

CITYWIDE NEWS

THE CONNA FAMILY HOLDS A CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEDICATION OF A PHOTO MURAL AT THE BUS SHELTER ON 320TH ST.



John and Mary Conna were African-American pioneers in the early history of Washington State.

On October 13, the Conna family partnered with King County Metro to celebrate the Conna Family NW Black Pioneers project at 1157 S. 320th Street in Federal Way.

The family organizers said the bus shelter photo mural pays homage to their lives and celebrates their contributions to national and local civic causes, political activism, and land ownership in our state.

“John Conna’s story is truly remarkable,” **Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell** said. “He was a businessperson and owned 157 acres at the southeast side of Panther

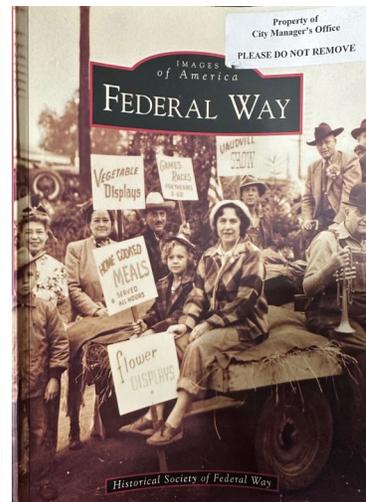
A Great Masterpiece! The Conna family photo mural is at the 1157 S. 320th Street bus shelter in Federal Way.

Lake here in Federal Way before his passing in 1921. Born into slavery in Texas in 1843, Mr. Conna faced numerous challenges before gaining his freedom and fighting in Civil War battles, including the Siege of Port Hudson, Louisiana. He was appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms of the 1889 Washington Territorial House of Representatives.”

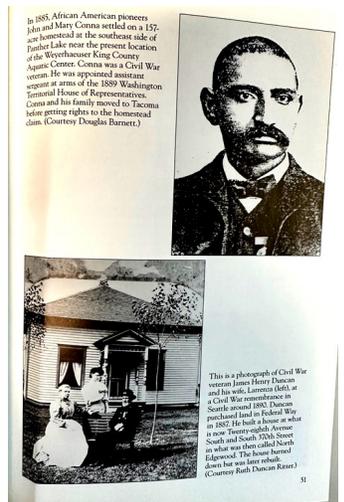
John’s great-granddaughter, Maisha Barnett, hopes her great-grandfather will become the first African-American to have a landmark in Federal Way.



Maisha Barnett, John Conna’s great-granddaughter (pictured in the middle), advocated for a landmark in Federal Way to be named after her great-grandfather. At the event on October 13, she met with King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer (pictured left) and Mayor Ferrell.



The Historical Society of Federal Way’s History Book features over 200 vintage images and includes an article on John Conna on page 51.



YANGSAN, SOUTH KOREA, DELEGATION VISITS MAYOR JIM FERRELL AND CITY COUNCIL!

City councilmembers, city staff, and Becca Martin from the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce joined **Mayor Ferrell** in welcoming **Mayor Na Dong-Yeon** from **Yangsan, South Korea**, alongside **Park Byung-Dae**, chairman of the **Yangsan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (YCCI)**, and other distinguished delegates, for a city hall tour on October 10! We thank **Tanja Carter**, economic development director, and former **Federal Way Mayor Mike Park** for organizing this unforgettable visit and bringing us closer to our friends from Yangsan.



The group photo includes Yangsan, South Korea, Mayor Na Dong-Yeon; Chairman of the Yangsan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Park Byung-Dae; Council President Linda Kochmar, Mayor Ferrell, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda; President of The Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce, Becca Martin, Councilmembers Jack Walsh, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Paul McDaniel, and FWPD Chief Andy Hwang. During the gathering, Yangsan's Mayor thanked Mayor Ferrell for supporting the Korean community, constituting 10 percent of Federal Way residents.



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FYPD ACTIVATES THREE SUBSTATION LOCATIONS TO KEEP COMMUNITY SAFE



The Federal Way Police Department (FYPD) operates three active substations in the City: The Commons Mall substation, the Downtown Substation, and the Pacific Highway Substation near Federal Way High School.

The Commons Mall substation, managed by Lieutenant RB Blackshear, is the main base of operations with three police officers.



This program falls under the Patrol Specialty Assignments command.

