



This Week from the Mayor



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Renton honored over 300 volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event last week. Attendees were entertained and served dinner by volunteer city staff.

City volunteers honored at annual event

LAST WEDNESDAY WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE EVENTS and that's not just because I served as the master of ceremonies. It was our annual [volunteer appreciation event](#) where the city thanks the volunteers who gave of their time and talents in 2018 to make Renton a great place to live, work, play, and learn.



Mayor Law served as master of ceremonies.

Last year almost 6,000 people volunteered over 50,000 hours working on projects around the city. They represented all our neighborhoods and age groups; served on boards, committees, commissions and task forces; helped plan and run the farmers market; planted trees and cleaned parks; were the smiling, helpful person at the city hall reception desk and the person who checked your house while you were on vacation; and of course comprised the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force. Their selfless donation of time, talent, and energy is a significant contribution to our city and they deserved our gratitude.

The evening's theme was "Renton's Volunteers Bring Magic to our City." Attendees were treated to a delicious dinner served by volunteer city staff, games, prizes, and entertainment. It was a fitting way to honor them for their contributions. My thanks to all for your contributions to the city.

State's first TRACK Trail opens on May 4

WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE in providing a high quality of life for both our residents and visitors. In that spirit we're unveiling the first TRACK Trail in Washington state at [Cedar River Trail Park](#) (1060 Nishiwaki Lane) on Saturday, May 4.

TRACK Trail uses self-guided adventures to get our youth outside to explore. I'm sure you would not be surprised to know that every day our youth spend an average of just seven minutes in unstructured outdoor play and over seven hours on their electronic devices. We see TRACK Trail as a way to get both youth and their parents outdoors to enjoy our parks.

We are proud to be the first city in the state to host this unique outdoor experience. I hope you can join us at 10 a.m. on May 4 for the opening ceremony. If not, I hope you'll make time to take advantage of this new opportunity.



Cedar River Trail Park not only received new playground equipment, but it will also host the state's first TRACK Trail.



Arbor Day/Earth Day volunteers in 2018.

Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration is Saturday

RENTON CELEBRATES [ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY](#) this Saturday as volunteers and city staff will plant street trees, mark stormwater drains and distribute door hangers with conservation tips and information at Tiffany Park Elementary School. My thanks to all who signed up (the event is full) and to our city staff for their work in coordinating the event. See you Saturday morning!

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