

# CITYWIDE NEWS



"Today, we express gratitude to the brave first responders who risked their lives to save others," said Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell. "I encourage our Federal Way community to observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives due to the attacks on September 11, 2001."

**The City of Federal Way will never forget.**



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## SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

presents

# THE 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023  
1:00 PM • FIRE STATION 64  
3700 S 320<sup>th</sup> STREET, FEDERAL WAY

*Join us as we gather to remember the lives that were lost, and the lives that were forever changed 22 years ago.*

Guest Speaker:

**Colonel Michael F. Keenan**  
USAF (Ret), United Airlines (Ret)



As part of the grounds there are benches, grass, a fountain and a Callery Pear Tree which is the same variety as the "survivor tree." The New York "survivor tree" was nursed back to health and now has been replanted at the September 11 Memorial in New York City.

A steel beam from the World Trade Center twin towers is mounted so that it points toward New York City. A stone excavated from the field where Flight 93 crashed when the plane wrestled from terrorists.



A limestone building block from the Pentagon shipped to us by Alaska Airlines with the aid of the Washington DC Fire Department.

These artifacts are surrounded by a black granite wall with the names of each of the 2,977 people that lost their lives in the attack including 343 firefighters and 60 police officers.



There is a pair of bronzed combat boots dedicated to the military personnel that continue to battle global terrorism. Behind those boots is this quote from John Kennedy's January 20, 1961 inaugural address: *"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty"*

South King Fire is proud to have the most complete 9/11 Memorial on the West Coast with items from all three of the September 11 crash sites.

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## GREAT NEWS: THE FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY CENTER IS NOW OPEN AGAIN!



We're excited to announce that our FWCC will reopen to the public today with a fresh look around the building!

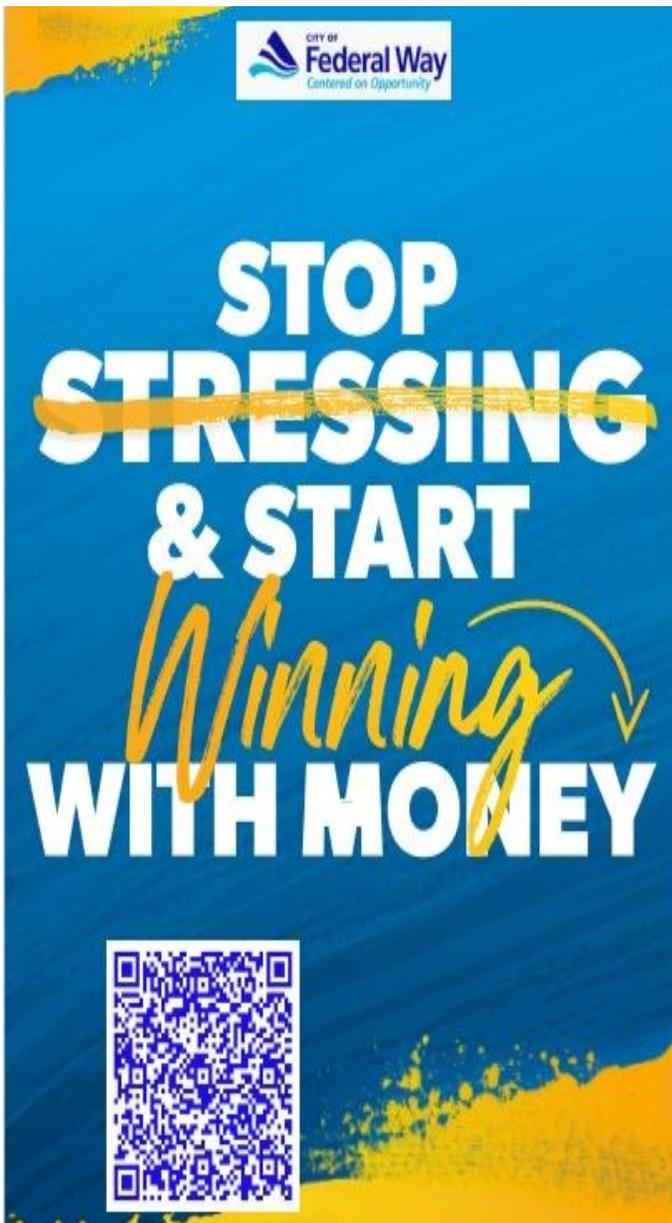
From painting the hallways' new colors, refinishing all wood floors, deep cleaning our commercial kitchen, cleaning and arranging our fitness floor exercise space, and some patch repairs to our locker room and cabanas.

