

CITYWIDE NEWS

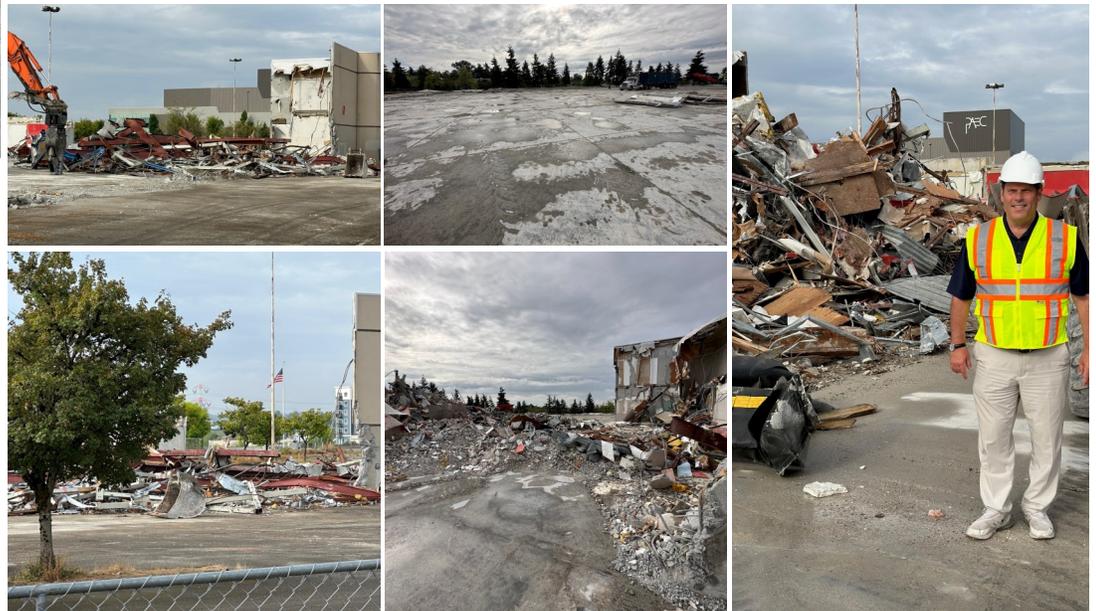
PRESERVING HISTORY AT THE FORMER TARGET BUILDING DEMOLITION SITE



Mayor Jim Ferrell visited the former Target building site to check out the work done by our contractor, who recently got most of the remaining non-concrete area of the building demolished and cleaned up.

The City of Federal Way can't wait to bring a mixed-use development to our community — a plan that's been in the works for the past nine years!

A piece of Federal Way history! Mayor Ferrell visited the former Target building demolition site on August 31 to collect a small section of the wall for his office bookshelf!



THE FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS NEXT WEEK

STOP STRESSING & START WINNING WITH MONEY

2023
City of Federal Way
Financial Literacy Project Pilot Program

City of Federal Way
Central on Opportunity

Are you exhausted from financial struggles? You're not alone; millions of Americans share your frustration.

Mayor Ferrell encourages the community to enhance its financial expertise by participating in our **Federal Way Financial Literacy Class**. The pilot program will run from **September 14 to November 9** at the **Federal Way Community Center (FWCC)**.

The course, **exclusively for Federal Way residents**, will be held on **Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the FWCC**.

"I'm pleased to see the City Council unanimously approve this program," said Ferrell. "The financial literacy project pilot program is a community value-add and free for qualifying individuals. It's helping people take one step further to financial freedom."

Register by using the QR code 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. The program is **only available to the first 40 registrants in Federal Way!**

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THE FINANCIAL TEAM OF FEDERAL WAY HONORED WITH A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM GFOA



Government Finance Officers Association

The **Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)** has presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Federal Way for its **Biennial Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 01, 2023**.

To earn this award, the City published a budget document that met program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device, meeting mandatory criteria in each of those areas.

The award reflects on the entire finance department staff; the distinction is possible only through the team's combined efforts throughout the year, working with all City departments throughout the budget process.

The City appreciates the financial team's urgency to submit our budgets and annual reports to peer review for best practices to ensure that the citizens, taxpayers, and voters of Federal Way receive the highest level of service.

We want to congratulate our financial team for its outstanding work!



