



# Renton City News

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## Downtown Renton Redevelopment Plans Get Boost From Investments

*Projects include former city hall property, improved downtown streets, trails and ADA access*

Redevelopment of Renton's downtown got a huge boost with the signing of an exclusive negotiation agreement for the redevelopment of the former city hall property and the announcement of over \$6.5 million in federal money to help fund transportation projects.

The city has entered into an agreement with Winson Investment of Bellevue to transform the property at 200 Mill Ave. S, adjacent to the iconic Renton Library, into a home for an international school, 10-story adult/senior housing complex, an outdoor civic plaza and a riverfront park.

The plan also includes educational facilities, community meeting space, a gymnasium/theater, retail shops, a 340-stall below ground parking garage, and a restaurant with a view of the Cedar River. The school will initially enroll up to 500 students in grades 6-12, with many living in an 11-story dormitory.

Winson's development timeline for the three-phase project includes two alternative schedules over the next 4-5 years, depending upon the status of existing tenant leases.

The Puget Sound Regional Council will help fund three major transportation projects designed to meet the city's goal of providing a safe and vibrant downtown. The three projects include:



*Proposed project at the former city hall site (top). Williams Avenue South re-configuration (bottom).*

- Changing both Williams Avenue South and Wells Avenue South from one-way to two-way traffic.
- Extending the Lake Washington Loop Trail from Renton Stadium to Airport Way and eventually to Rainier Avenue South, improving both pedestrian and bicycle safety.

- Improving the sidewalk ramps on Rainier Avenue South to enhance access.

Design work on all three projects will start this year. The trail and Rainier Avenue projects are scheduled for completion in 2018 with the Williams and Wells projects scheduled for 2019.



*"Sorting Out Race" Exhibit  
March 27 to May 20, 2017*

## Renton Celebrates Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month, the city and the Renton African-American Pastoral Group (RAAP) are sponsoring "The Unspoken Truths," Delbert Richardson's American Traveling Museum on February 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Living Hope Christian Fellowship in Renton.

Mr. Richardson has collected unique artifacts that reflect the African experience in the Americas and Europe. They chronicle the rich history of Africans in Africa prior to American Chattel Slavery, the Jim Crow Era, and the many contributions African Americans have made to science, culture and technology.

The Renton History Museum will present "The Right to Dream" on February 18, at 11 a.m. It depicts an African-American child of a black World War II veteran and a domestic worker coming of age in a small Mississippi town in the 1950s and 1960s.

The play uses live acting with video to show how the student confronts discrimination and segregation on the eve of the Civil Rights Movement and to illuminate how the fight against bias and the civil rights movement has shaped our history. A question and answer session will follow. The production is best suited for sixth graders through adults.

The museum also examines racial identity and stereotypes through donations to

thrift stores in "Sorting Out Race." The exhibit examines everyday donations that project racial imagery, including printed materials, household items, and vintage children's books. It asks if they perpetuate stereotypes and whether the store should sell them or sort them out of popular culture forever.



*"The Right to Dream"  
Saturday, February 18, 2017, 11 a.m. to noon*

Organized by the Kauffman Museum at Bethel College in Kansas, this exhibit is designed to start a conversation about race and ethnicity in Renton that will be supported by programs and opportunities for community dialogue.

The exhibit runs March 27 to May 20.

## Licensing Your Pet Now Could Prevent Heartache Later

To prevent the accidental loss of your beloved pet, please have them licensed. The city requires all dogs and cats four months and older be licensed and that the license be on the animal at all times. City residents who are at least 61 and meet income qualifications, are entitled to purchase a special permanent animal license. These one-time licenses may not be transferred. Applications can be found on the city's website or at city hall. For information on pet licenses, please contact us at 425-430-6924.

If you and your pet do become separated, the city has partnered with Eastside Veterinary Services to provide high-end shelter and veterinary services. Each animal will receive a full medical examination, vaccination, and, if necessary, flea treatment. Spay/neuter, microchipping and dental services are also available. The facility features separate wings for cats and dogs with individual climate control and dedicated heat and air conditioning.

Caring for lost animals and working to reunite them with their owners is a high priority for the city and to help, we recently opened a Facebook page, [rentonlostpets](#), that lists lost and found pets.





## REPUBLIC SERVICES

*By now you've seen the blue Republic Services garbage and recycling trucks in your neighborhood. Republic Services took over both duties on February 1. If you have questions about your service, please call them at 206-777-6440 or look online at [republicservices.com/renton](http://republicservices.com/renton).*

*(The January edition of Renton CityNews contained an incorrect phone number.)*

## Neighborhood Matching Grants Now Available

The City of Renton's Neighborhood Grant Program provides matching funds to help implement projects designed to improve the livability of neighborhoods. Fund matches include neighborhood volunteer labor, professional services and cash or donated materials.

**COMMUNICATIONS GRANTS** Provide for the development of communication materials to relay information about what is happening in the city and in your neighborhood.

**LARGE PROJECT GRANTS** For projects over \$1,000 which are intended to encourage physical improvement projects which enhance a feature of the neighborhood and promote networking between residents and city government.

**MINI MATCHING GRANTS** For projects under \$1,000 and are intended for small neighborhood projects, programs, educational opportunities, and infrastructure support. Ideas include:

- Coordinating a "Screen on the Green" movie night
- Holding a neighborhood clean-up or other special event
- Implementing art into your neighborhood
- Hosting an educational workshop
- Financing a space to hold a neighborhood meeting

Applications for Communications and Large Project grants are now available by visiting [rentonwa.gov/neighborhoodgrants](http://rentonwa.gov/neighborhoodgrants). Mini-grant applications will be available in April.