The City of Federal Way sends a massive shout-out to our recreation and community center staff, who have worked tirelessly to bring new life into the building, which looks fantastic!

We are excited to welcome our Federal Way community back!



## FREE FINANCE CLASSES FOR FEDERAL WAY RESIDENTS; ACT FAST TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!



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**STOP  
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& START  
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Attention Federal Way residents — you can get closer to achieving financial freedom!

The City of Federal Way, in partnership with committed community residents, is co-sponsoring a nine-week course teaching beginning financial management skills.

**This weekly course will occur on Thursday evenings from September 14 to November 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Federal Way Community Center.**

Topics include wisdom and common sense to help sharpen skills in budgeting, paying off debt, increasing savings for emergencies, home ownership, and education expenses.

We are targeting families and individuals who have yet to have the opportunity to learn these skills at this point in their busy lives.

Each family will receive a workbook including financial planning software after course completion.

**Child care** is provided for children aged eight and under on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be advised that our capacity is limited to 20 children. We will not be able to accommodate any more than that. We appreciate your understanding.

**Youth Attendance:** Children aged 9-12 can join the class with their parents or use a separate room with an adult volunteer's supervision. Our facility can accommodate up to 30 kids.

**Course Completion Incentives:** You can expect to receive a \$50 gift card as a reward for completing 7 out of 9 classes.

**Class size:** Limited to 40 participants.

**Cost:** Free to Federal Way residents.

Register by using the QR code above or [clicking on this link](#).

If you have any questions, please get in touch with **Bill Vadino** at **(253) 835-2420** or [Bill.Vadino@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:Bill.Vadino@cityoffederalway.com).



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## FWPD IS ONE OF ONLY THREE STATEWIDE AGENCIES WITH DUAL ACCREDITATION



The Federal Way Police Department has been nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2002 and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) since 2022.

There are approximately 17,895 law enforcement agencies in the United States. Only 3.5% of them are nationally accredited by CALEA. Eight of the 260 governments in the state of Washington can claim their police force is nationally accredited.

**The Federal Way Police Department is and remains one of the eight nationally accredited law enforcement agencies in Washington State and is one of only three statewide agencies with dual accreditation (both CALEA & WASPC).**

We are very proud of this achievement, as being nationally and state-accredited is rigorous.

This achievement does not mean we are perfect, neither as individuals nor as an organization, but it does mean there are checks and balances in place and the people of Federal Way are in good hands. Law enforcement accreditation is the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate its commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

Through our law enforcement accreditation program, we have incorporated the latest expertise and insights from practitioners and researchers worldwide to ensure the highest standards.

By following CALEA and WASPC Accreditation standards, the department is prepared to address and adapt to the ever-evolving law enforcement environment while ensuring the best law enforcement services are provided to our community.

Congratulations to the FWPD for this remarkable achievement!



Washington Association of  
**SHERIFFS &  
POLICE CHIEFS**



## SOUTH KING FIRE THANKS CHIEF HWANG AND OUR FWPD OFFICERS FOR THEIR SERVICE



At the City Council meeting held on September 5, Captain Dave Van Valkenburg, recently appointed as the South King Fire interim fire chief, praised the exceptional relationship developed over the years between Chief Andy Hwang and the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) officers.

