CITYWIDE NEWS

BELLA RED SALON OWNER RECEIVES THE KEY TO THE CITY; OVER 50 VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED!

During the City Council regular meeting held on October 3, **Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell** gave his Mayor's Key to The City to **Kristin Speakman**, **the owner of Bella Red Salons**, after organizing hundreds of **free back-to-school haircuts** for Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) students at Town Square Park on August 28, 2023!

Mayor Ferrell was happy to individually recognize **over 50 volunteer hairstylists/barbers with certificates of appreciation** for their involvement that day; this was an excellent example of community-minded service!

We appreciate State Representative Kristine Reeves being on hand for last week's festivities!



The Mayor's Key to The City plaque reads: The City of Federal Way thanks you for organizing a free back-to-school haircuts event at Town Square Park on August 28, 2023. Your can-do attitude is an inspiration to us all.





Community-Minded Volunteers! On October 3, Mayor Ferrell presented individual certificates of appreciation to the volunteer hairstylists and barbers and then took a group photo with City Councilmembers. Thanks to Pam Jones, the Executive Assistant to the Mayor, who ordered a fantastic cake for the occasion!



MAYOR FERRELL MEETS WITH GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE AND REGIONAL MAYORS



The Group Photo! Pictured left to right: Mayor Ferrell, Mercer Island Mayor Salim Nice, Des Moines Mayor Matt Mahoney, Governor Inslee, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, and Tukwila Mayor Allan Ekberg.

On October 6, Mayor Ferrell proactively met with Governor Jay Inslee, regional Mayors, and city officials about transitoriented development inside the Postmark Center for the Arts in downtown Auburn.

We thank Mayor Nancy Backus and our friends at the City of Auburn for hosting everyone last week!







THE MAYOR'S DAY OF CONCERN FOOD DRIVE TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 7

Over the weekend, the **Fred Meyer in Twin Lakes hosted the annual Mayor's Day of Concern** for the Hungry food drive. With the help of the Multi-Service Center (MSC) Federal Way Food Bank, Fred Meyer, and Waste Management, **we collected nearly 14,000 pounds** of canned foods to help those in our community who are in need.

Mayor Ferrell and our City Councilmembers expressed their satisfaction with the overwhelming support shown by the residents of Federal Way to help their fellow community members.

Thanks to our Fred Meyer, Waste Management, and MSC friends for your hard work!



We thank everyone for participating in the food and essential items drive held on October 7 at the Twin Lakes Fred Meyer! The City of Federal Way was glad to have our City Council President Linda Kochmar, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, Councilmembers Jack Dovey and Lydia Assefa-Dawson, and partners from the Twin Lakes Fred Meyer, Multi-Service Center (MSC) Federal Way Food Bank, and WM join us.



Fred Meyer.







MAYOR FERRELL ATTENDS THE 22ND ANNUAL SOUPER SUPPER FUNDRAISER!



Mayor Ferrell delivered a heartfelt message at the 22nd annual Souper Supper Fundraiser, which the City of Federal Way attended to support FWCCN, inspiring and motivating guests.

Mayor Ferrell, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, and Councilmembers Jack Walsh and Lydia Assefa -Dawson attended the 22nd annual Souper Supper event on October 6 at the Christian Faith Center in Federal Way.

The purpose of this fundraiser dinner is **to support the Federal Way Community Caregiving Network (FWCCN)** in fulfilling its mission of helping families stay in their homes and providing them with food, shelter, and other essentials — a big shout-out to Cafe Pacific for preparing the delicious soups, salad, and rolls for everyone!





Meet those representing The City of Federal Way at our table! Mayor Ferrell, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, Councilmembers Jack Walsh, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, and Bill Vadino, Policy Advisor, enjoyed the festivities and delicious food.



APWA WASHINGTON INVITES THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS EQUIPMENT ROADEO!



Meet Our Federal Way Team! From left to right: Nathan Gillespie, Richard (RJ) Hughes, Josh Dove, David Nyblom, and Ernest Fisher.

