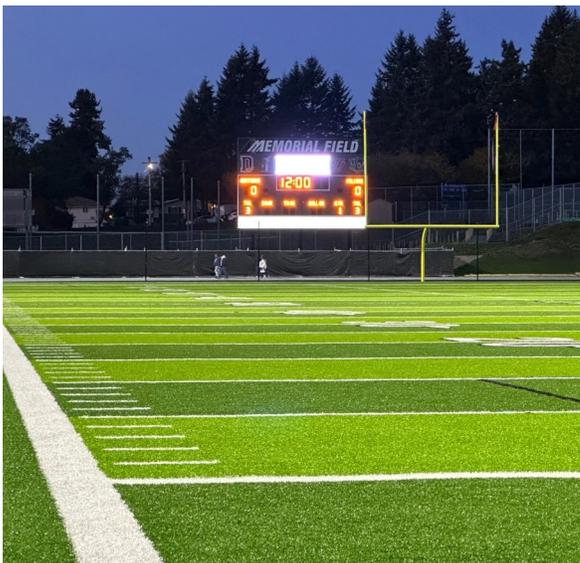


CITYWIDE NEWS

THE MEMORIAL FIELD RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY; THE RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETE!



The Ribbon-Cutting celebration was on November 13! City of Federal Way Judge David A. Larson, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, City Council President Linda Kochmar, Mayor Jim Ferrell, and King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer were among those in the crowd enjoying the festivities! We thank Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Jerry Peterson, Director of Equity and Athletics (pictured above and below), and the FWPS family for inviting us to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Federal Way High School.



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MAYOR FERRELL PRESENTS CHECKS TO THE FEDERAL WAY SENIOR CENTER & FOOD BANK AND MULTI-SERVICE CENTER!



We're Giving Back! On November 16, Mayor Ferrell donated checks to our community partners. The Mayor delivered the first check to Steven Curry, the Food Bank Director at the Multi-Service Center (MSC). Later, he presented another check to Shelley Puariea, the Executive Director of the Federal Way Senior Center. We thank Councilmember Jack Walsh for accompanying Mayor Ferrell during the Federal Way Senior Center visit!

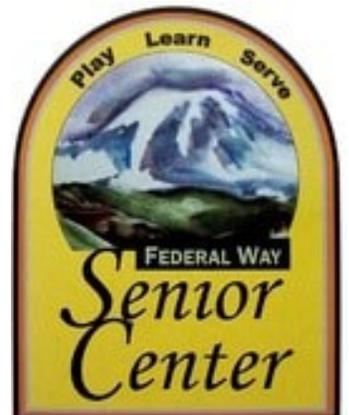
We thank City Council President Linda Kochmar, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, and the dedicated City Council members for their outstanding ideas to support our Federal Way community continuously.

Last week, Mayor Jim Ferrell presented two checks, each worth \$19,500, to Steven Curry, the Food Bank Director at Multi-Service Center (MSC), and Shelley Puariea, the Executive Director of Federal Way Senior Center.

These funds will undoubtedly help our fellow residents in South King County to receive essential services.

The Mayor found out Shelley and the Senior Center have assisted over 34,000 individuals this year, a testament to their dedication to our community!

The Federal Way Senior Center and MSC are crucial in our community, serving as lifelines for many people.



CITYWIDE NEWS

MAYOR FERRELL TESTIFIED AND URGED THE KING COUNTY CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-0267



On November 14, Mayor Jim Ferrell jumped on a Zoom call to encourage King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer and other members to vote in favor of Proposed Ordinance 2023-0267. If adopted, the proposal would enable Pacific Raceways in Kent to apply for administrative approvals to modernize its facility.



Mayor Ferrell and the City of Federal Way strongly believe in the power of community partnerships. We're determined to do our part to make South King County a national destination for major racing events in the future!

We thank Mayor Ferrell for his outstanding leadership in promoting our region as an excellent destination for significant racing events!

