

# CITYWIDE NEWS

## WHAT'S NEXT AT THE FORMER TARGET BUILDING LOCATION?



**Demolition is complete! Recently, Mayor Ferrell visited the site, part of the Town Center 3 (TC 3) Redevelopment plan led by Keith Niven, Community Development Director. It's a long-term project that will contribute to our community's growth. We'll inform you of the latest developments as we embark on this journey together!**

It's time to celebrate a new beginning for our downtown with the demolition of the former Target building, which symbolizes progress and rebirth!

Mayor Jim Ferrell will be the first to tell you we're at a hinge point in Federal Way's history.

Earlier this year, we announced that the City of Federal Way is collaborating with One Trent, a reputable Seattle-based real estate development company, to develop the city-owned Town Center 3 (TC 3) property.

We will have a TC 3 Development Agreement in place, and we are setting our sights on the first stage of our downtown redevelopment!

One Trent's proposed \$500 million investment will bring mixed-use buildings, a residential community, dining and entertainment options, a city-funded Civic Plaza, the *potential* relocation of City Hall to downtown, and the construction of a public parking garage.

Although the Mayor appointed a Public Advisory Group to discuss City Hall and a new community space, we recognize the need for additional community outreach regarding the proposal to move City Hall to downtown.

We will have more details about our **TC-3 Redevelopment Agreement** during the special **City Council meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8**, in Council Chambers.

We are also working to activate the former Target site for public and interim short-term uses until construction begins.

"The TC-3 Redevelopment plan is exciting, and so is the arrival of light rail in 2026, where we're expecting 30,000 visitors daily," said Mayor Ferrell.

"Light rail will create significant economic growth and opportunities for the residents, visitors, and employers of our city. The future of Federal Way looks bright, and we look forward to continuing this journey with our community."

Stay tuned for details!



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## FWPD SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN CONDUCTING PROACTIVE PATROLS



The Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) established the Special Operations Unit (SOU) in 2010 to conduct proactive patrols in the downtown core.

The SOU is also instrumental in building relationships with local businesses and addressing quality-of-life crimes to make the downtown area safe and welcoming for the community to gather.

Currently, the SOU has four police officers and one supervisor, ensuring coverage seven days a week.

These officers conduct proactive patrols in police cars and on bicycles, which allows them to effectively patrol city parks, the BPA trail, and the business district.

They are responsible for contacting local business owners and stakeholders regarding street-level crimes like trespassing and drug enforcement.

The bicycle officers are particularly effective in areas where drug activity is every day since most offenders are not accustomed to seeing police on bicycles.

The FWPD recently purchased a new fleet of police-rated bicycles for our SOU, which can conduct repairs and maintenance in-house. This ability lowers the program's cost and reduces the time a bicycle is unusable.

The patrol bicycle is an excellent community policing tool that helps improve relations with community members. Statistically, a bike patrol officer has twice as many contacts with the public as a police car officer. SOU officers can also navigate tight alleys and trails that may be difficult to access with a vehicle.

By bridging the gap between vehicle patrol and foot patrol, the SOU serves as a highly mobile and visible presence to protect the citizens of Federal Way.



## FWRPD'S CODY ROBERTSON IS NAMED DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR!



*As a detective, Cody Robertson, pictured in the middle, prioritizes pursuing justice daily. In recognition of his hard work, Robertson received the 2022 Detective of The Year award from Chief Andy Hwang and the Federal Way Police Department in Council Chambers. It was a memorable moment and a testament to Cody's dedication to the job.*

FWRPD Detective Cody Robertson inspires his colleagues in the Criminal Investigations Section due to his exceptional work ethic and dedication. In 2022, Cody joined the Valley Independent Investigations Team (VIIT) as a core detective, fearlessly taking on numerous assignments and determined to make a difference.

Cody is the 2022 Detective of The Year and is making headlines for all the right reasons. Last year, he was assigned 102 cases, approximately 35 of which were at his request. Cody successfully spearheaded investigations into three homicides and an in-custody death for an external agency.

Cody is one of the first to volunteer to assist his teammates with covering on-call assignments. He actively seeks training topics to advance his career and knowledge of criminal investigations. Despite his short time as a Detective, Cody's exceptional performance sets an excellent example for others.

