



# This Week from the Mayor



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## Fireworks ban helps protect property

WITH THE FOURTH OF JULY next Wednesday our thoughts turn to time with family and friends, cookouts, and fireworks.

Please remember the [sale and use of fireworks](#) within Renton city limits is prohibited. This ban has been in effect since 2005, when it was passed by the citizens of Renton.

The fireworks ban was instituted to protect our citizens and their property. Every year we hear about lives and families affected by the careless discharge of fireworks and we are certainly not immune. The State Fire Marshall's Office reported 83 fires and 262 injuries caused by fireworks in 2017, most of those on the fourth of July. In Renton, we have seen a noticeable decrease in the number of injuries and property damage caused by fireworks since the ban was enacted.



To get your fill of pyrotechnics on July 4, I invite you to come to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park for our annual [fireworks spectacular](#). The display will begin at 10 p.m. and caps a full day of [family-oriented activities](#).



King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn (far left) and Dave Upthegrove (far right) present a \$75,000 check for the Family First Community Center to Mayor Denis Law, Seahawks receiver Doug Baldwin, and Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude.

## Setting our key regional priorities

LAST WEEK I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to meet with King County Councilmembers Dave Upthegrove and Reagan Dunn to discuss some of Renton's key regional priorities. I emphasized the importance of transit and the need for more Metro investment in Renton. We discussed possible future King County transit investments to meet the needs of Southport, Boeing, and The Landing. We also discussed the need for transit services at the south end and the valley floor. Councilmembers Dunn and Upthegrove were also very supportive of the [Family First Community Center](#) and the Sunset Area and agreed to explore additional funding options.



Marcos poses with Deputy Chief Ed Vanvaley, Chief Kevin Milosevich, and Mayor Denis Law. He tried on his chief's hat and checked out the latest in traffic radar.

## Marcos Martinez is Renton's "Chief for a Day"

WE WERE PROUD TO HOST Marcos Martinez, a third grader at Kenedydale Elementary, as the Renton Police Department's "Chief for a Day." Marcos and his family received a tour of the department, got to try out some hi-tech equipment, and were treated to a barbeque lunch.

Throughout the rest of the year, you'll see Marcos at several city events. He will also join his fellow "chiefs" from around the state at the police academy in August for the state-wide celebration.

Congratulations Marcos and welcome aboard.

## Feedback

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