

CITYWIDE NEWS

MAYOR FERRELL VISITS NHRA DRIVERS AND FOX SPORTS CREW AT PACIFIC RACEWAYS!



Ready for the TV camera! The Fox Sports reporter interviewed Mayor Ferrell at the NHRA Northwest Nationals held at Pacific Raceways.

Mayor Jim Ferrell took a trip to Kent on July 22 to visit Pacific Raceways, connect with the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) drivers, and was interviewed by Fox Sports during the Flav-R-Pac NHRA Northwest Nationals, which took place from July 21-23 in Kent!

Pacific Raceways was awarded a \$50,000 grant from our lodging tax fund to promote Federal Way as a top tourist destination. Pacific Raceways displayed Federal Way banners around its race track as part of a partnership agreement.

The marketing and promotions inspired racing enthusiasts to discover Federal Way's best-rated lodging options, award-winning restaurants, 32 parks, and diverse shopping destinations!



Left to right: Mayor Ferrell, Ben Ferrell, and three-time NHRA Funny Car champ Ron Capps at the 34th annual Flav-R-Pac NHRA Northwest Nationals on July 22.



Left to right: Mayor Ferrell, Ben Ferrell, and 16-time NHRA Funny Car champ John Force. Force, an NHRA legend, has a race-record nine wins at the Northwest Nationals (1991, 1993-94, 1996, 2000, 2003-04, 2014, and 2019).



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DRAG & DRIVE EVENT ROLLS INTO THE PAEC PARKING LOT



We want to thank our friends at the **PAEC** for their warm welcome during the **Drag & Drive** event on **July 20** before the **NHRA Northwest Nationals** at **Pacific Raceways**!

The drivers started at Pacific Raceways and drove through Kent Station, **making a pit stop in Federal Way** before reaching their final destination: the **NHRA Fan Fest** in Auburn.

Enjoy the photo gallery!



Pacific Raceways President Jason Fiorito showed Mayor Ferrell his 1968 SSRs Chevy Camaro, which has special meaning as it's the same car that belonged to his father and used to bring him home from the hospital when he was born in 1968. Fiorito shared with Mayor Ferrell, a fellow Washington Husky, that it took him 10 years to restore his "1st Ryd."



NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN DURING OUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meet the newest members of the **Federal Way Police Department!** The City congratulates **Joshua Jackman, Joshua Lee, Joshua Power, Adam Taylor, and Tiana Woo** for their recent swearing-in as the newest department officers on July 18.

“Most of these officers took approximately a year to get to where they are today, from applying to be a police officer to graduating from the five-month police academy,” said **FWPD Chief Andy Hwang**. “These officers are quality individuals, and they’re people of integrity. We’re fortunate to have them as part of our team and serving our community.”

During the City Council meeting, **Mayor Ferrell** said our City is on its way to achieving a record-high number of police officers. We have allocated a budget for 150 officers, and our goal is to fully staff the police department to ensure the safety and protection of our community.

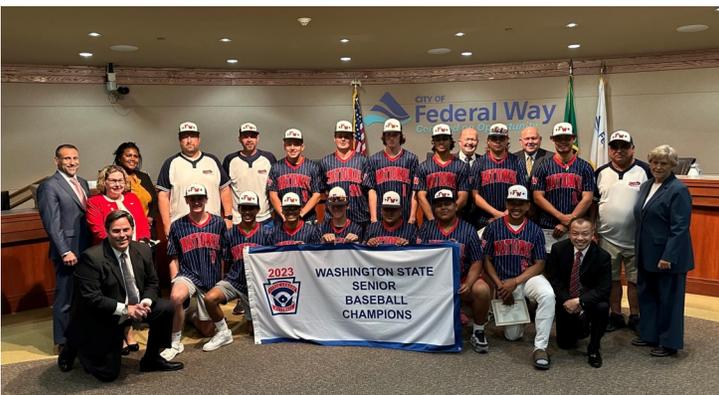


Mayor Ferrell administered the Oath of Office at the City Council meeting on July 18 in front of their family and friends.



From left to right: Adam Taylor, Joshua Jackman, Joshua Power, Tiana Woo, and Joshua Lee.

CITY RECOGNIZES THE FEDERAL WAY NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE SENIOR ALL-STARS!



During this City Council meeting, **Mayor Ferrell** presented certificates of recognition to the **Federal Way National Little League Senior All-Stars**.

They were honored for their recent victory in the **Washington State championship!**

The **Federal Way National Little League Senior All-Stars** will represent Washington State at the **West Regional Senior Little League All-Star Tournament** in **Oakland, California**, from July 20-26.



