

# CITYWIDE NEWS



## THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES!

The City of Federal Way is embarking on the most notable urban transformation in King County.

**Join us tomorrow from 12-1 p.m. at the Performing Arts and Event Center (PAEC) in Federal Way, where the old Target building will soon be demolished.**

You will hear about Federal Way's downtown initiatives, where City leaders, staff, and the community will gather for the "Rising From The Dust" Demolition Ceremony.

While the demolition ceremony is not just about tearing down an old structure, it symbolizes the rebirth and progress of Federal Way, leaving behind the old and embracing a new beginning.

**The Town Center 3 (TC-3) Redevelopment Plan**, which aims to revitalize downtown Federal Way and establish a strong foundation for future growth, signals to the region that Federal Way is open for business to whoever wants to be part of the action. With Light Rail scheduled to open in 2026, we are working to create one of the most desirable downtown areas in King County.



*Black Bear Diner's ribbon-cutting on June 9 with company CEO Anita Adams and local owners Danny & Darshana Banwait.*

"This ceremony marks an exciting chapter in our City's evolution," **Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell said**. "With the City's acquisition of the former Target site in 2014, and our relentless efforts from the Town Square Park to the construction of the PAEC and Town Center Steps, we cannot wait to move Federal Way forward through this pivotal moment."

**One Trent**, a reputable Seattle-based real estate development firm, is currently negotiating to bring the plan for TC-3 to life, ensuring a vibrant and diverse mixed-use area that meets the community's needs.

With the involvement of an **Advisory Group**, the City is preparing to make big decisions on the future location of City Hall, which prioritizes community space; the vision of a thriving Federal Way is becoming a reality.



*Mayor Ferrell attends the ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 8 with Davies Chirwa, founder of Channel A TV in Federal Way.*

## TIME-LAPSE CAMERA INSTALLATION ON PAEC ROOFTOP



The City was there to capture the moment when our **Jerry Haynes, IT Specialist Systems/Network Support**, installed a time-lapse camera on the PAEC rooftop!

Our camera will record the soon-to-be demolition of the former Target building and the construction of our **Town Center 3 (TC-3) project**.

The City sends a massive shout-out to Jerry for making it happen on June 9! Jerry climbed up two ladders in the wind and rain to finish the job but got it done with a smile.

Thanks for your hard work and dedication, Jerry! You're terrific, and we appreciate you.



## CITY HALL FOCUSES ON WASTE REDUCTION EFFORTS

In March, Environmental Services staff focused on minimizing the waste created by our City's all-staff breakfast meeting.

With their new ClearStream Recycling Systems portable containers large enough to capture other food and waste, City staff diverted more than 55 percent of waste from the landfill!

**On June 15, look for new signage and a helpful employee to help sort waste—together, we can reduce it even further.**

Also, remember to bring your favorite coffee mug to help reduce waste at our next staff meeting.



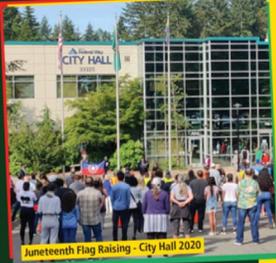
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## Juneteenth Celebration

Annual Juneteenth Flag raising and  
Celebration of America's  
"Second Independence Day"

**Flag Raising**  
June 16th, 2023 at Noon

Federal Way City Hall  
33325 8th Ave S  
Federal Way, WA 98003



## JUNETEENTH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16

City Hall will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth, a holiday for City of Federal Way employees.

Juneteenth, also known as **Freedom Day**, symbolizes the official end of slavery in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865. This momentous occasion celebrates the freedom of the last African Americans enslaved in the United States.

Located on Strand Street in Galveston, the **Juneteenth historical marker commemorates** the day when Union soldiers arrived on June 19, 1865, to inform enslaved black Texans that slavery had ended, **two and a half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.**

It serves as a reminder of this significant event in history.

Join Mayor Ferrell in welcoming the Federal Way community to celebrate the annual **Juneteenth flag-raising at City Hall on June 16 at noon.** Thank you for supporting our efforts to promote diversity and inclusivity in our community.



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Creating, Legacy Wealth LLC and sponsors invite you to attend the Juneteenth Event at the Dumas Bay Centre on June 19, 2023 from 10AM to 2PM. Representation matters Past, Present, and Future. Help us honor those that have gone before us, those doing great things now and the ones to watch.

Representation matters from our past, present, and future. Come hear from different artists, dancers, spoken word, panel discussions, and a keynote speaker.  
Representation Matters!!



## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FWPD ZERO DS MOTORCYCLES



**Federal Way police officers** frequently employ dual sports on the BPA trail, within our beautiful parks system, in the alleyways behind businesses, and in other areas not easily accessible by police cars or on foot.

We have upgraded our dual-sport fleet with two powerful electric motorcycles, **the Zero DS**.

**These motorcycles boast an impressive range of over 80 miles an hour and have a whopping 78 pounds of torque**, allowing officers to patrol confidently for an **entire 10-hour shift** while carrying all their equipment.

Despite their off-road appearance, **dual sports are street-legal**, with blinkers and headlights.

*Pictured above: Dock White and Blake Losvar*



**The Zero DS carries the EV industry's highest power and energy density battery and offers several advantages to the community:** Firstly, they are 100 percent electric, eliminating the need for gasoline.

There is no requirement for oil or filter changes, no clutch, and no engine noise! Moreover, they are compact enough to navigate single-track trails when necessary and equipped with police sirens and lights. When you see our officers on dual-sports this summer, wave at them and inquire about the Zero DS motorcycles!

### D-Day Landing, 1944

160,000+ Allied Forces    11,590 Aircraft    6,936 Naval Vessels    10,000+ Casualties



## THE 79TH D-DAY ANNIVERSARY

**June 6 marked the 79th anniversary of D-Day**, a day we must never forget. Paying our respects to the World War II veterans who bravely fought for our freedom and freed an entire continent from tyranny is essential. **In our Federal Way community**, we hold high esteem and honor all who have served. We express our deepest gratitude for their unwavering dedication, sacrifice, and courage in defending our country. We offer them our heartfelt salute, and may their bravery and heroism inspire us all.



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## FAREWELL, CODY GEDDES!

On June 8, the City held a farewell staff get-together for Cody Geddes at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC), recognizing his years of devoted full-time service in Federal Way. In 2014, Cody took on the role of recreation manager, and although we will miss him greatly, we are happy to see him move on to become the Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Puyallup.

“You knew he was destined to do good things the day you met him,” said **John Hutton, Parks Director**. “He’s intelligent, creative, an excellent leader, a trusted friend, and a confidant; he’s everything you want in a team player. Thank you for 11 years of stellar service to the City, and best wishes for Cody at the City of Puyallup.”

His last day was June 9. Federal Way will miss you, Cody!



## OUR CITY COUNCIL HONORS MR. ICK JIN KIM!



On June 6, the Federal Way City Council honored Mr. Ick Jin Kim, a long-standing community member, who was generous and instrumental in helping us put the resources together for a successful trip to South Korea in April!

“With our deepest appreciation, we hereby honor Ick Jin Kim, executive advisor of **Federal Way Korean American Association**, in appreciation for your unrelenting guidance and immeasurable contributions toward the Federal Way Korean American Community.

“Further, in special recognition of your generous support for delegates from the City of Federal Way and their Sister City, Donghae, visit. April 24, 2023, presented by myself, Mayor of Federal Way.”

**Michael Park, former Mayor, City Councilmember**, and others from the Federal Way Korean American Association were on hand for the special moment.

A special thanks to our **Pamela Jones, Executive Assistant to Mayor Ferrell**, for making a last-minute run to pick up the cake for Mr. Kim (it was delicious)!

The next City Council meeting will be on June 20. We hope you will join us then.



## COUNCIL'S CORNER



Council President Linda Kochmar, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, and Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson will attend **the Annual Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference in Spokane June 20-23.**

The AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation representing Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, executive branch, and regulatory agencies.

**There are four main areas that AWC focuses on:**

- **Advocacy** - including timely updates, in-depth analysis, and training
- **Training & Events** - education and relevant training
- **Data & Resources** - aiding in making fact-based decisions, identifying trends, and exploring new ways to approach city issues
- **Member Pooling Programs** - including AWC Employee Benefit Trust, AWC Risk Management Service Agency, AWC Workers' Comp Retro, and AWC Drug & Alcohol Consortium

The City of Federal Way is a member City with AWC.

At this upcoming annual conference, keynote speakers include **Mónica Guzmán** from Braver Angels, **Michael Brown** from Civic Commons and Residence for Community Partnership at Seattle Foundation, **Jevin West** from the Information School at the University of Washington, and Tacoma Mayor **Victoria Woodards**, who serves as the President of the National League of Cities. This conference will surely be an amazing learning opportunity for our council members!

Reminder: applications for the **Council Position #2 vacancy** are **due by June 15 at 5 p.m.** to the City Clerk's Office. You can find the application and additional details at: [www.cityoffederalway.com/page/position2](http://www.cityoffederalway.com/page/position2).

