Celebrate Memorial Day with the city

Memorial Day is a special holiday, that one day when we gather to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. With the start of summer so close, the holiday seemed to slip from our consciousness. Today, it has returned to its rightful place as the way our country honors the sacrifices made by our servicemen and servicewomen.

I hope you will join with city leaders, VFW Post #1263, American Legion Post #419, and Renton Police Department at the city’s annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 28, at 1 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park (523 S. Third St.).

Perry Dolan, a United States Navy veteran and Gold Star Son will be the featured speaker. The ceremony will also include the laying of wreaths to represent the five branches of the military.

Veterans Memorial Park contains nearly 2,000 etched marble plaques, each honoring a veteran.

Starbucks culture is one secret to its’ success

I have always wondered how people get so addicted to Starbucks Coffee. There is always a line of customers both inside and in the drive-up windows at every Starbucks you see. And you see one on nearly every street corner.

But such activities come with risks, especially to the untrained. Nationally, about 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents, most from operator error. Likewise a significant number of drownings can be prevented by wearing a life jacket. Education is the key component in preventing both.

That’s why I’d like to encourage you to take advantage of the services provided by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA), the Coast Guard’s primary resource for recreational boating safety. The USCGA offers free boating education classes and social safety checks.

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It only takes a quick look at the Cedar River, Cedar River Boathouse, or the boat launch at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on a sunny day to see the fun water-based activities provide Renton residents, their family, and friends.

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