



# This Week from the Mayor



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## Council passes budget for 2019 and 2020

AT MONDAY'S MEETING, the City Council approved my balanced budgets for 2019 and 2020.

You can watch my [original budget presentation](#) and review the [document online](#). The budget reflects the city's strong financial strength and allows us to continue to provide the services our growing community requires. It also contains funding to assist seniors and others with housing needs as part of the Healthy Housing Initiative and an additional \$50,000 each year for arts and culture projects in support of the Renton Municipal Arts Commission. The budget goes into effect on January 1, 2019.



*The mayor's budget for 2019 and 2020 reaffirms public safety is his number one priority.*

## Ravishing Women Festival

MY CONGRATULATIONS on the success of the sixth annual Ravishing Women Festival, which was held last Sunday at the Hyatt Regency in Renton.

The festival is co-sponsored by Renton's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to promote tourism in Renton and is committed to motivate, inspire, appreciate, and empower women of all ages. It was a full day of events for all ages from the trade show to food booths and cultural performances, youth activities, and, of course, the pageant.



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We were honored to welcome local leaders from around the region to our city and celebrities from Bollywood and world class performers and participants. All proceeds benefitted API Chaya, a grassroots non-profit that works with diverse communities to end and prevent sexual/ domestic violence and human trafficking.

## Shop Small Businesses this Saturday

OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY is a very important part of Renton. They provide so much through employment opportunities and services and in this era of online shopping, it's very important they are not forgotten.

That's why I have proclaimed this Saturday as [Small Business Saturday in the City of Renton](#) and urge everyone to shop their local businesses not only on Saturday but throughout the year.

The Downtown Partnership is an excellent example of a cohesive group of businesses banding together to play a vital role in our efforts to revitalize the downtown. The many activities they have sponsored have generated positive enthusiasm, and the responses we've received from the community are the well-deserved results of their efforts.



*Jon Glenn, president of the Renton Downtown Partnership, accepts the Mayor proclamation designating Saturday as "Small Business Saturday" in Renton.*

## Holiday events populate city calendar

WE WILL HOST OUR ANNUAL DOWNTOWN [tree lighting and arrival of Santa Claus](#) this Saturday at 5 p.m. at Piazza Park. The Pavilion Event Center will host music, holiday treats, and activities for children from 5 to 7 p.m.

[Clam Lights](#), one of my favorite events, takes place on November 30. At 7 p.m. we'll light up Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park for the holidays with 200,000 lights. The evening's events start at 6:15 with a performance by the Lindbergh High Jazz Ensemble. Stay after we light the lights to watch the Rainier Yacht Club's parade of boats and the Argosy Christmas Ship featuring the Dickens Carolers. Clams Light will illuminate the shores of Lake Washington every night from 5 to 9 p.m. through New Year's Day. My thanks to Ivar's Restaurants for their continued sponsorship of Clam Lights.



*Opening night for Clam Lights presented by Ivar's Restaurants is Friday, November 30 at Coulon Memorial Beach Park.*

## My 100th newsletter

WHEN I STARTED THIS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER a little over two years ago, I viewed it as way to communicate directly with our residents about all the good things in our community. Today we publish our 100th edition and we've been able to take readers inside several public and private projects, including the positive impact of our economic development and our downtown revitalization efforts. We've spotlighted numerous civic events and told of the many contributions made by dedicated citizens. Unfortunately, we've also mourned the passing of community leaders so instrumental in the development of Renton. In short, this newsletter is a snapshot into the people and processes that make our city great. I hope you've enjoyed reading it as much as I've enjoyed writing it. Here's to the next 100.

During this time of year, our thoughts turn toward gratefulness and thanksgiving—and somehow showing these feelings in tangible ways. I would like to encourage you to explore the [many opportunities](#) available to give back to the community during this season. Giving of your time and resources is a very personal decision and I appreciate the generosity of our residents. Best wishes to you and your family as we enter this holiday season.



*New low-income housing projects like Sunset Court are one of the many events we've covered in this newsletter.*

## Feedback

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