The City discovered that a **Senior All-Star Baseball team** had punched its ticket to a **Regional Tournament** for the first time in **63 years** since the league's formation in **Federal Way**— a huge accomplishment!

Thank you for making our community proud!

YOUNG ADULTS CAN LEARN ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH FWPD



The City proudly announces that our **Federal Way Police Department** sponsors a **Police Explorer Post** overseen by police officers and detective advisors.

FWPD supports the program with equipment, training, and mentoring in the law enforcement career field. **The program is open to all youth and young adults aged 14 to 21.**

The police explorer program is designed for young adults passionate about law enforcement and seeking guidance from experienced police officers.

They gather for activities related to law enforcement. These activities include “explorer challenges” and the “explorer academy,” which promote teamwork and friendly competition with other explorer posts.

Police explorers also provide valuable service to the community by assisting the police department at special events, such as the Red, White, and Blues Festival. Explorers routinely help in various other police-related activities and are an essential force multiplier for the police department at significant events.

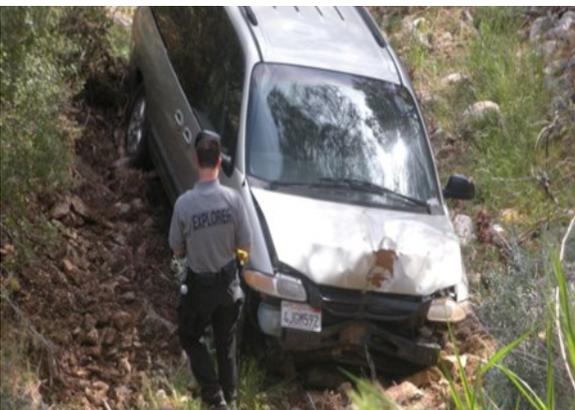
This program is **nearly self-funded** due to pro-active post fundraising efforts.

As an explorer, you will learn about the many different aspects of law enforcement intended to enhance your ability to enter into the law enforcement career field.

Some skills taught include officer safety techniques, de-escalating resources and response, handling high-risk and routine calls, report writing, and more.

Federal Way Police Explorers are trained and equipped with the basic skills required to work as volunteer representatives of the Federal Way Police Department.

For more information on this challenging and rewarding program, call or email **Officer Mersman at 253-740-9643** or Hailey.Mersman@cityoffederalway.com.



MEET BRIAN HOFFMAN, OUR INSPIRING LEADER OF THE PAEC



When attending an event at the PAEC, you'll likely meet **Brian Hoffman**, the **General Manager of Oak View Group 360**, who oversees all event-related business for our City and other renters of Federal Way's state-of-the-art facility.

With over 20 years of experience in event management, Hoffman, **GM of the PAEC since August 2018**, has been described as a true master of his craft.

"Brian cares about the employees, the community, and the PAEC," said **Stephen Marquez, Assistant General Manager, Director of Operations**.

Hoffman believes events can shape lifelong memories people will cherish forever, regardless of what individuals may be going through in their lives.

"Seeing the PAEC come to life is inspiring," said Hoffman. "Anytime we have an event, we treat everybody when they come in as guests in our own home. We only have one opportunity to make that great impression, starting when you're turning into the parking lot."

Hoffman views the PAEC as "an extension of the City of Federal Way." He credits his team for producing events that he believes are "award-winning."

"They're (employees) the foundation because they're executing every crazy idea I come up with," said Hoffman with a smile. "You hire the people who want to replace you one day. They have a lot of autonomy because they are hired for their expertise and vision, not what I want. Everyone jumps in and does what it takes to get the job done."

Hoffman is willing to work almost every day without taking any time off. Hoffman's co-workers would confidently tell you the PAEC is his other home.

"Our job is to make Brian look good. When he leads by example, it makes our jobs easier," said Marquez. "We provide that (memorable) experience to everyone who walks through that door. In the end, we wind up in the office debriefing and cracking jokes. We do things that not everybody gets to do: provide entertainment for the community."

Hoffman is excited about how the community can consistently enjoy high-quality entertainment through our fantastic partnership with the PAEC!

"We're getting more recognized from agents in the industry," said Hoffman. "Ryan Adams, for example, played (at the PAEC) in March. We got a call (from his agency), and we're negotiating to bring him back next June. With the continued vision of the City with the TC-3 (Town Center 3) project and having more people in our backyard, it will be huge. We're excited we have an opportunity to be a part of that."