### **This week's Council happenings:**

- Rising From The Dust ceremony at the Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC), **June 13 at noon**
- Parks, Recreation, Human Services & Public Safety Committee meeting at City Hall, **June 13 at 5 p.m.**
- Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update at the Chamber Boardroom, **June 14 at 8 a.m.**
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Meeting at Hampton Inn & Suites, **June 14 at 10 a.m.**
- Senior Advisory Commission Meeting at City Hall, **June 14 at 2 p.m.**
- Korean Community Quarterly Meeting at City Hall, **June 15 at 6 p.m.**
- Juneteenth Flag Raising Celebration at City Hall, **June 16 at noon**
- Flag Day Celebration at the King County Aquatics Center, **June 17 at 11 a.m.**

## THE LATEST HR NEWS



State law (RCW 48.62.091) requires all self-insured local government employee health benefit programs to submit the Annual Report to the State Risk Manager.

The City's Annual Report was filed by **Human Resources Director Vanessa Audett** with data provided by **Deputy Finance Director Chase Donnelly** on May 30, 2023, and was found to "Meet Requirements" as set forth by the State.

## JOIN OUR AWARD-WINNING FINANCIAL TEAM!



How would you like to grow your career with the best of the best?

The City of Federal Way is looking for the next **Administrative Assistant 2** to join **our award-winning financial team led by decorated Finance Director Steve Groom**.

Here is your chance to make it happen: [Click here to apply.](#)

Groom and his team recently received recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for Budgeting and Financial Reporting reports.

GFOA is the **gold standard** of government finance policy.

"The City of Federal Way is a great place to work, and I'm particularly proud of the Finance Department," said Groom. "We strive to be a workplace we enjoy being in. We're making the City better with everything we do and how we do it. The Administrative Assistant 2 is the communication channel with other department heads, elected City Council members, the external financial community, and members of the public."

*Pictured above: Steve Groom*

We encourage you to apply today if you're looking for a challenging and rewarding career with an excellent team!

## FWCC PARTICIPATES IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON!

The FWCC, in partnership with **Wild Waves Theme Park** and **The World Waterpark Association's World's Largest Swim Lesson**, will participate in the World's Largest Swim Lesson. This event is where hundreds of waterparks, community pools, and aquatic centers across six continents will provide a swim lesson on **June 22 for kids at no cost**.

The nation's top water safety and training organizations are joining forces to present **The 14th annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL)** to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning. **Mark your calendars**; the official date for the **2023 World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ is June 22**. In Summer 2023, waterparks, pools, and other aquatic facilities around the globe will host local WLSL lessons to make noise that *Swimming Lessons Save Lives™!*

## FWCC HOSTS THE PRESCHOOL GRADUATES!



The FWCC recently hosted a graduation ceremony for 20 young learners who completed their preschool education.

More than 80 family and friends attended the event.

The exceptional support and guidance provided by the preschool teachers, Ms. Arianna and Ms. Mari, were evident in the ceremony.

The teachers were thrilled to witness their students receive their diplomas and sing their preschool 'Thank You Song' to their families.

Throughout the school year, each preschool graduate gained essential knowledge in various subjects such as mathematics, literacy, creative arts, science, and social skills, laying the foundation for their educational journey.

## PARKS & RECREATION NOTABLE EVENTS

- In preparation for **Flag Day on June 14**, teams completed the flagpole cleaning on Campus Way S last week.
- Preparations are nearly complete for our **annual Red, White, and Blues Festival and Miles for Meso on July 4 in Celebration Park**. See you and your family soon!
- **The Special Olympics of Washington** hosted its Spring State Games over the weekend at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), and the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center (WKCAC). As part of our Federal Way inclusion program, four teams participated in the PLU soccer tournament, and eight powerlifters competed at JBLM, the most soccer teams and powerlifters we've had at the state games!
- **USA Softball** held its **10, 12, and 14U tournaments at Celebration Park and Hogan Park at Russell Road in Kent on June 10 and 11**. We had 32 teams from all over our state!

UPCOMING FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT FEDERAL WAY FARMERS MARKET!

MASSAGE

DAD'S ROOT  
BEER



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

FOOD  
TRUCKS

MUSIC

## Father's Day Celebration

*Saturday, June 17th*

*9:00am – 3:00pm*

*Featuring the Pacific Raceway's Car on Display.*



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**ENJOY LUNCH & SNACKS** – KC Deez BBQ Luncheon with ribs, pork or brisket, beef sliders and sides of your choice. Eat in our covered eating area or take out. Also Mexican Food vendor and Hot Dogs! Many snacks; Kettlecorn, Freeze Dried Candy, Pike Place Nuts, Bakery items and Ice Cream.