



This Week from the Mayor



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Newly-promoted Deputy Chief Kevin Keyes (far left), Commander Jeff Hardin (second from left), and Sergeant Pat Morgan (far right) flank Chief Ed VanValey.

Police Department promotes trio

THREE RENTON POLICE OFFICERS received promotions at Monday's City Council meeting.

Commander Kevin Keyes was promoted to deputy chief to fill the vacancy created when I promoted Ed VanValey to chief last month. Kevin has been with the department since 2000 and has earned the respect of both his fellow officers and the community.

Kevin's vacant position will be filled by Sergeant Jeff Hardin, a 22-year veteran patrol officer. Jeff is a native of Renton and graduated from Lindbergh High School. Pat Morgan, who joined the department in 2004, was promoted to sergeant.

These three veteran officers bring years of valuable experience, from SWAT, training and investigations, to the police command staff. We're very fortunate to have them joining our police leadership team.

City receives millions for transportation

RENTON HAS BEEN AWARDED \$6.7 MILLION by the Puget Sound Regional Council for three major [transportation projects](#).

The funding will allow us to proceed with projects designed to improve the flow of both traffic and pedestrians through Renton and keep us on our goal of making Renton a safe and vibrant city.

One of the projects will add Business Access & Transit (BAT) Lanes to northbound and southbound Rainier Avenue South between South Third and South Second streets.

This is actually phase four of a series of improvements to this vital roadway. The phase also widens and upgrades ADA accessibility of sidewalks. When complete, access between the city center, the major transportation routes of I-405, SR 167, SR 900 and the Sounder Station in Tukwila will be greatly improved.

Another project is the conversion of South Second Street into a road that better addresses our transportation issues. Improvements include a single lane in each direction between Main Avenue South and Rainier Avenue South, a transit lane, new RapidRide bus stops, bike lanes, and new traffic signals.

The third project involves the resurfacing of SW 43rd Street from the western city limits to the SR 167 ramps. This project also upgrades all intersection ramps to ADA standards.

The first two projects have an expected completion date of December 2023 and the third is expected to be completed by December 2021.



South Second Street downtown will undergo significant improvements to better address transportation issues.

Kiwanis Clothes Bank opens new home

THE [RENTON KIWANIS CLOTHES BANK](#) has certainly had an interesting 50-plus year history in Renton. It opened downtown in 1965 and in 2000 the Renton Kiwanis Club assumed sponsorship. Along the way they've called several locations home, albeit temporarily.

Now they have a permanent home and I was pleased to take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Located at 444 Park Avenue, the clothes bank now occupies 2,000 square feet to serve the community.

I think it's appropriate they open this new location as we move into the holiday season. Now is the time our thoughts turn to friends and family, but at the same time we cannot forget those who are less fortunate. The clothes bank helps more than 8,000 children and families each year and they do it by relying on volunteers, financial support, and clothing donations from the community.

A community shows its true strength when it unites to help those in need. I am proud to partner with the Kiwanis Clothes Bank and its volunteers. I hope you will give them your support.



Mayor Law helps open the new location of the Renton Kiwanis Clothes Bank. (Photo by Haley Ausbun/Renton Reporter)

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