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

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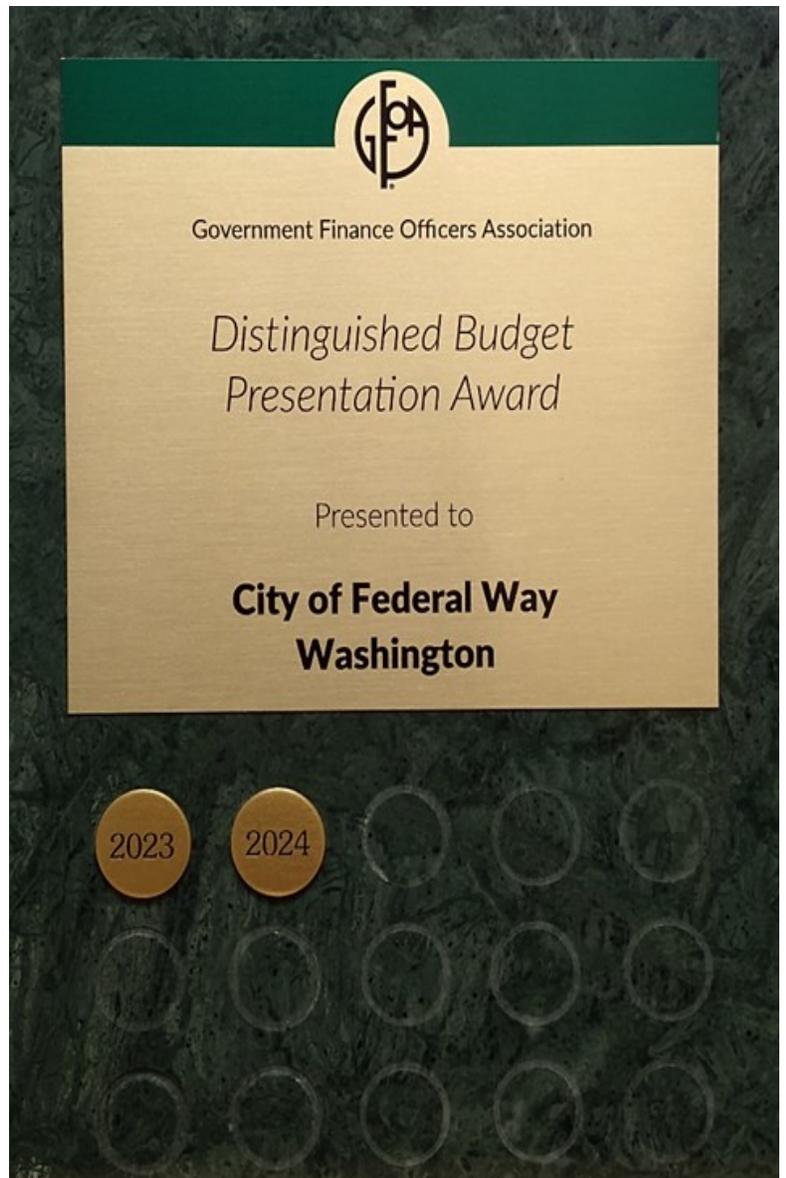
**City of Federal Way
Washington**

For the Biennium Beginning

January 01, 2023

Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director



RESOURCE OFFICERS RETURN TO FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2023-24



The Federal Way Public Schools have resumed their academic year and are now welcoming back students. Along with those students, the **Federal Way Police Department School Resource Officers (SROs)** have returned to the schools.

These SROs are fully commissioned officers from our police staff.

We provide one SRO to the primary high schools – Decatur, Federal Way, Thomas Jefferson, and Todd Beamer. Additionally, because our SROs have experience and training related to interactions with youth, they can also respond to our middle and elementary schools.

SROs are trusted figures who develop positive relationships with students, promote constructive dialogue, and enhance school safety. They attend school events, provide crime prevention education, solve security problems, and act as positive role models. SROs even perform conflict resolution and mediate minor issues.

While developing positive relationships is an essential everyday activity for SROs, **the paramount responsibility of SROs is to protect the lives of the innocent at school or in school-related activities.**

Every SRO is trained and equipped to handle violent situations, including active shooter incidents. Serving as an SRO is a fulfilling job many law enforcement officers aspire to. Some individuals become police officers with the ultimate goal of becoming SROs.

If you are interested in pursuing a career as a police officer or SRO at the Federal Way Police Department, please contact us at the following:

INTERNET: <https://www.fwrecruiting.com/>

EMAIL: recruit@cityoffederalway.com

PHONE: (253) 293-6249 (Text/Call)



FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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SKFR CHIEF DAVE MATAFTIN RETIRES AFTER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SOUTH KING COUNTY



A memorable moment! Mayor Ferrell and Chief Dave Mataftin have immense respect for one another, and the City of Federal Way was proud to be a part of this celebration.

