Federal Way CITYWIDE NEWS



Many of you drove on 320th last week and noticed the half-mast flag pictured below.

The City of Federal Way lowered it on September 27 at the direction of Mayor Jim Ferrell to honor the memory of Bob Kellogg Sr., a long-time resident of Federal Way, who passed away on Tuesday, September 26.

"There would be no flag on 320th if it had not been for Bob's vision and advocacy for the flag," said Mayor Ferrell. "The official downtown flag-raising ceremony along 320th on November 11, 2014, at 11 a.m. to honor veterans in our community was Bog Kellogg's idea."

Bob was known for his numerous contributions to the community, including his service as a Federal Way Parks Commissioner, the Mayor's Veterans Committee, a Kiwanis Club of Federal Way member, and various other committees.

"Our condolences go out to his family during this difficult time," said Mayor Ferrell. "He was a friend of mine and a friend of Federal Way's. We will miss him."





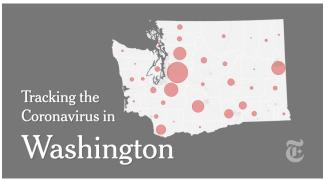
FREE COVID TESTS ARE AVAILABLE AS WASHINGTON STATE CASES ARE ON THE RISE



According to the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> (<u>CDC</u>), the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States continues to increase.

ABC News recently reported that for the week ending September 9, there was a **7.7% increase in weekly hospitalizations, from 19,068 to 20,538**, the first time since mid-March that COVID hospitalizations surpassed 20,000 when the figure hit 20,170.

It's a cause of concern for **our Federal Way community**, particularly during this time of year when respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is rising in certain parts of the country. In Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and **Washington**, **positive COVID-19 tests reportedly increased by 14.4 percent as of September 9**.



The New York Times has a link to track coronavirus cases in locations important to you. Here is information that allows you to build a personal dashboard. According to the newspaper, daily COVID-19 admissions show how many patients tested positive in hospitals in an area.



The Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) has <u>been using a COVID</u> <u>-19 dashboard with the most recent numbers</u> tracking all known cases. We appreciate our friends at FWPS continuously updating the dashboard and being transparent to keep everyone in our community informed.



FREE COVID-19 TEST INFORMATION OPTIONS:

Click here to find out where you can get your updated COVID shot.

Click here to place your order for free at-home COVID-19 tests.



YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST-EVER NATIONAL WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING



Can you go a Week Without Driving? Here's your chance!

The **first annual National Week Without Driving** event starts today and runs until October 8.

Participants can go anywhere, but the challenge is that you can't drive in any car. You can ride Uber, Lyft, or a Taxi or ask a friend or relative to take you around. Think about the impact on your daily routine and weekend plans if you couldn't drive. How would it affect your decision-making?

The Week Without Driving raises awareness and puts policymakers, elected leaders, and everyone else in the shoes of daily life for non-drivers.

FEDERAL WAY PD OFFERS THE COMMUNITY INCLEMENT WEATHER DRIVING TIPS



As the weather forecast predicts more rain in South King County, we're also gearing up for winter days and potential icy commutes.

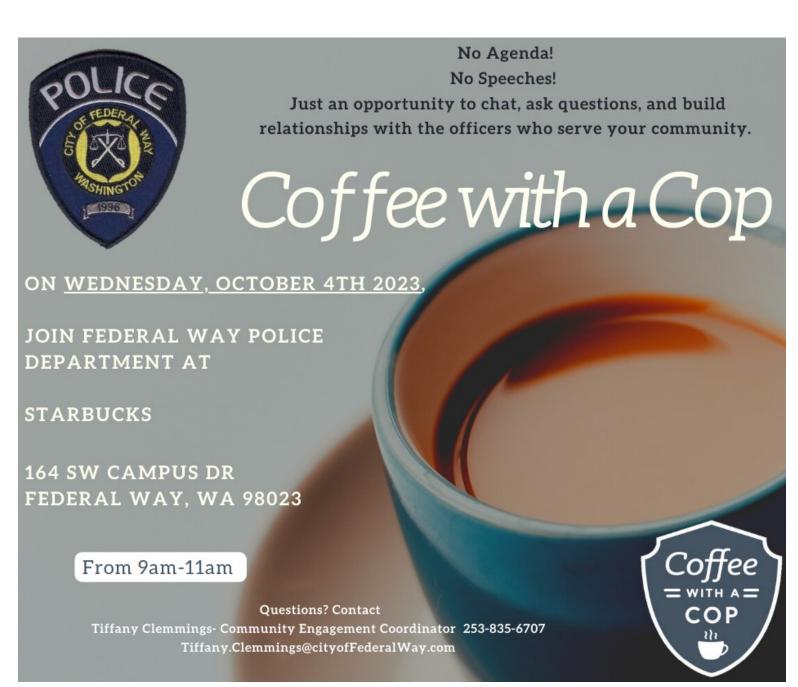
When it rains, the odds of accidents increase due to poor visibility and wet roads. Weather-related accidents account for almost a quarter of all accidents that occur annually.