Last week, our Public Works Department participated in its first Equipment ROADeo at the American Public Works Association (APWA) Washington State Chapter fall conference in Wenatchee! The competition was intense, with the judging and scoring at the Wenatchee Convention Center!







The ROADeo winners are:



- Grand Prize: Scott VanDiest, City of Bellingham
- Mini-Excavator: Erik Krogness, Thurston County
- Loader: Tyler Roodzant, City of Mukilteo
- Snow Plow/Truck: Scott VanDiest, City of Bellingham
- Skid Steer: Erik Krogness, Thurston County

The winners will now compete at the national level. We are proud that our Public Works team had an opportunity to go up against the best of the best in Washington State!

MAYOR FERRELL VISITED THE NEW-LOOK OLYMPIC VIEW K-8 SCHOOL IN TWINS LAKES LAST WEEK

The City of Federal Way thanks the Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) for inviting us to its ribbon-cutting ceremony of the brand-new Olympic View K-8 on October 4! The state-of-the-art learning facility features a discovery lab, a family center, and educational resources for our local students — an excellent initiative for improving the educational experience in our Federal Way community!



A Historical Moment! Mayor Ferrell and Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson (pictured on the far left) were among those who celebrated the new Olympic View K-8 school opening in Federal Way. FWPS Superintendent Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Principal Jenai Choi, and other dignitaries were on hand for the ribbon-cutting celebration.







OUR FWPD CREATES A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE MAJOR CRIMES AND ACCIDENTS

In early 2023, the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) created a new unit, the Major Crime Scene Team (MCST).



The purpose of this new unit was to supplement the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Major Accident Investigation Team regarding processing crime scenes and serious motor vehicle accident scenes. Over the past month, the eight-member team has undergone extensive training in scene photography, mapping and diagramming, preservation and collection of evi-

dence, fingerprinting, and documentation.

The goal of the MCST is to lighten the load of the detectives investigating the crimes so they can focus on interviewing victims and witnesses, preparing search warrants, and identifying and apprehending suspects.

The MCST will also respond to Valley Independent Investigation Team incidents (VIIT).

VIIT is responsible for investigating the use of deadly force incidents amongst the Valley agencies, including Kent, Auburn, Renton, Tukwila, Des Moines, Port of Seattle, and the King County Sheriff's Office.



Courtesy FWPD: Casting bite mark impressions.

FWPD'S CRYSTAL ROTH IS NAMED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!



Acknowledging the Federal Way Police Department's Civilian Employee of The Year! From left to right: Diane Shines, Civilian Operations Manager, Crystal Roth, Accreditation Coordinator, and FWPD Chief Andy Hwang were present for the memorable moment in Council Chambers.

Crystal Roth is an inspiration as she dedicates herself to her role as the Accreditation/Volunteer Coordinator in the FWPD. She was awarded the 2022 Civilian Employee of The Year for her positive impact on the volunteer team, a testament to her commitment and pursuit of excellence for the City of Federal Way.

Crystal began her position in May of 2022 and took advantage of every opportunity to pursue training, attend meetings, and complete courses to prepare herself for the challenges ahead.

Crystal's knowledge and commitment were evident in her work, which played a crucial role in the FWPD's successful virtual review of its Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) files in December 2022.

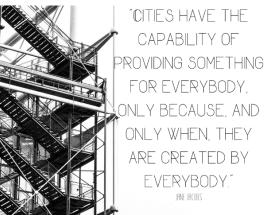
Crystal was instrumental in the CALEA and Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) accreditation processes, which enabled FWPD to achieve accreditation at the WASPC conference on November 15, 2022.

Crystal's efforts to support the volunteers went above and beyond, and she ensured that each volunteer felt valued and appreciated. The City of Federal Way congratulates Crystal!



COUNCIL'S CORNER

By Amy Glandon
Executive Assistant to City Council



The City of Federal Way has many different ways for citizens to get involved, primarily within the City through the Citizen Advisory Bodies. These Boards, Commissions, and Committees comprise members the City Council appoints after an interview.

