



This Week from the Mayor



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Renton Rotary increases donation to Family First Community Center



Architect's rendering of the Family First Community Center planned for the Cascade/Benson Hill area of Renton. The center will bring much needed health, educational and recreational programs to youths and families in the area. Groundbreaking is expected in 2020.

MOMENTUM CONTINUES TO BUILD toward our construction of the [Family First Community Center](#) in the Cascade/Benson Hill area.

The [Rotary Club of Renton](#) donated another \$25,000 to the project this week, bringing their total contribution to \$120,000. This raised our grand total to a little more \$10.6 million, closing in on our goal of \$15 million.



Doug Baldwin's series of interviews has brought attention to the need for the Family First Community Center.

Many of you know that former Seahawks receiver Doug Baldwin is spearheading the drive to build the center and he has spent the past couple months doing multiple media interviews to bring attention to the need for the facility. An upcoming edition of [The Puget Sound Business Journal](#) will feature Doug and the center and he will be one of the keynote speakers at the [Geekwire Summit](#) in Seattle from Oct. 7 to 9.

Doug's perspective and passion is unique. As a youngster growing up in Florida, he credits the support he received from a community facility with keeping him out of trouble. Then, during his first years with the Seahawks, he lived in the Cascade/Benson Hill area and saw youth with no safe place to go for support and activities. Doug saw himself in those children and challenged himself to help. For the past four years, he and I have worked to make his vision a reality.

The center will offer health and fitness programs as well as educational and recreational opportunities, something we need to provide to youth and families in the Cascade/Benson Hill community. Thanks to the generous support of local businesses, local residents, our state representatives and the City Council, we aim to begin construction early next year.

We've established a link for donations via the [Renton Regional Community Foundation](#). Simply click the "Donate Now" button and select "Family First Community Center Fund" from the list of funds menu.

Apply now for tourism promotion grants



The Renton Multicultural Festival is one of many events in the city supported in part by a grant from the city's lodging tax fund.

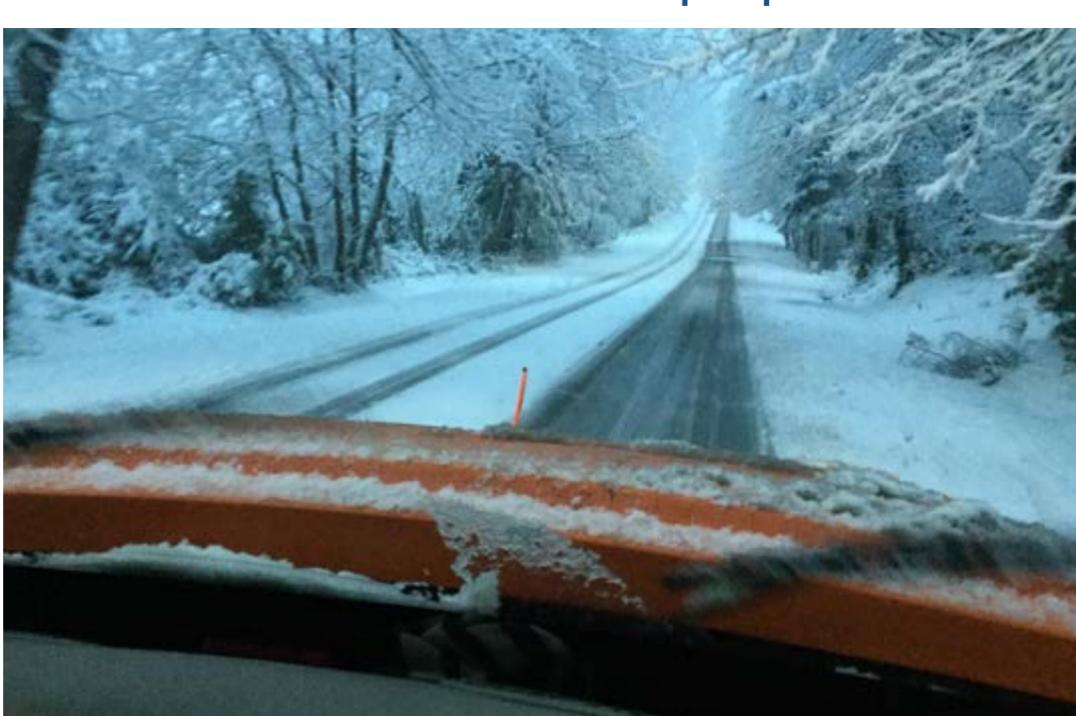
ONE OF THE MANY THINGS WE'RE PROUD OF in Renton is our ability to provide a wide variety of entertainment opportunities throughout the year.

Staging these events would not be possible without support from city staff and volunteers, and some of the events are supported by the city's lodging tax fund.

These funds come from an added sales tax collected by the city from hotels, motels, private campgrounds and similar facilities and are used to promote tourism activities in Renton. The City Council has appointed a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) to review applications and distribute the funds.

[Applications have been posted](#) and are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 25. Finalists will be invited to make a presentation to the LTAC in November with the committee's final recommendation to the Council in December.

Street Maintenance crews prep for winter



The city's Street Maintenance snow plow drivers plowed 15,000 miles of roads last February.

IF YOU HAPPENED TO SEE a snow plow or two out on the road this past week, you weren't seeing things.

Our [Public Works Street Maintenance](#) crew has shifted their operations into winter-ready mode. They've outfitted their fleet of trucks with plows, de-icer tanks and sanders, and the plow drivers were out this week re-familiarizing themselves with their routes.

In the maintenance shop, replacement parts have been stocked and in the yard, as well as 6,000 gallons of deicer, 1,500 tons of sand and 400 tons of salt.

Even though we received heavy snows last February, the impact on the city was significantly lessened by the preparation and professionalism of this group. They're well on their way to a repeat performance, if and when the need arises.

Feedback

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