



This Week from the Mayor



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Sunset revitalization will be regional model

The Sunset area is undergoing an exciting revitalization that has the potential to be a model project throughout the region. It will be a prime example on how to take a depressed community and transform it into a quality, safe neighborhood that serves everybody.

Substandard housing units are being demolished to make room for new, market-rate housing and retail stores, as well as quality affordable housing units for low-income families and seniors. Anchored by a beautiful new library, a new 3-acre park, bike and walking paths and other vital services are all part of the redevelopment plan.

This multi-million dollar project is possible through a partnership between the city, Renton Housing Authority, Renton School District, King County and federal agencies, as well as significant investments from the private sector.

On Sunday, Councilmember Ryan McIrvine and I, along with our wives,

participated in the ribbon-cutting celebration of the new Viet Wah Asian Market in the heart of the Sunset business district. We were joined by Lt. Governor Brad Owen and State Senator Bob Hasegawa.

Viet Wah owner Duc Tran and his family moved their store across Sunset Boulevard into space formerly occupied by St. Vincent de Paul. They invested several million dollars to remodel the vacant space, converting it into a very nice market that will serve the entire Highlands community. Duc has been a true leader in Renton's business community, serving on the board of the Renton Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force. The commercial district is an important component to the revitalization of the Sunset Neighborhood, and I'm confident that Duc's investment is the beginning of more commercial redevelopment that we will see during the next year.



THE GRAND OPENING OF THE RELOCATED VIET WAH ASIAN MARKET ON SUNSET BOULEVARD



THE BEAUTIFUL NEW RENTON HIGHLANDS LIBRARY

Nishiwaki students visit City Hall



I was very pleased to welcome students from our Sister City of Nishiwaki, Japan, on Thursday.

Sister City relationships are vital as we work to understand and appreciate different cultures. Opportunities like these allow us to participate in educational, cultural, and professional exchanges.

Nishiwaki, which is about 350 miles from Tokyo, has been a Renton Sister City since 1969. We're excited as we plan to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2019. Renton also has a Sister City relationship with Cuautla, Mexico which began in 2001.

Day of Service is September 10

Our seventh annual Day of Service to honor the victims and first responders in the September 11 terrorist attacks will be September 10 from 9 a.m. – noon. We take this day to encourage our citizens to volunteer and support charitable causes, perform good deeds, or engage in other service activities. There are hundreds of volunteer opportunities in the city. To find one, please contact Teresa Nishi at tnishi@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-6694.



DID YOU KNOW?



1ST FLOOR DISPLAY

City Hall's first floor display case near the elevators is a great place to learn the diversity of our city and city events. Next time you're in City Hall, take a minute to check it out.

FEEDBACK

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please email me at communications@rentonwa.gov. Thanks for reading.