

CITYWIDE NEWS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND THANK YOU, FEDERAL WAY!

Dear Citizens of Federal Way,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

I am incredibly grateful for your support and commitment to making our community a place we can all call home. I appreciate you providing valuable feedback during the regular City Council meetings, visiting my office, or emailing me on how we can enhance the quality of life for all in Federal Way.

These are just a few instances that make our community exceptional and distinct.

The holiday season is a time for giving, compassion, unity, and connecting with our community in Federal Way.

As your Mayor, I am fully committed to doing everything I can to ensure that Federal Way is one of the best places in South King County to live, work, and visit. Make sure to visit any of our 32 parks and support our award-winning restaurants by dining there.



Also, remember to bring your kids to the **Jingle Bell Brunch at the Federal Way Community Center on December 2 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Join us for our **free Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Square Park on the same day, December 2, at 4 p.m.**

As we look forward to the future of Federal Way, I am excited about our development plans on the Town Center 3 (TC 3) property, the former Target building site owned by the city. I am constantly working with the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD), community partners, local businesses, and elected officials to develop innovative ways to make Federal Way a safe and vibrant city.

On behalf of the City of Federal Way, Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Warm Regards,
Mayor Jim Ferrell



HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM FWPD CHIEF ANDY HWANG



As we enter the holiday season together, I am inclined to reach out to the people of Federal Way. I am in the privileged position of speaking for the entire Police Department, dutiful men and women who provide essential services to make this city better. I hope you already know this, but sometimes it should be said out loud, and this is a good season for that: It is our pleasure to serve and protect you.

This is a time for family, friends, and other loved ones to enjoy time with one another peacefully. Unfortunately, this season, there will be unsavory individuals seeking to take advantage of unsuspecting victims, and there will be increased traffic accidents due to poor weather conditions and more people being on the roadway. This calls for some safety reminders to always pay attention to your surroundings and avoid distracted driving.

To increase safety, we will deploy extra holiday patrols at various business areas throughout the city. These patrols are in addition to regularly assigned patrol officers. We partner with The Commons management, assigning three officers full-time to patrol the mall and surrounding property for shopper safety. We will continue partnering with other large and small retail businesses, working closely with loss prevention and store security officers.

We will deploy Automated License Plate Readers on some of our patrol vehicles. The system scans license plate numbers as officers patrol their sectors, comparing thousands of plates with state and national crime databases. When the system detects a stolen car, it notifies the officer. Stolen vehicles are commonly used for organized retail shoplifting and other crimes, and this technology can assist officers in preventing crime before it occurs.

The Police Department will deploy Mobile Surveillance Trailers (MST) to impact and reduce criminal activity in the city. These high-visibility cameras are linked to our Safe City monitoring system. We will deploy the MSTs during the holiday season at various locations to deter crime and support our business community. Mayor Ferrell and the Council recently approved the purchase of additional MSTs due to the high demand from the business community. We continue expanding the Safe City Camera Program, which is unique to Federal Way. We expanded the number of surveillance cameras throughout our city to more than 460 views. This technology helps us reduce and solve crimes in our community.

Given all of the media attention, people tend to be hyper-focused on personal safety related to crimes of violence. However, traffic collisions are the greatest threat to you and your family year-round. Traffic accidents are random and injure far more law-abiding people than any crime. Our officers spend significant time responding to vehicle accidents and other traffic matters during the holiday season due to weather and poor driving conditions. Please remind your family members, particularly teenagers, to drive safely. Doing otherwise sooner or later has serious, life-altering consequences.

We are proud to be part of this community. We commit to providing the people of Federal Way with the highest level of police service possible.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe holiday season!

Andy J. Hwang
Chief of Police

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FYPD PREPARES FOR THE ANNUAL TOY DRIVE!



GIVE NEW TOYS **GIVE \$25 GIFT CARDS**
unwrapped toys for ages 3-11 for teens to amazon, target, walmart

Can't give in person? Shop the **AMAZON LIST** and have it delivered! Scan the QR Code to go to the list.



fw FEDERAL WAY CARES FOR KIDS

GIVE ONLINE **VENMO**
fwcaresforkids.org @fwcares-forkids

The Federal Way Police Department (FYPD) is excited to join the FW Cares for Kids, Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS), and our community partners for the annual Toy Drive!

