City of Federal Way Fall 2008

Adelaide Park - soon a place for petite pooches



Petite pooches like this one, caught at a City K-9 Karnival a couple of years ago, will enjoy the City's new small dog area at Adelaide Park. Photo: Shelley Lebel

Chihuahuas are cheering as they (and their owners) learn the City is renovating Adelaide Park to include an off-leash area for small dogs.

With smaller yards and houses, dogwalking is becoming an increasingly popular activity nationwide and Federal Way is no exception. The City opened its first dog park, French Lake, two years ago and it has completely "gone to the dogs" with success. Citizen interest prompted the City to begin converting a mostly unused horse arena at Adelaide into a venue for more compact canines.

Additional work throughout Adelaide Park to be completed by fall includes updating trails, installing benches, weeding and creating better sightlines into the park.

The park is at 30619 16th Ave SW.

Light rail to S. 272nd? It's up to you

Asteep ramp-up in bus service, more Commuter trains and light rail from Seattle to the northern Federal Way city limit would become a reality if voters in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties approve a half-cent sales tax increase in November.

Federal Way Mayor Jack Dovey is excited about the \$17.9 billion plan approved by Sound Transit in late July. "It's

great that Sound Transit is proposing to bring light rail to the front door of Federal Way," he said. "We will continue to work with them to link Federal Way to key cities south of us." Council members passed two resolutions this year urging Sound Transit to get light rail at least to Federal Way if not through it, and now they urge residents to consider the options and vote in November.

Quick Bits

Federal Way grows

The Washington State Office of Financial Management released new population statistics for 2008. Federal Way remains the state's eighth largest city. The population grew from 87,390 to 88,040 in the past year. (Source: Federal Way Mirror)

Welcome signs get face lift

The City Council voted this spring to improve the "Welcome to Federal Way" signs posted at our various entrances. The new signs will be patterned after the City's blue and white logo and should be up by summer's end.

City is now 'StormReady'

The National Weather Service christened Federal Way one of 1,370 "StormReady" communities in the U.S. Criteria for this certification included creating a system that monitors local weather conditions, promoting the significance of public readiness, and planning and training for hazardous weather conditions.

Apply online: mechanical, electrical & plumbing permits

You can now apply for single- and multi-family electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits online. The City recently added this option to its e-permit system which also allows you to locate a business, check out a contractor, get permit status, or request an inspection. Visit www.cityoffederalway.com/epermits.

FWTV takes two Tellies

For the second consecutive year, Federal Way Television (FWTV) won Telly awards for its original cable TV programs. FWTV brought home two Bronze Tellies in the national competition honoring excellence in television, video, web and film production. FWTV can be seen on Channel 21 on Comcast or at www.cityoffederalway.com/fwtv.

For our Korean residents

페더럴웨이시 한국 주민들께.

Korean community quarterly meeting Sept. 18

You're invited to the next Korean quarterly community meeting Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. It's an opportunity for the Korean community to connect with their City leaders and to discuss community issues. KC Jung, the City's Korean Community Liaison, will provide translation services at the meeting. KC can now send and receive e-mails written in Korean, you can e-mail her at kyung.jung@cityoffederalway.com. Also get information written in Korean on permits, pet licenses, business licenses, passports and the health fair by clicking on the "quick links" section of the Korean Community page on the City's Website. For more information, contact KC Jung, 253.835.2605 (Korean) or 253.835.2655 (English).



KC Jung

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For our Hispanic residents Para nuestros residentes Hispanos

City welcomes new Hispanic liaison

In April, Teniel Sabin joined the City as its first-ever Hispanic liaison, a person solely dedicated to better connecting Hispanic residents and business owners with City government and community services. Sabin provides free translation services to Hispanic residents and has created a Spanish portion of the Federal Way Web site. She also is looking for Hispanic volunteers to help make the liaison program a success. A lunch was held May 28 so the Hispanic community could meet Sabin. More than 100 people attended, including Senator Tracey Eide and Representatives Mark Miloscia and Skip Priest. Sabin's hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every weekday, except Thursday. She can be reached at 253.835.2613 or teniel.sabin@cityoffederalway.com.