Mayor Ferrell thanks South King Fire & Rescue (SKFR) for inviting us to **Chief Dave Mataftin's retirement celebration on August 29!**

We extend our sincerest gratitude to Chief Mataftin for his 47 years of service to the South King County community. We all wish Chief Mataftin a happy retirement filled with enjoyable rounds of golf!



AFTER AN INVITATION TO SOUTH KING FIRE

47 YEARS OF DEDICATION

DAVE MATAFTIN IS NOW RETIRING

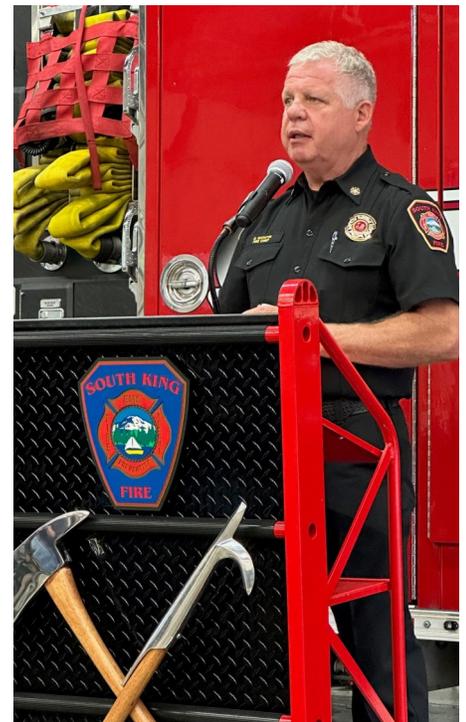
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| TUESDAY AUGUST 29 <small>Celebration starts at 2:00 PM</small> | STATION SIXTY-TWO <small>35617 1st Avenue South Federal Way</small> | HONORING SAF CHIEF <small>Dedicated service to the South King Community</small> |
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Mayor Ferrell speaks at Chief Mataftin's retirement celebration, sharing a few words on what his leadership has meant to our Federal Way community over the years.



Chief of Police Andy Hwang recognized the strong community partnership between SKFR and our FWPD under Chief Mataftin's leadership.



Chief Dave Mataftin shared an inspiring story from his childhood when he spent time with his father, a firefighter in Seattle. The City of Federal Way salutes Chief Mataftin for his service and dedication to the South King County community.



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SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

presents

THE 22nd SEPTEMBER 11TH ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
1:00 PM • FIRE STATION 64
3700 S 320TH 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.

CERT BASIC COURSE TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN FEDERAL WAY THIS FALL



What is CERT?

- The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** program that offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disasters, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks. CERT became a national program in 1993. CERT programs are now in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories.

- Each is unique to its community and essential to building a Culture of Preparedness in the United States. Over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide and over 600,000 people have trained since CERT became a national program. **The City of Federal Way sponsors the Greater Federal Way CERT Program.**



What is the purpose?

- It provides residents of Federal Way and the surrounding community with disaster preparedness skills to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors. It also teaches the skills and organizational structure to respond to the community's immediate needs, supporting first responders in emergencies or disasters.

When will the classes be held for the CERT Program?

- Every Wednesday from 6-8:30 p.m. starting September 20 and ending November 15.
- The **first class will occur in the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) Forest Room**. The initial course will cover the program's history and educate volunteers on disaster preparedness. The upcoming classes will concentrate on medical response, fire safety, and search and rescue.
- **The eight-week training course will end with a practical exercise on November 15**, where students will apply all the skills they acquired during the program.

What are the costs?

- Training is free, and upon graduation, each student volunteer receives a backpack with CERT gear and a FEMA certificate of completion.

How can I sign up?

[Contact Sharon Green](#), the City of Federal Way Emergency Management Outreach Coordinator.

COUNCIL'S CORNER



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 Human Services Commission.

The Human Services Commission was established on August 15, 1990, to aid in the reporting and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding human services issues. Their duties include:

- Coordinating with other groups and human service planning agencies & organizations
- Determining priorities of human services needs in the City
- Developing & assessing human services in the City
- Evaluating & making recommendations on funding requests submitted to the City
- Evaluating & reviewing the performance of individual human service agencies
- Reviewing City actions that may affect the availability & quality of human service delivery in the City

Meet Your Human Services Commission!

