

# CITYWIDE NEWS

## MAYOR FERRELL DELIVERS A HEARTFELT AND MEMORABLE PRESENTATION AT THE MLK DAY CELEBRATION



*The 2024 MLK Day Celebration on January 15 at the PAEC had the theme of “Building Community Bridges.” During the event, Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell delivered an inspiring message, highlighting critical moments in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Federal Way Diversity Commission collaborated with the Federal Way Public School (FWPS) and Multi-Service Center (MSC) to organize the MLK event. MSC organized a food drive at the PAEC to give back to our community.*



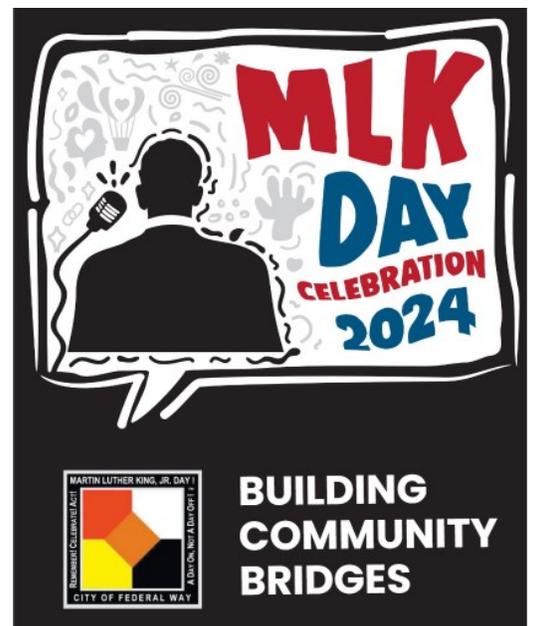
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**FEDERAL WAY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



City of Federal Way  
Diversity  
Commission



## COUNCIL'S CORNER



**The City of Federal Way Diversity Commission gathers for a photo opportunity with Mayor Jim Ferrell and Councilmember Susan Honda.**

Each January, the Federal Way Diversity Commission sponsors a community event in honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Commission breaks into a subcommittee that performs the legwork to accomplish all of the tasks. This year's MLK Community Event Subcommittee comprises Commissioners Trenise Rogers, Ron Walker, and Lisa Wallace.

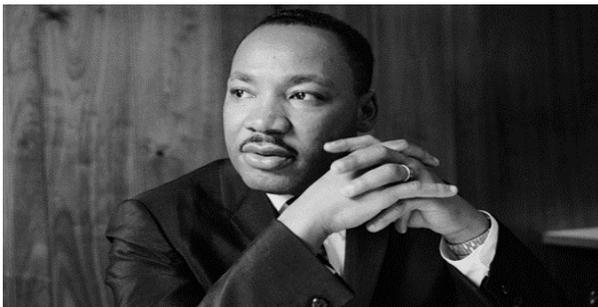
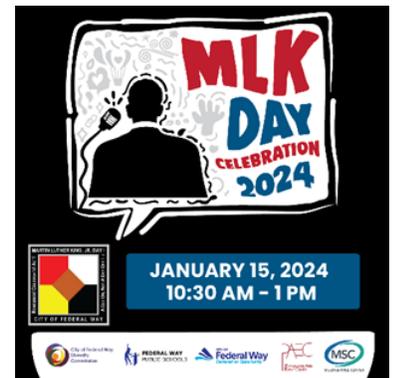
This year, the subcommittee focused on *Building Community Bridges*, bringing with them the five pillars of community building: to live, learn, work, worship, and play. With a focus on community building, the keynote speaker on January 15 was Lawrence Garrett of the 828 Group — a community advocacy group.

## CELEBRATING CITY COMMISSIONS

Through continued fostering of the relationship with community partners, the Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS), and the City of Federal Way, this event will highlight many FWPS students, including the Todd Beamer High School choir, who kicked off the event with the singing of the National Anthem and the Black National Anthem.

Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, and was a minister, activist, philosopher, and one of the most prolific Civil Rights Movement leaders in the 1950s-1960s. Dr. King was known for his nonviolent and peaceful protests, using a legacy of love to show the possibility of growth into a new foundation and way of thinking.

