IKEA-Renton opens new store on February 22

The doors of the new IKEA-Renton will open for the first time on February 22, and it is very impressive: 399,000-square-feet of space for over 10,000 items and 1,600 parking spaces.

But what is even more impressive is IKEA’s impact and contribution to Renton. IKEA-Renton employs 415 workers and the construction project created 500 jobs. The new store will generate even more sales and property tax revenue that will be used to support city programs and initiatives and fund our schools.

The new store takes into account our environment as it features the state’s largest rooftop solar array. The panels, measuring 244,000 square feet, will produce a little over 1.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually and remove the equivalent of 187 cars from our roads or provide enough electricity to power 131 homes yearly.

My congratulations on the grand opening to the staff of IKEA-Renton as well as the project’s contractor and subcontractors. It’s truly a pleasure to have you as a contributing member of our community.

Renton is committed to building an inclusive city

Join me as we celebrate Black History Month when the city and the Renton African-American Pastoral Group present “Empowered by Knowledge” on February 13, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Living Hope Christian Fellowship, 16015 116th Ave. SE.

Curator Delbert Richardson has collected artifacts that reflect the African experience in the Americas and Europe, and chronicles their contributions to science, culture and technology. The display will be available for viewing from 6-8:30 p.m.