Welcome to 2018—a year of opportunity

As we welcome the New Year, it gives me great pride to acknowledge all the wonderful things that our city has to offer. Renton is a culturally diverse city with a prosperous local economy. We are home to a number of world-class employers. Located on the south shore of Lake Washington, our beautiful setting is complimented by an enhanced quality of life, numerous housing options, and safe streets. Our parks are some of the most beautiful and well-maintained in the region accompanied by our top notch recreation facilities. At City Hall we are committed to improving efficiency while protecting vital services that are important to our residents and businesses. We have reduced crime and improved the sense of safety in a number of areas.

I receive regular comments from our residents praising the quality of service provided by our employees, from maintaining our parks and facilities to the continued efforts by our public works staff to improve our roads and sidewalks. We have continued to attract new businesses and our special events, including Renton’s Multicultural Festival, Renton River Days, Farmers Market and 4th of July Fireworks at Gene Coulon Park, experienced record crowds last year.

In the year ahead, we will continue to focus on increasing safety, enhancing community relations, and fostering inclusion throughout the city. We are also working to ensure excellent service as an organization.

Another one of my top priorities is to continue to engage our community and keep you informed and updated. We’ve got a lot of important projects and exciting opportunities planned for 2018, and I am always interested in your input. Please sign up for my weekly newsletter, where I personally provide you with key information and updates. And visit rentonwa.gov and our Facebook page at facebook.com/CityofRenton to learn more.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year. We look forward to serving our residents and businesses in 2018.

City Council announces 2018 committee assignments

The Renton City Council has announced committee assignments for 2018. Ed Prince will serve as Council President. Don Persson will serve as President Pro-Tem.

- **Finance** (2nd & 4th Mondays, 4:30 p.m.)
  Don Persson, Chair; Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair; Armondo Pavone, Member

- **Public Safety** (2nd & 4th Mondays, 5:30 p.m.)
  Armondo Pavone, Chair; Randy Corman, Vice Chair; Don Persson, Member

- **Transportation** (1st & 3rd Mondays, 4:30 p.m.)
  Randy Corman, Chair; Don Persson, Vice Chair; Ruth Pérez, Member

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Love your pets—the City of Renton does

CITY OFFERS FREE PET MICROCHIPPING FOR A LIMITED TIME

The City of Renton has teamed up with the Renton Community Foundation and Eastside Veterinary Associates to offer free microchipping for dogs and cats that are licensed within the city.

Microchipping is a quick and painless way to ensure your pet will be returned if they are lost. The chip, which is about the size of a grain of rice, can be scanned allowing Animal Control officers to contact the owner.

All lost dogs and cats that are both licensed and chipped will receive a free ride home to their owners. Microchipping normally costs $70 per animal, and owners can be charged up to $250 when claiming their lost animals through Animal Control. This charge includes a minimum three days of boarding, shots, and officer’s time. Now the perfect opportunity to be a part of the solution while funds are available.

Eastside Veterinary Associates (1700 NE 44th Street) will provide the chipping on a first-come, first-served basis. Check-in is 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday. Please, no calls. Proof of Renton residency is required.

City regulations require all pets over 16 weeks to be licensed. Only licensed dogs are allowed in Renton’s dog-friendly parks.

For more information contact Cailin Hunsaker, Parks and Golf Course Director, at 425-430-6606.

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- **Utilities** (2nd & 4th Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.) Carol Ann Witschi, Chair; Ryan McIrvin, Vice Chair; Randy Corman, Member

- **Planning and Development** (2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4 p.m.) Ryan McIrvin, Chair; Armondo Pavone, Vice Chair; Carol Ann Witschi, Member

- **Community Services** (1st & 3rd Mondays, 5:30 p.m.) Ruth Pérez, Chair; Carol Ann Witschi, Vice Chair; Ryan McIrvin, Member

City Council meetings are held on the first four Mondays of each month in the Council Chambers at City Hall beginning at 7 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings (Councilmember work sessions) often precede the Council meetings.

Information on the Council can be found at rentonwa.gov/council.

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Preparación contra desastres, curso en español
ERERO, 18 6–7:30 P.M.
Renton Technical College, salón C111
Incluye información sobre cómo prepararse para eventos peligrosos como temblores, inundaciones, nevadas fuertes, falta de electricidad, etc. Recomendado para personas mayores de 13 años. Informes al 425-430-7726.

Renton Hoop Shoot
JANUARY 28, 4–6 P.M.
Renton Community Center
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy
Free free throw competition for ages 6–14. Separate age and gender divisions. Prizes awarded to the top three in each division. Sign up: rentonwa.gov/cybersignup

Superhero Lunch
JANUARY 29, 11 A.M.–12:30 P.M.
Comm. Cntr., 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy
Calling all superheroes ages 3–6! For $15, lunch, dessert and photos will be provided. Wear your favorite superhero costume! Register: rentonwa.gov/cybersignup

Black & White Exhibit Open
JANUARY 31, 5:30–7 P.M.
History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S
Celebrate International Zebra Day! Study black and white clothing from different communities that have impacted our western culture.

Daddy Daughter Dance
FEBRUARY 2, 6:30–8:30 P.M.
Comm. Cntr., 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy
DI, pizza, cupcake decorating, and photos. $15 for each daughter/daddy combo. Register: rentonwa.gov/cybersignup

Emerald Street: Race, Class, Culture & History of Hip Hop in NW
FEBRUARY 24, 11 A.M.–12 P.M.
Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S
Delve into the history behind the northwest’s grammy award-winning rappers, world champion break dance crew, and many more.

Summer Job Fair
MARCH 3, 10 A.M.–12 P.M.
Comm. Cntr., 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy
Apply for seasonal positions with the city in parks, aquatic, sports, golf course, facilities and volunteer programs.

SubUrban Farm & Garden Expo
MARCH 3, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.
North Highlands Neighborhood Cntr, 3000 NE 16th St
Bring plants and seeds to share at the Plant n’ Seed Swap! Learn about gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens and more! Info: 425-430-7214

Surviving Mass Violence
MARCH 1, 6:30–8:30 P.M.
Renton Tech. room C111, 3000 NE 4th St
An expert from the Renton Police Department will answer questions about surviving incidents of mass violence, and give tips for what you can do. Register: rentonwa.gov/cybersignup

Weird Hazards
MARCH 13, 6–7:30 P.M.
Renton Technical College room C111, 3000 NE 4th St
Mega-quakes and zombies and solar flares! Learn about some weird hazards we could face in Renton, and more importantly, what you can do to be ready for them. Register: rentonwa.gov/cybersignup