Imagine a NASCAR Cup Series race making a pit stop at Pacific Raceways in Kent — it's time to get South King County on the national stage!



CITYWIDE NEWS

SUPPORT FEDERAL WAY BUSINESSES ON NOVEMBER 25!



Small Business Saturday is a significant event in Federal Way! Small businesses are vital in celebrating and supporting our community's unique vibrancy. November 25 marks Small Business Saturday, an excellent chance for local businesses and residents to help each other.

Business owners can promote themselves effectively, and residents can show their support by shopping at their favorite small businesses.

Here are some suggestions to make that happen:

- Update marketing materials early to build anticipation.
- Take advantage of [free marketing resources offered by American Express by clicking here](#).
- Decorate and engage to create a festive atmosphere.
- Showcase a unique story to connect with customers.
- Leverage social media and user-generated content.
- Use email marketing to personalize offers.
- Support small businesses by prioritizing local businesses over big chains.
- Share your finds on social media and leave positive reviews.
- Help spread the word about your favorite local businesses to your friends and family.



FWPD OFFICER COLLEEN BORDERS IS HONORED WITH THE LIFE-SAVING AWARD



Protecting and serving the Federal Way community! In Council Chambers at City Hall, Deputy Chief Kyle Sumpter and Chief of Police Andy Hwang of the FWPD took a moment to acknowledge Officer Colleen Borders for her quick action in saving a 6-year-old child from drowning in Federal Way last summer.

On July 11, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., a call came to 911 regarding a child who drowned at the swimming pool at apartments on S. 320th Street.

On an unrelated task, Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) officer Colleen Borders was at a neighboring business and heard the call aired over the radio.

Colleen immediately responded to the swimming pool next door and found an unresponsive 6-year-old male who had already been removed from the water, lying on the ground next to the pool.

Colleen performed CPR on the child, cleared his airway, and saved the boy's life.

Colleen was honored with a life-saving award for her outstanding job performance. The City of Federal Way thanks Colleen for her promptness and commitment to excellence.



CITYWIDE NEWS

OUR FWPD IS HOSTING A SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING FROM GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



Making It Happen! Sarah Butts, Records Specialist, will raise and train a Labrador or Golden Retriever in basic obedience, public socialization, and appropriate manners in an office environment and at home for up to a year. Sarah will primarily focus her training of this future guide dog on remaining calm and settled while ignoring the usual distractions of a bustling office environment.

Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) Records Specialist Sarah Butts had the idea and passion to bring the unique service project of raising and training a future guide dog for people who are blind to the City of Federal Way.

Now, her dream is becoming an extraordinary reality!

The Police Department's mission includes enhancing the quality of life for all within the City of Federal Way, which aligns with the Guide Dogs for the Blind's (GDB) mission of creating life-changing partnerships for visually impaired individuals while strengthening communities.

The FWPD and Sarah are excited to foster the growth and development of this future guide dog to hopefully one day serve those who are blind and support them in empowering their mobility and independence.

Once Sarah and her service dog in training complete all the primary training goals set forth by GDB, it will return to Guide Dogs for the Blind for formal guide work training in harness before its partnership with vision-impaired individuals.

Sarah eagerly anticipates the announcement of her dog's arrival from GDB so they can begin training with our FWPD over the next year!

[Click here for information about Guide Dogs for the Blind](#) or stream "Pick of the Litter" on AMC+ Amazon Channel, AMC+, DIRECTV, or for free with ads on Tubi TV.



OUR EMERGENCY MANAGER HOLDS CERT TRAINING AT TAF@SAGHALIE IN FEDERAL WAY



Emergency Manager Kevin Pelley (pictured above in the middle) spoke with the group about the CERT Disaster Simulation Exercise last week. 22 students divided into four teams and rotated through four stations where experienced CERT cadre evaluated their performance. They extinguished fires, searched classrooms to find and extract survivors, and performed lifesaving medical measures. Students used levers and blocking to simulate rescuing a trapped survivor from debris on a mannequin.