Our FYPD officers at The Commons maintain constant contact with youth at the mall, carry out foot patrols, and handle shoplifting and other criminal cases. They also engage in crime prevention contacts by maintaining officer presence.



The Downtown Substation hosts the Traffic Unit and Special Operations Officers near the Transit Center.

The strategic locations of the substations provide the public with high police visibility and reduce response time, advancing FYPD's mission of enhancing the quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses within our City.

FYPD'S JEFF VANDERVEER IS HONORED AS THE MVP AND THEN PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT!



Performing The Job Duties Worthy of An MVP Honor!

FYPD Commander Kurt Schwan and Chief of Police Andy Hwang are pictured with Jeff VanderVeer (shown in the middle) in Council Chambers for a special moment.

Jeff's dedication to our police department extends beyond his regular work hours to include during his off time, seeking additional training to enhance his expertise.

Jeff VanderVeer, a skilled detective in the Criminal Investigations Section, has significantly impacted the department's investigations. As the only certified Crime Scene Investigator in our FYPD, Jeff has solved countless homicides and violent offenses in the region.

It's one of many reasons Jeff received the 2022 Most Valuable Player award and then promoted to Lieutenant on October 1, 2023!

Jeff's expertise was instrumental in processing even the most complex investigation scenes. In 2022, he tackled one of the department's most challenging cases, cementing his reputation as a top-notch investigator.

Jeff's work ethic is beyond reproach. Prosecutors and peers recognize him as an expert in his field. Jeff took Crime Scene Investigation to a new level at FYPD.

In mid-2022, Jeff became the Administrative Officer in charge of professional standards. He recruits and investigates Police Department applicants, coordinates training and fulfills staffing needs. Jeff maintains his Crime Scene Investigation certifications while learning his new assignment.

He truly exemplifies the agency's values and mission!

MAYOR FERRELL JOINS THE RUCKELSHAUS CIRCLE LUNCHEON IN SEATTLE

Last week, Mayor Ferrell had the privilege and honor of attending the 14th annual Ruckelshaus Circle Luncheon at The Hyatt Regency Seattle.

- **William “Bill” Ruckelshaus**, the first Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator, was honored at the event.
- A few tables away from Mayor Ferrell sat **former three-term Governor Dan Evans**, who represented Washington in the U.S. Senate from 1983 to 1989.

Mayor Ferrell listened to a moderated discussion with **Valerie Jarrett, CEO of the Obama Foundation**, on the theme of ‘Finding Common Ground.’ Valerie was a Senior Advisor to Barack Obama from 2009-2017.



THE UPDATED NUMBERS ARE IN FROM THE MAYOR’S DAY OF CONCERN FOOD DRIVE!



We received great news about the official numbers from the Mayor’s Day of Concern Food Drive at the Twin Lakes Fred Meyer.

According to **Steven Curry, Food Bank Director of the Multi-Service Center (MSC) in Federal Way**, they collected **another 1,431 pounds of food and \$1,165.00 in cash donations on October 7!**

Steven said that brings **14,872 pounds of food, including the 13,441 pounds** collected through the Waste Management FD.

The City of Federal Way and Mayor Ferrell thank Steven, our **City Councilmembers, Han Kirkland** and the **Waste Management team, Bill Vadino, Policy Advisor**, and friends at **Fred Meyer**.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS HOLD A WINTER MAINTENANCE TRAINING KICKOFF AT CELEBRATION PARK



With the winter season fast approaching, Public Works and Parks are gearing up to handle the potential snow and ice that might come along this year. Mayor Ferrell recently visited the team during its winter maintenance training kickoff at Celebration Park as they practiced plowing bark.

The training kickoff also connects the Public Works and Parks family and strengthens their bond. Public Works Director EJ Walsh values teamwork and encourages his teammates to get to know one another better!

It's worth noting that Public Works and Parks work around the clock to ensure the safety of our community on the roads.

As we prepare for the winter season in Federal Way, **we thank the team for letting Mayor Ferrell drive a snowplow truck!**



Check out Mayor Ferrell's fun video of the winter maintenance training kickoff on his social media pages!

They're Always Making It Happen! Before the winter maintenance training kickoff at Celebration Park on October 11, Public Works and Parks discuss snow and ice operations, sidewalk clearing for city facilities, and ice yard safety planning. Mayor Ferrell appreciates our rock stars, who work around the clock for you in Federal Way!