We invite you to participate in this heartwarming **event for families needing assistance on December 16** by donating new, unwrapped toys for **children aged 3-11** or **gift cards for teens from Amazon, Walmart, or Target**. Your generosity will bring smiles and happiness during the holiday season!

Where is the donation drop-off location?

The Federal Way Police Department lobby (Monday-Friday from 8-5 p.m.)

Where is the FW Cares for Kids event held on December 16?

Lakota Middle School
1415 SW 314th St.
Federal Way, 98023

Where can I find volunteering and event information?

Scan the QR code below.



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 16TH FOR THE ANNUAL FW CARES FOR KIDS HOLIDAY EVENT. CHECK OUT MORE INFORMATION AT FWCARESFORKIDS.ORG



SCAN TO VOLUNTEER



VOLUNTEERING IN FEDERAL WAY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



The City of Federal Way is committed to collaborating with community partners to support those in need. We encourage you to take advantage of volunteer opportunities with local organizations during the holiday season. We've compiled a short list below of organizations currently in need of volunteers:

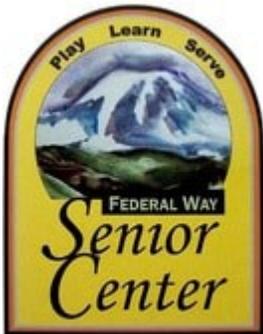
[We Love Our City | Federal Way](#)



This group of local churches, friends, and family are joining together to see our City of Federal Way transformed through serving and sharing. We recently had a great conversation with Shelley Pauls, the We Love Our City Coordinator in Federal Way, who is eager to speak with you about volunteering opportunities!

Contact Shelley Pauls at (206) 235-6298.

[Federal Way Senior Center](#)



Shelley Puariea, the Executive Director of the Federal Way Senior Center, can always use extra help around the facility! You can volunteer for tasks such as teaching a computer class, working in the kitchen, doing light office work, or driving to pick up food for their food pantry.

Contact the Federal Way Senior Center at (253) 838-3604.

[Multi-Service Center \(MSC\)](#)



MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

During this time of year, Steven Curry, the Multi-Service Center (MSC) Food Bank Director, and his team are working around the clock to help those in need. MSC seeks volunteers willing to roll up their sleeves and help with the Food Bank Market.

Contact the Multi-Service Center at (253) 838-6810.

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FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

We want to update you on our Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) holiday hours as December approaches. Thank you for your ongoing support of the FWCC. Your patronage makes all the difference!



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

Holiday Schedule

NOVEMBER 23	CLOSED
NOVEMBER 24	8 AM - 9 PM
DECEMBER 24	9 AM - 2 PM
DECEMBER 25	CLOSED
DECEMBER 31	8 AM - 2 PM
JANUARY 1	CLOSED



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

CENTERSTAGE!

Sleeping Beauty

A HOLIDAY PANTO

BY VINCE BRADY

DIRECTED BY HELEN MARION



TICKETS ON
SALE NOW!

BUY ADULT TICKETS
ONLINE AND SAVE \$3

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 17

CENTERSTAGETHEATRE.COM | (253) 661-1444
3200 SW DASH POINT RD, FEDERAL WAY, WA 98023

SPONSORS



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JINGLE BELL BRUNCH AT FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY CENTER!



FLAPJACKS + FLANNELS

JINGLE BELL BRUNCH

DECEMBER 2 • 10-11:30AM • \$15 PER PERSON



FREE EVENT

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

4 PM
DEC 2
TOWN SQUARE PARK

- * Santa
- * Music
- * Cocoa & cookies
- * Tree lighting by the Mayor

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**SOUTH KING FIRE
PRESENTS**



**SANTA
PARADES
& CANNED
FOOD DRIVE**

**DEC 4TH & 5TH IN DES MOINES
DEC 11TH, 12TH, 18TH & 19TH
IN FEDERAL WAY**

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

Since 2020, South King Fire has lit up the streets with Santa Parades to spread cheer and support our community.

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.





*Cookies with
Mrs. Claus*

DECEMBER 14
5:30 - 6:30 PM

**\$3 ENTRY
PER PERSON**

