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# This Week from the Mayor



UW Medicine|Valley Medical Center's new Cancer Center is scheduled to open in 2021.

## UW Medicine|Valley Medical Center growing to meet our needs

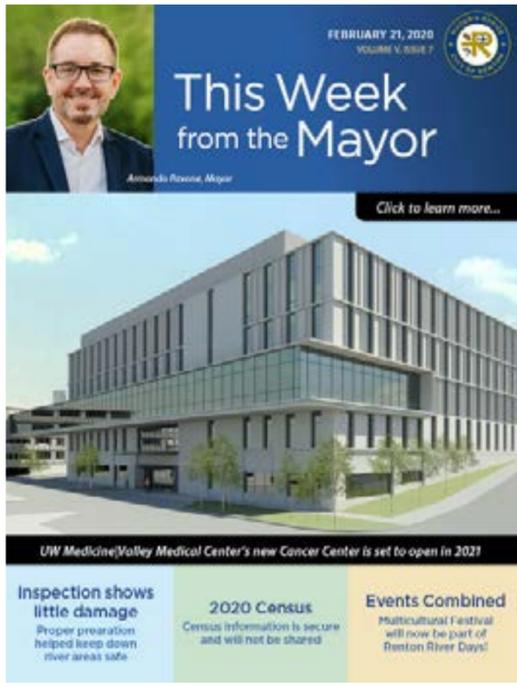
Last week I met with Rich Roodman, chief executive officer of UW Medicine|Valley Medical Center, and Bernie Dochnahl, vice president of Harborview Medical Center's Board of Directors. Part of our meeting included a tour of Valley Medical's ever-expanding campus to better meet the needs of our community.

As Renton's community grows, we need our healthcare system to grow with us. Valley Medical is responding to this growth by opening a Primary Care Clinic at The Landing near their Urgent Care Clinic sometime in late May or early June.

Few communities have access to the high quality medical care that we enjoy in Renton. With 85,000 emergency room visits each year, they are one of the largest emergency departments on the West Coast. They offer life-saving treatments for heart disease, cancer and stroke patients--treatments that were previously only available in Seattle.

Valley Medical is not a just a key healthcare provider, but also a valued member of the Renton Community Marketing Campaign. This campaign was started in 1997 and includes the city, Renton Chamber of Commerce, Renton Technical College and Renton School District, with the goal of promoting Renton as a great place for people to live and businesses to thrive.

Great cities need great healthcare and Renton is extremely fortunate to have Valley Medical as a committed member of our community.



## Preventative measures limit damage from storm

Last week's rainstorms pushed the Cedar River over its banks in some areas. After the waters receded, inspections by city staff along the river confirmed that we were able to limit major damage. A large part of the credit goes to preventative measures taken years ago, work that included reinforcing riverbanks, levees and dredging of the mouth of the Cedar River. I want to recognize staff who responded during the storm and who worked closely with King County and the Army Corps of Engineers to design and implement measures to safeguard the city in anticipation of events like this one.



The Cedar River Trail is open eastbound with access at Riverview Park. It is closed westbound from Riverview Park to Cedar River Dog Park.

One area that has unfortunately been affected is the Cedar River Trail. Just west of the Cedar River Dog Park, the swift-moving river cut into the bank, causing erosion near the trail. The trail itself was not touched, but to be safe, we closed a portion of the trail until we can ensure the safety of all who use it. We expect to receive a final report in a couple weeks, but in the meantime the trail will remain closed with a detour route utilizing the sidewalk along Maple Valley Highway. Both the Cedar River Dog Park and Riverview Park are open. We appreciate your patience.

## 2020 Census information will be secure

About 20 days remain before you'll see the 2020 Census invitations in the mail and there's a few things to keep in mind. First, answering census questions is completely safe. The Census only asks for basic information such as name, age, sex, race and ethnicity, relationship of household members and homeownership status. You will not be asked for private information like your social security number or bank account information.



Second, Federal law protects your census responses and the data remains confidential for 72 years. U.S. Code prevents the Census Bureau from sharing your census information with landlords, immigration agencies or law enforcement. It also cannot be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.

Finally, Census Bureau employees take a lifetime oath to keep your information secure. If they disclose any personal information, their punishment is five years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000. We have emphasized these points during training of the city's trusted ambassadors.

I hope when you receive your information, you'll take the time to respond. The time you spend will help determine the Renton we all live in for the next 10 years!

## Renton Multicultural Festival becomes part of Renton River Days



We're excited to announce that two of our most popular events are joining forces this year. The Renton Multicultural Festival will now be held during our Renton River Days celebration in July. The free festival will take over Carco Theatre right after the River Days Parade. In fact, you will see many of the performers as part of the parade. We'll have more details later, but mark your calendars for July 24-26, when we celebrate the 35th annual Renton River Days and the fifth annual Renton Multicultural Festival.

## Feedback

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