On November 15, the Greater Federal Way Community Emergency Management Program organized a disaster simulation at TAF@Saghalie School in Federal Way. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Course concluded with a disaster exercise, following eight weeks of training to acquire and apply essential skills.

When the students arrived at the incident command post for the simulation exercise, they were informed that an airplane had crashed into the Federal Way Fred Meyer.

This had overwhelmed the first responders, and a portion of the airplane had broken off and struck Saghalie School.

The CERT volunteers were needed to fight small fires and find and treat survivors.

South King Fire and Federal Way Police conducted a training exercise with students. Roll players simulated severe injuries, training new CERT volunteers to assist during emergencies.

Thanks to Emergency Manager Kevin Pelley for ensuring our community is always prepared!



COUNCIL'S CORNER

This month, Council's Corner will be spotlighting Councilmember Jack Walsh.



What made you want to get involved in City government? *Since moving to Federal Way nearly 40 years ago, I have been very involved with the community, including helping initiate the annual Parks Appreciation Day, volunteering at the Senior Center Food Bank, and helping many people on their campaigns for office. The last while, I have become increasingly concerned over the direction the community was going. Just a few years ago, as I was unsuccessfully working on finding someone to run for office, I realized that if I wanted someone with core values similar to my own, it was time for me to step up and be willing to run.*

What is the most rewarding part of being part of City government? *Working with and helping our constituents and seeing positive changes in the city are the most rewarding parts of being involved in city government.*

What have you enjoyed most about being a Councilmember? *Working with my fellow councilmembers and city staff. Even when as councilmembers we don't agree on particular issues, we are friends, and each of us truly wants what is best for our community.*

What is your vision for Federal Way's future? *My vision for Federal Way is a community where people can live, work, raise families, and retire in an environment that is safe and secure; where businesses want to locate and provide quality jobs, so more people can work closer to home; where the less fortunate are given a hand up; and people want to come from surrounding communities to spend time, shop, and enjoy our local amenities.*

What projects are you currently focused on? *It has been a privilege to serve on the Downtown Ad Hoc Committee, which is helping to determine the future of our downtown. For good or bad, the light rail station will soon be opening. We can and must make sure that it is for the good. It is a pleasure to work with our talented city staff in planning the mixed-use development of the city-owned TC-3 property (where the Performing Arts & Event Center and the recently demolished old Target building are located). This development will set the standard and pave the way for additional high-quality downtown development.*

What makes Federal Way so special? *The beauty of our natural surroundings and the diversity of the people in our community make Federal Way special. I'm grateful that I was able to raise my five children in a community where we have friends and neighbors from a broad array of cultures, ethnicities, religions and backgrounds. It has helped me and can help all of us have a greater appreciation and love for those who are different than ourselves.*

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Where is your favorite place to go in Federal Way? *I love getting out in nature and enjoying the peace and tranquility it brings. For that reason, the West Hylebos Wetlands Park is a favorite place for me to go to get away from the stresses and concerns of daily life. After going a ways down the boardwalk, it is easy for me to forget that I'm in the middle of town. I can imagine that the sound of distant traffic is the roar of a river. It is a little spot of wilderness right here at home.*

Which city park is your favorite? *For the reasons I have said, West Hylebos Wetlands Park is my favorite. I encourage everyone to experience it - just not all at the same time! Let's keep it a place of tranquility.*

This week's Council happenings:

- **Human Services Commission Regular Meeting**, November 20 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall
- **City Council Special Meeting**, November 21 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
- **City Hall Early Closure**, November 22 at Noon — to reopen on November 27
- **City Hall Closure in observance of Thanksgiving**, November 23 — to reopen on November 27

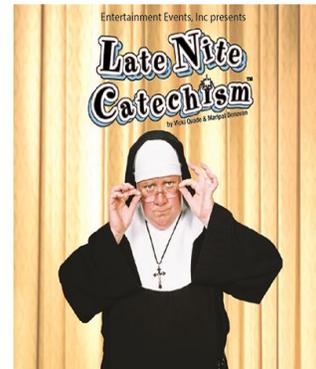


THE PAEC NEWS!