During the meeting, Van Valkenburg presented a plaque to Chief Hwang in recognition of the efforts of the FWPD, and the plaque bears the text that reads:

*The relationship between our two agencies has made great strides over the years, and the positive effects are felt by personnel on the streets.*

*We greatly appreciate Police Officers' assistance on calls as they often arrive before fire units at our more critical incidents, and over the past year, we have experienced increased officer assistance.*

*At EMS incidents, officers initiate patient care with an automated external defibrillator and chest compressions. At scenes of violence, officers provide critical care by applying tourniquets and chest seals, often using equipment they had purchased from their own pockets. These quick initial actions often help decide whether a patient will survive.*

*There have been several traumatic incidents recently where officers acted quickly to assist firefighters and medics in treating the victims/patients. While not every incident has had a successful outcome, the immediate response of officers undoubtedly increased the chance of survival.*

*An officer's ability to assess direct threats, secure scenes, and address potentially life-threatening injuries shows a commitment to protecting and serving the community.*

**A plaque was presented to Chief Andy Hwang by South King Fire Interim Fire Chief Dave Van Valkenburg at the Council Chambers, recognizing the Federal Way Police Department's officers.**



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FEDERAL WAY: LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND CLEAN!



Download the free **Eyes on Federal Way** app from Google Play or the App Store!

This app is the most efficient and direct way to communicate with us regarding any **non-emergency-related issues** that require attention.

It's time to take charge and make a difference!



Use **Eyes on Federal Way** to report any problems, whether a shopping cart obstructing the sidewalk, a pothole on the road, or garbage littering the streets.

We rely on your feedback to ensure a safe and clean community.

Your support is crucial in achieving this goal!

KIWANIS CLUB OF FEDERAL WAY HOLDS ITS 32ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!



On September 8, the City of Federal Way had a fantastic time supporting the **32nd annual Kiwanis Club of Federal Way golf tournament** at North Shore Golf Course in Tacoma!

We were a proud sponsor of this event, with proceeds going toward youth and community programs in our Federal Way community. Thanks to the North Shore Golf Course staff for their warm hospitality!



NORTH SHORE

*Meet the City of Federal Way tournament team! From left to right: Desiree Winkler, Deputy Public Works Director; David Solano, Communications Officer; and Brian Davis, City Administrator. We finished 2-over par — not bad!*



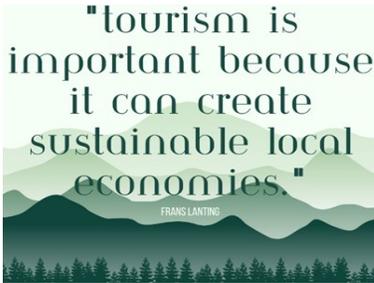
*We appreciate Kiwanis Club of Federal Way President Kenny Byrne for mentioning our City of Federal Way golf team during the tournament's lunch and auction portion!*



*On September 8, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, showing his support for the Seahawks this season, was on hand for the North Shore Golf Course festivities!*

## COUNCIL'S CORNER

The City of Federal Way offers many opportunities for citizens to participate and provide feedback through Citizen Advisory Bodies. These Boards, Commissions, and Committees consist of members that the City Council appoints after an interview process. One of these Commissions is the Federal Way Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.



**The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) went into effect on November 25, 1998**, to advise the City Council on allocating lodging tax revenue for programs and activities that will encourage tourism in Federal Way. This tax revenue comes in from the 1% of lodging taxes charged on most overnight stays in the City.

The Tourism Enhancement Grant (TEG) is a reliable funding source for cultural, sports, arts, and community events.

**Meet Your Lodging Tax Advisory Committee!** The committee currently has seven members:

- Position 1 - Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Councilmember & Chair
- Position 2 - Mike Dunwiddie, King County Aquatic Center
- Position 3 - Kristin Wells, Courtyard by Marriott
- Position 4 - Rose Ehl, Federal Way Farmers Market
- Position 5 - Darcy Pickett, Hampton Inn & Suites
- Position 6 - Brian Hoffman, Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center
- Position 7 - Juliana Marroquin, Holiday Inn Express & Staybridge Suites



The LTAC meets remotely and at various sites around Federal Way on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. Their meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome!

