



This Week from the Mayor



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City Memorial Day celebration is Monday



THIS MONDAY IS MEMORIAL DAY and I hope you'll take time during the day to join me, city staff and veterans for our [annual celebration](#) in Veterans Memorial Park at 1 p.m. on Monday.

It's always one of the highlight events of the year as we work with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts and American Legion to put on a great ceremony. U.S. Army veteran David Waggoner of VFW Post #3436 is this year's guest speaker. Wreaths representing the five branches of the military will be laid and taps will be played.

With the school year coming to an end and our eyes starting to focus on summer-time activities, we sometimes overlook Memorial Day and what it means. In recent years, though, it has returned to a place of honor as our country has developed a renewed respect for the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. Our ceremony reflects that. If you come to the ceremony, please spend a few minutes looking at the names of the almost 2,000 veterans on the plaques in the park, each one having a connection to Renton.

National Public Works Week in Renton

CLEAN DRINKING WATER, reliable sanitation services and safe streets and bridges are functions of our daily lives that we take for granted in Renton.

None, however, would be possible without the dedication and professionalism of our [Public Works](#) crews. That's why I was proud to proclaim this week as [National Public Works Week](#) in Renton.

Public Works crews are the first responders when snow hits or a water main bursts. That's the physical part of their job. They're also out in the community interacting with residents in various activities like "Touch a Truck," where they show elementary students their trucks and explain how they help them do their jobs. So take a minute and think of these hard-working women and men as you go about your daily lives.



Craig Sawyer and Chad Remien of Public Works' surface water maintenance crew explain their job to students at Highlands Elementary School during "Touch a Truck."

Let's be responsible pet owners

MANY OF YOU READ ABOUT the Shih Tzu that was viciously attacked by a pit bull near the Highlands Neighborhood Center earlier this month. One of our Renton police officers, who was on-site as part of the Bike Rodeo & Family Safety Fair, placed the pit bull in a chokehold to force it into releasing the Shih Tzu.

Despite the efforts of police and firefighters from Renton Regional Fire Authority, the little dog did not survive. The pit bull had escaped its yard by going under the fence at its nearby residence before attacking the Shih Tzu, which was being walked on a leash. Animal Control officers seized the pit bull and cited the owner.

That attack was actually the second by a pit bull in a two-week period. On April 24, a dog secured by a leash in a yard was attacked by a pit bull. In this instance, the dog survived, but the pit bull ran away. Renton police are continuing their investigation.

One attack like this is one too many. We must hold owners of vicious dogs in our community accountable. If you see stray dogs, call our animal control division at 425-430-7550.



Valley Comm to hold open house on June 1

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what happens when you call 9-1-1? Your call goes immediately connected to Valley Communications Center, which provides regional 9-1-1 service for Renton and several cities in our area.

On June 1, Valley Comm is holding a Community Information Day to allow residents to observe the center in action. You'll be able to tour the facility, see what happens when a call is received and talk to the operators.

The open house is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space is limited and [registration](#) is required. Valley Comm is located at 27519 108 Avenue SE, in Kent 98030.



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