



This Week from the Mayor



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The Renton Multicultural Festival starts a two-day run on Friday from 7-10 p.m. at Carco Theatre and continues Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at Renton Pavilion Event Center. The Unity March and Rally is on Thursday, September 28 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Piazza Park.

Festival and Unity March highlight next 8 days

It'll be a busy and fun time in our city over the next week as we host two special events.

It's our second annual [Renton Multicultural Festival](#) at Carco Theatre this Friday (7-10 p.m.) and at Renton Pavilion Event Center on Saturday (3-7 p.m.). It's your family, friends, and neighbors sharing their heritage and showcasing the diversity that makes Renton unique. Saturday will feature a storytelling booth so you can put your family's story on tape for use as a display at the Renton History Museum.

Next Thursday it's our second annual Unity March and Rally. It brings together individuals from all sides of Renton to hear speakers and march, all with the goal of creating "One Renton" a place where everyone is and feels welcome. We'll march from 3-4:30 p.m., starting and ending at Piazza Park. I hope you can join us.

Both events are the result of hard work by two outstanding community groups, my Inclusion Task Force and the Renton African-American Pastoral Group, or RAAP. Renton is one of the most diverse cities in the state and I am committed to inclusion for all and to build connections with ALL communities, especially limited or non-English speaking residents and ethnic groups.

We're working hard to make Renton a safe city for all our citizens. I hope you'll take time this weekend or next Thursday to come celebrate with us.



Festival wins award



The inaugural Renton Multicultural Festival was honored by the National Association of Government Communicators with their Award of Excellence.

This award formally recognizes what we knew: it takes strong collaboration between city staff, dozens of community volunteers, including members of the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force, and, of course, the performers, to put on an event that captures the spirit of Renton.

The festival was also featured this week on [KING5's Evening](#).



Larger than life

Public Works crews took five large vehicles to the Renton Library on Monday for a little show-and-tell with some youngsters. They got to climb into the cabs, test out the steering wheel, and even honk the horn. They also got to keep their construction hats. Thank you to our Public Works crews for doing this. Who knows, maybe there's a future backhoe or vactor truck operator pictured.

Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [email](#) me. Thanks for reading.