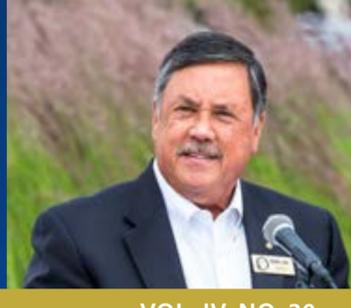




# This Week from the Mayor



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## Remodelled Golden Pines apartment means more options for senior housing in Renton



Mayor Denis Law cuts the ribbon officially re-opening Golden Pines Senior Apartments. The mayor is flanked by (from left) Armondo Pavone, Renton City Councilmember, Mark Gropper, Renton Housing Authority Executive Director, Merna Wheeler, Renton Housing Authority Commissioner, Kim Herman, Executive Director of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, and Bob Powers, Vice President Chase Community Development Banking.

I WAS EXCITED AND PRIVILEGED last Thursday to officially open the [Golden Pines Senior Apartments](#) in Renton Highlands.

Golden Pines is the latest project undertaken by [Renton Housing Authority](#) (RHA) in their on-going efforts to provide first class, affordable housing for our low income residents.

The city truly benefits from the work of RHA. Where many cities in our area are struggling to provide suitable low income housing, in Renton we are seeing older facilities, like Golden Pines, upgraded and new ones being built. These facilities are tremendous assets to our community.

The Golden Pines apartments are a prime example of how the lives of our senior residents have been improved through the efforts of Renton Housing Authority. My congratulations to the RHA Board of Commissions and to Executive Director Mark Gropper on another fantastic community project.



The newly remodeled Golden Pines Senior Apartments (above) is a dramatic improvement over the old facility.

## Multicultural Festival celebrated Renton



IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE so many people enjoying last week's Renton Multicultural Festival.

The festival is the culmination of all the work we do together each year to ensure Renton is an inclusive place to live. At the festival, you see the wonderful diversity of our community with everyone coming together to celebrate. If you'd like to relive the two days or see what you missed, we have uploaded over 300 photos to our [Flickr account](#).

Putting on an event this wide-ranging takes enormous teamwork. My thanks and appreciation to the members of my Mayor's Inclusion Task Force for their hard work all year. This festival is possible because of the strong partnership we have between the city and the task force. Event volunteers and city staff also worked very hard on the event and I very much appreciate the time and effort both groups put in year after year on the event.

My thanks, too, to everyone who attended. I hope you were entertained and learned a little bit more about the many diverse cultures that are part of Renton. See you in 2020!

## Saluting our valued employees



What's a luau-themed picnic without a fashion show? City staff dress in their finest tropical wear during the fashion show portion of the employee appreciation picnic.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMER SERVICE is a source of pride among city employees. Every day we receive emails praising our staff for going above and beyond in attending to the needs of our residents. Last week we were able to salute those employees at the annual employee appreciation picnic. It was a luau-themed picnic and featured Hawaiian food deliciously prepared by the culinary students at Renton Technical College, a beach fashion show, games and prizes. But most of all it was a time to relax with friends and enjoy their company.

My thanks to the city staff, especially those from our Human Resources and Community Services departments, for their work involved in organizing such a wonderful event. It was heartwarming to see hundreds of our dedicated employees having some well-deserved fun. I appreciate everything you do throughout the year to make Renton such a great place to work, play, live and learn!

## Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry

THIS SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, is my annual [Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry](#).

Collection bins will be located all day at the QFC at 4800 NE Fourth Ave and the Fred Meyer at 365 Renton Center Way SW.

All food items will be donated to the [Emergency Feeding Program](#) and the [Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank](#) to aid in their efforts to nourish those in our community who are hungry.



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