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Construction began in October 2015 and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2017.

Additional development adjacent to the existing Federal Way Transit Center will have building space for restaurants, ground floor space for specialty retailers, galleries, studios and office space. There will also be housing with views of Mt. Rainer and the Olympic mountain range. Capping it all off is the four-acre Town Square Park that enhances the development by providing open space for visitors and residents alike.

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ON THE COVER Cruising Des Moines

Spotted near Des Moines in early November 2015, Southern Resident Killer Whales of J-pod. From left: Notch (J47), J53 (the small curvy fin in the background), and J53's mother leading the group, Princess Angeline (J17).

Whale IDs courtesy of Sara Hysong-Shimazu, artist and member of the Salish Sea Association of Marine Naturalists. Cover photo courtesy of Jill Clogston, member of the Salish Sea Association of Marine Naturalists.

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When looking to explore all the South Sound has to offer, just take the Federal Way.

Nestled on the Puget Sound, Federal Way is recognized as an ideal location for corporations, welcoming innovation to a quality of life that attracts a diverse and well-educated workforce. As a major growth center in the area, Federal

Way is the headquarters of prominent regional, national and international companies like World Vision—a Fortune 500 company.

The Federal Way business corridor is strategically located in Washington state between the port cities of Seattle and Tacoma. Residents and visitors benefit from regional hospital and medical centers, a diverse faith community and a healthy mix of locally owned companies, national retailers and restaurants. The Federal Way school system and support resources are nationally recognized and include two regional libraries, as well as 34 public schools for grades kindergarten through 12. Area students also have easy access to a number of colleges and universities.

The Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce and its membership work together to bring economic growth to the area. With a full range of programs and services, the

Chamber works to provide opportunities for members to connect, lead and prosper—personally and professionally.

Monthly luncheons focus on topics that impact the bottom line of business, providing a strategic look at issues influencing the region. The Chamber supports the greater Federal Way area with events that enhance economic development such as seminars, workshops, conferences and business roundtables. The Chamber’s signature events celebrate business success and reinforce professional networks.

We’re glad you’re taking the Federal Way! The Chamber’s South Sound Relocation & Visitors Guide provides an overview of surrounding business, cultural and community information. In addition to the guide, we encourage you to connect to the Chamber through the Business Directory, online at federalwaychamber.com or by downloading the free MyChamberApp to your smartphone.

On behalf of the businesses that are members of the Chamber, welcome to the South Sound region!

Rebecca Martin, CCE, IOM
President and CEO, Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to Federal Way, a diverse and growing community with exciting opportunities for families and businesses alike!

We have worked to build a stronger sense of community and have begun downtown redevelopment.

Look for a world-class performing arts and event center in summer 2017. Right next-door is the catalyst that launched downtown redevelopment—Town Square Park. The space will feature a spray park, walking trail, great lawn, green roofs,

and other environmentally friendly features. With 32 parks, we offer many options. Celebration Park annually draws thousands for sports tournaments, filling our hotels and shopping in our stores.

Federal Way continues to have NO B&O Tax and costs to operate a business here remains low for our region. With great neighborhoods and stunning South Sound views, new construction is popping up all over town.

Public and private investment means Federal Way is poised for positive growth for years to come. Businesses are investing throughout our city, citing our prime location in South King County. Won't you join us?

Jim Ferrell

Jim Ferrell
MAYOR

LETTER FROM THE 2015-16 BOARD CHAIR



Whatever you need, you'll find it in Federal Way.

A brush with nature? Walk along Dash Point State Park or experience tranquility at the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. Locally-sourced produce? Shop the Farmers Market and bring home fresh vegetables,

hand-crafted cheeses, and jewelry. Innovative educational institutions? Federal Way Public Schools is a leader in implementing standards-based education, while Highline

College, founded in 1961, offers certificates, associate's, and bachelor's degrees. Several private schools also call Federal Way home.

A place to work? Located between Seattle and Tacoma, we support hundreds of small and medium-sized businesses, along with Fortune 500 companies. A place to live? Housing ranges from homes with sweeping views of Puget Sound, to ramblers nestled against golf course fairways, to family-friendly apartments.

And let's not forget the parks, libraries, and world-class swimming facilities. Whether you're visiting, considering a move, or are a life-long resident, I invite you to explore our community and discover the "Federal Way".

Lisa Skari

Lisa Skari, Ed.D.
BOARD CHAIR, 2015-16

LETTER FROM THE FWPS SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome to our community! Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) serves 22,500 diverse and dynamic student-scholars at 39 locations. FWPS has established a track record of courageous innovation to ensure that each of our students

graduate career- and college-ready.

Our district is known for nationally recognized high schools that are consistently among the state's top 10 for advanced placement testing, as measured by the Washington

Post High School Challenge; award-winning STEM curriculum; and a standards-based education system that provides clear guidelines in every class across the district.

Beginning in October 2015, FWPS embarked on a strategic planning process that has embraced the diverse voices of our community, both internally and externally. The outcome is a set of goals to support our scholars' journey from the early years to graduation through successful transitions, preparing them for in-demand careers. At FWPS, we believe in creating bright futures for each of our scholars.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tammy Campbell, Ed.D.
FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SUPERINTENDENT

LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



Welcome to Federal Way! South King Fire & Rescue (SKF&R) provides helpful, professional fire and emergency medical service to the city of Federal Way and surrounding areas. SKF&R has served our community for 60 years with a proven track record of fast

response times that contribute to the best possible outcomes of emergencies. Recently SKF&R underwent a Washington State Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB) assessment that establishes the fire insurance rates for residences and businesses in Federal Way.