Teniel Sabin

Bienvenida a una nueva coordinadora para la comunidad hispana

La comunidad hispana de Federal Way cuenta ahora con una nueva coordinadora dedicada exclusivamente a mejorar la comunicación con el gobierno municipal y los servicios comunitarios - Teniel Sabin. Sabin proveerá servicios de intérprete a los residentes hispanos y a su vez, Sabin ha establecido recientemente una línea telefónica y página Web de habla hispana. Además ella está solicitando voluntarios para ayudar con el programa. Se celebró un almuerzo el 28 de mayo para que la comunidad pudiera conocer a Sabin. Más de 100 personas asistieron, incluyendo a la Senadora Tracey Eide y los Representantes Mark Miloscia y Skip Priest. El horario de trabajo de Sabin es de 9:30 AM a 2:30 PM cada día salvo el jueves. Para comunicarse con ella pueden llamar al 253.835.2606 o por correo electrónico a: teniel.sabin@cityoffederalway.com.

News



You'll never be bored if you're on hold with the City

Being put on hold is never fun, but listening to the City's new hold music might just put a smile on your face. What started out as a recruiting jingle for the Federal Way Police Department has now become the City's general hold music. Federal Way Police Officer Myron Kline wrote, sang and produced the four-minute piece. Kline, who has been a police officer with Federal Way for 12 years, loves music. He's toured with and opened for famous artists, produced CDs and has developed music for many businesses and corporations. So call up the City today and, er, ask to be put on hold. Or, you can listen to the jingle at www. cityoffederalway.com/holdmusic

Federal Way Police Officer Myron Kline is a musician in his off hours. He composed and performed the City's on-hold music. Photo: Sid Lee

Online citizen survey open Sept. 29-Oct. 17

Tow are we doing? For the first time in its 18-year history, the City is conducting a citizen survey. Starting this month, the National Research Center will randomly sample 3,000 households by mail, another 400 households by phone, and an unlimited amount online. The online survey is open Sept. 29-Oct. 17 at www.cityoffederalway.com. The results will be presented to the City this fall. Satisfaction with City services, public transportation, diversity, sense of community and quality of life issues are all up for comment. The City will use the results to improve services and drive its budget process. For more information contact Linda Farmer, Communications and Government Affairs Manager, 253.835.2411, or linda.farmer@cityoffederalway.com

Call 835.2600

City debuts volunteer hotline

If you want to volunteer but don't know where to start, the City launched a new hotline that provides one-stop-shopping for volunteer opportunities in the Federal Way area. Dial 253.835.2600 and select an interest area such as "youth," "seniors" or "health." Listen to a short list of agencies that need volunteers. Select one and the system transfers your call directly to the agency. The hotline is the brainchild of Federal Way Mayor Jack Dovey who sees volunteering as an important element of a successful community.

Council names 10 residents to commissions

Since this spring, the City Council appointed or reappointed 10 Federal Way residents to serve on a variety of commissions as regular members and alternates:

- **Planning Commission**: Sarady Long (appointed), Tom Medhurst (appointed); and Timothy O'Neil (alternate, appointed)
- **Diversity Commission:** Gregory Baruso (appointed), Chris Brown (reappointed), and Ron Walker (reappointed)
- **Human Services Commission:** Carol Moe (appointed) and Joseph Choe (alternate, appointed)
- Parks & Recreation Commission: Chris Hash (appointed), Fred Konkell (reappointed).

Pay that parking ticket online or over the phone

This spring the City launched an online payment service for parking tickets, traffic infractions, code violation citations and court fines/costs for misdemeanors. You can pay online using a debit or credit card at www.cityoffederalway.com/courtpayments. There is a convenience charge of \$3.65 per payment and the maximum payment is \$230 per transaction. You can also make telephone payments by calling 800.272.9829 (select option 3 and enter jurisdiction code "5691" and follow the instructions).

Compliance is high with City's new panhandling ordinance

n February, the City Council toughened Lits rules on panhandling making it illegal to beg from sidewalks, bus stops and near ATMs. The new rules add to the existing law which already prohibited aggressive begging, using false or misleading information, and begging that impeded traffic or threatened public safety. How is it working? The police have focused the bulk of their efforts educating would-be panhandlers on the new law and giving them information on human services available to them. Compliance with the law has been high, and only four people have been charged. If convicted, panhandlers could serve up to 90 days in jail and be subject to a \$1,000 fine.

