

CITYWIDE NEWS

RISING FROM THE DUST RECAP

The City thanks our Federal Way community for joining Mayor Jim Ferrell and others at last week's Rising From The Dust Demolition Ceremony at the PAEC. We appreciate you making it a huge success!

The Mayor hoped to knock down a wall at the **former Target building** nearby using one of the sledgehammers on display at the podium. Our **EJ Walsh, Public Works Director**, reminded him that we must wait a little longer to make that happen!



Please [click here and read the Mayor's Memo](#) in the recent edition of *The Federal Way Mirror*. Enjoy our photo gallery of the event!



Mayor Ferrell talked about celebrating a new beginning in our downtown with the upcoming demolition of the former Target building.



Keith Niven, Community Development Director, has led the charge to bring real change to the city-owned property downtown.



EJ Walsh, Public Works Director, spoke about what must happen before crews demolish the Target building.



Chaney Skadsen, Senior Planner and Rising From The Dust event organizer said: "This urban style development will set the bar for future growth in downtown."



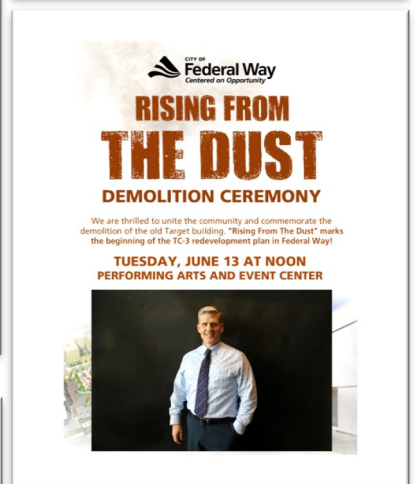
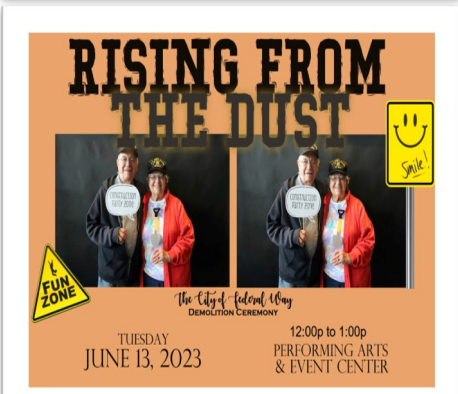
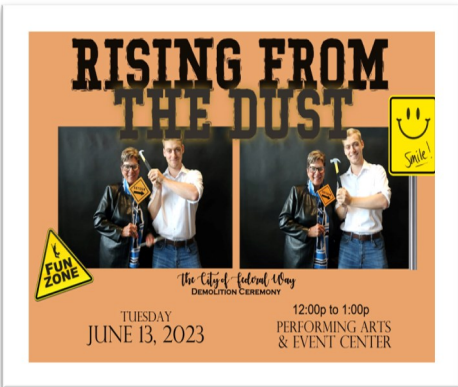
Trent Mummery is the President & Chief Executive Officer at Trent Development based in Seattle.



Left to right: City Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Council President Linda Kochmar, Deputy Mayor Susan Honda, and Mayor Jim Ferrell.

RISING FROM THE DUST PHOTO BOOTH GALLERY

The City is excited to share a glimpse into the recent Demolition Ceremony at the PAEC! Our Rising From The Dust photo booth gallery captures the essence of this momentous event. Our demolition ceremony showcased the resilience and determination of our community to rebuild, and these images truly encapsulate the spiring of togetherness. Each photograph tells a unique story! Stay tuned for more updates on the Town Center 3 (TC 3) Redevelopment Plan as we progress in this community.



ALL CITY STAFF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 15



City employees gathered on June 15 for an informative meeting (and a delicious breakfast)! They heard from **Chaney Skadsen, Senior Planner**, who discussed critical updates regarding our Town Center 3 (TC 3) Redevelopment Plan and Rising From The Dust Demolition Ceremony at the PAEC on June 13.

Chaney did a fantastic job of ensuring everyone was current with our progress and provided detailed information and valuable insights into the project's timeline, goals, and potential impact on the community.

