



This Week from the Mayor



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Boeing celebrates: 75 years in Renton; 737 MAX 9

Boeing has been a household name in the Renton community for the past 75 years. Nearly everybody you meet has had a family member or friend who worked for the Boeing Company.



Boeing's 737 MAX 9 leaves Renton Municipal Airport on its maiden flight.
(www.boeing.com photo)

As part of their 75th Anniversary, Boeing executives invited members of the city council and me to attend a special luncheon at

the plant Thursday. Following lunch, we watched a very interesting video on the history of Boeing in Renton, dating back to 1941, when the first facility was built. From B-29 bombers used in WWII, to the current 737 MAX, Boeing has led the world in the production of commercial jet airplanes.

We like to brag that every 737 flying throughout the world today was built in Renton. It's hard to imagine how many careers in aerospace were created in this community and the economic benefit this state has enjoyed due to having Boeing as the state's largest employer.

At the luncheon, I had the opportunity to join Erik Nelson, vice president of Boeing's delivery center, in signing a document noting Boeing and the City of Renton's 75 years of partnership. The document read:

"Boeing opened a factory in Renton in 1941 and is proud to have been a member of the community for 75 years.

The city is a valued partner and played a vital role in the success of Boeing and its employees who over generations have called Renton home.

Boeing recognizes the special and enduring relationship it has with the city of Renton and looks forward to shared prosperity for years to come."

Our city has prospered in many ways due to having Boeing in our community. We look forward to 75 more years of successful airplane manufacturing!

Dick's Drive-In in Renton?

Several members from our Economic Development staff and I spent a couple hours with Jim Spady and members of his family, touring Renton and looking at potential sites for a new Dick's Drive-in.

The Spady family held an online vote to determine a location for their next location: either south King County or east King County. The southend won by a large margin.

It was great to spend time with the Spadys and we hope Renton becomes home to the next Dick's Drive-in!



Police Chief Milosevich was part of a panel on law enforcement.



Forum focuses on combating hate crimes

This past weekend, the Sikh community took proactive steps to combat hate crimes by holding a panel discussion with local and national experts.

Here's my message to the community:

"Thank you to the Khalsa Gurmat Center for hosting this important forum on hate crimes that impact our community.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of concern about hatred and violence in our country, with incidents targeting innocent people. Some of you have witnessed this up close and personal, and live in fear of what may happen to your families.

The City of Renton will not tolerate any hate crimes against members of our community. We will investigate, and prosecute when possible, any hate crime incidents that occur in our city. Renton is an inclusive city and has always been a place that celebrates diversity and religious tolerance. This is our commitment to you—if you feel unsafe, we are here to protect you.

Our city must always be a beacon of tolerance and hope for all. Today it is more important than ever before that we do everything in our power to ensure the safety and equal treatment of all members of our community.

I hope this forum helps all our communities in Renton reach a new level of respect, understanding, connection and acceptance."

We've all seen recent stories about hate crimes, including some in nearby communities, and I applaud the Sikhs for taking the lead. I want to assure them, and all our citizens, that as a city we respect all and will not tolerate hate crimes or crimes of any kind.

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.