U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA CELEBRATE THEIR ALLIANCE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY



Mayor Ferrell extends his sincere congratulations and appreciation for the momentous occasions of the 120th anniversary of Korean migration to the United States and the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the United States and South Korea this year.

“These milestones highlight the deep bonds between our nations and the countless contributions made by Korean Americans to American society,” **Mayor Ferrell said.** “In just over a half-century, it is amazing that South Korea has emerged as one of the dozen largest economies in the world, with a strong and vibrant democracy.”

FSPD Chief Andy Hwang also celebrates this remarkable milestone in the history of the United States and South Korea.

“I’m honored to join the celebration and proud to acknowledge that Korean-Americans have continued enriching the Federal Way community and the State of Washington,” **Hwang said.** “We must remember that the freedom, peace, and prosperity we enjoy today have been possible only because of the sacrifices and dedication of many people before us. I would not be here today, living in this great nation, if it weren’t for those who sacrificed. In some cases, with their lives so we can live in freedom.”

The City extends its gratitude to **So Hyun Kim** and **Joon Ho Son**, the most famous music duo from South Korea, for traveling overseas to Federal Way for their performance at the **PAEC on July 30!** **The City is a proud sponsor of this event!**

[Click here to purchase tickets for the concert.](#)

SON JOON HO, Musical Theatre Actor

KIM SO HYUN, Musical Theatre Actress

MUSIC CONCERT

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PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The 2023 Overlay will be “substantially completed this week.” Our Public Works Department wants to thank ICON Materials for getting this project completed!

Our contractor will still work around the City for several weeks, adjusting utilities, striping, and completing miscellaneous work.

The overlay program is funded through the State Motor Vehicle Tax (Gas Tax) and utility taxes. The program analyzes and rates the existing road network every two years to determine how to leverage the available funding to repair the most significant number of roadways.



THE CITY ORGANIZES A SISTER CITIES REUNION DINNER IN FEDERAL WAY



The City thanks **Tokyo Japanese Steak House** for hosting our Sister Cities reunion dinner on July 20 — it was delicious!

Our visit to **Hachinohe, Japan**, was fruitful earlier this year, and catching up with everyone was fantastic.

The partnership between **Hachinohe** and **Federal Way**, through the Sister Cities program, is highly valued by the City as it fosters goodwill.

Encompass Japan provided invaluable assistance during our stay, greatly enhancing our overall experience.

Their expert guidance allowed us to navigate the busy City effortlessly and maximize our time there.

Left to right: Encompass Japan’s Akemi Ikeda, Yasuki Matsumoto, and Yoshito Yamane, former Federal Way Mayor Mike Park, Mark and Carolyn Freitas, Mayor Ferrell, Parks Director John Hutton, Councilmembers Jack Walsh, and Hoang Tran, Heidi Drake from the Federal Way Korean American Association, Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Becca Martin, President and CEO of the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development Director Tanja Carter.

Mayor Ferrell would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved at **Encompass Japan** for its commitment to ensuring our safety and satisfaction throughout the trip!

COUNCIL'S CORNER



Following the success of the American Revolution, through the establishment of an independent government, elected officials made the monumental decision to place governing bodies within the growing municipalities.

These governing bodies shared a lot of decision-making responsibilities, including business regulation, taxation, environmental regulations, specifically zoning, property taxes, and public parks. The governing bodies exercised their authority to determine land usage within the municipalities.

In the late 1800s, Federal Way was predominantly known for its logging industry. With the completion of Highway 99 connecting Seattle and Tacoma, Federal Way became more of a settlement community, building schools and housing areas with a commercial space that included a shopping center and theme park.

There were many efforts to make Federal Way a City, but they were **only successful on March 14, 1989.** That day, the **voters approved incorporation with a majority vote of 9,838 in favor and 4,381 against.**

On September 19, 1989, the **first City Council was elected** to office from a pool of 37 candidates. Seven of those 37 candidates were chosen: **Debbie Ertel, Mary Gates, Lynn Templeton, Bob Stead, Joel Marks, Jim Webster, and Jim Handmacher.**



On October 3, 1989, Ertel was appointed Mayor, with Gates appointed Deputy Mayor. These seven trailblazers led the way for the new government to shape and build our beautiful City into what it is today.

The City Council represents a population of over 100,000 citizens, focusing on creating a community **Centered on Opportunity** and providing an excellent place to live, work, and play!

This week's Council happenings:

- Finance, Economic Development, Regional Affairs Committee (FEDRAC) meeting at City Hall, **July 25 at 5 p.m.**



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