A Man of Action! Mayor Ferrell delivers when it comes to serving the City of Federal Way. Recently, the Mayor had the opportunity to experience the upcoming winter daily challenges faced by Public Works and Parks, using the snow plow and plow truck. The Mayor thanks EJ Walsh, Public Works Director (pictured right), for the hands-on experience!

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THE FALL SEASON MEANS LEAVES EVERYWHERE; WHERE CAN YOU PUT THEM ALL?



Now is the perfect time to take charge and clean up the streets and grass covered in fall leaves!

Sure, letting the leaves break down naturally is one option, but what if you prefer to take action and clean them up?

What's the best and safest way to dispose of them?



The Public Works Department has provided excellent recommendations below on what to do with the fall leaves.

We appreciate the Public Works team sharing this friendly reminder with our Federal Way community!

LEAF LITTER FAQs

WHY SHOULD I CLEAN OFF MY STORM DRAINS?
Fallen leaves clog storm drains, causing flooding and property damage, and polluting our rivers, lakes and streams. Raking or blowing leaves into the storm drain is a violation of City Code.

CAN I USE A LEAF BLOWER TO CLEAN UP MY YARD?
Avoid blowing leaves into the street, where they clog storm drains. Blow or rake leaves into a pile and then clean them up.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE LEAVES?
You have a couple options for disposal. You can either compost them or put them in your yard waste cart.

WHAT IF I USE A YARD SERVICE COMPANY?
Yard service companies are also responsible for keeping yard debris out of storm drains.

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Questions? Call the Surface Water Management Division at 253-835-2700 or visit www.cityoffederalway.com/surfacewater

HELP KEEP LEAVES OFF OF STORM DRAINS

If you blow or rake leaves onto storm drains they will cause flooding.

Fallen leaves clog storm drains, causing flooding in our streets and on private property. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with over 12,000 drains in Federal Way alone, we could use your help! If you see leaves in your storm drain please remove them and place in your yard waste cart or home compost pile.

MAKE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE FREE 'EYES ON FEDERAL WAY' APP!

Available Now!

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Eyes on Federal Way

Download the Eyes on Federal Way app for free from Google Play or the App Store to take control of your community!

You can use the app to report non-emergency issues like a shopping cart blocking the sidewalk, a pothole in the road, or garbage littering the streets.

Your feedback is essential in ensuring a safe and clean Federal Way community!



THE FEDERAL WAY LIBRARY HOSTED OUR FIRST FW COMMUNITY COURT THIS MONTH



Municipal Court Judge David A. Larson, pictured at the table on October 5, noted that credit for the success belongs to Stacie Scarpaci, Probation Supervisor, who coordinated with the library system and multiple service providers to make this a reality.

The Federal Way Community Court has been in operation since March 2018.

Still, on October 5, it held its first session at the Federal Way Library on 1st Way South in partnership with the King County Library System and multiple service providers and resources.

The Municipal Court partnered with the King County Library System to create a resource center for court participants and public members who need assistance.

“The library system and the court systems were trying to do the same thing for the same people, so we decided to join forces to maximize our reach,” said **Municipal Court Judge David A. Larson.**

The Municipal Court and the Federal Way Library have contracts for peer services with Peer Kent, meaning that when the resource center operates, access to peer services doubles at no additional expense to taxpayers. The library and the court substantially increased resource access by sharing their partnerships with providers.

Word of the partnership inspired new resource providers to join the effort, too. The Resource Center is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Federal Way Library, 34200 1st Way South. Starting January 1, 2024, the hours will be from 1-3:30 p.m.

Judge Larson and the City of Federal Way thank our fantastic Information Technology (IT) staff, who have consistently met the court’s technology needs!



FEDERAL WAY ARTS FOUNDATION ENCHANTE: CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS AT THE PAEC



Our dedicated City Council joined Mayor Ferrell at the Enchanté: Celebration of the Arts on October 14! The City of Federal Way was a proud sponsor of this fundraiser organized by Mary Gates, the president of The Arts Foundation.

The Arts Foundation rebranded the event to make it easier for the community to participate. Donations from Enchanté: Celebration of the Arts will support the Foundation's programs!



Mayor Ferrell spoke during the Enchanté event on October 14 at the PAEC, emphasizing the importance of art in creating a lasting legacy and telling a unique story in Federal Way.

