Welcome...

...to what will be the first of a weekly newsletter from me. In each edition, I'll provide insight into what's going on around the city, draw attention to projects and efforts that impact your life and place the spotlight on the men and women who do such a great job of making Renton a great place to live, work and play.

Even though I didn't start as mayor until January 1, I did spend the month of December meeting with administrative and technical staff, familiarizing myself with ongoing operations as well as those in the pipeline. I found these groups to be totally committed to taking the extra steps necessary to provide first-class customer service to our residents. I hope when you see city staff you'll take a minute to say first-hand their commitment.

One of my themes as mayor is "Our Renton." In fact, you'll see that is the new name for the newsletter that comes in your utility bills and for its sister publication, "Our Renton Weekly." That is available via email subscription. "Our Renton" is an opportunity for us to work together and upscale on the progress we have made over the past decade.

As mayor, my focus will be on public safety, affordable housing and the promotion of a vibrant economy, while ensuring that all sections of our community are heard and respected. We must have a city where everyone can prosper and have a safe place to call home. Achieving these goals will not be possible without the help of the City Council. As a former councilmember, I both understand and respect the role the council plays in ensuring you have a responsive and effective government. The council in 2020 will have three new members, along with four returnees and I know this will lead to new energy and ideas. I will be out and about in the community and I hope you will join me on this journey. You can always find out what's going on by following us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (@cityofrenton) or by subscribing to this newsletter and to Our Renton Weekly.

Swarling In Ceremony

Last Monday's City Council meeting was a proud day as those of us who were elected last November took our oath of office to begin our four-year term. The council chamber was packed with family, friends and staff. Among the proceedings, four councilmembers were sworn in by family members or someone who played a significant role in their lives. Valentine’s Day in our community. The city will be opening our severe weather shelter in conjunction with Catholic Community Services on both Monday and Tuesday. The shelter will open at 8 p.m. and close at 7 a.m. The Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) will serve a warm-up breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. The shelter is located at the Old Chamber of Commerce building, 300 Rainier Avenue N, Renton, WA 98057.

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Polar Bear Plunge

Renton residents rang in the New Year at the 13th annual Polar Bear Plunge at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Photos on our Flickr account.

Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share the great things that are happening in the city, please email me. Thanks for reading. Tuesday, February 4

Armondo Pavone, Mayor