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**Federal Way Parks Appreciation Day scheduled for April 21**

*Volunteers needed*

Hundreds of volunteers will converge on Federal Way's Celebration Park on Saturday, April 21 as the city celebrates the annual Parks Appreciation Day. The event, which is from 9 a.m. to noon, helps beautify and improve the park, making Federal Way an even better place to live.

More volunteers are needed.

This year the event takes on a special meaning as the park will be one of the host sites to the Special Olympics, which takes place July 1-6. For more information about the Special Olympics, visit <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/>.

"We encourage volunteers to bring tools such as rakes, shovels, loppers and clippers, as well as gloves, sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty," said Parks and Facilities Manager Jason Gerwen. "But if you don't have tools, still come. Some tools are available. And bring your friends," he added. A few painting projects will be available as well.

This is a family event with fun work for all ages. Individuals as well as groups of all sizes are welcome. Come to Celebration Park the day of or email [Jason.gerwen@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:Jason.gerwen@cityoffederalway.com) to pre-register. Free lunch will be served.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer for Parks Appreciation Day.

"We want to make Federal Way the best possible place to live," said Jack Walsh, who for the past 14 years has helped organize hundreds of volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregations. "If the parks are kept in good repair and looking nice, that's good for quality of life."

Volunteers from various Federal Way churches, civic organizations and schools, as well as individuals, will be working side by side this year to enhance the park.

For info, contact Jason Gerwen at (253) 835-6962 or visit Federal Way [Parks Appreciation Day](#) page on Facebook. People are encouraged to share the Facebook event and invite others to it.

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