



This Week from the Mayor



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City celebrates Black History month

TODAY MARKS THE START of Black History Month. In Renton we're fortunate to have strong leadership in all segments of our community, but none is stronger than the one we enjoy with our African-American community via the Renton African American Pastoral Group (RAAP).

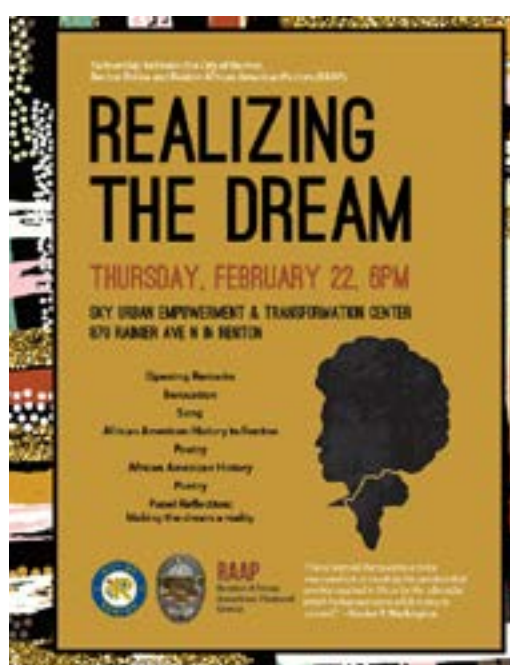
RAAP works closely not only with my office to hold events like our annual Unity March, but also works with our police department to ensure the lines of communications are always open and there is a frank exchange of ideas.

Renton is not immune from the issues we see daily on the news, but through the dedication demonstrated by the leadership of RAAP and our police department, they have been instrumental in building a strong bond between the city and community.

As part of the celebration of Black History Month, the city, Renton police and RAAP will present [Realizing the Dream](#), a celebration of African American history in Renton on February 22. Featured speakers will include City Council President Ed Prince, Renton Police Commander Kevin Keyes, and Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenau.



Mayor Denis Law and the Rev. Dr. Linda Smith, RAAP Team Lead



Springbrook Wetland spotlighted as part of World Wetland Day



THE CITY'S [SPRINGBROOK CREEK WETLAND & Habitat Mitigation Bank Project](#) will be highlighted as a prime example of a public wetland area in an urban setting as part of World Wetland Day on Friday. Springbrook encompasses over 100 acres of wetlands and buffer that has restored an additional 20 acres of wetland. It is home to thousands of native plants and has an interpretive boardwalk trail providing educational opportunities. If you haven't visited I highly recommend a leisurely stroll. You'll be amazed at what you'll find.

City launches new website

EXCITING NEWS AROUND the city this morning as we launched our [new website](#).

The site uses the latest technologies to make city information easier to find. It is also home to some outstanding photos of our great city and residents. Visitors will find a splash page with links for feedback and a short survey. To help ease the transition, our old site will still be available at old.rentonwa.gov. We also have a [short survey](#) and would appreciate your feedback.



Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [email](#) me. Thanks for reading.