We are proud to say that the city, along with SKF&R, achieved a Class 2 rating; this means Federal Way has the lowest fire insurance rates in the state. Having those outstanding rates is certainly beneficial, but it also shows that Federal Way prioritizes community safety. By making the area a safe place to work, live and enjoy, SKF&R is very excited about the future.

We invite you to contact us for more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Church". The signature is bold and stylized.

Al Church
FIRE CHIEF, SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

LETTER FROM THE 2016-17 BOARD CHAIR



Taste The Difference!

When I think about connections, I first think about family. This includes immediate, extended and business families. Sometimes it's hard to differentiate among the three.

There's my Caffé D'arte family.

Locally owned, our coffee is shipped all over the world. There's my Wild

Waves family. With nearly 900 full-time and seasonal staff, Washington's only water and amusement park has become a Pacific Northwest tradition for many families. I also count those I've worked with in several local nonprofit organizations.

My idea of family extends to Chamber members as well, ranging from sole proprietors to those that employ

thousands. Our common goals include growing businesses, thereby adding jobs and raising the quality of life in the community.

The Chamber family will continue the mission of supporting business connections and promoting economic opportunities along the Seattle-Tacoma corridor, and that benefits all families.

Kim Zier
GREATER FEDERAL WAY CHAMBER OF
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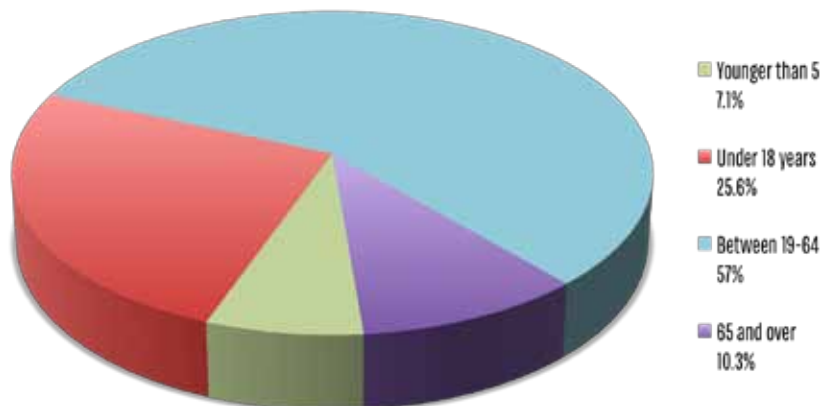
POPULATION

Source: U.S. Census

	2010	2014
Federal Way	89,306	93,425
King County	1,931,249	2,079,967
Pierce County	795,225	831,928

FEDERAL WAY POPULATION BY AGE (2010)

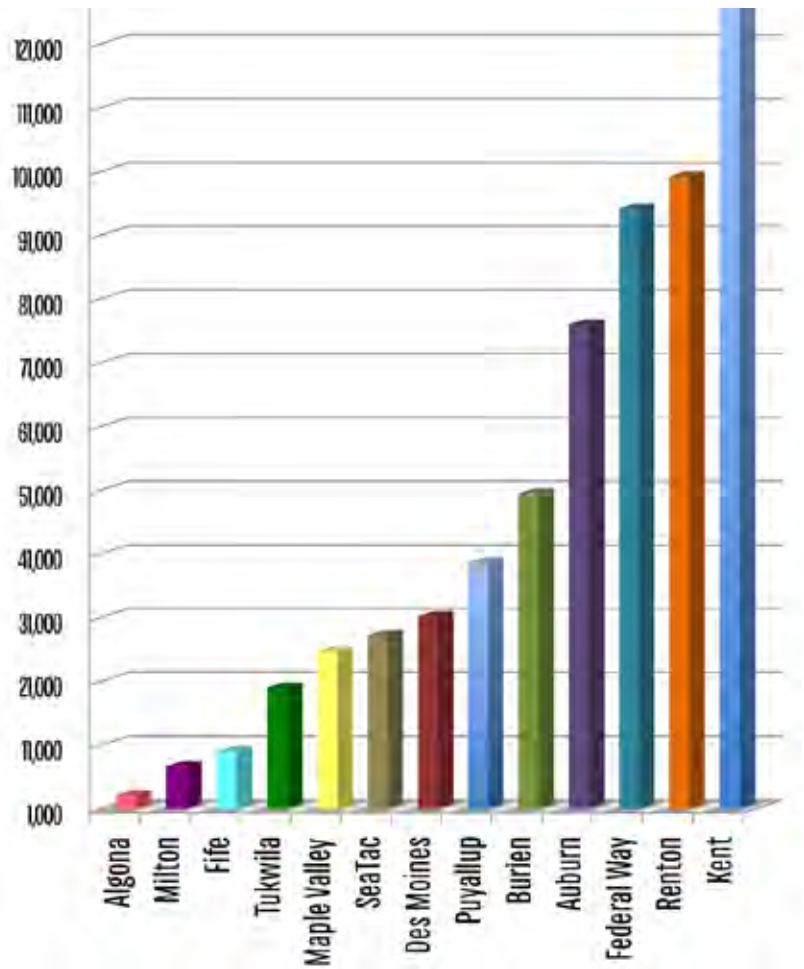
Source: U.S. Census



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City	Population
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Algona	3,144
Auburn	77,006
Burien	50,467
Des Moines	31,221
Federal Way	95,171
Fife	9,970
Kent	126,952
Maple Valley	25,686
Renton	100,242
Puyallup	39,105
SeaTac	28,215
Tukwila	20,018



Sources: City of Federal Way and the U.S. Census.

