



# This Week from the Mayor



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GeekWire's Taylor Soper interviews Mayor Law at City Hall.

## GeekWire to spend next week in Renton

GeekWire was here this week conducting interviews as part of their new editorial series "[GeekWire on the Road](#)." GeekWire staff will be spending next week in the city reporting on all the great things going on in Renton.

GeekWire's Taylor Soper spent most of Wednesday afternoon touring businesses in Renton with members of my staff and then we sat down for an interview.

They got to visit some very interesting places in Renton and learn some cool facts—from the Federal Reserve Bank that processes over a billion dollars of cash and coins every month to the Renton airport where the world's largest selling airplane takes its maiden flight, to the growing medical hub of the Seattle region. Taylor also got to meet with BLOQS CEO Gary Fysh, who is launching his latest venture in downtown Renton. GeekWire was also very impressed with the growth and diversity of our community.

As part of their week in Renton, they'll host their live podcast from the Hyatt Regency at Southport on November 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

GeekWire is a national technology news site that has its roots in our area and is read around the globe. I'm excited they have chosen to spotlight Renton.



Taylor Soper's tour of downtown Renton included an interview with BLOQS CEO Gavin Fysh and City of Renton Deputy Public Affairs Administrator Preeti Shridhar.



Renton Police Detective LeAnn Whitney took part in the Bucket Challenge, part of the department's Special Olympics Washington fundraiser. The event raised almost \$1,000. (Denis Law photos)

## Tip A Cop raises almost \$1,000

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who came to last Sunday's Tip a Cop event at the Yankee Grill. Preliminary numbers show almost \$1,000 was raised for Special Olympics of Washington athletes and their families. That's fantastic!

Funds were raised through tips collected in the diner, raffle items, T-shirt sales and the bucket challenge, which allowed donors to throw a ball in an attempt to dump a bucket of cold water on an officer. As you can see from the photos it was fun for all, except maybe the officers.



Russ McClurg



Kip Baaten

## Public Works employees qualify for nationals

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO PUBLIC WORKS employees who placed in the top four at ROADEO, the American Public Works Association heavy equipment operators competition.

Russ McClurg placed first in the snow plow truck obstacle course and fourth in the backhoe competition. Kip Braaten finished second in the loader obstacle course and second in the skid steer course.

Russ and Kip will compete at the National ROADEO competition in Seattle next fall.

## Feedback

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