Fortunately, here are the precautions you can take to drive more safely in wet weather:

- Cleanliness is critical. You want to keep your windshield wipers and headlights clean so that you can see.
- It's a good idea to get your wipers replaced before winter. You'll need to be able to keep your windshield clear of all the snow, ice, and salt.
- Make sure you're driving on adequately inflated, full-tread tires.
- If it's raining, even lightly, or simply gloomy or foggy, turn on your headlights for you and other drivers.
- In a rush to get somewhere? It's important to **remember to drive slowly**. When you go too fast, your tires may lose contact with the road, making your vehicle unstable. Increasing the distance between the cars in front and behind you is crucial to prevent this.
- Avoid using cruise control.
- Try to avoid using your brakes, especially when icy, unless you're stopping. You can slow down when taking your foot off the accelerator.
- Use **heating and air conditioning** to ensure your windows don't fog or impair vision.
- Try to drive in the same tracks as the vehicle before you.
- If you do feel your vehicle slide, do not panic. **Avoid slamming on the brakes** and **steer in the direction** you want to drive.









RETIREMENT APPRECIATION PARTY FOR MSC CEO ROBIN CORAK AT THE PAEC!







A Community Leader! Mayor Ferrell, City Councilmembers, and Judge David A. Larson attended Robin Corak's retirement gettogether on September 27 at the Performing Arts & Event Center (PAEC). Mayor Ferrell shared a few words on what Robin has meant to our Federal Way community since she joined MSC in 2001.



The City of Federal Way congratulates Robin Corak, CEO of Multi-Service Center (MSC), on her upcoming retirement! After serving as CEO since 2012, Robin will officially retire in January 2024.

Last week, Mayor Ferrell and many others attended Robin's retirement party at the PAEC to celebrate her remarkable achievements in strengthening communities throughout South King County.

The City of Federal Way wishes Robin a joyful, relaxing, and peace-filled retirement!

PUBLIC WORKS OFFERS TIPS ON WHAT TO DO WITH FALL LEAVES EVERYWHERE





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 LUSE A LEAF BLOWER TO CLEAN UP

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.



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





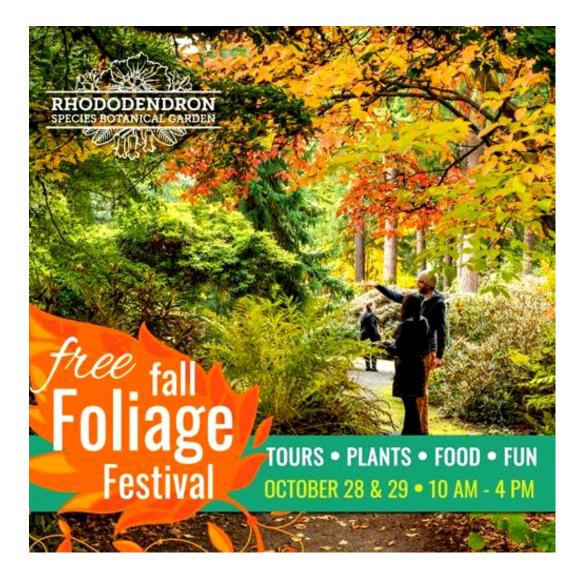
FW BOTANICAL GARDEN WINS THREE TOURISM AWARDS FOR BEST IN THE PNW!



The City of Federal Way congratulates the **Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (RSBG)** for its outstanding victory in winning *The Seattle Times* 2023 Best in the PNW competition! It's a remarkable accomplishment for the place known as the "crown jewel" of Federal Way!

In *The Seattle Times* 2023 Best in the PNW contest, **RSBG earned the silver medal for Best Tour, Family Attraction, and Day Trip**. RSBG's dedicated members and loyal supporters left no doubt as to why their favorite woodland garden deserved this recognition.