LARGEST EMPLOYER

No. of Employees

Federal Way School District	2,147
Xerox Commercial Services	1,350
Weyerhaeuser	1,147
St. Francis	1,032
Norpoint Entertainment LLC (Wild Waves)	871
World Vision	852
U.S. Postal Service	616
City of Federal Way	505
Wal-Mart	484
DaVita	318
Costco	284
Virginia Mason Health Care	253
BergerABAM Inc.	234
Fred Meyer	224

Source: City of Federal Way

REGIONAL LABOR FORCE BY TOP FIVE SECTORS (16+) IN FEDERAL WAY

Educational services, and health care and social assistance.....	8,702
Retail trade.....	5,050
Manufacturing.....	4,797
Arts, entertainment and recreation, and accommodation and food service	4,743
Professional scientific and management, and rental and leasing	4,366

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	High School Grad or Higher	Bachelor's or Higher
Federal Way.....	89.5%	25.7%
King County.....	92.1%	47.1%
Pierce County	90.5%	24.2%


Source: U.S. Census



The Seattle-Tacoma International airport plays a central economic role that reverberates throughout the Pacific northwest. Since its opening in 1947, Sea-Tac has become one of the largest airports in the nation, a major contributor to the regional economy and a leader in environmental stewardship.

REGIONAL PROSPERITY

Building Communities Makes Business Sense

A  s the cornerstone for economic prosperity, thriving communities begin with a successful business environment. The ebb and flow of commerce in a global marketplace requires companies to look to their partners in education and government in order to create a safe and stable climate for sustainable growth.

Educational entities have a special relationship with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce as workforce training and academic preparedness are pivotal issues for businesses. Government fulfills the legislative role in community development, supporting efficiencies of process for business regulation. Collaboration among the three is foundational as each is interrelated to the other, and all are working toward a greater good—long-term economic vitality.




Additionally, a solid education prepares individuals to thrive in the workforce. The Chamber touches each of



Federal Way is headquarters of international coffee roaster Caffe D' 

Photo courtesy of the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce



The Weyerhaeuser campus in Federal Way is located 23 miles south of Seattle and 10 miles north of Tacoma. The property includes 425 acres and more than 800,000 square feet of office, lab, and industrial space. With ivy covered rooftop terraces, the ehad  building was one of the first green roof applications in the Pacific Northwest and one of the first open landscape  designs in the United States.  campus is currently part of the Industrial Realty Group (IRG) business portfolio.

these community pillars with its focus on jobs, issues and marketing.

As the voice of business, the Chamber brings its core competencies to economic development efforts in business attraction, retention and expansion. The Chamber helps to network, facilitate, convene and promote.

For the Chamber, making an impact in the business

community means providing unique opportunities for members to be successful through educational programming, networking events and a full suite of options for marketing outreach.

Helping businesses succeed is a primary focus for the Chamber. As such, the Chamber helps businesses get recognition and interact with each other through ribbon cuttings, coffee and connections, toolkit sessions, business after hours and member orientations. Chamber programming at monthly luncheons, breakfast briefings, business roundtables, workshops and seminars keeps local, regional and national issues at the forefront.

Annual signature events at the Chamber include the golf classic tournament, the Gala and Impact Awards, the candidates forum and the regional prosperity program. The Chamber also stages annual events to address a specific industry or issue impacting the bottom line of business such as the 2015 Health Care Summit and the 2016 Women's Summit.


Businesses also benefit from the Chamber's prescription drug card and travel programs. The free prescription card is a national initiative that offers participants up to 75 percent savings on most brand name and generic medications. Likewise, locals can explore the world via a spring and fall trip that is open to the public.

The Chamber looks to the horizon for our community initiatives, taking a long-term approach to developing the area as a destination with a sustainable urban strategy that welcomes visitors and supports business. The Chamber embraces a holistic approach to destination management as it considers transportation infrastructure, attracting investment and supporting a workforce. With the region's strong, flexible and ready workforce, Federal Way is a major economic driver in the South Sound.

The Chamber's energized body of work translates into a strategic vision to enhance economic opportunities throughout our regional business base. Together, both the Chamber and

community stakeholders work to create a climate for growth and success throughout the region.

To become part of the powerful network of business leadership in the South Sound region, join the Chamber at federalwaychamber.com or call 253-838-2605.

 Information in this article was provided by the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce.



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By joining the Chamber, members gain exposure and build lasting partnerships.

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Lakehaven Utility is an economic engine in the region with a workforce that includes engineers, laboratory analysts, hydrogeologists, and uter specialists and more.

Photo courtesy of Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce

WATER MEANS BUSINESS

MARITIME COMMERCE YIELDS A COMPETITIVE EDGE

by Cathy Cuthbertson and Carolyn Williams-Walker

The Federal Way area enjoys a flourishing economy thanks to a diverse mix of business and industry.

Located between the working ports of Seattle and Tacoma, the Federal Way region is uniquely situated to

support commerce along the business corridor stretching among the two cities.

