

# This Week from the Mayor



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GROUP HEALTH'S NEW CAMPUS

## Renton - the center of healthcare

We all know Renton as the home of Boeing and the Seattle Seahawks. But did you know that Renton is also leading the way when it comes to healthcare providers? For many years we've been a leader in local healthcare through the outstanding work of UW Medicine/Valley Medical Center. Recently, one of the nation's top providers of healthcare — Providence Health & Services, which is headquartered in Renton — merged with California-based St. Joseph Health, making it the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States. Providence currently has 2,500 employees at its 12-acre Renton campus near IKEA. They have a strong commitment to charity and in 2015, Providence nationally contributed \$949 million to charity care and uncompensated services and that amount will rise to \$1.4 billion.

Last year, Group Health broke ground for their new operations facility and corporate campus at the former Longacres site. It will include three office buildings and a pharmaceutical distribution center and will bring more than 1,300 new jobs to Renton. Group Health is merging with Kaiser-Permanente and will become one of the largest healthcare providers in the nation.



MAYOR LAW CUTS THE RIBBON WITH GRACE ROWAN AND CHARLIE TO FROM CVS PHARMACY AND EAGLE SCOUT KANE ANDERSON

## North Highlands Community Garden

As a city, we are working hard to help provide affordable and healthy activities and opportunities for our residents. The North Highlands Community Garden is one of those projects and earlier today it was my honor to be part of the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

As with any project of this scope, we owe a great deal to our community partners. A \$10,000 grant from CVS Pharmacy provided the funding, while community partners and volunteers from Symetra and The Boeing Company, Eagle Scout Kane Anderson, Sustainable Renton, Seattle Tilth, and students from Renton and Hazen high schools provided design and construction expertise.

## Renton Multicultural Festival – Save the date: September 30 and October 1

As our region continues to become more diverse we have a great opportunity to learn more about our neighbors, their heritage and culture.

We are planning the first annual Renton Multicultural Festival on September 30 and October 1 to celebrate our diversity. Events will held at Carco Theatre, Piazza Park and the Renton Events Center. This fun-filled, free family event is a great opportunity to enjoy music, dance, games and great foods, representing different cultures from around the world.

Please save the dates and join us for two days of fun, food and entertainment.



## DID YOU KNOW?



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The annual National Night Out is designed to show citizens how they can help rid their neighborhoods of crime by becoming more involved. I invite you to join us at the Highlands Neighborhood Center on August 2, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. for our celebration. There will be food, games and party hoppers for the kids. It's all free.



### TECHNOLOGY AIDS POLICE

The Renton Police Department is the first in the area to utilize high-tech software to process investigation scenes. "Photogrammetry" creates 3D images several times more detailed than those produced by hand-held equipment. The system saves the department countless man-hours and allows them to re-open areas under investigation much more quickly.



### SEAHAWKS ARE BACK

Our favorite local pro sports team, the Seahawks, open training camp in Renton this Saturday. If you secured a practice pass, be sure to pick up one of The Landing's coupon books on your return and take advantages of the specials.

## FEEDBACK

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please email me at [communications@rentonwa.gov](mailto:communications@rentonwa.gov). Thanks for reading.