Residents clean up their act in the wake of City's new citation authority





By using its new citation authority, the City can help property owners more quickly clean up code violations. Photos: Becky Lemke

If you've noticed less junk cars, illegally parked vehicles, garbage and other unsightly messes in your neighborhood, you're not dreaming. Earlier this year, the Council gave the City's code compliance officers the authority to issue warnings and actual tickets on the spot to violators. Previously the City could only send warning letters, and those were only prosecutable through Superior Court, an expensive and lengthy process. The new-found authority means problems are being cleaned up much more quickly. A whopping 96 percent of violators cleaned up their act within 90 days versus only 30 percent complying in 90 days for this same time last year. Only about 35 tickets have been written and so far, and only three of tickets resulted in a court hearing. To report a nuisance, call 253.835.2617.

We're spending your money...care to help?

In October, City Manager Neal Beets will present his proposed budget to the City Council. Beets will propose a balanced budget without any new taxes or tax increases. "This is a challenging economy for all of us," he said. "Our operating costs, like fuel and health care insurance, are going up at double-digit rates so in order to balance the budget some City services may have to be reduced or cut entirely." The final decision on the budget is up to the City Council. It's important that your voice be heard during the Council's decision making process. All meetings are held at City Hall, 33325 8th Ave. S. Your comments are welcome.

Budget Meeting Schedule

| Oct. 21, 7 p.m. | City Manager delivers preliminary budget to Council |
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| Oct. 29 & 30, 6 p.m. | Overview and department presentations |
| Nov. 4, 7 p.m. | Public hearing |
| Nov. 5, 6 p.m. | Continue department presentations and begin Council deliberations |
| Nov 18, 5:30 p.m.* | Continue Council deliberations |
| Nov. 18, 7 p.m. | Public hearing, introduce ordinances |
| Dec. 2, 7 p.m. | Enact ordinances |

*Only if needed



Update on the performing arts center

The City received \$500,000 from the State Legislature to start the process of building a community performing arts center. The City Council voted to hang onto the money until the City can work through details with a developer on a downtown site. Initial cost estimates for the center are in the \$40 to \$50 million range with funding coming from government and private sources. A private fundraising effort spearheaded by community members is underway now. For more information, contact fundraising chairs: Phil Wamba, 838.1621, or Peg Altman, 838.2242.

City appoints Dave Larson to judgeship

Longtime Federal Way resident Dave Larson was appointed the City's newest municipal judge in February. Larson, who graduated from Federal Way High School in 1976, earned an undergraduate degree in public



administration from the University of Puget Sound in 1980 and a law degree from Seattle University in 1984. He spent 23 years as a trial attorney, and has experience as a mediator and arbitrator. His term ends Dec. 31, 2009. In June, Larson was appointed to the Rules and Education committees of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association.



The City installed historical street signs at six locations in August. This sign denotes that the original name of 21st Avenue Southwest was Highline Road. Photo: Linda Farmer

Historical street signs remind us of our past

These days, most folks don't know that South 320th Street used to be called Webb Center, or that State Route 99 used to be called the Seattle-Tacoma Road. The Historical Society of Federal Way and the City joined forces to connect residents with a piece of their past this summer as 21 historical street signs were installed at six locations. The sign project is consistent with the City's Growth Management Act requirement to "identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or archaeological significance." The \$5,000 cost was approved in the City's 2007-2008 budget.

Safety emphasis at Steel Lake Park

Steel Lake Park is safer and more family-friendly. Improvements this spring and summer include additional surveillance cameras, extra police patrols and closing the park at 9 p.m.or dusk, whichever is earliest. Also, the City tore out half the park's basketball court (it was in poor condition and needed major maintenance) and converted the remaining half into a children's court with a lower hoop. "Feeling safe-and being safe-is non-negotiable when it comes to our parks" said City Manager Neal Beets. City Council members are already hearing positive comments from the community about the changes.

Cops take over Red Robin, raise \$4,205 for charity

If you dined at Red Robin April 12 from noon to 8 p.m. you didn't have just any server, you had a Federal Way cop serve your pop. As part of the annual Tip-A-Cop event, Federal Way Police Officers took orders, served food and refilled fry baskets - all for a good tip and a good cause. Tips totaled \$4,205 and were donated to the Special Olympics of Washington.

Writers unite for second annual retreat

Authors, poets, journalists, agents, editors – writers of all kinds came together April 25-26 for the second annual Writer's Retreat at Dumas Bay Centre. Sponsored by the City of Federal Way Arts Commission, the writer's retreat is an opportunity for sharing successes, skills and stories about the writing profession. Novice and seasoned professionals alike enjoyed featured speakers and workshops, including presentations from locally renowned authors Elizabeth Lyon and Terry Persun.

