



# This Week from the Mayor



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## Police department honors their own

AT MONDAY'S CITY COUNCIL meeting, Chief Kevin Milosevich presented Sergeant John Awai with the department's Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his work in building a strong, trust-based relationship with Renton's Latino community.

As I look at the relationships that have developed between the department and our community, I know they have flourished because of the strong leadership of Chief Milosevich, his command staff, and through the efforts of officers like John.

The chief also recognized the promotion of Jon Schuldt to deputy chief. Other department awards included: Officer Michael Thompson (employee of the year and employee of the first quarter); Officer Eric Gordon (employee of the second quarter); Detective Pete Montemayor (employee of the third quarter); and Officer Patrick Morgan (employee of the fourth quarter). My congratulations and sincere thanks to all.



*Sgt. John Awai flanked by Chief Kevin Milosevich, Mayor Denis Law and the City Council*



*Deputy Chief Jon Schuldt*



*Officer Thompson*



*Officer Gordon*



*Detective Montemayor*



*Officer Morgan*

## Ground broken for Kennydale fire station

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES are always exciting, but the one on Tuesday for [Fire Station 15](#) in Kennydale was especially important.

Seventeen years ago we planned for growth in our community and the need for additional fire services. To meet the need, we purchased a lot off N. 30th Street with the vision of building a fire station in Kennydale.

Additionally in 2016, as part of the vote to establish the Renton Regional Fire Authority, we created the funding for the fire station.



*Ground was broken for the new fire station to be located in the Kennydale area. From left: Facilities Director Michael Kirk, retired Fire Chief Mark Peterson, Council President Ed Prince, Mayor Law, Fire Chief Rick Marshall, Councilmembers Armondo Pavone and Randy Corman, and Lieutenant Will Aho.*

The station will not only improve service to Kennydale, but will allow the fire authority to move apparatus around the city as the need arises. This reduces response times for a service where seconds can mean life or death. I'm looking forward to watching the station progress and to taking part in another ceremony in January 2019, when we open this tremendous facility.

## Lagow appointed to Civil Service Commission

I WAS PLEASED TO APPOINT Maria Camila Lagow to the [Civil Service Commission](#), which organizes and enforces provisions established in the Revised Code of Washington. Maria has been a strong leader in our Latino community and will bring a unique perspective to the commission.

On Tuesday, I had the first meeting of the year with members representing the Latino community in Renton. I co-chaired the meeting with Deacon Ted Rodriguez, a well-respected community leader.

Like the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force, these dedicated representatives from the Latino community advise me on key issues. They also work closely with city staff, police and city council.



*Mayor Law and Deacon Ted Rodriguez*

## 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.