Please [click this link](#) to learn more about the City's downtown planning efforts and provide feedback.



As we look ahead to the **soon-to-be demolition of the former Target building in downtown Federal Way**, we are incredibly excited about the future of our beautiful City!

Mayor Ferrell acknowledged the following individuals for their dedicated service to the City of Federal Way:

5-Year Service Awards:

- Bryan Mullet, Police Officer
- Kent Smith, Sound Transit Liaison
- Richard Klein, Police Officer

10-Year Service Awards:

- Christine Mullen, Capital Engineering Manager
- Shawn Warrick, Police Officer

15-Year Service Awards:

- Elaine Walkden, Judicial Specialist
- Chris Mickelsen, Police Officer

30-Year Service Awards:

- Kari Cimmer, Senior Development Specialist
- Mary Jaenicke, Administrative Assistant 2

SPiRiT Award-Individual Winner:

- Evan Lewis, Senior Planner

SPiRiT Award Team Winner:

The Community Center Pool team

- Autumn Gressett
- George Richen
- Christine Mullen
- Lee Hedrick
- John Mulkey
- Leif Ellsworth
- Jason Gerwen
- John Hutton
- EJ Walsh



JUNETEENTH FLAG-RAISING AT CITY HALL



Juneteenth is when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on **June 19, 1865**, to inform enslaved black Texans that slavery had ended, **two and a half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.**

This momentous occasion celebrates the freedom of the last enslaved people in the United States.

We appreciate everyone joining us on **June 16** for the annual **Juneteenth Flag-Raising at City Hall.**

Our Juneteenth Flag-Raising event captured the essence of celebration and symbolized the long-awaited arrival of freedom. **We celebrate the strength and spirit of our African-American community in Federal Way.**



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVES UP EXCITING NEWS!

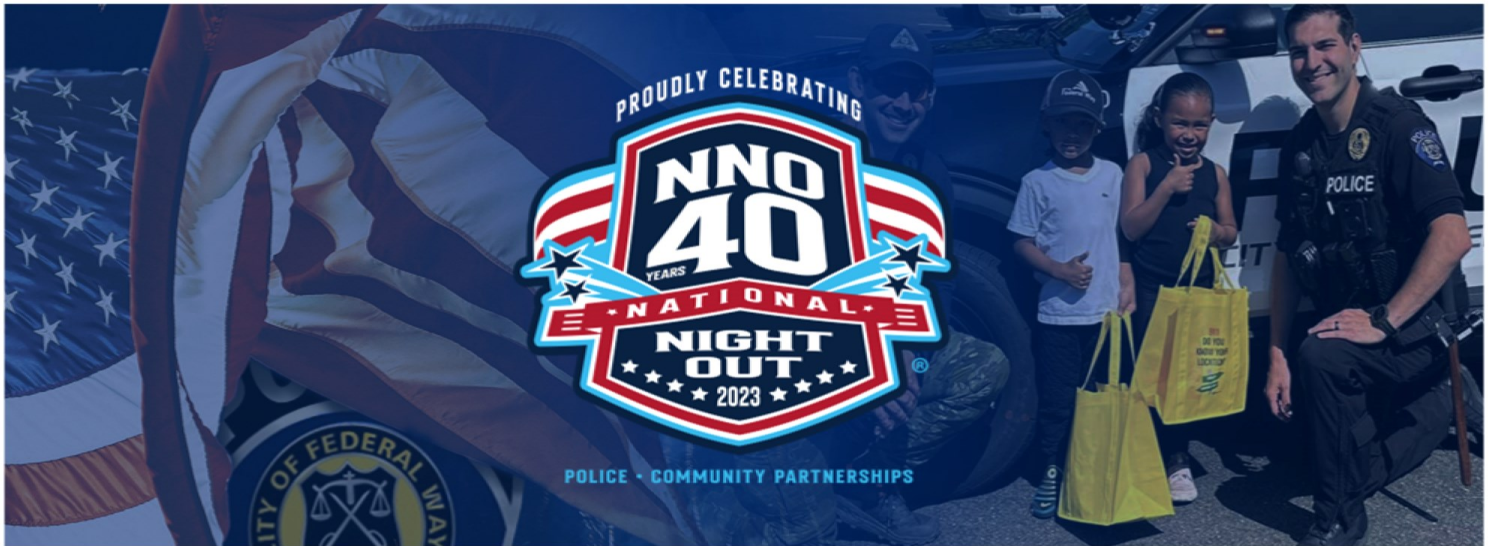


The City recently adopted a **new zoning chapter** (FWRC 19.290) that offers more flexibility for mobile food or retail vendors, such as food trucks, than what was previously required by the City code.