“Our regional scope is so much more than geography,” notes the CEO of the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce Rebecca Martin, CCE. “It’s about supporting



The Northwest Seaport Alliance is a collaborative approach by the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle to strengthen the Puget Sound gateway for marine cargo. The Greater Federal Way Chamber was in attendance as the Alliance welcomed the CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin, the largest container ship to visit the United States. Capable of carrying 18,000 containers, The CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin is longer than two Space Needles, five Boeing 747s and wider than the Louvre Pyramid (116' at base). Federal Way is strategically located between the two working ports.

connections that enhance and grow business.”

The South Sound thrives on cooperation between commerce, education, and government. Collaboration among these stakeholders ensures that business continues to flourish in the region.

“We develop business and strengthen our community when we work together to create an economic climate that welcomes, connects, and expands commerce,” says Martin.

The Chamber is interested in the supply chain opportunities within the industry sectors identified by the state of Washington for economic development: aerospace, clean technology, life sciences and global health, information and communication technology, military and defense, as well as maritime.

Ideally situated between the ports of Seattle and Tacoma—the fourth largest gateway in North America by export value—the Federal Way region is competitively positioned to support the maritime sector, directly and indirectly.

When it comes to international trade and commerce, the maritime industry in Washington is a fast-growing, multibillion-dollar hub of commerce. A strong maritime impact for the South Sound is the Northwest Seaport Alliance, the strategic result of

combining regional partnership with the port industry.

“It’s the first of its kind in North America,” says Tara Mattina, the Alliance’s communications director. “It unifies the management of cargo operations of the two ports. Instead of competing against each other, we can enhance the operations of both to attract more cargo to the Pacific Northwest.”

Mattina says that the ports are seeing ships growing in size.

“The average ship holds 6,000 to 8,000 containers, and some hold 10,000,” says Mattina. “But the new ships are two-to-three times as large as what we’ve seen in the past. They’re the size of five Boeing 747s end to end.”

As a result, the two ports have identified the need to make strategic expenditures to accommodate these megavessels. Though final authorization is pending, Mattina points out a terminal in Tacoma is already in the midst of preliminary improvements, while a Seattle terminal has completed design and is in the midst of environmental review. The estimated cost of the improvements, which could take 10 years to complete, is \$800 million.



Photo courtesy of The Northwest Seaport Alliance

“As we invest in terminals,” says Mattina, “we can diversify our cargo mix and not have to rely so heavily on containers. With a fuller portfolio, we could add space for things like construction and mining equipment.”

Overall, the ports are expected to decrease their current acreage of international container terminals from 1,080 to 850. By doing this, they will increase their traffic to six million containers by 2025, according to the ports’ strategic business plan. That would free up about 230 acres for other forms of freight, including logs, domestic cargo, breakbulk (goods too big to be shipped in containers) and automobiles.

No matter what’s shipped out of the area via the ports or any other means, all goods must be accompanied by a Certificate of Origin. That’s where the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce can help business.

Certificates of Origin are international trade documents used to determine the origin of goods for official, commercial and financial reasons. Since 1898, according to the American Association of Chamber Executives, chambers have been recognized by government and customs officials as competent authorities to issue Certificates of Origins. With nearly 4 million certificates issued within the



United States annually, chambers play a crucial role as trusted third parties bringing reliability, integrity, neutrality and impartiality in the issuance of the certificates.

The Chamber adopted the e-certification platform in July 2016, an online program that turned the existing paper-based Certificate of Origin process into a seamless, streamlined electronic system. “The e-certify process will allow us to provide our economic base with an industry standard that offers faster document certification and reduced manual data entry, making it both user friendly and cost effective,” said Martin. The Chamber’s e-certify program is online at federalwaychamber.com.

As national and international ships continue to arrive and depart daily from the South Sound waters, companies continuously examine ways they can make their practices eco-friendly. Even small changes can make a significant impact on the environment.

That’s why TOTE Maritime has committed to converting its entire fleet of cargo vessels to operate on liquefied natural gas (LNG.) Headquartered in Federal Way, the company has initiated this venture to lower vessel emissions and exceed the Environmental Protection Agency’s new air quality standards. Beginning in fall 2016, TOTE Maritime will transition the first of its two Orca Class ships to



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Regional in scope, South King Fire & Rescue services 43 square miles and includes the cities of Federal Way and Des Moines, along with portions of Auburn and unincorporated King County.

Their 135 professional firefighters are spread among seven fire stations staffing six engines, three aid cars, and a Ladder truck 24 hours a day. In addition they operate three special operations teams focused on technical rescue, hazardous materials response and Marine fire and rescue. ■ *Information in this article was provided by the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce.*

LNG. TOTE Maritime is already using LNG in its Marlin Class vessels, the world's first LNG powered containerships, that are currently serving the Puerto Rico trade.

TOTE Maritime Alaska operates two custom-built cargo vessels between Tacoma and Anchorage with twice-weekly sailings year-round. TOTE Maritime Alaska, formerly Totem Ocean Trailer Express, is a TOTE company, part of the Saltchuk family of companies.

Also increasing its already strong environmental practices is Lakehaven Utility District. Its regional footprint covers all of Federal Way, as well as parts of Auburn, Des Moines, Kent, Milton, Tacoma and portions of unincorporated Pierce and King counties.

On the Wastewater side of their business, Lakehaven has upgraded its Lakota Wastewater Treatment Plant with a new aeration system that resolves instability issues and reduces energy use and maintenance. It is also planning to upgrade its ultraviolet light disinfection systems with more energy efficient models.

