



This Week from the Mayor



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Former Sen. Margarita Prentice was a tireless supporter of Renton in the state legislature. She passed away on April 2.

Former Sen. Margarita Prentice shaped Renton

THE RENTON WE LIVE IN AND ENJOY today is much better thanks to the tireless support of Margarita Prentice, our former state legislator from the 11th district.

We lost Sen. Prentice on April 2, as she passed away peacefully in her home at age 88.

She was highly respected in the legislature and having her promoting initiatives important to this community was a huge benefit for Renton. For many years, she was a champion of addressing the concerns of all sections of our community-special needs, women's health, migrant workers' rights, LGBTQ rights, small business, and veterans, to name just a few.

It was her work that helped pass a bill providing a state sale tax credit to cities willing to annex adjacent areas of unincorporated King County. Without it, Renton would not have been able to add the Cascade/Benson Hill neighborhood.

She helped with the development of The Landing. While the city secured funding to extend Logan Avenue as part of the project, it was Sen. Prentice who provided the impetus, securing \$5 million in funding from the state to kick-start the project.

How many of you remember those large derelict vessels adjacent to the Seahawks training facility? Not only were they an eye-sore, they also jeopardized the environmental health of Lake Washington and the shoreline. It was Sen. Prentice who fought to get \$1 million from the Department of Natural Resources to remove them.

Renton small business owners benefitted from her support of the Small Business Development Center in Renton as she secured multiple appropriations for the center in the state's Operating Budget.

Upon her retirement from the legislature, the city honored her by establishing a charitable fund in her name. Donations to the fund were used to help finance the construction of the Meadow Crest playground, an all-inclusive playground for children with disabilities, something that was close to her heart.

These are just a few of the ways Renton residents have benefitted from her commitment and service to our community.

A celebration of Sen. Prentice's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 10 at [Foster Golf Links](#) in Tukwila. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to [Seattle Humane Society](#) or the [Pediatric Interim Care Center](#) in Kent.



Brian McGowan (left), CEO of Greater Seattle Partners, gets a tour of Southport from Michael Christ (center), CEO Of SECO Development and City of Renton Mayor Denis Law. SECO is developing Southport, which includes the Hyatt Regency Hotel and three buildings containing 750,000 square-feet of Class A office space.

Greater Seattle Partners visits Renton

I had the pleasure of hosting Brian McGowan, CEO of [Greater Seattle Partners](#) last week. City staff and I took him on a tour of Renton's burgeoning economic development scene. We visited Providence Health Systems and Kaiser Permanente, Boeing, PACCAR, several hotels, and Southport, which boasts 750,000 square-feet of Class A office space centrally located near Lake Washington, I-405, and the four star Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Greater Seattle Partners is focused on developing partnerships between the private sector and cities, counties, and ports, to strengthen economic development in the Seattle area. Brian came away very impressed with all Renton has to offer and we look forward to working with him and his staff to recruit quality development and jobs to Renton.

Free family gun safety event this Saturday

Don't forget this Saturday is our first [Safe Family Gun Safety](#) event at Renton Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We will be distributing free gun locks while our supplies last, in addition to providing valuable safety information.

Police firearms instructors will demonstrate applying and removing the locks, so you do not need to bring your gun.



Festival puts out call for performers

We've put out the call for performers for our fourth [Renton Multicultural Festival](#).

The festival has grown rapidly in stature and provides not only great entertainment and a forum allowing us to come together as a community and experience each other's cultures.



Applications are available online with a May 24 deadline. The festival will be held on September 13 and 14.

Feedback

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