New mobile vendors in Federal Way **can complete and submit a checklist** to the City when they register for a **business license** here.

We are excited that this will open up additional opportunities for mobile vendors in the City!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!



You can now [REGISTER](#) your neighborhood for **National Night Out (NNO)**

What is National Night Out?

- National Night Out on **August 1 from 6-9 p.m.** is a time for neighbors to gather and **“Give Crime A Going Away Party.”**

What should we do?

- Gather your next-door neighbors and hold a fun and safe block party, barbecue, or potluck; bring desserts and coffee, and plan activities for the kids!

Where do I start?

- Consider what event will work best for you and your neighborhood. For example, are there a lot of kids in the community? Who would you consider your target audience?

Can you give me examples of previous NNO events?

- Some examples of best events are barbecues and ice cream socials with music and games. Be creative and have fun - the options are endless!

Here is other information that will make your NNO event memorable:

- Make visiting teams feel welcome and invite them to have some food. Visiting groups can include City officials such as the Mayor, City Council members, police officers, firefighters, and other City employees.
- Be sure to ask your next-door neighbor for help! Determine the best place in your neighborhood to hold the event and then identify a start and end time (typical events go from 6-9 p.m.)
- Keep a list of everything needed for your event—tents, tables, chairs, plates, silverware, and napkins.
- Designate a photographer to capture the memories! Everyone will love having pictures of the event and can use those for the NNO award application. [Click here to email us!](#)

THE FINANCIAL UPDATE

National GFOA Finance Conference, Portland

Puget Sound Finance Training, Auburn



The City of Federal Way **Finance department** cultivates a regional and national reputation.

Besides earning annual awards for our budget, financial report, and investment policy, we work for credibility among our peers.

Our **Deputy Finance Director Chase Donnelly** and **Senior Financial Analyst Linda Walker** serve on the **Puget Sound Finance Officers Association (PSFOA)** board.

The City thanks Chase and Linda for their exceptional work and commitment!

Finance Department staff participate in monthly regional training also attended by staff from neighboring cities, Bremerton, Olympia, and Kirkland. Training is a two-way street; our staff members have taught continuing education sessions, further enhancing our City's reputation. The reputation of the City will matter in the financial community when credit agencies and lenders consider our next debt issue.

THE FEDERAL WAY SOROPTIMIST CLUB'S ANNUAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATION



Mayor Ferrell wants to thank **Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center** for the incredible opportunity to deliver a speech at the **Soroptimist Club of Federal Way's 34th Annual Flag Day Celebration on June 17**, with **Representative Adam Smith** and **Senator Claire Wilson** in attendance.

City Council members, county officials, and community members in the audience added a sense of significance to the occasion as Mayor Ferrell discussed the flag's meaning and its representation of those who have made sacrifices.

The City put in much effort to ensure the flags were ready for the event.



Mayor Ferrell welcomes Congressman Adam Smith, a fellow Washington Husky, who was the keynote speaker on June 17.



Our City Councilmembers Jack Walsh, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Council President Linda Kochmar, and Deputy Mayor Susan Honda were on hand.