On the Water side, Lakehaven recently participated with the City of Tacoma, City of Kent and Covington Water District on the construction of a new water filtration plant in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The new plant was originally budgeted at \$217 million dollars and was completed for \$187 million. Water delivered from the plant has



Add cutline: Olympian Michael Phelps gets a selfie with fans at the 2015 AT&T Winter National Championships in Federal Way. The Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center is a legacy venue of the 1990 Seattle Goodwill Games. This 2,500-seat facility maintains one of the most active competition schedules in the country, hosting more than 50 events annually. It has been the site of Olympic Trials, top national and international competitions, and the Pacific Northwest's premiere events. A recent economic study conducted for King County measured the financial impact of these events on the region in excess of \$7.5 million annually.

allowed the district to significantly reduce its power usage for groundwater production in wet years while also providing drought protection to its customers and neighboring utilities.

“This project has not only allowed us to provide superior water quality to our customers, it also provides ongoing environmental benefits and allows us to continue to provide our customers with some of the lowest water rates in the region,” said John Bowman, Lakehaven Utility District General Manager.

Clearly, the region’s proximity to water and the maritime industry it supports make it an economic force in the region. And with an eye to connecting its workforce to the other sectors identified by Washington, the Greater Federal Way Chamber and its stakeholders have a vision that supports economic prosperity.

“With our logistic ease, talented workforce, and focus on successful connections, the Federal Way region is ideally situated to sustain, grow, and create business in the South Sound,” notes Martin. ■

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READY TO ROLL

Getting Students Career Ready

What if it were possible to study, graduate and then land a successful job all within the same geographic area? In Federal Way, several educational entities and supporting organizations are ensuring that students can do exactly that.

It started with a strategic plan spearheaded by Dr. Tammy Campbell who joined Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) as superintendent in 2015. The initiative serves as a roadmap to align organizations and individuals in preparing students for their vocation.

“The strategic plan will provide a laser-like focus on specific goals and strategies to ensure our students learn at high levels with the necessary support to graduate college and be career-ready,” Campbell says.

To assist with these efforts, the district has formed professional learning communities (PLC), a teacher collaboration effort dedicated to the



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improvement of student learning through analysis of their work and reflection. Through regular meetings, teachers assess curriculum coherence, standards and methods to assure the optimum level of learning across classrooms.

Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education is a high priority for FWPS as jobs in those fields are in high demand with high compensation throughout the community. The district has multiple STEM Lighthouse schools, a designation given by the state to districts that have proven experience and are recognized as models in teaching this specific subject matter.

"Our district is committed to enhanced opportunities such as STEM programming and project-based learning, essential to our student-scholars' 21st-century college and career pathways," Campbell says.

Yet while many schools within the district provide students with STEM study, FWPS partnered with Technology Access Foundation to form the Technology Access Foundation Academy. This public-private partnership school offers STEM learning in a project-based instructional environment to students in grades sixth through 12th. This concentration is getting noticed, too, as in its seven years of operation, the school has received numerous accolades. Among those, Intel Corporation recognized it as the Intel School of Distinction for middle school mathematics in 2011.

Beyond secondary education, Highline College has been offering a range of associate degree and certificate programs since 1961. Subjects range from accounting and astronomy to nursing and visual communications.

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From career changers to first-time undergraduates, higher education institutions like Highline College poise its enrollees for rewarding futures.

openings in supply chain management and logistics every year through 2018, the center ensures that the college is building a competitive workforce.

Central Washington University, located on the grounds at Highline College, allows students the option of completing their first two years toward a bachelor's degree at Highline. They may choose to stay on campus to complete a degree in fields that range from education law and justice to psychology via face-to-face, interactive television and online classes.

The University of Phoenix Western Washington Campus, located in nearby Tukwila, offers Bachelor of Science in Business, MBA degrees and Bachelor of Science in Human Services degrees that may be completed on-campus. Students may choose to pursue associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs in healthcare/nursing, education, information technology, business, and human services online. ■ *By Mallorie Ann Ingram*

Aspirational Instruction

Classrooms and Tutors for All

When students need a bit more personalized attention and extra coaching to grasp concepts, parents can turn to several facilities throughout the greater Federal Way area.

For those looking for a religious education, Christian



Individuals who need help with coursework have options like Sylvan Learning Center in which to turn.

Faith School is the program of choice. Students explore different areas of studies, ranging from fine arts to athletics, all with a biblical focus. More than 60 denominations are represented in the school's student body of 300.

Among the educational options in the area is the Korean School of Federal Way, which aims to instill a sense of identity in Korean-American students in pre-K through 12th grade. Children learn about Korean culture and study the language. Adults can learn Korean, too, in beginner, intermediate and advanced classes on Saturdays.

Whether it's behavioral growth, the development of positive habits or learning core subject matter, Brown's Point KinderCare, First Avenue KinderCare, Redondo KinderCare and West Campus KinderCare helps infants and toddlers mature into well-rounded adults. The staff at KinderCare does this by honing each child's natural talents while building new capabilities.

When tutoring is needed, Sylvan Learning Center has been providing such service for more than 35 years. Kids can

get assistance with math, engineering, reading, STEM skills, standardized testing preparation and more.

Darcy Webb, owner of the Federal Way franchise, says the proven process of students working directly with a tutor on assignments helps them achieve long-term success.

"Our individualized and adaptive academic programs give students an edge that will help them to catch up, keep up or even get ahead," Webb says.