One of these Commissions is the **Federal Way Planning Commission**.

The Planning Commission went into effect on February 28, 1990, providing recommendations to the City Council regarding land-use policies, including the Federal Way Comprehensive Plan, Map, and Zoning Code amendments. The Commission holds public hearings, obtains public testimony, and provides recommendations through the Council's Land Use & Transportation Committee.

Meet Your Planning Commission!

The Planning Commission has eight members, with two alternate positions available. The current Commissioners are:

Position 1 - Diana Noble-Gulliford

Position 2 - Anna Patrick

Position 3 - Tim O'Neil

Position 4 - Lawson Bronson, Chair

Position 5 - Jae So

Position 6 - Vickie Chynoweth

Position 7 - Tom Medhurst

Alternate 1 - Sanyu Tushabe



The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Their meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome!

This week's Council happenings:

- Parks, Recreation, Human Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting, October 10 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting, October 11, 10 a.m. (Zoom option)
- Youth Commission Regular Meeting, October 12 at the FWCC, 5 p.m.
- Diversity Commission Regular Meeting, October 12 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Federal Way Farmers Market, October 14 at The Commons, 9 a.m.





Our friends at the PAEC had a busy and exciting week to kick off the month!

On October 6, they hosted a concert featuring the Italian guitar quartet 40 Fingers.

It was only their second performance on the United States West Coast, and they were fantastic! While 40 Fingers may be well-known in Europe, they're gaining recognition in the U.S.

The band played several hit songs that the audience knew well during the event. Every time a new piece played, the audience became enthusiastic and joined in by tapping their feet, dancing, and singing along!

It was a memorable experience, and everyone who attended deserves a big thank you!



The PAEC welcomed everyone for the show **The Soul of A Woman 4** on October 7.

The powerful tribute in Federal Way celebrated the legacies of **four amazing trailblazing female musicians** who have significantly shaped and paved the way for other artists in the R&B music industry.

Brandy, Jazmine Sullivan, Sade, and India Arie were the four artists honored in this tribute event.

During the show, **local artist Devona Roy** painted on stage, providing a fantastic event that supported breast cancer awareness and left a lasting impact on the audience.







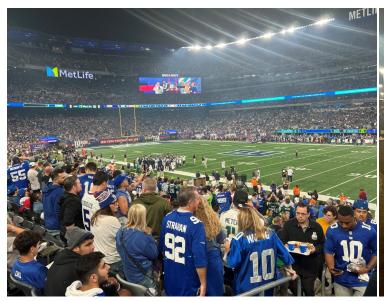
In a display of camaraderie and cultural enrichment, a group of 16 seniors from the Parks & Recreation Senior Programs embarked on an unforgettable journey to the vibrant metropolis of New York City and The Meadowlands last week!

They were accompanied by 15 of their counterparts from the City of Auburn, collectively led by Senior Coordinator Dave Schmidt, in collaboration with Auburn's Senior Coordinator.

The participants enjoyed a week of exciting experiences, including witnessing the Seattle Seahawks crush the New York Giants 24-3 on Monday Night Football! Rookie cornerback Devon Witherspoon had a breakout performance for the Seahawks.

A scenic group riverboat tour, accompanied by several exquisite culinary outings, further enhanced their cultural odyssey while ample leisure time allowed for independent exploration of the city's myriad offerings.

This collaborative venture with the City of Auburn has deep roots spanning several years!





Monday Night Football at MetLife Stadium! The 12s always travel well and watched Bobby Wagner and Seattle's defense wreak havoc on New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on October 2.





They're Going All Out And Living It Up! The group secured front-row seats for "Chicago The Musical" on Broadway in New York! Through this longstanding partnership, these distinguished seniors have had the privilege of rediscovering and relishing the splendors of visiting destinations such as New Orleans, Chicago, and Arizona.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

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