Currently, the Human Services Commission has nine members, with availability for one more voting position and two alternate positions.

The current Commissioners are:

- Position 1 - Katherine Festa, Chair
- Position 3 - Aaron Walsh
- Position 4 - Cynthia Ricks-Maccotan
- Position 5 - Ken Stark
- Position 6 - Mary Schultz
- Position 7 - Kathryn Scanlon, Vice-Chair
- Position 8 - Betty Taylor
- Position 9 - Vivian Alexander
- Alternate 1 - Grace Ssebugwawo



Back Row: Aaron Walsh, Ken Stark, Vice-Chair Kathy Scanlon, Chair Katherine Festa, Cynthia Ricks-Maccotan

Front Row: Mary Schultz, Grace Ssebugwawo, Vivian Alexander, Betty Taylor

Photo Credit – Patti Spaulding-Klewin, Human Services Coordinator

The Human Services Commission meets at City Hall on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Their meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome!

This week's Council happenings:

- City Council Regular Meeting at City Hall, **September 5 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting at the PAEC, **September 6 at 11:30 a.m.**
- Arts Commission Regular Meeting at the Community Center, **September 7 at 9 a.m.**
- Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at City Hall, **September 7 at 5 p.m.**
- Federal Way Farmers Market at The Commons, **September 9 from 9-3 p.m.**



PARKS & RECREATION

Kindergarten through 8th grade full-day camp recently wrapped up!

This summer, we had over 1450 registrations in the 10-week K-8 summer camp program and served over 400 families. We always end each camp season with an eye toward the future and the excitement that lies ahead, but it's also essential to take a moment to consider the specific joys of the past 10 weeks. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the staff, campers, and camp parents who entrusted your children to us!

The parents of the campers trusted, supported, and encouraged us throughout the program. We are grateful for their support! **The campers** showed up every morning with a zest for life and reminded us of the reason we do what we do.



Lastly, **our dynamic staff** worked tirelessly all summer to provide your children with an incredible camp experience! We finished this summer strong with a Town Square Park weekly field trip! Campers ziplined, played basketball, and had an **epic dance battle between day camp leaders and trailers** — the kids had the moves!



Specialty Camp Wrap-Up

Over the summer, various specialty camps were held at **Dumas Bay Centre** through the **Parks & Recreation Department** in partnership with local businesses.

Sylvan Learning of Federal Way had **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)** camps all summer, getting kids' brains working on engineering problems, animation, and robotics using LEGO and technology.

Sanpology, a new camp provider, offered three-week camps with us – specializing in getting children excited about STEM through play with technology and building toys.

Children's Dance Theater, located on 9th Avenue in Federal Way, hosted two production theater camps — one for Youth and one for Teens.

The two-week camps culminated with full productions held at the Knutzen Family Theater in July and August for friends and family to enjoy. Overall, we served over 200 kids with these incredible Specialty Camp opportunities!



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As we approach the holiday season, the PAEC is excited to announce two captivating new shows we added just last week. Get ready to experience the magic of November with our friends at the PAEC!

The first performance of the long-running favorite *Late Nite Catechism* show will be on **November 12 at 3 p.m.**

Here's a fundamental synopsis: This uproariously funny play takes you back to your youth with a hilarious twist. With glow-in-the-dark rosaries and prizes, this interactive theater experience will have you clamoring to be a part of Sister's class.

The New York Times calls it "interactive theater at its best and full of laughs!" You want to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy this exhilarating ride of fun!

We have recently added a new show to our schedule — *Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland*. The event will take place on **November 27 at 7:30 p.m.**

This show provides a unique and enchanting holiday experience that will take you to a magical world. It is perfect for the whole family to enjoy!

Take advantage of this unforgettable experience that combines circus arts, music, athleticism, and comedy.



On September 1, those at the PAEC witnessed the electrifying performance of the band *toast* — *The Ultimate Bread Experience*, who breathed new life into the timeless classic soft rock hits of the 1970s!

The audience was amazed by how accurately the band's performance matched the original's. Despite having 13 songs chart on the Billboard Hot 100 in the 1970s, *Bread* is no longer active.

This concert was the closest fans could get to experiencing their music live!



On August 26, a large group of friends and family joined a local Federal Way couple in marriage at the PAEC!

Our excellent PAEC staff helped bring their vision to life by setting up and hosting their reception after the ceremony. It was an honor for the PAEC to host the couple, and we wish them a long and happy marriage!

Our staff takes pride in executing every detail to make private events memorable.

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 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.