COUNCIL'S CORNER



Section 19 in the Council Rules & Procedures discusses the importance and recognition of citizen advisory bodies. These advisory bodies are commissions, committees, and task forces, with members appointed by the Council after the application and interview process. The purpose of these bodies is to bring together viewpoints that might not otherwise be heard by bringing together a wide array of people from the City of Federal Way in a volunteer capacity towards public service. The City is honored to have **14 Citizen Advisory Bodies with over 60 members of the Federal Way Community.**

These advisory bodies are the following:

- Arts Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Diversity Commission
- Ethics Board
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Independent Salary Commission
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- North Lake Management District #2 Advisory Committee
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Senior Advisory Commission
- Steel Lake Management District Advisory Committee
- Youth Commission

The Council **encourages all residents interested in serving in a public service capacity to apply to join an advisory body.** Applications are available online and can be turned in to the City Clerk's Office for scheduling of interviews. There are many commissions with open positions, including voting and alternate positions. If you aren't able to join a commission at this time, we encourage you to come to a meeting!

This week's Council Happenings:

- City Council Special Meeting at City Hall, **June 20 at 5 p.m.**
- City Council Regular Meeting at City Hall, **June 20 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting at City Hall, **June 21 at 5 p.m.**
- Make Music Federal Way Festival at Town Square Park, **June 24 at 3 p.m.**

ATTENTION FEDERAL WAY DRIVERS



The City sends this friendly reminder: **please secure your vehicle loads before hitting the road.**

Did you know? Debris on highways caused by unsecured vehicle loads causes **over 300 traffic crashes in Washington state** annually, generating up to **40 percent of roadside litter.**

How can we fix this problem? If you travel at a lower speed while hauling something too heavy that could fall out, there's a better chance it won't.

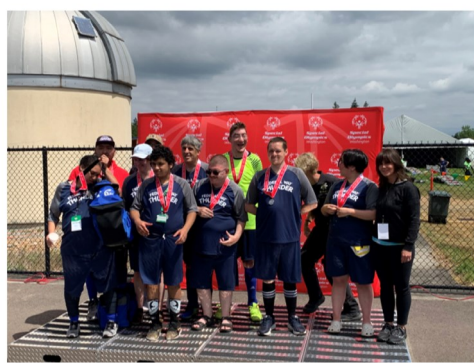
For shorter trips, securing items on your vehicle is vital to keeping our roads safe and litter free. **Through June 1, 2023**, the City has received over **1,100 requests for garbage within the Right of Way.** Unfortunately, this prevents our **Public Works team** from completing more worthwhile projects for you in the City. Let's work together by securing our vehicle loads before driving away to keep the streets in Federal Way safer and litter-free! We appreciate your cooperation.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Our parks maintenance crew is giving our stage, used for events, an overhaul in the form of new decking and fresh paint. **The work will be completed in time for the Red, White, & Blues Festival on July 4 at Celebration Park!**

The City thanks our crews who worked around the clock to make the Juneteenth celebration at **Town Square Park on June 17** and the **Juneteenth Unity Walk on June 19 at Celebration Park** a success! We appreciate our **Parks and Recreation** team working hard to bring these memorable events to our Federal Way community.

On June 17-18, Celebration Park in Federal Way and Hogan Park at Russell Road in Kent hosted the **Washington Fast Pitch USSSA State Championship - 14U A&B.** The City was proud to welcome teams across our state to Federal Way for the weekend of competition!



The **Federal Way Special Olympics** soccer and powerlifting teams recently competed at the state tournament at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) and Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM).

The City congratulates our soccer teams for capturing two silver medals, one bronze medal, and a fourth-place finish after some hard-fought games. Our eight powerlifters had over 10 gold and numerous other silver and bronze medals.

The **Special Olympic summer season** starts this week with softball, bocce, and golf practices beginning. Good luck to the athletes!



GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION FOR ILLAHEE MIDDLE SCHOOL!



Mayor Ferrell, City Council President Linda Kochmar, and Deputy Mayor Susan Honda were thrilled to participate in the groundbreaking celebration for **Illahee Middle School** in Federal Way on June 15!

This new facility will foster academic excellence and celebrate the school's cherished traditions while staying true to the school's rich traditions and campus pride!

We're grateful to **Dr. Dani Pfeiffer, Federal Way Public Schools** superintendent, for inviting our Mayor to this event.

Illahee Middle School, built in 1971, has an open-concept campus near trees and other vegetation.

The City looks forward to seeing the middle school transform into a cutting-edge educational institution while preserving its history via a **Biophilic Architecture** that gives the distinctive campus character.

