



This Week from the Mayor



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Clothes Bank and feeding program find temporary home

Throughout our region we are continuing to see a growing need for basic necessities such as food and clothing. That's why it was alarming that two of our bedrock human services organizations, the Renton Kiwanis Clothes Bank and Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches' (REACH) feeding program, were facing closure due to loss of their leases.

To avoid the loss of these two critical services, the city is providing a temporary solution that ensures they remain open while permanent options are explored. [Both will be housed](#) in a building that used to be occupied by the Chamber of Commerce. The arrangement is a temporary option as the city develops the airport master plan that will ultimately determine the long-term plans for the building. We are also working to find meeting space at the airport for the Civil Air Patrol, who has also been using space at the airport.

The Renton Clothes Bank has been a part of Renton for almost 30 years providing free clothing to residents of all ages. It was started by volunteers in 1965 and in 2000 the Renton Kiwanis Club assumed sponsorship.

The REACH Feeding Program has been operating since 2015. They serve an evening meal on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

It was vital to keep the doors of the clothes bank and feeding program open, especially now as we are entering the winter months. My sincere thanks to all who worked so hard under a tight timeline to meet these needs.



Community Services receives King County grant

Earlier this week, King Council Councilmember Dave Upthegrove (4th from left) stopped by the Renton Senior Activity Center to present a \$10,000 grant to the city's Community Services Department for specialized recreation programs.

Vision House opens Thrift Store and Donation Center

Vision House opened a new thrift store and donation center last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Vision House has been part of Renton since the 1990's and is a non-profit providing homelessness prevention and temporary housing with supportive services to homeless children and their families.

The new store is located at 410 Olympia Avenue NE and is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. They accept donations on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



DID YOU KNOW?



RENTON YOUTH SYMPHONY IS 30

The [Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra](#) is a fixture in our community, having turned 30 in 2016. They will close out the year with a concert this Sunday at Carco Theatre at 3 p.m. The non-profit was created to give talented young musicians opportunities to play in a full orchestra under the direction of a professional conductor.

Feedback

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