Renton’s businesses – a century of excellence

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This year two outstanding Renton businesses have hit the century mark. As a way of commemorating this important milestone I had an opportunity to recognize them with the first ever “Mayor’s Century Award.” At the Business Excellence Awards on September 8, hosted by Renton Chamber of Commerce, I was honored to present this award to Boeing and Brotherton Cadillac Buick GMC for 100 years of excellence.

Other businesses were also recognized at the event including Fred Meyer for customer service, Boeing and First Financial Northwest Bank for community leadership, Renton Prep for outstanding non-profit, Chuan Tao Kung Fu for business excellence (1-10 employees) and McLendon Hardware for business excellence (10+ employees). The event was co-sponsored by Renton Chamber of Commerce, Renton Reporter, First Financial Northwest Bank, The Renton Printery, Rain City Catering and Morning Star Creative Group.

“Coffee with a Cop” starts Monday

How would you like to be stopped by a police officer – not for a speeding ticket or a noise complaint, but for a friendly cup of coffee at a local Starbucks?

In order to build relationships with our residents, Renton police officers will be going where the people are, instead of having the people come to them. Starting next week, Renton police officers will be at various Starbucks locations for “Coffee with a Cop.” They’d like to sit down with you for coffee and an informal talk.

Several cities across the country have successfully implemented this type of get-together and we believe it’s a logical extension of our police outreach program. Thanks to Renton Chamber of Commerce, Renton Reporter, Starbucks and Renton Police Department for making this happen.

The first gathering is September 12 at the Starbucks at 4637 NE Sunset Blvd, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Five more are planned on Mondays through October 17 at these locations. I hope you can join us.

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KUDOS

KENWORTH PLANT HONORED

Kenworth’s Renton assembly plant won a 2016 Best Workplace for Waste Prevention and Recycling Award by King County Solid Waste. It’s the eighth consecutive year they have been honored for their “for exceptional efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.” Congratulations!

STATE TO WIDEN I-405

The State Department of Transportation is widening I-405. To learn more about this project, be sure to attend the open house they’re hosting on September 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Renton High School.

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