CYCLOCROSS REVOLUTION INVITES THE MAYOR TO START ITS RACE AT CELEBRATION PARK!



On October 15, Mayor Ferrell served as the official race starter for the junior Cyclocross event at Celebration Park, where different age groups competed on the two-mile course.

In case you're wondering what cyclocross is, it involves racing on grass, gravel, and sand in parks. Cyclocross, a sport that originated in France on November 20, 1902, has gained popularity worldwide, including in the United States, Australia, Netherlands, and Belgium!

Life's An Adventure — Enjoy The Ride! Thanks to Wick, the Cyclocross Revolution promoter, for inviting Mayor Ferrell to start their junior race. "The Dude" loaned our Mayor that sweater featured in "The Big Lebowski" starring Jeff Bridges. The Mayor abides!



COUNCIL'S CORNER

*By Amy Glandon
Executive Assistant to City Council*

There are several ways for Federal Way residents to participate in Citizen Advisory Bodies. One can join boards, commissions, and committees. The City Council appoints members of these bodies after an interview process. An example of such a commission is the Federal Way Senior Advisory Commission.



The Senior Advisory Commission went into effect on July 21, 2019, to advise the City Council in all matters about older Americans and their needs, including, but not limited to, health and nutrition, transportation, housing, employment, and recreational programs.

Through their mission to improve and enrich the health and well-being of senior citizens, the Senior Advisory Commission put together a Senior Resource Guide that is updated and printed annually to be handed out free of charge at many locations around Federal Way.

In May, the Commission held its first-ever Senior Health & Resource Fair at the Performing Arts & Events Center (PAEC), with over 40 vendors and over 200 attendees from the public.

Meet Your Senior Advisory Commission!

The Senior Advisory Commission has eight members, with one voting position and three alternate positions available.

The current Commissioners are:

- Position 1 - Vicky Foreman
- Position 2 - Debbie Harvey
- Position 3 - Cheryl Volheim
- Position 4 - Tammy Dziak
- Position 5 - Lana Bostic, Chair
- Position 6 - Catherine North, Vice-Chair
- Position 7 - Kenneth Pratt
- Position 9 - Frank Fields

The Senior Advisory Commission meets at City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. Their meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome!



From left to right: Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Commissioner Cheryl Volheim, Commissioner Tammy Dziak, Chair Lana Bostic, Commissioner Sue Ellebrecht, Vice-Chair Catherine North, Commissioner Vicky Foreman, Commissioner Frank Fields, Commissioner Debbie Harvey, Commissioner Kenneth Pratt.

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This week's Council happenings:

- **Human Services Commission Regular Meeting**, October 16, at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, October 17, at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- **Federal Way Farmers Market**, October 21, at The Commons, 9 a.m.

EVENTS AT THE PAEC!



Our friends and hard-working staff at the PAEC have been busy!

The PAEC resumed its Arts 4 Youth program after a multi-year hiatus caused by the global pandemic. This program offers affordable performing arts events to K -12 students and teacher resources!



The first offering in 2023 was *How to Survive Middle School*, which encourages children to embrace their authentic selves and appreciate others' differences.



Middle school students from Federal Way enjoyed the show, which included many participation opportunities. Seven more shows are coming up, with the next being *Call of the Wild* on October 30. Other schools can sign up by [visiting the PAEC website](#); tickets are priced at \$5 per person.



The PAEC hosted a public health outreach event for Seattle and King County on October 11-12. Over 200 public health workers attended daily, and Brian Hoffman and his excellent staff provided breakfast and lunch. It was a significant effort, and we thank the PAEC for ensuring events always run smoothly!

As mentioned in the *Citywide News*, the PAEC welcomed the Arts Foundation Federal Way, which hosted this year's **Enchante: Celebration of the Arts** fundraiser. The attendees and those who bought tickets for the show enjoyed *Forbidden Broadway: The Next Generation*.



TW PAEC PRESENTS:

FORBIDDEN BROADWAY

The Next Generation

October 14th, 2023
8:00 PM

SPOOFING OVER THIRTY OF YOUR FAVORITE BROADWAY MUSICAL HITS!

On October 15, the PAEC welcomed the Federal Way Symphony for its first show of the new season, *Things That Go Bump in the Night*. This eerie performance showcased concert pianist Geisa Dutra, who played Franz Liszt's *Malédiction* and the haunting theme from the classic film *Psycho*!

