



This Week from the Mayor



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Downtown businesses like Cugini Florists can take advantage of no-cost money-saving measures from Puget Sound Energy.

Businesses get free assessments from PSE

DOWNTOWN RENTON BUSINESSES this week received a visit from [Puget Sound Energy's](#) small business energy efficiency team to demonstrate first-hand how businesses can save money through a more efficient use of energy. The visits are one part of an effort the city has coordinated with the Renton Downtown Partnership and PSE.

PSE staff conducted a free energy efficiency assessment of eligible small businesses. Those businesses were then immediately able to take advantage of free upgrades such as the installation of LED lighting at no cost and upgrades designed to save water.

Join us for Day of Service on September 8

OUR NINTH ANNUAL DAY of Service to honor the victims and first responders in the September 11 terrorist attacks will be September 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will be treated to a Celebration of Service picnic lunch from noon to 1 p.m. at Liberty Park.



This day is set aside to encourage our citizens to volunteer by supporting charitable causes, performing good deeds, or engaging in other service activities. There are several [volunteer opportunities](#) in the city coordinated through our Community Services Department. Hope you can join us!

Remembering Senator John McCain

AT A TIME WHEN our country is desperate for non-partisan collaboration and leadership, we have lost a true leader, a real American hero.

Republicans, democrats and independents are all mourning the loss of Senator John McCain. The outpouring of grief for his death is a testament to the level of admiration Americans and other world leaders have for his decades of service.



On Monday I ordered flags on all city facilities lowered to half-staff in his honor. They will remain lowered until sunset on September 2.



An extra special first day

To focus attention on the need to drive carefully in schools zones, now that classes have resumed, the Renton Police Department, Washington State Patrol and the Renton Regional Fire Authority teamed up with the Renton School District to welcome back Yaretzi Colis, a fourth grader at Benson Hill Elementary, who, along with her mother, were seriously injured when struck by a car last year. Great effort by those involved!

Feedback

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