



Renton City News

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Benefit Car Show and Cruise-In Returns to Renton July 10

Cruise back in time and check out classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles at the 21st Annual Return To Renton Benefit Car Show and Cruise-In, Sunday, July 10. Registration opens at 8 a.m., the show begins at 10 a.m., with awards presented at 3 p.m. The event includes vehicle



displays, music, entertainment, kids activities, food and a raffle. Show headquarters will be at Piazza Park, with cars displayed on downtown city streets. All proceeds from the event benefit Renton Police Department youth programs. For more information call 425-430-7589 or visit GoRenton.com.

Renton's Fabulous Fourth of July

Join us as we celebrate Independence Day in Renton with a professional fireworks display from a barge on Lake Washington at 10 p.m. Come to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park or enjoy the beautiful fireworks display from boats, canoes, kayaks, or from your home if you live close to the park.



City Earns Awards From AWC

The Association of Washington Cities recently awarded the City of Renton a Hometown Spirit Municipal Excellence Award for the Renton FilmFrenzy, and for the second year in a row, a Well City Award for its commitment to health and wellness. Municipal Excellence Awards are presented to cities that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in promoting community excellence. Well City Awards are based on meeting stringent best practice standards in employee health promotion.

DOWNTOWN, PARK SAFETY A PRIORITY FOR MAYOR LAW

The City of Renton has launched a comprehensive program to enhance overall safety in downtown Renton. The new initiative will assign three additional police officers to patrol downtown Renton. The plan also includes zero tolerance and rigorous enforcement of illegal behavior, an increased number of high resolution cameras at the Transit Center, increased lighting, additional cleaning, and several long-term measures.



do not feel safe there," said Mayor Denis Law. "It is my priority and our responsibility to do what we can to make people feel safe throughout our community. These initiatives will give the police, our other city departments, and the community, the tools they need to ensure that our city remains an enjoyable and safe place for our residents and visitors."

In addition, as part of its plan to enhance safety in its parks and trails, the city will be launching its first-ever volunteer Park Rangers program to patrol the city's major parks and trails to help deter criminal activity. If you are interested in joining, visit our website.

While the city has seen an overall reduction in crime, it continues to experience unruly behavior and youth-related crime such as fights, minor thefts, etc. around the Transit Center. "We are increasing police visibility, supporting our residents' and business owners' quality of life and reminding anyone pursuing criminal actions that they will be arrested," said Police Chief Kevin Milosevich.

"While serious crime in our downtown and Transit Center is much less than in our neighboring cities, we still have people who

For more information visit the city's website at rentonwa.gov.

SAFETY TIPS FOR SUMMER FUN

Practice Personal Water Safety

During the warm summer months, there is nothing better for adults and kids alike than to cool off in a swimming pool, lake, or river. Many people also enjoy our lakes and rivers in boats, jet skis, rafts and kayaks, etc. Yet water fun can swiftly become tragedy if simple basic safety rules aren't observed.

Fireworks Ban In Effect

A citywide ban on the use, sale and possession of fireworks within the city limits has been in effect since 2005. The fireworks ban is in place to protect citizens and their property and is credited with the reductions the Fire & Emergency Services Department is seeing in the number of painful firework related injuries and costly property losses that so often result in the use of fireworks.

Make sure you and your family are water safe by following these simple safety tips:

- Learn to swim
- Watch children closely
- Wear a US Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device/life jacket when near water
- Use a feet-first entry when entering water
- Learn CPR

For more information on how to be safe in and around water visit rentonwa.gov.

The ban is inclusive of all types of fireworks and residents should know that violators are subject to both criminal and civil citations. Fines can range from \$100 to \$500. Fireworks found inside the city limits can be confiscated. To enjoy fireworks in a safe environment, citizens are encouraged to attend the 4th of July public fireworks display held at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park in Renton.

VOICES OF DUWAMISH



The Renton History Museum will host Voices of the Duwamish Tribe, a photographic exhibit by Joanne Petrina, June 7 to August 27. Ms. Petrina worked with the tribe for two years documenting their efforts to celebrate and preserve their traditional culture to create this moving collection of images. The Museum is open Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FREE SUMMER LUNCH

Does your child need a free lunch and a place to go this summer? Are you looking for free things for your child to participate in? If so, there are nine sites in Renton where any child (age one to 18) can go this summer to get a nutritionally balanced sack lunch, regardless of where you live or your family income. No registration is required. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday through the summer (except Monday, July 4, and Tuesday, July 5) and must be eaten on-site. To learn more and find specific locations visit rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-6650, and select option #2.

NEW SIGN ORDINANCE

On June 15, 2011, an ordinance goes into effect establishing new penalties for those who do not remove political signs in a timely manner from public rights-of-way within city limits. Under the new regulations, all candidates, candidates' representatives, and proposition sponsors who do not remove their political signs from public property in the city within 14 days following the November general election will be subject to a monetary penalty of \$100 per sign, up to a total of \$10,000, and loss of the sign. The entire ordinance is available at rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-6510.

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 Reporting Line	430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Public Works	430-7394
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

Saturday, June 4

Stop & Swap Recycling Event. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Renton Memorial Stadium, 405 Logan Ave N.

Tuesday, June 7

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Sunday, June 12

Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center. Noon to 4 p.m. Valley Medical Center, 400 South 43rd Street.

Renton City Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. Carco Theatre, 1717 Maple Valley Highway. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 senior/student. 425-430-6700.

Tuesday, June 14

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Saturday, June 18

Swimming beaches open for season. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park, 1201 and 3601 Lake Washington Blvd. N, respectively. Lifeguards on duty from noon to 8 p.m. daily through Sept. 6.

Henry Moses Aquatic Center Open for Swimming Season. Sessions at noon and 4 p.m. daily. Henry Moses Aquatic Center, 1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy. 425-430-6780.

Sunday, June 19

Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center. Noon to 4 p.m. Valley Medical Center, 400 South 43rd Street.

Tuesday, June 21

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Sunday, June 26

Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center. Noon to 4 p.m. Valley Medical Center, 400 South 43rd Street.

Tuesday, June 28

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Monday, July 4

Renton Fabulous Fourth of July. Noon to 10:30 p.m. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N.

Tuesday, July 5

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Wednesday, July 6

Kidd Valley Family Concert Series. 7 p.m. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N. 425-430-6706.

Saturday, July 10

Return To Renton Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Call 425-430-7589 or visit GoRenton.com.

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CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD OPEN

The in-person candidate filing period for those seeking public office opens at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 6, and closes at 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 10, at the King County Elections office, 9010 East Marginal Way S in Tukwila. A filing fee equal to 1% of the annual salary of the office is required with each Declaration of Candidacy.



To hold public office, a person must be a registered voter of the city at the time of filing his or her declaration of candidacy, and must be a resident of the city for a period of at least one year prior to the election. For more elections and candidacy information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections or contact the city clerk at bwalton@rentonwa.gov.