At Kumon Math and Reading Center of Federal Way, students receive individualized lesson-planning and achieve academic goals through instruction by a passionate team of educators.

"Kumon helps children foster a love of learning by progressing at their own pace through the carefully crafted curriculum," says Dominique Ciccarelli, Kumon North America education spokesperson. "In addition to developing academic ability, Kumon students gain benefits such as confidence, independence, and excellent study habits that will last a lifetime." ■ *By Mallorie Ann Ingram*



Fresh, locally sourced produce is the hallmark of the Federal Way Farmer's Market, recognized by the Chamber with the 2015 Community Impact Award.

HEALTHY AND HAPPY

Well-being is Well Worth It

It's never too late to start living a healthy lifestyle. When incorporating exercise with eating right, Federal Way residents can enjoy years of wholesome living.

By visiting the Federal Way Farmers Market every Saturday at the Commons Mall May through October, locals can purchase the freshest produce and products grown right in the area. These goods, chock full of nutrients, can fuel an abundance of activities like biking, running and walking. Individuals can choose to participate in such exercise either on their own or as part of a themed event, which are staged throughout the year. Charitable walks, fun runs or even competitive marathons can spur on the inner athlete in anyone.

When someone needs extra tips on how to maintain wellness, or assistance with an unexpected illness and injury, they can turn to area medical providers that are always at the ready with the perfect plan or treatment.



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The Pacific Northwest lifestyle embraces opportunities for wellness.



The South Sound region is home to a full range of medical providers specializing in patient care.

Virginia Mason Federal Way Medical Center

Virginia Mason Federal Way Medical Center is dedicated to delivering remarkable health care to improve the health and well-being of the members of our community and beyond.

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The Federal Way Medical Center offers clinic appointments on Saturday mornings for general internal medicine, pediatrics and pulmonary medicine.

“At Virginia Mason, we know that our patients’ health and time are precious. And that their trust is earned,” said Krista Christensen, Administrative Director for Virginia Mason

Federal Way. “That is why careful listening, partnership and teamwork are hallmarks of our care. Our providers work together across the entire Virginia Mason Health System to seamlessly and effectively meet every patient’s health care needs — big and small.”

CHI Franciscan Health

Since the area is bursting with outdoor activities, it certainly makes it easier for residents to engage in a healthier lifestyle. However, living healthy isn’t just about staying active, according to Tony McLean, market president for CHI Franciscan Health in South King County.

“It also means taking care of yourself by getting enough sleep each night, drinking enough water, eating healthier foods and making sure you get preventive health screenings,” McLean says. “At CHI Franciscan Health and St. Francis Hospital [in Federal Way], we support our community in being ‘Northwest



Virginia Mason received the 2016 Outstanding Patient Experience Award from Healthgrades, becoming the only medical center in Seattle and the Puget Sound area to earn the recognition for four consecutive years.



Active in the community, Pacific Medical Center is recognized with a Super Service Award by Angie's List.

Healthy.' "

The health system gives that support in a variety of ways, such as a sleep disorder center, weight management care and wellness programs for employers. Its health and wellness services give residents a better grasp on any health struggles that need to be addressed.

For more serious matters, St. Francis Hospital provides such medical services as emergency care, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, orthopedic care, a family birth center, vascular surgery and more.

Pacific Medical Centers

Pacific Medical Centers (PacMed) is a multi-specialty health care network that brings patients across the Puget Sound quality care at a low cost. To ensure the unique health care needs of patients are met, PacMed partnered with the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association to bring health care outside the clinic walls through its Living Well Alliance program. This free workplace program promotes preventive care in the workplace through health risk assessments and educational classes around diabetes and preventative care.

"We strive to deliver high-quality care in order to help the Federal Way community live happier and healthier lives," says Dr. Estelle S. Lin, an internist at PacMed's Federal Way clinic. "At PacMed, we have a patient-centric approach to care, where we work to develop a strong relationship between patient and physicians to deliver care in a way that best meets each patient's needs."

PacMed's Federal Way clinic offers services for family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, behavioral medicine, dermatology, nutrition, gynecology and urology.

MultiCare Health System

MultiCare Federal Way Urgent Care is answering the needs of the area's tech-savvy population with online and virtual services. It has a feature that allows patients to get in line via the center's website or app, so they can wait in the comfort of their own homes.

For individuals who don't want to—or can't—leave the house, the health system has two options. The first, its eCare program, doesn't require that patients even speak with a doctor. They can simply create an account and complete a short online interview. A doctor then reviews the information and submits a treatment plan and any necessary prescriptions within one hour.

Through Doctor on Demand, patients can stay in bed and get medical attention via video chat with a doctor.

Medical concerns that can be addressed at the Federal Way location include allergies, colds and flu, minor burns or



The Chamber honored St. Francis Hospital with the 2016 Business Impact Award

bruises, minor fractures, sore throats, sprains, urinary infections and more.

UW Neighborhood Federal Way Clinic

UW Neighborhood Federal Way Clinic has a similar patient service.

For a flat rate, individuals can chat with a doctor via phone

or webcam. If the physician determines an issue is beyond what should be addressed virtually, a patient isn't charged, but encouraged to come in for further examination.

The clinic offers urgent care seven days per week for asthma, colds, sinus infections, bronchitis, migraines, ear infections, broken bones, nausea, work injuries and more. and The site is also a primary care practice with internists and obstetricians. It additionally has a registered dietician who works with patients on their overall and long-term health.

