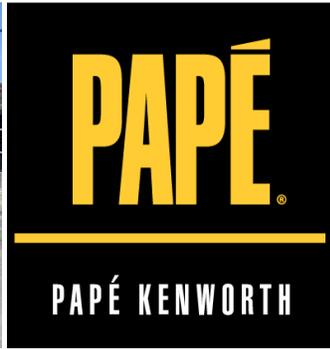
There was a memorable moment after **Federal Way Municipal Court Judge David Larson** ceremonially swore in newly appointed **Councilmember Paul McDaniel** during the City Council meeting on July 5.

"I did not know he applied for the City Council position until he texted Debbie, his aunt, to tell her that he got appointed, and that's when I found out. I'm Uncle Dave, and he's my nephew. I had nothing to do with this, so don't give me credit or don't give me blame," **Judge Larson said with a smile.**

Having fun with it, **Mayor Ferrell** said, "You're Uncle Dave to all of us, your honor."

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ANOTHER BUSINESS WILL SOON OPEN IN FEDERAL WAY!



The City is incredibly excited about **Papé Kenworth** opening its new facility, conveniently located near I-5 and South 320th Street, in 2024!

Mayor Ferrell said the construction site is impressive, and we're grateful to **Papé Kenworth** for allowing us to preview it.

As a community, we fully support and encourage the growth of local businesses and are thrilled to have this opportunity to welcome **Papé Kenworth** to Federal Way!

MAYOR'S MEMO, A MUST-READ IN THE FEDERAL WAY MIRROR

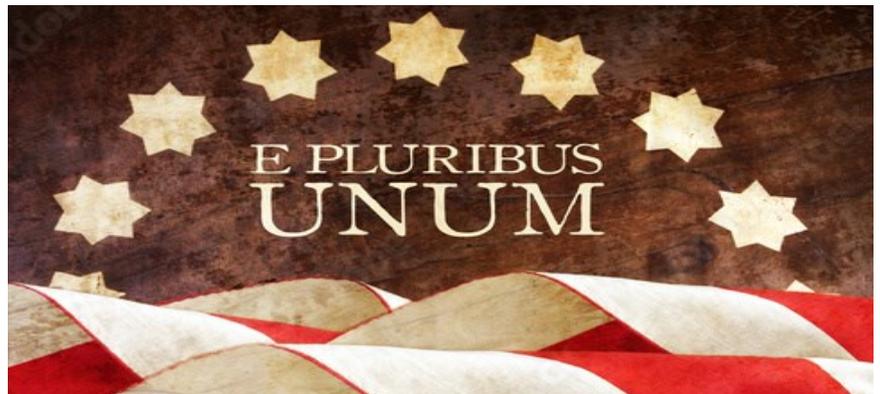


Mayor Ferrell recently returned from a family vacation in New York, where he took this fantastic picture of the **Statue of Liberty** – we framed it in his office at City Hall!

If you haven't already, we recommend looking at his **Mayor's Memo** about **E Pluribus Unum**, recently published in **The Federal Way Mirror**.

[Click here to read the article on page 3](#), which explores how **New York** and **Federal Way** share common traits as two of the most diverse cities in the United States.

It's an excellent read and good use of your time!



FYPD FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH KING COUNTY'S MOBILE CRISIS TEAM



The City is proud to announce our **Federal Way Police Department** has partnered with **King County's Mobile Crisis Team**, which provides in-person responses to anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

They will be stationed at the police department and work with our officers to assist individuals in crisis and help devise a solution to their situation.

Mobile Crisis teams will be dispatched from the police department to help people in need, resulting in a faster response and the necessary assistance to move forward.

The Mobile Crisis Team may assist individuals with getting into a safe and supportive space, provide them with resources for shelter, meals, or medical services, connect them with a mental health provider, supply donated clothing, refer them to services, and possibly arrange transportation to the **Crisis Solutions Center** or another service provider.

We are excited to team up with their Mobile Crisis Team and look forward to the resources they bring to help the citizens of Federal Way.



HR NEWS BULLETIN



Attention, Federal Way: the **WA Cares Contributions** have begun. The **WA Cares Fund** is a new program that gives working Washingtonians access to long-term care coverage when needed. Contributions to the program started **on July 1, 2023**, via payroll deduction.

Workers contribute 0.58% of each paycheck during their working years. To estimate your monthly and lifetime contribution, use the state's [contribution calculator](#).

To learn more about the **long-term care benefit available beginning July 2026**, please visit www.wacaresfund.wa.gov.



PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Children attending our **Fireflies Preschool camp** had a great time exploring the world of mixing colors at the **Federal Way Community Center**!

The kids experimented with new color combinations using food coloring and utilized their fine motor skills by playing with Play-Doh.

The week concluded with a refreshing water balloon activity to cool off — a fun and great way to beat the heat for everyone!

COUNCIL'S CORNER



This month, Council's Corner will be spotlighting Deputy Mayor Susan Honda.

