MAY 23, 2019

This Week from the Mayor

Denis Law, Mayor

Vol. IV, No. 15

Let’s be responsible pet owners

MANY OF YOU READ ABOUT the Shih Tzu that was viciously attacked by a pit bull near the Highlands Neighborhood Center earlier this month. One of our Renton police officers, who was on site as part of the Bike Rodeo & Family Safety Fair, placed the pit bull in a chokehold to force it into releasing the Shih Tzu.

Despite the efforts of police and firefighters from Renton Regional Fire Authority, the little dog did not survive. The pit bull had escaped its yard by going under the fence at its nearby residence before attacking the Shih Tzu, which was being walked on a leash. Animal Control officers seized the pit bull and cited the owner.

That attack was actually the second by a pit bull in a two-week period. On April 24, a dog secured by a leash in a yard was attacked by a pit bull. In this instance, the dog survived, but the pit bull ran away. Renton police are continuing their investigation.

One attack like this is one too many. We must hold owners of vicious dogs in our community accountable. If you see stray dogs, call our animal control division at 425-430-7550.

Valley Comm to hold open house on June 1

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERS what happens when you call 9-1-1? Your call goes immediately connected to Valley Communications Center, which provides regional 9-1-1 service for Renton and several cities in our area.

On June 1, Valley Comm is holding a Community Information Day to allow residents to observe the center in action. You’ll be able to tour the facility, see what happens when a call is received and talk to the operators.

The open house is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. Valley Comm is located at 27519 108 Avenue SE, in Kent 98030.