"We are humbled to be supported this way," **said Natalie Ries, RSBG Marketing and Outreach Manager**. "Our members, visitors, staff, and volunteers keep the garden alive and thriving for the enjoyment of everyone and gardeners of all ages."





The City of Federal Way is proud to celebrate Filipino American History Month in October!

Did you know?

- Federal Way and Seattle are home to some of the largest Filipino communities in the United States.
- Filipino History Month commemorates the first arrival of Filipinos in the continental US on October 18, 1587.
- Filipino American History Month (FAHM) started in October 1992.
- For over 10 years, the family of our Communications Officer, David Solano, owned and operated Manila's Pride in Federal Way off 336th.
- Jollibee is a beloved and arguably the most popular fast-food chain in the Philippines, comparable to McDonald's
 in America.
- Fun fact: Many from the Filipino community in Portland, Oregon, consistently drive to our state to visit their closest Jollibee locations in Tacoma and the Westfield Southcenter Mall in Tukwila!





Join your neighbors in helping fight hunger in Federal Way by donating food at the curb!



FOOD DRIVE

October 2-6, 2023

Here's how to donate:

- 1. October 2-6 on your garbage pickup day, place your food donations in bags and boxes next to your carts, by 7 AM.
- 2. Tape this flyer to your donation or label it as "Food Drive"
- 3. A WM truck will pick up your donations and deliver them to the Multi-Service Center!





Don't know what to donate? Check out the back of the flyer!

Over 1500+ households are served each week by the Federal Way Multi-Service Center.

Thank you for donating!











October 2-6, 2023

FAQ:

What can I donate?

Sealed, non-perishable and unexpired food.

- Canned fruit or vegetables
- Canned Soups
- Canned Tuna / Chicken / Fish / Beans / Other Proteins
- Pasta / Macaroni and Cheese / Ramen noodles
- Rice / Canned or dried beans
- Pudding cups / Crackers / Fruit cups
- Snacks for children's lunches
- Cooking oil
- Broth / Stock

- Canned pasta meals
- Ensure / Boost / Protein bars / Granola bars
- Tomato sauce / Tomato Paste
- Breakfast cereal / Oatmeal
- Nuts / Peanut butter or other nut butters
- Evaporated milk / Almond,
 Soy or Rice milk
- Gluten free foods
- Baby food (ok in glass) / Baby formula

Non-food Items are also gladly accepted and needed.

- Diapers
- Small soaps / Shampoo
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
- Unused razors
- Disposable spoons / forks
- Can openers

What's not accepted?

No alcohol, no food in glass containers please.

What if my donation doesn't get picked up?

If your donation has not been picked up by the end of the day, please call WM customer service at **1-253-833-3333** and let them you know your food drive donation was missed. WM will gladly pick it up the next business day!













FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 7, 10am-2pm at the Twin Lakes



Items of Greatest Need:

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This week's council happenings:



- Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting, October 2 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting, October 3 at City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting, October 4 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Arts Commission Regular Meeting, October 5 at the FWCC, 9 a.m.
- Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting, October 5 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Federal Way Farmers Market, October 7 at The Commons, 9 a.m.



Our Federal Way Parks & Recreation team wants you to know about an upcoming Halloween event at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC)! "**The Tricks and Treats**" funfest is back and better than ever, bringing an evening full of frightful fun for all ages!

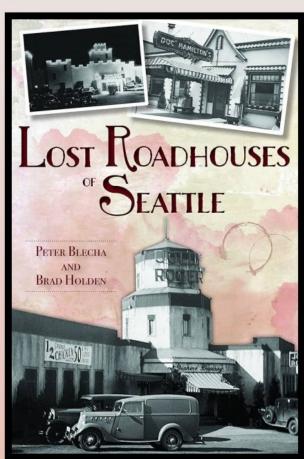
Make sure to mark your calendars for **October 28 from 3-5:30 p.m.**, and bring the kids and family out for a great time — we hope to see you soon!





HERE ARE THE OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

Historical Society of Federal Way 2023 Annual Meeting Notice



Location—Federal Way Library 34200 1st Way South, Federal Way, WA 98023

When—Saturday, October 7, 2023 Business Noon -1:00 Speaker 1:00-3:00

Annual Business Meeting, including election of HSFW board and officers.

Brooklake is one of the few intact roadhouses written about in the book. The HSFW includes a display of the

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