Seattle Children's South Clinic in Federal Way

With the mission of preventing, treating and eliminating pediatric disease, Seattle Children's

South Clinic in Federal Way offers 15 pediatric specialties provided by the same doctors and nurses who care for children at their hospital in Seattle. Here, you'll find urgent care, dermatology, orthopedics and sports medicine and other services for infants to young adults. ■ *By Mallorie Ann Ingram and Carolyn Williams-Walker*


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"The air is so clean, and we have so many parks that when you step outside your door, no matter where you live, you can start walking on a trail in minutes," says Tricia Ackerman, broker-Realtor with Keller Williams Puget Sound.

When it comes to finding the perfect home in this corner of the state, Federal Way is the right address, says Ackerman. Natural beauty aside, the city boasts economic advantages over other nearby areas.

"We're just 20 minutes to Seattle or Tacoma, and property taxes here are a lot lower," Ackerman says. "A lot of people north of us are starting to move this way for a few reasons. One reason, I think, is



The Federal Way Police Department's K9 unit is just one entity that helps keep residents and visitors safe on a daily basis.

Photo courtesy of Kristen Gregory/Federal Way Police Department



Photo courtesy of Kristen Gregory/Federal Way Police Department

Law enforcement, together with other community stakeholders, make sure that area residents, young and old, feel safe when out and about.

getting back to smaller communities to raise families as well as the dollar going further in reference to home prices.”

Residential and commercial property owners in Federal

Way reap additional tax benefits due to living in such a safe community. In large part, credit for that goes to the professionals at South King Fire and Rescue, who staff seven



Aside from its safe environment, Federal Way and the surrounding municipalities enjoy beautiful homes in nice neighborhoods and unmatched scenic views.



South King Fire & Rescue has an average emergency response rate of four to six minutes.

fire stations across a territory spanning 41 square miles. In 2015, the department responded to more than 18,000 calls for service.

South King Fire and Rescue has received high marks from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau, which sets state standards for fire department operations and water flow requirements. The South King department has received a class 2 insurance rating, which is the highest in the state. That means that commercial and residential properties throughout Federal Way have some of the lowest fire insurance rates around.

Another important element of community safety is the Federal Way Safe City Program. Similar to a crime watch, Safe City encourages stakeholders to create neighborhood partnerships with law enforcement like the Federal Way Police Department, city officials and businesses to protect citizens at home or while shopping. With a visible network that includes community patrols, residents and the city are deeply invested in protecting a safe and sustainable lifestyle.

"The South Sound region offers a range of opportunity for residential and commercial real estate," said Hee Jung Lee, managing broker, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. "It really is a great place to live and work."

■ By Cathy Cuthbertson



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RECREATION

State Parks

Federal Way and Des Moines

These expansive sites are popular with visitors and Federal Way residents. Dash Point State Park in Federal Way and Saltwater State Park in Des Moines are both on the Puget Sound. Both have shorelines that are perfect for fishing, diving, sailboarding, boating or swimming. Guests can also go camping, hiking, bird watching and more.

Mount Rainier and Hiking Trails

Mount Rainier

The majestic Mount Rainier is the highest mountain in the state of Washington. Mount Rainier National Park has more than 260 miles of hiking trails that vary in length,



Photo courtesy of Saltwater State Park

Our two Washington State Parks make spending the day on the water a popular pastime for residents and visitors alike 



The Federal Way Symphony is a professional orchestra and choral society that stages a variety of performances.

starting at just .4 miles. Pierce and King counties also boast numerous recreational pathways, including the Sammamish River Trail, which offers breathtaking views of the majestic volcano.

Marine Science and Technology Center

Des Moines

This center contains a 3,000-gallon aquarium displaying more than 250 marine species from the Puget Sound. The center regularly hosts events, including dives, research seminars and day camps.

Enchanted Village and Wild Waves Water Park

Federal Way

Western Washington’s only water and amusement park is located in Federal Way. For nearly 40 years, the theme park has entertained people of all ages with 25 rides like roller coasters and bumper cars and 18 water slides. A triple water slide complex opened in 2015.

Pattison’s West Family Skate Center

Federal Way

Guests can lace up their skates or rollerblades and hit the rink at Pattison’s where there’s more than 25,000 square feet of skating space. A DJ plays current hits, and an arcade and novelty center adds to the fun.

Skate Parks

Federal Way

At Federal Way Skate Park, located on the south side of Steel Lake Park, skateboarders can navigate a number of ramps to hone their skills. Stewart Heights Park in Tacoma, Cirque Bridgeport Park in University Place and Milton Skate Park are three nearby options.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Federal Way Symphony

Federal Way

This ensemble stages performances that showcase musical styles from Baroque to jazz. The non-profit, professional orchestra stages concerts and events throughout the year as well as a youth summer camp.

Centerstage Theatre

Federal Way

With diverse programming that includes puppet shows, murder mysteries and concerts, Centerstage Theatre is a popular venue in the community. The theater also provides workshops for kids aged 4 to 12. Classes help hone acting skills and inspire budding playwrights.

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Museums

The Historical Society of Federal Way, the Denny and Barker cabins, and Auburn's White River Valley Museum and Mary Olson Farm all focus on local Puget Sound history. Head to Tacoma to see the Museum of Glass, the Washington State History Museum, the Tacoma Art Museum, and Children's Museum of Tacoma. Visit www.TravelTacoma.com for details.

