



This Week from the Mayor



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Giving back

Seattle Seahawks Doug Baldwin took some time from training camp this week to stop by my office and discuss an exciting project we're working on for residents in our Cascade/Benson community. For the past year, Doug and I, along with some of my department heads, have been exploring ways to fulfill his dream of serving youth in this community, which has also been a priority of mine and the City Council.



SEAHAWKS DOUG BALDWIN AND MAYOR LAW

In 2008, the residents of the Cascade/Benson area annexed to the city with a hope for change. For decades, it had been a community underserved in areas such as public safety, quality-of-life amenities such as parks, recreation programs and other vital services. Following annexation, the city dealt with the most pressing issues first, such as police protection and roads, while exploring opportunities to begin to address these other needs. Given the significant financial requirements for these types of improvements, we needed to identify partnerships to help us move forward.

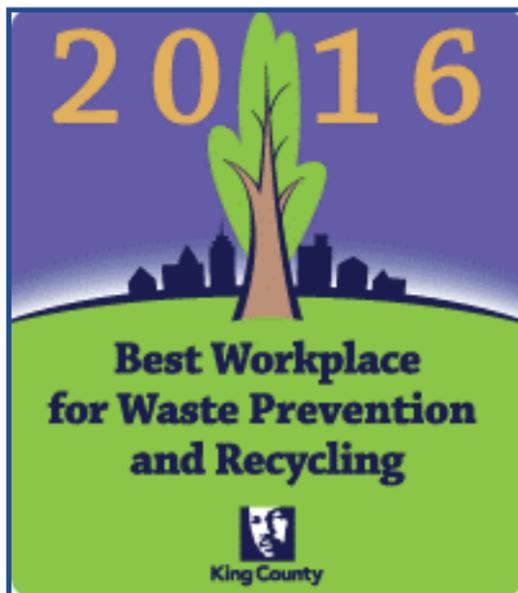
That's where Doug Baldwin and the Renton School District come in. Doug was provided with a support base as a youngster and understands the value of creating opportunities for kids to succeed and achieve their dreams. He has a sincere passion to help kids. And the City of Renton and Renton School District share this goal. So through this partnership, we're making plans to launch a capital campaign with hopes to build the Family First Community Center, a multi-purpose facility that will provide valuable services for kids and families, from sports and athletic activities, arts, music, health and wellness classes, to tutors and mentors and much more. It's our goal to provide youth and families with opportunities that are not accessible to them now.

While this will be a huge challenge, it is an exciting opportunity for us to make a true difference in the lives of many kids and local families in the Cascade/Benson community. This partnership we have formed is fueled by our collective vision of giving kids an opportunity to be great. It's a vision that meets an urgent need, keeps our promise to our community, and makes it possible for our children to realize their dreams.

We're excited about this project. And I must admit, there is something very special about having the best wide receiver in the NFL on your team!

City's recycling efforts win county award

The city was one of eight Renton businesses named to the 10th Annual "Best Workplaces for Waste Prevention and Recycling" by King County's Solid Waste Division. We were honored for three initiatives: a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling program in place; the ability to collect and recycle throughout city facilities; and our revised city policy that requires all surplus items to be transferred internally between city departments before being traded in, donated, or sold. It's the third time the city's recycling efforts have been recognized by the county on the list.



The other Renton companies on the list are Allpak Container LLC, Kenworth Truck Company, Rainier Crest Apartments, American Classic Homes Real Estate, IKEA, Renton Technical College, and Trojan Lithograph.

Brotherton celebrates 100th anniversary

Happy 100th anniversary to a Renton icon, Brotherton Cadillac Buick GMC. Congratulations and thank you especially to the owner Brad Brotherton, who has been a great partner with the city. Brad and his family have been strong supporters of various events in Renton. Brad was instrumental in getting the Miss Washington pageant to make Renton its home base. He also made it possible for SIFF to come to Renton by donating the large screen that was installed at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. Brad has also helped with the Renton Farmers Market and Renton River Days. Successful cities need strong community involvement. Happy 100th and thank you for all you've done and will do to make Renton a great place to live and work.



BRAD BROTHERTON

DID YOU KNOW



The Brewmasters Taproom at 2000 Benson Road South held their grand opening on Tuesday, August 9?



The Viet-Wah Asian Market, a city staple for 10 years, will hold the grand opening for their new store at 2825 Sunset Avenue this Sunday?

Congratulations and I encourage you to visit both.

FEEDBACK

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please email me at communications@rentonwa.gov. Thanks for reading.