“Dr. King’s legacy is a living example of the highest quality and attributes of mankind,” said Rogers. “This legacy has impacts from generation to generation, from the youngest of children seeking a voice to the oldest person sharing their wisdom and experience.”



The MLK Day Celebration encouraged visitors to do the following: use your voice, share your heart, and remember that you are never too young — or too old — to make a difference. The subcommittee thanked staff member Levi Luft for their care and compassion, which was evident and intentional throughout the planning process.

“They [Luft] have made this such a fluid process,” said Rogers.

The subcommittee thanks its sponsors, Northwest Church, BECU, and Dori Peterson (who sponsored the MLK Essay Contest), and the nine vendors for their engagement and enthusiasm for this event, including the “Fill-A-Truck” Food Drive with the Multi-Service Center (MSC) in Federal Way.



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This week's Council happenings:

- **City Council Regular Meeting**, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- **Planning Commission Regular Meeting**, January 17 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- **South Station Subarea Plan Stakeholder Meeting**, January 18, at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

Planning Ahead:

- **The City Council Retreat is on February 3**, at 8 a.m. at Dumas Bay Centre.



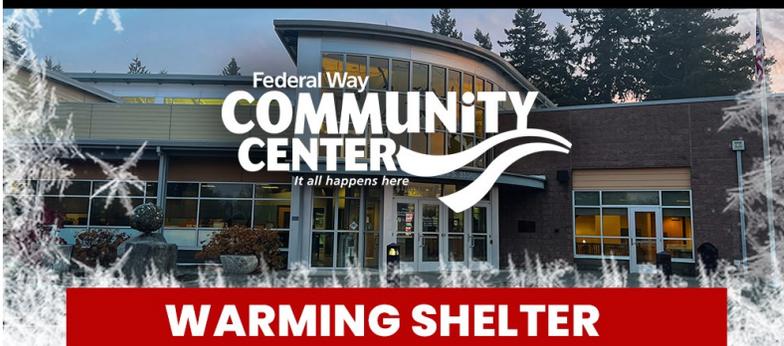
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## MAYOR FERRELL OPENED THE FWCC AS A WARMING SHELTER AND ACTIVATED FUSION'S EMERGENCY COLD OVERNIGHT SHELTER TO PROTECT FEDERAL WAY RESIDENTS



As our community deals with freezing temperatures in the region, Mayor Ferrell took quick action by working with FUSION Transitional Housing in Federal Way to activate its emergency cold overnight shelter for the unhoused community from January 11 through January 14.

“The overnight severe cold weather shelter in Federal Way is activated by me or a designee when the following happens: Temperatures fall below 32 degrees for at least 24 consecutive hours or exceed three inches of daily snow accumulation, or other conditions are presently deemed severe enough to present a substantial threat to the life or health of people experiencing homelessness in Federal Way,” said the Mayor.



Ferrell announced on January 8 that the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC) at 876 S. 333rd Street would be available as a warming center during the day from January 11 through January 14.

“The safety of Federal Way residents is my top priority,” said Ferrell. “We are committed to doing everything possible to protect our unhoused community during these cold temperatures in our region.”

- For information on finding overnight and daytime severe weather shelters in King County, [click here](#).

- [Click this link](#) for information about winter storms in Federal Way, including current roadway images and impacts.

*We're Here to Help*



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## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES



**Keep Federal Way walkable.**

**Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow/ice.**

- Clear or De-ice a 42-inch path on sidewalks.
- You may apply salt to help melt/prevent ice.
- Do not shovel snow into the street or storm drains.
- Questions contact Public Works at (253) 835-2700.
- For more details, visit the City of Federal Way's website.

## DOWNLOAD THE FREE 'EYES ON FEDERAL WAY' APP!

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Eyes on Federal Way

Be sure to download the Eyes on Federal Way app for free from the App Store or Google Play at your earliest convenience!

With this app, you can report non-emergency issues such as a shopping cart blocking the sidewalk, a pothole on the road, or litter on the streets without any hassle.