- **What made you want to get involved in City government?** *I was very involved in the schools, serving on the School Leadership teams, district committees, PTSA at the local, district, state & national levels. As my kids graduated, I knew I needed to find other ways to serve the community. I was a member of the Arts and Diversity Commissions, then served as Chair of both of those Commissions. It helped me to decide that becoming a Council Member was the best next step in serving our City.*
- **What is the most rewarding part of being part of City government?** *Helping people. I talk to anyone and everyone. I say hello to those I pass on the street. I love to help people. It's why I always wanted to be a nurse from the age of 5.*
- **What have you enjoyed most about being Deputy Mayor?** *Having my fellow Council Members support me for Deputy Mayor and Council President is something I am very grateful for. I work hard to make sure that the Council is doing the best we can and getting the information that we need to make decisions.*
- **What is your vision for Federal Way's future?** *My vision for Federal Way is that we are a safe place for all people to call home; that everyone feels safe and welcome. I would love to see downtown developed, where new and old businesses thrive and grow and where families live and play.*
- **What projects are you currently focused on?** *Projects that I am working on include the Downtown Committee and how we can create the downtown people expect, building a playground and park that is inclusive for people all ages and abilities, working with the staff to find a solution to Campus Drive and the 50-flagpoles that line the street. Trees need to be trimmed so that these flags can fly freely. We also have a great program for families and individuals that qualify for the utility tax rebate program. Over the last several years less and less people have applied for this program, so we are strategizing why that has happened and help encourage more applicants. A top priority is public safety and working on the issues that are facing our City.*
- **What makes Federal Way so special?** *Federal Way is special because of the people! Even when someone is upset with something, they are usually willing to have a conversation about what the issues are. Our Service Clubs do so much for the City and the community; people in Federal Way are so willing to help others!*
- **Where is your favorite place to go in Federal Way?** *My favorite places to go in Federal Way are the Rhododendron Garden and the Bonsai Museum.*
- **Which city park is your favorite?** *Steel Lake Park. I grew up learning how to swim there and playing with friends. It is a source of great and happy memories!*



This week's Council happenings:

- Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting at City Hall, **July 10 at 5 p.m.**
- Parks, Recreation, Human Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting at City Hall, **July 11 at 5 p.m.**
- Senior Advisory Commission Meeting at City Hall, **July 12 at 2 p.m.**
- Diversity Commission Meeting at City Hall, **July 13 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Coffee Meet & Greet with Federal Way Public Schools Board of Directors & Council at Starbucks, **July 15 from 11-1 p.m. (The Starbucks is at 1301 S 320th St in Federal Way)**

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12TH ANNUAL MILES FOR MESO 5K RUN/WALK RECAP



Another headline on the Fourth of July: the **12th annual Miles for Meso 5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash** at our Federal Way Community Center (FWCC).

Mayor Ferrell attended the event, where runners and walkers supported the [Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation](#) and raised awareness about the rare cancer caused by asbestos. The City is proud to announce that the **\$12,500 raised from this event** will support research and care for Mesothelioma patients.

The City thanks everyone for participating in the Miles For Meso 5K Run/Walk!

The City thanks Leif Ellsworth, Community Center Manager, and our entire FWCC staff for organizing this event on July 4.



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ANNUAL NORTH LAKE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE RECAP



Councilmember Jack Walsh, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, and Council President Linda Kochmar prepare to walk the North Lake Parade route on July 4.

The City thanks **North Lake Improvement Club** for inviting us to its **annual July 4 parade and hot dog BBQ!** This parade has been a staple in Federal Way for over 65 years.

The starting point for the **North Lake Parade** was at the intersection of 336th and 33rd PI S, north of the Slavic Gospel Church in Federal Way, near the Weyerhaeuser area.

Mayor Ferrell and our **City Councilmembers** gave the kids — and adults — candy along the parade route!



THE PAEC UPDATES



We appreciate the **PAEC staff joining us at last week's 28th annual Red, White, & Blues Festival!** We hope you had a chance to stop by their vendor booth, which featured exciting giveaways and value-add information about the PAEC.

Attendees enjoyed spinning the wheel and winning PAEC tote bags, mugs, and snack/beverage vouchers.

The PAEC collected information for its ticket drawing and will announce winners soon on social media — stay tuned!



On July 5, the PAEC hosted the monthly **Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce** luncheon.

The Chamber invited **Julie Timm, the CEO of Sound Transit**, as its guest speaker. Timm delivered a comprehensive overview of what's happening at Sound Transit to enthusiastic attendees, including Mayor Ferrell.

The **PAEC** provides excellent food, warm hospitality, and friendly staff at every Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Thank you!



Toad The Wet Sprocket is heading to the **PAEC on July 13!**

The group peaked in popularity during the 1990s, but they've been writing and making music for over 30 years together.

Their album "Fear" went platinum in 1991, primarily because of the success and popularity of hit singles "All I Want" and "Walk on the Ocean."

If you're into '90s alternative rock, you'll want to be at the PAEC for this show!



The PAEC is thrilled to welcome **The Robert Cray Band on July 15!** Robert Cray is a local to our region, an absolute Blues legend, and a five-time Grammy winner.

Cray's producer describes his guitar playing as something "people gravitate to."

Here's your chance to see those guitar skills! We look forward to **The Robert Cray Band** visiting the PAEC. See you soon!

