



This Week from the Mayor



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Council retreat sets priorities for 2018

LAST WEEK MY department administrators and I spent two days with [councilmembers](#) at their annual council retreat. We had a very productive session, and it was an opportunity for council to get detailed information on several key topics and set



the direction and priorities for the coming year. One of the main areas of focus was growth and its impact. The council discussed zoning, next steps for the Civic Core plan and “quick wins.” They also spent time discussing how to balance economic development on the one hand with the continuing challenges of affordable housing, the need to invest in our infrastructure, and transportation.

A major priority for Renton is traffic congestion and the impact on our streets. Council discussed a range of options including regional investment in transit and the possibility of creating a transportation benefit district in the future—all options were on the table. We explored real solutions for homelessness and the opioid and mental health crisis, and discussed code enforcement challenges.

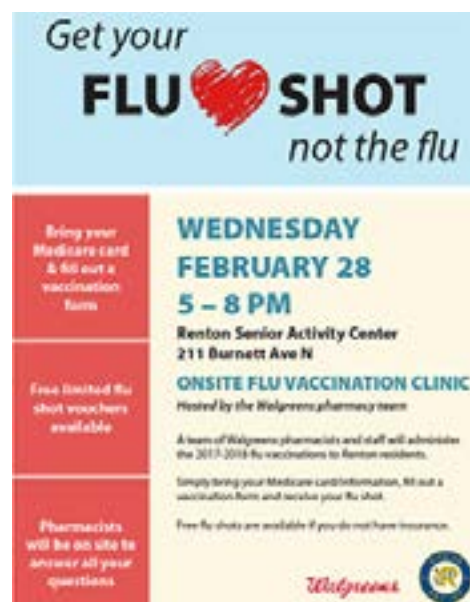
Council also reviewed the city’s Business Plan and started planning for the 2019-2020 budget priorities.

Free flu vaccinations for residents on the 28th

WE’RE PARTNERING WITH WALGREENS to offer a limited number of free [flu vaccinations](#) to residents on February 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Renton Senior Activity Center.

All ages are welcome, but I’d especially encourage older adults and young children who are at a greater risk of contracting the flu to get vaccinated.

A special thanks to our community services team, senior activity center staff, and, of course, Walgreens for working together to provide this possible live-saving resource to our community.



Viet Wah helps usher in Lunar New Year

I WAS HONORED to be invited to be part of Viet Wah’s celebration of Lunar New Year last Sunday. The festivities featured a spectacular lion dance performance and was another great way we celebrate the diversity of our community!

Duc Tran, the owner of Viet Wah, is an active leader in the community, serving on the board of the Renton Chamber of Commerce and my Inclusion Task Force.



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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.