Congratulations, Cody!



## WE CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

November is Native American Heritage Month! We celebrate the diverse cultures, traditions, and rich history of the Native American community and recognize their contributions in Federal Way and throughout the United States.



Our friends from the King County Library System compiled a list of reads for all ages during Native American Heritage Month!

[Click here for the details.](#)

A large graphic featuring a light beige background with two pieces of fabric on the left and right sides. The fabric has a traditional Native American geometric pattern in teal, white, and red. In the center, the text 'NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH' is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. 'NATIVE' and 'AMERICAN' are in dark brown, while 'HERITAGE MONTH' is in teal.

# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



## MAYOR FERRELL ATTENDS THE BETTER TOGETHER PANEL IN KENT!



***On November 4, Mayor Ferrell presented proactive strategies and recommendations on how the faith community can collaborate with the City of Federal Way. During the Better Together panel, Mayor Ferrell emphasized the importance of the faith community and local government working together to provide shelter and food and combat unemployment.***

Mayor Ferrell's participation in the Better Together conference panel at Kent Hillside Church on November 4 was an inspiring display of the progress achieved when government and faith communities gather to discuss the challenges their communities face.

The discussion united representatives from our region to empower youth through collaboration.

We thank Pastor Everett Tustin, Dr. André Sims, and their team at Kent Hillside Church for inviting Mayor Ferrell to the Better Together panel!



# BETTER TOGETHER

## PUBLIC WORKS, FWPS, AND WM COLLABORATE FOR AFGHAN FAMILY NIGHT TO EDUCATE ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT!



**Waste Management Education!** The picture shows the Waste Management and City of Federal Way staff interacting with the local community (from left to right): Han Kirkland, Public Sector Manager for the Pacific Northwest Area; Rianne Janovich, Recycling and Composting Outreach Coordinator; Reece Hobday, Public Education and Outreach Tech, and Emma Keese, Public Education and Outreach Specialist on November 1.

The City of Federal Way thanks Han Kirkland and Rianne Janovich from Waste Management (WM), and our Reece Hobday, Public Education and Outreach Tech, and Emma Keese, Public Education and Outreach Specialist, for their collaboration at last week's Afghan Family Night at Todd Beamer High School.

Public Works provided in-language materials in both Dari and Pashto on what belongs in the garbage, recycling, and compost in Federal Way.

Our Public Works staff and the Executive Director at Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) invited WM to educate our community on solid waste management. Along with other community partners, Han mentioned that the turnout was excellent!

The children had a lot of fun playing the sorting game, where they learned which items were in each cart using color-coded visuals. We greatly appreciate this opportunity and value our partnership with FWPS and WM!



**FEDERAL WAY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## THE LATEST PAEC NEWS!



Miss Washington Volunteer recently participated in the Miss Volunteer America pageant's official preliminary program, which is a nationwide service-oriented scholarship program that focuses on community service and empowers young women with exceptional educational opportunities.

PAEC held three Miss Washington pageants, open to participants aged 5 to 26 across the state. Contestants competed for the crown and scholarships. It was evident that all the participants had put in a lot of hard work, appearing poised and impressive. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce recently organized its monthly luncheon meeting at the PAEC. The event featured Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, who spoke about the current state of education, specifically within the Federal Way district.

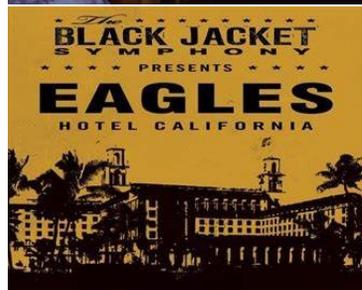


**DR. DANI PFEIFFER**  
Superintendent  
Federal Way  
Public School District



The PAEC held its second Arts 4 Youth show of the season, the "Call of the Wild: Illustrated Edition," on October 30. More than 500 students and teachers from Federal Way attended the event.

The children were fully engaged in the show, shedding tears at the sad parts, cheering, clapping, and howling excitedly at the thrilling parts. The PAEC looks forward to its next show, "The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System."



