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.

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.

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.