



# This Week from the Mayor



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Mayor Denis Law and City Council President Ed Prince flank 9th District Congressman Adam Smith in Rep. Smith's Renton office.

## Discussing priorities with Rep. Adam Smith

Last week Council President Ed Prince and I met with Congressman Adam Smith to discuss several of Renton's priorities. Congressman Smith represents Washington's 9th District in the United States House of Representatives and has his local office right here in Renton.

We have a close working relationship with the Congressman and I thanked him and his staff for their recent support in providing funds by contract for the airport traffic control tower for the Renton airport. We also discussed the very important future plans for the airport, including the Renton Airport Master Plan and Safety Area Zone Upgrades, and funding from the Federal Aviation Administration in the range of \$80 million to \$140 million.

Other key issues we talked about included the Sunset Area Transformation Strategy and the Family First Community Center. We talked about different funding options for the center and Congressman Smith suggested several opportunities that we will explore.

## Monday was Jerene Battisti Day in Renton

THE CITY COUNCIL AND I were honored at Monday's council meeting to recognize longtime Renton resident Jerene Battisti with a special [proclamation](#) for her many years of community service.

Jerene is best known throughout the Renton community for her years as the Children's and Teen Services Librarian for the Renton Library from 1993 to 2007.

She was honored not only for her years of service to the Renton Library and King County Library System, but also for her decades of service to local organizations including the Renton

Technical College Foundation, Children's Hospital and Renton Rotary.

Jerene is a great example of why Renton is a very special place to live!



## Newsletter wins national award

THE NEWSLETTER YOU ARE READING was awarded first place in the nation for [external newsletters](#) by the [National Association of Government Communicators](#) (NAGC).

The committee looked at submissions from all over the country and judged them on purpose, goals, objectives, target audience, and special factors.

While it is gratifying to be recognized for this newsletter, I hope it continues to provide you with valuable insight and information about the City of Renton.



## Feedback

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