We encourage you to check out the other symphony concerts at the PAEC this season!

FEDERAL WAY
Symphony
EST. 1983
Adam Stern, Music Director

Things that go Bump in the Night

Sunday, October 15th 2:30 pm

Tickets:
(253) 835-7010
<https://fwpaec.org>

Featuring pianist
Geisa Dutra

HOWARD SHORE (b. 1946)
The Shape of Rage (music from David Cronenberg's film *The Brood*)

FRANZ LISZT (1811-1886)
Malédiction (The Curse)

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
(1872-1958)
Five Variants of "Dives and Lazarus"

BERNARD HERRMANN (1911-1975)
Psycho: A Narrative for Orchestra (music from Alfred Hitchcock's film)

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

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HOT OFF THE PRESSES:

Community Conversations

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
1:00 – 2:30 PM

POVERTY BAY CAFÉ, 1108 S 322ND PL

"A newspaper is a mirror reflecting the public..."

– Arthur Brisbane

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Questions? Contact editor@fedwaymirror.com or cdulich@fedwaymirror.com





**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

FREE



Save the date!

MSC helps
LUNCHEON



Oct 19, 2023
11:30am
Federal Way
PAEC



Keynote Speaker

Doug Baldwin
Philanthropist and
Former Seahawk

PAEC
PERFORMING ARTS
AND EVENT CENTER

FREE FIX-IT EVENT

REPAIR CAFÉ

Bring your damaged furniture, broken small household items, dull knives, and torn clothing. Our fixers will do their best to make your stuff usable again!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

10AM-2PM



South King Tool Library

1700 S 340th St • Federal Way, WA



DETAILS:

- First come, first served. Plan to stay during the repair.
- Bring any manuals and/or parts and components to help us fix and test.
- NO items that are oversized, leaking, contain gasoline, or have a strong odor. No broken cell phone screens, locked out electronics, or microwaves.
- Expert fixers will do their best to fix items, but no guarantees.

Learn to fix items yourself!

Aspiring fixers and tinkerers invited to learn about repairs all day.

Help us help you—let the South King Tool Library know what you plan to bring:

@SouthKingTools @south_king_tools info@southkingtools.org 253-237-2290

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FEDERAL WAY FARMER'S MARKET HALLOWEEN FUN

OCTOBER 28, 2023
12:00 - 2:00 PM

- Free Treat Bags for ages 12 and under (while supplies last)
- FW Thriller Performance
- Selfie Photo Booth
- Costume Contest with Prizes
- Music & Food Trucks!

Located at The Commons
Mall Back Parking Lot
(1701 So. 320th & Pacific Hwy.)

www.federalwayfarmersmarket.com



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OCTOBER 28
3 - 5:30 PM

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- ✓ *Do you want to monitor the health of our streams?*
- ✓ *Do you want to make a difference in your community?*

ATTEND BOTH TRAININGS!

INTRO TO STREAM TEAM AND WATER MONITORING

Thursday, November 2nd
6pm–8pm
Federal Way City Hall
33325 8th Ave S

Can't attend? RSVP for alternatives!

HANDS-ON FIELD TRAINING FOR WATER MONITORING

Saturday, November 4th
10am–12pm
Steel Lake Park
2410 S 312th St

Sancks and refreshments provided



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Scan here to RSVP or contact us!
SWM@CityofFederalWay.com
253-835-2752

Visit www.CityofFederalWay.com/StreamTeam for more information.

Swap Til' You Drop

Free Community Clothing Swap Event!

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 10am-2pm



WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SWAP?

Get rid of your adult seasonally appropriate (fall/winter) clothing, accessories, and shoes. Please pre-hang clothes. No children's items.



Learn more and register at uqr.to/Swap1123 or scan the QR code. Registration appreciated, but not required.

Drop Off Details:

October 2-30 at the following dates and times:
Mon, Sat: 10am-2pm; Wed: 2-6pm
South King Tool Library, 1700 S 340th St, Federal Way

WANT TO SWAP?

Come grab amazing and new-to-you items while helping reduce textile waste.

PLEASE Bring your own bag(s).

WANT TO REPAIR?

Try your hand at mending or transforming your clothing. One of our skilled fixers will advise and assist you with repairs and adjustments.

Event Location:

South King Tool Library
1700 S 340th St - Federal Way

All items not claimed will go to local non-profits for reuse or recycling.

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