### This week's Council happenings:

- **9/11 Memorial Event**, September 11 at South King Fire & Rescue Station #64, 1 p.m.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting**, September 11 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Parks, Recreation, Human Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting**, September 12 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Senior Advisory Commission Meeting**, September 13 at City Hall, 2 p.m.
- **TC-3 Community Space Advisory Committing Meeting**, September 13 at City Hall, 5 p.m.
- **Youth Commission Meeting**, September 14 at the Community Center, 5 p.m.
- **Diversity Commission Meeting**, September 14 at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Federal Way Farmers Market & Sports Card & Collectibles Show**, September 16 at The Commons, beginning at 9 a.m.



## PARKS & RECREATION

Preschool Teachers had their annual 'Meet The Teacher' with preschoolers and families for the upcoming school year! Our preschool education classes are full this school year, and the teachers are excited to introduce early education to these young scholars.

We are grateful for the exceptional work done by our Parks & Recreation team in serving our community year after year!



## PAEC UPDATES!



**Community Partnership!** We want to express our gratitude to Becca Martin, President and CEO of the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce, for her efforts in organizing the event. The City of Federal Way appreciates Russell Woolley stopping by Mayor Ferrell's office to share more details about the hospital expansion project in our community!

The PAEC is preparing to ramp up for a busy fall, as many events are heading your way!

On September 6, our friends at the PAEC welcomed Becca Martin and the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce for its monthly luncheon, where Mayor Ferrell was also on hand!

**Russell Woolley, Chief Operating Officer at Virginia Mason Franciscan Health**, delivered an excellent keynote. It was great to see Woolley and his Virginia Mason Franciscan Health team at the PAEC!

Virginia Mason Franciscan Health is investing significantly in the Federal Way community with a \$20.5 million expansion project of its hospital.

We want to thank Van Dinh, the Catering & Sales Manager, and our incredible PAEC staff for their warm hospitality and the delicious lunch buffet!

At the PAEC on September 9, the NPC Northern Classic competition showcased categories including IFBB Pro Bikini and Figure, Open and Masters 40, 45, and 50, and IFBB Pro Men's Physique in Open and Masters 40 divisions.

The Northern Classic is a national qualifier, and the top two places in each open division are eligible to participate in all national competitions.

Congratulations to everyone who competed over the weekend!

The PAEC sends a friendly reminder about the exciting fall shows on sale now! October and November are super packed at the PAEC!

[Click here for the event calendar at the PAEC.](#)



*Save the date!*

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LUNCHEON



Oct 19, 2023  
11:30am  
Federal Way  
PAEC



**Keynote Speaker**

**Doug Baldwin**  
Philanthropist and  
Former Seahawk

PAEC  
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## FREE DRIVE-THRU TIRES/STYROFOAM RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH • 10 AM – 2 PM**

**South King Tool Library • 1700 S 340th St • Federal Way, WA**

### TIRES RECYCLING



Residents can drop off up to 10 tires for free recycling.

- Only car and light truck tires are accepted.
- Tires can be on or off rims.
- Do not bring tires from businesses, semi-trucks, or heavy equipment.

### STYROFOAM RECYCLING



Accepted Styrofoam:

- Clean white blocks
- Styrofoam sheeting
- Cleaned Styrofoam cups, food trays, and meat trays
- Peanuts (only accepted if in a separate container)

To identify Styrofoam look for the #6 or "EPS" inside a recycle symbol

**NO** plastic wrap, plastic bags, foam insulation, hot tub covers, urethane foam cushions, insta-pak foam, dirty or wet #6 styrofoam or any other plastics.

**NO commercial quantities accepted at this event.**

### PAPER SHREDDING



Bring your confidential documents for shredding in a secure and environmentally friendly manner.

- Limit 5 file boxes or paper bags per event.
- Documents are securely shredded on-site.
- No pre-shredded paper.
- Arrive with your documents in the trunk/back of your vehicle. Stay in your vehicle while they are unloaded.