Spill or illicit discharge? Call our new Spill Hotline

Do your part to protect the creeks in Federal Way and all of Puget Sound: report any spill, illicit discharges or illicit connections to our natural waterways or storm system by calling the City's new Spill Hotline, 253.835.2700 (business hours) or 253.946.6416 (after hours, weekends and holidays).

City thanks volunteers for 18,000 hours

Last year more than 1,000 residents logged 18,000 hours volunteering in Federal Way. That's the equivalent of two years worth of volunteering 24/7! Volunteers were honored in May at the City's annual volunteer dinner at the Federal Way Community Center. With the theme, "Volunteers Work Magic," Steve the Pretty Good Entertainer wowed the crowd with magic tricks. Awards were given to 42 volunteers based on number of hours and years of service given. Interested in volunteering? Call the new volunteer hotline, 253.835.2600, to find the right opportunity for you. And, thanks!



From left, Volunteers Therese Lee, Doug Lee, Joyce Squier and Ken Squier enjoy food by Three Chicks Catering at the City's annual volunteer thankyou dinner in May. Photo: Lillian Yeh

West Hylebos Wetlands reopens with unique ceremony

Ot loppers? State and local elected officials donned heavy gloves and large garden shears to bring a unique flair to the grand reopening of the West Hylebos Wetlands park in Federal Way on May 3. The event celebrated the new 1.1-mile long boardwalk made of eco-friendly materials. The \$1.2 million project was funded by the City, King County, Washington State and the federal government. Friends of the Hylebos helped secure the funding. For good measure, the Federal Way City Council honored the park's reopening by declaring the first Saturday in May hereafter to be "Hylebos Day."

From left: State Rep. Mark Miloscia (D-30th), State Sen. Tracey Eide (D-30th), Federal Way Mayor Jack Dovey, King County Councilman Pete von Reichbauer and State Rep. Skip Priest (R-30th) display their pruning skills and cut an invasive Himalayan blackberry "ribbon" to reopen the West Hylebos Wetlands Park on May 3. Photo: Seth Bynum



City Center Access Project moving forward

In April, nearly 200 people attended an open house hosted by 25 city, state and federal agency staff. The attendees viewed and commented on alternatives to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle collisions at the S 320th Street and I-5 interchange as well as to enhance traffic flow in and around the City Center.

The North City Center alternative modifies freeway access between S 320th Street and S 312th Street. The South City Center alternative modifies freeway access between S 320th Street and S 324th Street. Both alternatives widen the S 320th Street overpass and the southbound I-5 off-ramp to S 320th Street, add a new overpass at S 312th Street, and extend 32nd Ave S from S 323rd Street to Military Road S. The third alternative is "No Action" where no improvements would be made beyond adopted projects in the current comprehensive plan.

What happens next? The City is com-

pleting preliminary design, traffic analysis and an environmental assessment on the alternatives. The City and its agency partners will continue to hold public meetings throughout the year and anticipates choosing a preferred alternative by February 2009. Construction could happen as early as 2010 if funding is available.

This project began in 2003 and is a collaborative effort between the City, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and a large team of public and private stakeholders.

Attend a public meeting or comment online or by phone. Find the meeting schedule and more information at www.cityoffederalway.com (choose City Center Access Project). You can also contact Project Manager Maryanne Zukowski, PE at 253.835.2707 or citycenter-accessproject@cityoffederalway.com.

Credit crunch delays 'Symphony' project

The City Council in July approved up to a year's extension on the closing deadline for the sale of property for the downtown Symphony mixed-use development project. The closing of the four-acre, former AMC Theaters site may occur anytime before Sept. 11, 2009. The difficulty in the credit markets is forcing the delay in the project.

More flashing yellow leftturn signals

The new flashing yellow left-turn signal at Military Road South and South 288th Street is Federal Way's third. The first two were installed last year at the intersections of South 336th Street and 9th Avenue South, and SR 99 and 312th Avenue South. The signals were placed after a national study showed they help prevent crashes and keep traffic moving.

Library programs coming to the Community Center during remodel

Starting this fall, several programs that are normally held at area libraries will be moved to the Federal Way Community Center due to the remodeling of the Federal Way Regional Library. The programs include the Federal Way Legal Clinic, AARP Income Tax Assistance, ESL and GED classes and occasional community programs and author visits. Core library services will be offered at the South 320th Street library, the Commons Mall and at Panther Lake Elementary (limited hours). Construction is expected to take at least a year. Visit www.kcls.org/federalway/ for more information.

