

“The earth is what we all have in common”

— Wendell Berry, Author, farmer, cultural critic, 1934

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, ARBOR DAY

This month, as we celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day, we honor our commitment to future generations. Arbor Day is celebrated to promote the planting and care of trees. Planting trees is one of the most effective ways to protect the environment. Earth Day is a time to unite and take action to protect our planet. Renton's Arbor Day and Earth Day celebrations are a great opportunity to have fun and do our part to reduce our impact on our environment.

“The city encourages all citizens to plant trees and join in the celebration to promote nature's well-being for this and

future generations,” said Mayor Denis Law “The Arbor Day event is an opportunity to bring the community together for the environment.”

To celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day, team up with our Community Services Department on Saturday April 25, at Liberty Park Stadium - Bronson Way North and Houser Way North. Join hundreds of volunteers to plant trees, shrubs, spread play chips, and clean areas in the parks and along the Cedar River trail to promote a healthy environment and protect our climate.

All projects are within walking distance. Register now and bring your family. A special thanks to Renton Sam's Club for their support of this program.

For registration information contact the Community Services Department at 425-430-6600. Volunteers should dress for the weather. Minors must have parent permission. Children 14 years and under must be accompanied by adult/guardian.

Meet at the Liberty Park Stadium, Bronson Way North and Houser Way North. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. Event is 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Springbrook Creek — Wetlands Enhanced to Mitigate Development

The City of Renton and Washington State Department of Transportation enhanced over 130 acres of wetlands in Renton to mitigate the effects of development and transportation projects. Plans include an interpretive trail throughout the wetlands.

City Encourages Saving Water

City of Renton residents get high quality drinking water from groundwater. Using our water wisely helps us save this valuable resource for our future. Water saving tips for lawn, garden, and home can be found at rentonwa.gov or at partners4water.org/linkslibrary.



City Offers WashWise Program

The City of Renton in partnership with Puget Sound Energy offers WashWise program rebates of \$50-100 for the purchase and installation of qualified energy and water-saving clothes washers. In 2008 Renton citizens purchased 368 water saving machines, which will save an estimated 3,051,760 gallons of water per year. For more information visit washwiserebate.org.



Hybrid Boom Truck Saves Fuel

In an effort to conserve fuel and preserve the environment, the City of Renton has a hybrid boom truck that runs on both diesel and electric power. Boom trucks are used to erect and maintain signs, street lights, and power lines.

City Recycling Program One of the Most Comprehensive in State

The City of Renton's recycling program is one of the most comprehensive in the region. Since the new program was launched early this year, Renton residents have made significant changes in their habits. Comparing waste collection for February 2008 and February 2009, the amount of waste sent to the landfill decreased by almost 15%. The amount of material recycled in Renton increased by nearly 11% and the amount of food and yard waste sent for composting increased by almost 75%.

Protecting Our Environment

Renton Receives Tree City USA Award for Urban Forestry Efforts

The City of Renton received its first Tree City USA® Award this year for its urban forestry efforts during 2008. The Tree City USA® program provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 120 million Americans call home.

Renton has become one of 74 Tree City USA® members in Washington State for its 2008 urban forestry program. Representatives from the Washington Community Forestry Council will present the award at Renton's Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration on April 25 in Liberty Park during the 9:30 a.m. opening ceremony.

City Hosts Recycling Event

Twice a year the City of Renton holds a citywide recycling event at Renton Technical College, recycling everything from yard waste to tires to household appliances. The next

recycling event will take place May 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Solid Waste Utility at 425-430-7396 for more information.

Natural Yard Days is Back

Northwest Natural Yard Days is back with its final season. Participating retailers will offer up to a 25% discount on natural yard care products, April 15 through May 15. For more information about the sale call The Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224 or visit www.yarddays.com.



details go to rentonwa.gov and search shredathon, or call 425-430-7520.



Green and Clean Saturday

Join us for the Spring Green and Clean program, Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highlands Library, 2902 NE 12th St., Renton. Check in begins at 9 a.m. Register now and bring your family. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Call 425-430-6600 for more information or to register.

If you have a team or your organization would like to Adopt a Park or Green and Clean Saturday project and get involved to make a difference in our community call 425-430-6600. Green and Clean Saturday programs are scheduled at various parks throughout the year. For more information visit rentonwa.gov.

CITY CONTACTS

	Area Code 425
General Information	430-6400
Mayor	430-6500
City Council	430-6501
Municipal Court Judge	430-6550
Chief Administrative Officer	430-6500
City Clerk	430-6510
Code Enforcement	430-7373
Community Services	430-6600
Community & Economic Development	430-6580
Finance & Information Services	430-6850
Fire/Emergency Services	430-7000
Graffiti Hotline	430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Public Works	430-7200
Police	430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov	
Street/Water/Sewer Maint.	430-7400
Utility Billing	430-6852

EMERGENCY 911

The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

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March 21 - May 9. “Key Ingredients: America By Food” traveling exhibit. Through May 9. Renton History Museum.

Saturday, April 25 Annual Community Garage Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is required. Call 425-430-6700.

Arbor Day/Earth Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Liberty Park, Bronson Way North and Houser Way North. Volunteers are invited to help park staff spruce up the park for the upcoming season. All projects will be within short walking distance. Children must be accompanied by adult/guardian. Free hot dog lunch. Call 425-430-6600.

Sunday, April 26 Taste of The Landing 5K Run and Block Party. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Landing, 1215 North Landing Way. www.tasteofthelanding.com

Sunday, May 3 Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert. 3-4 p.m. Renton Carco Theatre. Call 425-430-6700.

Thursday, May 7 An Afternoon with Greg Atkinson. 4:30 p.m. Carco Theatre, 1717 Maple Valley Highway. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors. Local chef and cookbook author Greg Atkinson shares his passion for West Coast regional cuisine. Call 425-255-2330 for tickets.

Saturday, May 9 Renton Spring Shredathon. 9 a.m. to Noon. Sam's Club parking lot. Free.

Saturday, May 16 Green & Clean Saturday. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Highlands Library, 2902 NE 12th. Volunteers are invited to help maintain area for everyone to enjoy. Children must be accompanied by adult/guardian. Free hot dog lunch. Call 425-430-6600.