We appreciate your collaboration!



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## MAYOR FERRELL AND FWPD ATTEND THE STEEL LAKE BLOCK GROUP WATCH ANNUAL MEETING



**Prioritizing Community Safety — Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) Chief Andy Hwang joined Mayor Ferrell at the Steel Lake Block Group Watch Annual Meeting on January 11 to discuss the city’s measures to combat crime and enhance neighborhood safety. Mayor Ferrell shared a few words with the Steel Lake residents, expressing his commitment to keeping them safe. Tiffany Clemmings (pictured left) from the FWPD spoke with Steel Lake residents about our crime prevention and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review. The City of Federal Way thanks Melissa for hosting the great meeting at her home.**



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## MAYOR FERRELL SIGNS A PROCLAMATION TO HONOR JANUARY 13 AS KOREAN AMERICAN DAY IN FEDERAL WAY!



### PROCLAMATION

#### Korean American Day

WHEREAS, The City of Federal Way celebrates the contributions of Korean Americans to our nation, region, and the City of Federal Way.

WHEREAS, January 13, 1903, commemorates the arrival of the first courageous and Korean pioneers to the United States; and

WHEREAS, January 13, 2024, is a day of Korean American celebration throughout our country honoring those first pioneers; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has the sixth highest concentration of Korean Americans in the country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Federal Way is grateful and proud of the contributions and achievements the Korean American Community makes every day in our City; and

WHEREAS, The positive impact of the Korean American contributions can be seen in various facets of society, including business, science, technology, arts, and community life and has enriched the lives of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Federal Way, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2024, as Korean American Day in the City of Federal Way.

SIGNED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

*City of Federal Way Mayor*



*Mayor Ferrell attended the 17th Washington State Korean American Day Celebration, where he signed a proclamation to honor January 13 as Korean American Day in Federal Way. We thank Chami Joe Ro and the Korean-American Day Celebration Foundation for their warm hospitality. The City of Federal Way takes pride in being home to one of the largest Korean-American populations in the Pacific Northwest!*



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## THE ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT OF THE FWPD WORKS TO REDUCE ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY



In 2011, the Federal Way Police Department (FWPD) established the Animal Services Unit to safeguard the welfare of all beings in the community.

Our team of two Animal Service Officers (ASOs) strives to help our community by reducing animal homelessness, reuniting lost pets with their owners, and upholding animal welfare regulations.

We work with The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County to handle stray impounded animals, provide licensing services, reunite lost animals with their owners, and find adoptive homes for stray animals.

The Humane Society also helps in animal abuse investigations, providing holding areas for quarantined and dangerous animals.

**Meet The Team!** The City of Federal Way thanks Animal Services Officers Dayna Larson (left) and Jill Gallagher (right) for their dedicated service to our community. They're highly skilled in addressing aggressive animals, loose dogs, and disruptive barking concerns. They are committed to educating the community on responsible pet ownership.

### Here are facts related to pets:

- All cats and dogs over five months old must be licensed in the City of Federal Way, and licensing requires a current rabies vaccination.
- Pet licensing can be completed online by [clicking on this link](#). Licensing can also be completed through mail-in applications or in person at the Federal Way Police Department lobby.



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**the Humane society**  
Tacoma & Pierce County

**STOP STRESSING & START**  
*Winning*  
**WITH MONEY**

  
CITY OF  
Federal Way  
Centered on Opportunity

The City of Federal Way, in partnership with committed community volunteers, is sponsoring a FREE 9-week course teaching financial management skills for residents.

Located at the Federal Way Community Center  
Wednesdays, January 24th thru March 20th (9-weeks)  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
FREE to Federal Way residents  
Class Size: Limited to 40 participants  
Course Materials include a workbook and software to assist after course completion.

**Child Care Available!**  
Limited child care will be provided by the Community Center, up to age 8, first come first served.  
Children ages 9-12 are encouraged to attend with their parents.