Only neighborhoods enrolled in the Neighborhood Program are eligible for matching fund grants. If your neighborhood is interested in joining, please email Drey Hicks at [dhicks@rentonwa.gov](mailto:dhicks@rentonwa.gov).

The Claremont at Renton Homeowner's Association is the latest to join the program. We're excited to work with them in 2017!

## City Will Move to Electronic Plan Review

On April 3, the city's building permit department will begin accepting and reviewing residential and commercial permit applications and plan reviews electronically. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. This modernization will speed up the permitting process and save applicants the expense of printing the project plans required for the permitting process. Printed plans are still required on-site and as requested. As we move closer to the launch date, more information will be available on our website: [rentonwa.gov/paperless](http://rentonwa.gov/paperless).



### CRIME PREVENTION TIP

## Keep Your Vehicle and Contents Safe

Auto theft can happen to anyone, at any time and at any place. The Renton Police Department offers these tips to keep your vehicle and contents safe.

- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Install a steering wheel locking device.
- Lock all the doors.
- Install a locking fuel cap.
- Remove all valuables.
- Install a vehicle tracking system.
- Park in well-lit locations and avoid isolated areas.
- Install an ignition or fuel kill switch.
- Completely close all windows.
- Install an alarm system with a kill switch.

For more information on how to protect your vehicle, contact the Renton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 425-430-7520/7521 or visit us at [rentonwa.gov/crimeprevention](http://rentonwa.gov/crimeprevention).



The city will host a job fair for seasonal positions on March 4, 10 a.m. – noon at the Renton Community Center. [rentonwa.gov/jobs](http://rentonwa.gov/jobs)

## Out in the Community

### Daddy Daughter Dance FEBRUARY 10, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
Professional DJ, photographs, popcorn bar.  
\$15 residents / \$18 non-residents.  
Register: [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### Summer Job Fair MARCH 4, 10 A.M. – NOON

Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
Apply for seasonal positions with the City of Renton in parks, aquatic, sports, golf course, facilities and volunteer programs.  
Applications: [rentonwa.gov/jobs](http://rentonwa.gov/jobs)

### Renton City Concert Band Spring Concert MARCH 19, 2 – 3:30 P.M.

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center  
400 S 2nd St.  
Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students/seniors and are available at the Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.) or at the door.  
Info: 425-430-6700.

### Community Garage Sale MARCH 25, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
Look for treasures you never knew you needed! Over 75 booths. Plus, a Plant 'n Seed Swap.  
Free admission. Info: 425-430-6700.

### “Within Silence” APRIL 8, 11 A.M. – NOON

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S  
The imprisonment of thousands of American families because of their Japanese ancestry is examined.

### Seahawks 12k Run APRIL 9, 9 A.M.

The Landing, 828 N 10th Pl.  
Event will feature a 12k run, GLOW 5k Run/Walk and Half-Mile Kids Run. All ages are invited.  
Register: [seahawks12krun.com](http://seahawks12krun.com)

### Arbor Day & Earth Day APRIL 29, 9 A.M.

Heritage Park, 233 Union Ave. NE  
Volunteer to help promote a healthy environment. Free lunch will be provided.  
Details: [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### Shred-a-thon APRIL 29, 9 A.M. – NOON

Sam’s Club, parking lot, 901 S Grady Way  
Shred up to five boxes containing paper (12 to 15 inches deep, 10 inches high). Donations of canned goods will also be accepted to benefit the Renton Food Bank. Info: [rentonwa.gov/shredathon](http://rentonwa.gov/shredathon)

### Renton Youth Symphony Spring Concert APRIL 30, 3 P.M.

Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
A community concert performed by the Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra. Tickets available at the door. Info: [rentonwa.gov/ryso](http://rentonwa.gov/ryso)

### Career Fair MAY 3, TIME TBD

Renton Technical College Cafeteria  
3000 NE Fourth St.  
Showcase of Renton employers who are hiring.  
More: [gorenton.com](http://gorenton.com)

### Spring Green & Clean MAY 13, 8:45 – 11:30 A.M.

May Creek Park  
4230 Lake Washington Blvd N  
Volunteer to help maintain the parks for all to enjoy. Register: call 425-430-6700 or go to [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup), class #58462

### Spring Recycle Event MAY 13, 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Renton Technical College, north parking lot  
Renton residents can recycle large and hard-to-recycle items. Details: 425-430-7398 or [rentonwa.gov/springrecycle](http://rentonwa.gov/springrecycle)

### Bike Safety Rodeo MAY 13, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Highlands Neighborhood Center  
800 Edmonds Ave. NE  
This is a FREE event for children ages 4-12. Bring your bike and try out your skills.

## City Contacts

General Information . . . . .	425-430-6400
Mayor . . . . .	425-430-6500
City Council . . . . .	425-430-6501
Chief Admin. Officer . . . . .	425-430-6500
Administrative Svcs . . . . .	425-430-6868
City Attorney . . . . .	425-430-6480
City Clerk . . . . .	425-430-6510
Code Enforcement . . . . .	425-430-7373
Community & Economic Development . . . . .	425-430-6575
Community Services . . . . .	425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt . . . . .	425-430-7041
Graffiti Reporting . . . . .	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management . . . . .	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge . . . . .	425-430-6550
Police (non-emergency) . . . . .	425-430-7500 or <a href="http://epolice.rentonwa.gov">epolice.rentonwa.gov</a>
Public Works . . . . .	425-430-7394
Reg. Fire Authority . . . . .	425-271-7900
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance . . . . .	425-430-7400
Utility Billing . . . . .	425-430-6852

EMERGENCY . . . . . 911  
Non-Emergency # . . . . . 425-235-2121



The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.

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