



This Week from the Mayor



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Kent Police Officer Moreno laid to rest

I had the honor of joining many of our police officers from Renton, south county mayors, and police officers from around the state at the funeral service for Kent Police Officer Diego Moreno on Tuesday. It was a touching ceremony, truly a beautiful celebration of his life.

It's always emotional to see hundreds of police officers from around the region and Canada in a procession to honor one of their colleagues who lost his life serving the citizens of his community. The ceremony was very special with heartfelt speeches from his wife, his mother, his best friend, and Kent's chief of police and mayor. There were laughs and, of course, many tears. He touched many lives during his career and leaves a beautiful family who will always remember the positive impact he made on the community he served.



Denis Law photos



Deacon Ted Rodriguez, a community leader and a founding member of the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force, was this year's River Days parade Grand Marshal. The entry from the Sikh Community won the Mayor's Award, which honors community spirit and citizen contribution.

River Days a success

PERFECT CONDITIONS brought out thousands from around the region to last weekend's 33rd annual [Renton River Days](#).

I was especially pleased to see the city's rich diversity celebrated. In the parade, our Latino community was represented by Grand Marshal Deacon Ted Rodriguez. We had lion dancers from the Asian community, the Sikh community entry (which won the Mayor's Award), Miss India Washington pageant winners, Miss American Beauties National Queen, several bands, the Seafair clowns, and local groups. Additionally, the entertainment stage featured 20 culturally diverse groups.

An event like Renton River Days would not be possible without the support of our many sponsors, dedicated staff, and the hundreds of hours provided by our volunteers. My thanks to all!

Grant to help art scene in Renton

I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that a grant from King County will fund improvements at both the [Renton History Museum](#) and Renton Civic Theatre, greatly benefitting the art scene in Renton.

King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn and Dave Uptegrove secured the funds as part of the Building for Culture program.

The Renton Historical Society will receive \$23,116 to upgrade the museum and the theater will receive \$78,245 to restore seating and improve accessibility.



Recognize a small business



RENTON IS RECOGNIZED BECAUSE we're home to internationally known businesses like Boeing, IKEA, and PACCAR. But it's the small businesses and their owners that are the backbone of our community. These establishments are a regular part of our everyday lives.

Each year the King County Executive honors small businesses with his [Small Business Awards](#). These awards are your opportunity to acknowledge your favorite small businesses and show their importance to the community.

Nominations are being accepted through August 10.

Feedback

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