In Seattle, check out The Museum of Flight, Seattle Art Museum, EMP, and more. Find more information at www.VisitSeattle.org.

SPORTS

Fans can cheer on Seattle's major league sports teams, including baseball's Mariners, football's 2013 Super Bowl champion Seahawks and soccer's Sounders.

Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center

Federal Way

This center has hosted multiple Olympic Trials, the 1990 Seattle Goodwill Games and 2015's Winter National Championships, where Michael Phelps competed. It is open to the public for lap swims, family swims, swimming lessons and private events.

Federal Way Community Center

Federal Way

Residents and visitors to the Puget Sound can get fit while having fun at the Federal Way Community Center. The state's largest public recreational pool complex, the facility offers a fitness center, a 27-foot climbing wall and an indoor track.



This Trident Maple bonsai earned both a gold medal and a first place certificate for specimen trees at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. At the conclusion of the fair Kanetaro Domoto bought it; in 1990 the tree was donated to the museum by his family.

Celebration Park Fields

Federal Way

Play ball—your choice of soccer or baseball—at the Celebration Park Fields. The facility has eight lighted fields for evening games, bleachers, trails, a children’s play area and more. Leagues are available, including men’s and co-ed.

Tacoma Rainiers

Tacoma

The boys of summer provide excitement as they take on opponents in the Pacific Coast League. The Rainiers are the AAA affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. Nearly 5,000 fans pack the stadium for every home game.

Golf Courses

Federal Way/Tacoma/University Place

Golf enthusiasts can hit the links at numerous courses, including Belmor Park Golf and Country Club and Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club, both in Federal Way. North Shore Golf Course is in Tacoma, and Chambers Bay, the site of the 2015 U.S. Open, is an easy drive to University Place.

OUTDOORS

Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden

Federal Way

Spend the day surrounded by the world’s largest public collection of Rhododendron species as well as the largest public Stumpery. A year-round nursery and visitor center are also set amid the 22 acres of lush woodland plantings.

Pacific Bonsai Museum

Federal Way

The public may view more than 100 bonsai trees from six countries at this venue. It features permanent as well as traveling exhibitions and admission is free.

Parks

Federal Way

Playgrounds, softball fields and picnic opportunities are plentiful at Celebration Park. It plays home to many recreational sporting events as well as festivities, such as the annual Fourth of July fireworks show.

The 52-acre Steele Lake Park features swimming, canoeing, volleyball pits and playgrounds. The play areas are accessible to children with disabilities, and the park has a wheelchair roundabout.

Four-legged friends can have a ball—or swim—off-leash



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Hylebos Watershed Discovery Trail and Powell's Wood Garden

Federal Way

These venues are two of the best ways to take in the natural beauty of the Federal Way area. On the Hylebos pathway, explore sites around one of the Puget Sound's last remaining peat bogs. The 3-acre garden contains more than a thousand different types of trees, shrubs and perennials.

Zoos

Tacoma and Seattle

Fins, feathers and fur alike meet at Tacoma's Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the only venue of this combination in the Northwest. Admire the three endangered clouded leopard cubs that were born at the zoo in March 2016 and take an eye-to-eye shark dive at the aquarium.

Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, welcomes more than a million people each year. The zoo houses the largest live animal collection in the state, including 40 endangered species like the African lion, the Sri Lanka green pit viper and the Brazilian black tarantula. ■ *By Rachel Nall*

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Logging was one of the first industries in Federal Way in the early 1900s.

DEEP ROOTS

Logging Industry Grows a Community

Because the Federal Way area is nestled along the south end of the Puget Sound and a two-hour drive from the Pacific Ocean, it's no surprise that these aquatic access points played a key role to the community's establishment.

Some of the first European people to explore the region arrived via boat in the late 1700s. When they disembarked, they were met by members of the Muckleshoot and Puyallup Indian tribes. These indigenous peoples had inhabited the area for centuries.

Because the newcomers found the territory to be a great place for provisions and trade, they began creating homesteads alongside the Native Americans.

"People settled right along the sound for the water and food supply," says Diana Noble-Gulliford, board president of the Historical Society of Federal Way. "At one time there was a mosquito fleet that traveled up and down the shores of the sound delivering mail, and some of the boats even carried produce up to Pike's Peak in Seattle. Traveling by land would have taken far too long with the thick forests and lack of roadways."

Later, harvesting the lush trees that carpeted the area became extremely important to the development of Federal Way. Logging brought the railroad and,

along with it, the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. In 1900, the company began inside two rented rooms in Tacoma near the offices of the Northern Pacific Railway.

Stone's Landing, originally a logging center, served as a primary connection to Seattle and Tacoma and was also a gathering place for locals through the 1890s. Renamed Redondo in 1906, it is now part of Des Moines.

"Logging was a huge industry in the late 1800s and early 1900s," says Noble-Gulliford. "The natural contours of the ravines that led down to the Puget Sound made it a natural asset for logging companies to cut down the timber and then roll down the logs. They'd gather them up and take them to the mills."

Two decades following that, a major roadway linking the community to Tacoma and Seattle was completed. That route, Federal Highway 99, was the inspiration for the city's unusual moniker. That was further solidified in 1929 when the area school districts consolidated and made plans to build the Federal Way High School. With that, Federal Way was born.

Learn more about area's past and view historic photos at the Historic Society of Federal Way's website at www.federalwayhistory.org. ■ *By Cathy Cuthbertson*



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