



This Week from the Mayor



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Seems like yesterday that Kaiser Permanente broke ground on their new campus. Phase I opened in late 2016 and currently houses over 2,000 employees. Two more buildings are scheduled to be built.

Renton recognized as a center of healthcare

I am extremely proud that Renton has become a center of healthcare in the northwest. Over 4,100 employees work for three well-known national and regional healthcare providers that call Renton home, a number that would rank as the city's second-largest single employer behind only The Boeing Company.

Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of

Washington occupies a state-of-the-art campus on the former Longacres site that will eventually consist of four buildings built in two phases. Phase I opened two buildings in November 2016 and will host around 2,200 employees by the end of this summer.

Providence St. Joseph Health currently has 1,400 employees at its 12-acre campus near IKEA. They are the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States.

Completing our "big three" is UW Medicine/Valley Medical Center. They have been our leader in healthcare since 1957 and currently employ over 2,500 people. Their campus is expanding to meet demand by adding a 1,100-stall parking garage and, later this year, a 160,000-square-foot medical office building.

The impact of these industry leaders on our economy is not just limited to their physical presence. They have inspired several specialized healthcare providers and manufacturers to call Renton home.



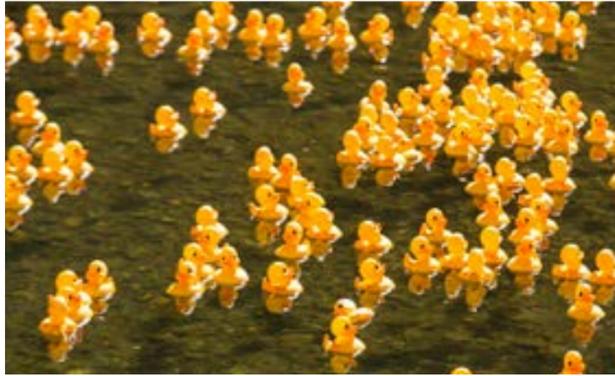
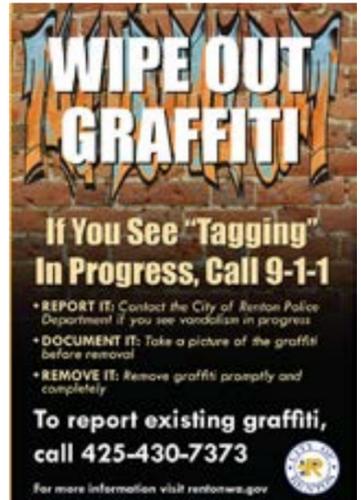
UW Medicine/Valley Medical Center will build a medical office building later this year. They are currently constructing a parking garage.

Anti-graffiti initiative is working

Renton's [Wipe Out Graffiti](#) initiative continues to show success. The report for June shows a 47 percent decrease in activity from one year ago.

Graffiti has a negative impact on Renton by portraying our community as unsafe. We've asked both residents and business owners to be diligent about reporting graffiti immediately by calling 9-1-1 or 425-430-7373.

We also offer a \$300 reward for those who report information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone caught tagging property of any kind within the city limits. I think we can all agree nothing good comes from graffiti in our city. Please help us reduce it even more.



Renton River Days starts Friday

I hope you'll join me for the 32nd annual [Renton River Days](#) presented by IKEA, starting this Friday and running through Sunday. From the parade to the Rubber Duck Derby, River Days showcases our city's passion for music, art, food, and each other.

An event of this magnitude could not be successful without the combined efforts of the community, city staff, and, of course, our sponsors. Thank you for your support and enjoy your weekend!



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.