



# This Week from the Mayor



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## Our city loses an iconic community leader

The city lost a great community leader and I lost a friend last week with the [sudden passing of Albert Talley, Sr.](#)

Strong communities like Renton are built through the selfless contributions of individuals like Al. He was a dedicated and dynamic community leader and public servant whose passion for Renton came through in everything he did. He was a Renton icon and beloved by everyone in our community.

While Al is best known as a school board member for 16 years, he was also a long-time mentor for many young students and a board member of Communities In Schools of Renton. He made an impact on the city by serving as the chairman of the city's Human Rights Commission. He was also chairman of the Board of the Renton Chamber of Commerce. Al was active in the Renton Rotary and was a regular volunteer for many local organizations and service clubs. He was always there to offer his expertise on local projects while refusing to accept credit.

In 2005, his numerous selfless acts of generosity and work as a volunteer in the community were formally recognized as he was named Renton's Citizen of the Year. He was a tremendous ambassador for the Renton community and will truly be missed.

On behalf of the entire city, we send our deepest condolences to his wife Candis, their children Debra, Albert Jr., Michael and Susan, along with his extended family. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the contributor's favorite charity in Albert's name.



*Albert Talley, Sr.*

## City proclaims April 14 as Sikh Heritage Day

I proclaimed April 14 to be [Sikh Heritage Day](#) in the City of Renton to honor and celebrate their many contributions to our city.

April is of particular importance to the members of our Sikh community as they celebrate both Vaisakhi, marking the beginning of the harvest season, and the Sikh New Year. The Sikhs contribute greatly to Renton, not just to our economy, but also by sharing their faith and culture. In Renton, we take pride in being a city that welcomes people from all over the world and respects their faith and customs and we look forward to celebrating with the Sikh community on April 14.



*Members of Renton's Sikh community accept the mayor's proclamation along with members of the city council.*



*Officer Cassidy Steed*



*Sgt. Jason Trader*



*Officer Chris Reyes*



*Officer Thaddeus Kerkhoff*

## Police Department honors their own

At Monday's City Council meeting, it was our extreme pleasure to recognize the four Renton police officers named by their peers as the [department's officers of each quarter for 2016](#) and witness the awarding of the department's Meritorious Service Medal and the naming of the Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Jason Trader and Officers Cassidy Steed, Chris Reyes, and Thaddeus Kerkhoff, have taken that extra step to connect with our community and make sure our laws are enforced equitably and our citizens are treated with respect.

Their efforts range from using their skills and training to apprehend violent felons, connecting with and mentoring high school students, going beyond normal patrol duties and providing training to their fellow officers and K9 units. We are fortunate to have such dedicated officers serving the city.

After presenting the four officers to the council and highlighting their accomplishments, Chief Milosevich named Officer Steed as Officer of the Year and awarded Sgt. Trader the Meritorious Service Medal.

On behalf of the council and the city, thank you Chief Milosevich, your officers and staff for all the work you do.

### Congratulations



*Carrie Olson, Terry Flatley, and Kristina Lowthian were honored for their Community Services work.*

Our Community Services Department received the Local Government Conservation Award for their work implementing conservation programs and practices. Specifically, we were honored for three initiatives: working with landowners to control invasive knotweed along the Cedar River; \$5,000 to fund a community-wide storm water education program; and for the Renton Farmers Market's use of media and rapid response questionnaires leading to increased attendance which supported our local farmers.

## 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.