Expanded night-flash program

The next time you're driving through Federal Way at night you won't see as many traditional green-yellow-red traffic light cycles. The City has added yellow flashing traffic signals at night to the major approaches at 20 intersections. Yellow flashing lights, operated on weekdays between 11:30 p.m. and 5 a.m., allow drivers to proceed cautiously through an intersection without making a complete stop.

City Council Highlights



Mayor













Jack Dovey Eric Faison Deputy Mayor

Jeanne Burbidge

Dini Duclos

Jim Ferrell

Linda Kochmar

Michael Park

Mayor's Town Hall meetings

Meet Federal Way Mayor Jack Dovey and other City Council members as you ask guestions and get the latest scoop on City happenings at a Town Hall meeting this fall. Check the City's Web site for dates and locations, www.cityoffederalway.com

Burbidge tapped to help with women's health issues

Council member Jeanne Burbidge was named to the first-ever Women's Advisory Council at St. Francis Hospital earlier this year.

Kochmar named Best City Leader by Mirror

The Federal Way Mirror named Council member Linda Kochmar Best City Leader in its annual "Best Of" contest.

Park and Kochmar lobby lawmakers in D.C.



Federal Way City Council members Linda Kochmar (left) and Mike Park (right) met with Sen. Patty Murray and the rest of Washington State's Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. this spring. Photo: City staff

ouncil members Linda Kochmar and Mike Park traveled to Washington D.C. this spring to lobby U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), and U.S. Representatives Adam Smith (D-Wash.) and Dave Reichert (R-Wash.). The subject was transportation, transportation and more transportation. "As our citizens know, we have a lot of traffic issues here," said Kochmar. The pair brought requests totaling \$2.7 million for the City Center Access Project at South 320th and I-5, and the "Triangle Project," otherwise known as the I-5 / SR 18 / SR 161 interchange. "We had a good trip," commented Park. "We feel we were heard." Since the trip, Rep. Smith

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* All numbers 253 unless otherwise noted

has declined to pursue federal earmarks to the budget such as the ones Federal Way is seeking. Other lawmakers are waiting for the results of the U.S. presidential election to make decisions on earmarks.



September 6

Latino Health Fair, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Grace Church, 1320 Auburn Way S.) 835.2613

U.S. Women's Triathlon, 5:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Steel Lake Park) September 13

September 18

September 26 - 28

Household Hazardous Wastemobile, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (The Commons Mall) 835.2771

September 27



Photo contest winners

Jess Golden (center with certificate), took two of the winning top four photographs in a contest sponsored by the City's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Golden's photos will appear on some of the City's future marketing materials. Pictured with him are family and friends. From left, back row: Cindy Anderson, Derk Golden, Tom Golden, Lois Hoch, Tracy Golden and Billi Golden. From left, front row: Josh Oleson. Photo: Lillian Yeh

Smile! Your car is on 'Candid Camera'

If you run a red light at South 320th Street and Pacific Highway South or at South 348th Street and Enchanted Parkway, you'll be getting a ticket in the mail. The City launched a Photo Red Light pilot program at the two intersections in August. The year-long effort begins with a 30-day grace period where only warnings will be issued. Tickets, set by the state at \$124, will be issued starting Sept. 25. Registered owners of the vehicles will be sent a photograph of their license plate along with the infraction and an online link to the video of their vehicle going through the light. More than 300 communities in the country use red light photo enforcement. Federal Way is the 15th city in Washington to install the cameras. Nationally, more than 800 people die running red lights each year, while more than 200,000 are injured. Photo enforcement has been shown to reduce injury crashes by up to 30 percent.



Photo: Natalie Rees

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Paper or plastic? Neither!

Next time your checker checks with you about the type of bag you want – tell them you brought your own reusable bag.

Although both paper and plastic bags have pros and cons, the reality is they both use valuable resources and eventually litter our landfills.

To help jump start your reusable bag collection, the City of Federal Way is teaming up with the King County Solid Waste Division to offer you a free reusable bag.

Bring this coupon to any of the participating grocery stores by Oct. 30, 2008, and get your free bag. To help remember your reusable bags, put a reminder on your shopping list and leave your bags in your car or near your front door.

Got questions? Want to know more about reducing your wasteline? Contact Jeanette Brizendine, the City's Recycling Project Manager, 253.835.2771 or jeanette.brizendine@cityoffederalway.com.



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