 **RAMSEY**

Utilizing materials from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University and group discussion, topics include wisdom and common sense to help sharpen skills in budgeting, paying off debt, as well as increasing savings for emergencies, home ownership and education expenses. There will be a \$50 gift card to those who complete at least 7 of the 9 classes.

If you have questions, please call 253-835-2420

 Please register using the QR code or the Eventbrite link at [rb.gy/swqbrm](https://rb.gy/swqbrm)

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

This weekly course will take place on **Wednesday evenings from January 24 through March 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Federal Way Community Center (FWCC).**

The course utilizes *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University* materials and group discussion.

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

Each family will receive a workbook with financial planning software for post-course planning.

**Location:** Federal Way Community Center

**Dates:** January 24 through March 20, 2024

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Free to Federal Way residents

**Class Size:** Limited to 40 participants

**Registration:** Registration will be through the Evite website (below).

**Curriculum:** The course utilizes *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University* materials and group discussion.

**Child care:** Child care will be provided by the Federal Way Community Center for children up to age 8 years. A total of 20 children can be accommodated.

**Youth Attendance:** Children ages 9-12 are welcome to attend the class with their parents if they are interested. Otherwise a room will be provided for them where they can read or do homework. This room will be monitored by an adult volunteer who can assist with homework. Up to 30 youth can be accommodated.

**Course Completion Incentives:** There will be a \$50 gift card given to those who complete at least 7 of the 9 classes.

**Registration:** Please register using the QR code or the Eventbrite link at [rb.gy/swqbrm](https://rb.gy/swqbrm)

If you have questions, please call (253) 835-2420 or email [bill.vadino@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:bill.vadino@cityoffederalway.com)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEDERAL WAY!

### STATE OF THE CITY

ADDRESS BY  
MAYOR JIM FERRELL

*"Welcome Home"*

Thursday, February 15, 2024  
at 6:00 p.m.



### Mayor's State of the City FREE EVENT

Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center  
31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S  
Federal Way, WA 98003

**FREE**  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The **FEDERAL WAY**  
**MIRROR** presents...

HOT OFF THE PRESSES:  
*Community Conversations*

**TUESDAY,**  
**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**POVERTY BAY CAFÉ,  
1108 S 322ND PL**



*"A newspaper is a mirror  
reflecting the public..."*

– Arthur Brisbane

**JOIN US!**

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO TALK WITH THE NEWSROOM!**

**HOT OFF PRESSES** is sponsored by FUSION  
with refreshments by Poverty Bay Café.

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**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Thursday  
January 18, 2024  
5 - 7 PM**

**Federal Way  
Community Center**  
876 S 333rd St  
Federal Way, WA 98003

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BY AGATHA CHRISTIE  
DIRECTED BY VINCE BRADY



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## UTILITY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

# \$100 REBATE

**ENROLLMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 1 – MAY 30, 2024**

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if you can answer **YES to all** of the following questions:

- You lived within the incorporated limits of the City of Federal Way in 2023 .....  YES  NO
- You paid household utilities, which are in your name, in 2023 ...\* .....  YES  NO
- The annual gross household income in 2023 did not exceed the following: .....  YES  NO

\* *Income of every member of your household over 18*

ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME*	
PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$47,950
2	\$54,800
3	\$61,650
4	\$68,500
5	Please call 253-835-2506

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- U.S. Individual Tax Return Form 1040 for 2023 (if one was filed);  
OR
- Bank statements for November and December 2023 (if no income tax return was filed) showing all sources of income including Social Security Income .  
AND
- One copy each of utility bill paid in 2023 for the following utilities only:
  - Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Telephone/Cell Phone/Cable
  - Documentation must show the bill was paid.
  - DO NOT send original bills. Paperwork will NOT be returned.

Please mail or bring your application to the address below:

Federal Way City Hall  
 Finance Department  
 Attn: Utility Tax Rebate Program  
 33325 8<sup>th</sup> Ave South  
 Federal Way, WA 98003-6325

### CONTACT

Have questions or need assistance, please contact the Utility Tax Rebate line at 253-835-2506 or visit us at Federal Way City Hall.

[If you want to learn more, please click on this link](#)