



# This Week from the Mayor



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*Renton's Veterans Memorial Park contains the names of nearly 2,000 veterans etched onto marble plaques.*

## Honor a veteran this Monday

MONDAY IS VETERAN'S DAY, the day set aside to honor and remember those men and women who have served or are serving in our armed forces. We need to remember and acknowledge the sacrifices they make as they risk their lives to protect our freedom and that of future generations. We should also take time to remember the families of the active duty soldiers, who shoulder a tremendous burden when their loved ones are deployed.

As we celebrate this Veterans Day, please join me in remembering all those who are serving or have served in our nation's armed forces. Let us reflect on the freedoms we enjoy in this nation and take a few moments to thank a friend, family member, colleague or stranger who has bravely served our country.

## Helping our community's less fortunate

CITY STAFF HAVE SPENT the last several months proactively reaching out to provide much needed human service resources to the homeless and near homeless in Renton. This Friday, Nov. 8 they will [host another of these events from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the downtown Renton Library](#). Our staff have collaborated with local healthcare, housing, public transportation, human services and infant care providers, bringing them under one roof and making it easier to receive assistance. Friday's event will also offer free flu shots for those 18 and older.



As our weather turns toward winter, the work of local civic organizations like the [Kiwanis Club of Renton](#) becomes vital.

It was about one year ago I cut the ribbon officially opening the new location of their clothing bank. It was a milestone as they were entering into their 50th year of serving Renton, most of those years without a permanent home. The clothes bank assists more than 8,000 children and families each year and they do it by relying on support from the community through volunteers and contributions of money and clothing. Year after year the Renton community has shown its true strength when it unites to help those in need. I hope you will give them your support.

## Volunteers begin preparations for community Thanksgiving dinners

WHEN MOST WILL BE RELAXING with friends and family celebrating Thanksgiving, a dedicated group of city staff and Rotary Club of Renton volunteers and their families will be preparing the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the [Renton Senior Activity Center](#).

The dinner has been part of our community for 25 years, organized for each of those years by City Council President Don Persson. It allows us to serve a nice, warm Thanksgiving meal to nearly 300 local residents and have enough left-overs for attendees to take home a second meal.



*A group of city and community volunteers start early Thanksgiving Day morning preparing dinner for about 300 Renton seniors.*

The event is free and open to adults 50 and older. [Tickets are required](#) and are now available at the Senior Center. The center will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day with the dinner served at 11:45 a.m.

[Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches](#) (REACH) will host their annual free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 1 to 3 p.m. at Luther's Table. They plan to feed 150 and are in need of donated food items. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their Day Center in City Hall (1055 South Grady Way). REACH asks that all donations be delivered by Friday, Nov. 22.

## Feedback

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