The Black Jacket Symphony played a fantastic Halloween show at the PAEC, impressing the audience with its exceptional talent while covering the Eagles' "Hotel California" album!

They are known for covering various bands and albums and are particularly popular in the Midwest and East Coast. The group returns to Federal Way in February to play Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon."



Tickets for this event go on sale on November 10!

Henry Rollins' "Good to See You" tour stopped at the PAEC on November 1.

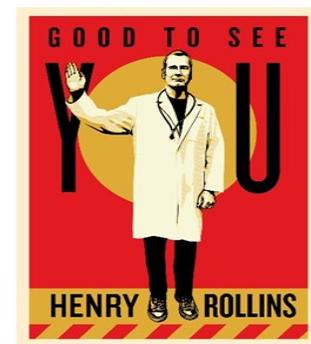
Over 600 people attended the show in Washington State, where Henry's high energy and insightful commentary left an unforgettable impression.



We are excited to announce that Matt Mathews, a popular TikTok personality, is embarking on his first stand-up comedy tour! His shows are unique and interactive, not just the usual stand-up routine.

The show will take center stage on April 13, 2024, and the PAEC highly recommends purchasing tickets early, as many shows have sold out in the past!

[Click on this link for ticket information](#) on the PAEC website.



## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES!



**Preschool Education:** The little ones recently took a creative costume stroll through the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC)!

Dressed in imaginative outfits, they paraded joyfully through the office, warmly welcomed by beloved characters from the 1995 popular comedy kids' movie *Toy Story*!

Both classes focused on teaching about friendship, like Woody and Buzz Lightyear, where the message "You've Got a Friend in Me" was incorporated as the first lesson of the day!

We thank our fantastic Parks and Recreation team for consistently creating a fun, inclusive, and educational environment for the children — you're doing a great job!



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

CITY OF  
Federal Way  
**PARKS & RECREATION**

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPER HERO OR SUPER HERO FAMILY!

**FREE POPCORN!**

DC LEAGUE OF  
**SUPER-PETS**

**NOW SHOWING**

TICKETS **\$2** PER PERSON

**NOVEMBER 10**  
DOORS OPEN  
6:30 PM  
MOVIE STARTS  
6:00 PM

**KNUTZEN  
FAMILY THEATRE**  
3200 SW Dash Point Rd  
Federal Way, WA 98023

**LEARN MORE AND RSVP  
ITALLHAPPENSHERE.ORG**



**Senior  
Commission  
Connection**

**Every 3rd Wednesday  
of the Month**

**DATES**  
October 18  
November 15: Arts Commission

**10AM - 1 PM**

Hosted by the Federal Way Senior Advisory Commission  
Located in the Senior Lounge at  
The Federal Way Community Center  
876 S. 333RD STREET, FEDERAL WAY

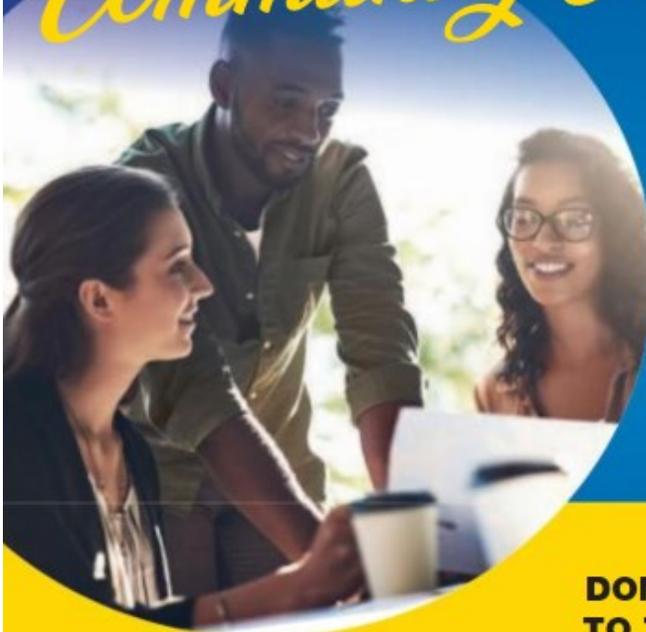
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– Arthur Brisbane

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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

# CITYWIDE NEWS

**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.**