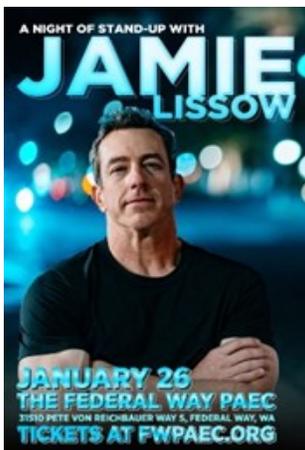


Our friends at the PAEC recently welcomed the spectacular show, *Late Nite Catechism*. The long-running interactive show was an absolute riot, with The Sister delivering her usual brand of hilarity (and mild terror)! The show left no shortage of laughs and nostalgia, especially for those who attended Catholic school.

Last week, Jake Shimabukuro performed his fantastic *Christmas in Hawaii* show to a large crowd at the PAEC. Attendees loved the mix of island vibes, classic Christmas tunes, and other favorites. Jake's passion for the ukulele and his joy of performing were infectious to the audience. It was a great way to start our holiday season!



The PAEC hosted the 34th International Natural Bodybuilding Federation (INBF) World Natural Bodybuilding Federation (WNBF) Amateur & Pro World Championships on November 18-19. Competitors from over 50 countries participated in this prestigious Natural Bodybuilding competition, with hundreds of athletes striving to win the top titles. The event drew a large and enthusiastic crowd, and the competition was intense!



The PAEC is announcing another exciting new show! Jamie Lissow will be in Federal Way with his stand-up comedy show on January 26, 2024! Jamie is a seasoned comedian who has entertained audiences for years, and his fame has recently risen due in part to his regular guest appearances on Fox News' popular late-night talk show *Gutfeld!* Tickets are on sale now!



FREE HOLIDAY FAMILY EVENT

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FREE EVENT



On November 25, the PAEC is hosting a free family holiday event in Federal Way! The event will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a screening of the 1998 American Christmas comedy *Jack Frost*, starring Michael Keaton, at 11 a.m. There will be free pictures with Santa, face painting, and a bounce house for everyone to enjoy. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity for a free and fun family day out!

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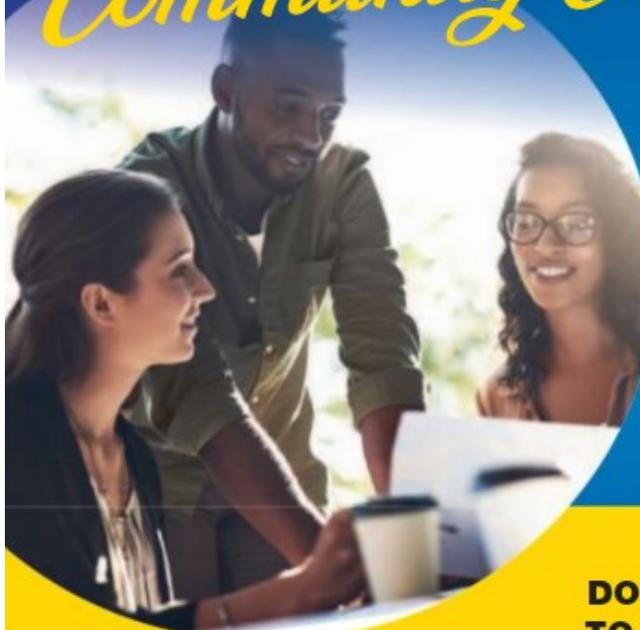
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We partner with our local cities to gather canned food for donation to food banks, offering a helping hand to families in need during a challenging time of the year.

Please scan the code to learn more about this year's parades.





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