



# Renton City News

## Multicultural Festival brings world to Renton

Join with your neighbors and friends as the city presents the third annual Renton Multicultural Festival on September 14 and 15. It will be two days that showcase the best of the city's diverse and vibrant community.

Opening night features a variety of performances ranging from the Samoan Haka and traditional Cuban music to Irish step dancing and South Indian classical dance at Carco Theatre from 6 to 9 p.m.

The festival moves to the Renton Pavilion Event Center on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature music and dance from around the world. The day will also include cultural activities, food trucks, arts and crafts, and storytelling.

Admission to this family-friendly event is



free, as is parking on both days. The City Center Garage will have two hours of free parking on Saturday.

The Renton Multicultural Festival is presented by the City of Renton

in partnership with the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force and several local community groups and organizations. For more information visit [rentonwa.gov/festival](http://rentonwa.gov/festival).

### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

## How you can be "Ready in Renton"

After a large disaster, normal ways to communicate—like cell phones or Internet—might not be available. But there are still ways to get information.

**ALERT Renton** is the city's emergency notification system to get life-safety messages directly to residents via phone or TDD, text, or emails. Most of King County uses the same ALERT system for widespread notification coverage. Sign up is free and secure at [rentonwa.gov/alert](http://rentonwa.gov/alert).

If emergency notifications aren't able to go out via ALERT Renton or social media accounts, volunteers will try

to post important information at **Neighborhood Information Center** boards, located by the front entrance of most schools in the Renton School District, and the Maplewood Golf Course. Visit [rentonwa.gov/alert](http://rentonwa.gov/alert) for an interactive map. The city will also post emergency information at [rentonwa.gov/emergencyinfo](http://rentonwa.gov/emergencyinfo) as soon as possible.

Communities that work together are more resilient to disasters. Get prepared and encourage others. Share your communications plan with neighbors, coworkers, and loved ones. Information for non-English



speaking residents can be found at [bit.ly/PreparednessPublications](http://bit.ly/PreparednessPublications). Be sure to follow City of Renton Emergency Management on Facebook, Twitter (@rentonem) and Nextdoor to get the latest news. Learn more at [rentonwa.gov/emergencies](http://rentonwa.gov/emergencies) or by calling 425-430-7723.

## GREEN IS GOOD

Every day city staff work to make Renton a "Green City." From energy-efficient street lights to recycling construction debris, the city works to lessen the impact on the environment.

Visit [rentonwa.gov/videos](http://rentonwa.gov/videos) to learn more about the efforts.



## Are you recycling right? Here's a test

**PROPER RECYCLING** provides clean, recoverable materials that don't burden the recycling system.



### DO:

#### UNBAG RECYCLABLES.

Bagging items hinders sorting at the recycling facility.

**COLLAPSE CARDBOARD BOXES.** Carts and trucks can accept more recyclables if we flatten all cardboard.

#### EMPTY AND CLEAN CONTAINERS.

Residue in containers causes contamination and may prevent items from being recycled.

#### DO NOT PUT IN RECYCLE BINS:

**LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAP.** They tangle machinery and significantly slow down recycling. Recycle plastic bags at participating grocery stores.

**FOOD-SOILED CONTAINERS.** Dirty take-out containers go in the garbage. Pizza boxes can go in food and yard waste containers, if you have them, or in the garbage.

**STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE.** Styrofoam is not accepted in the city's curbside recycling program. Recycle it at a city recycling event (next event is September 15), at Styro Recycle in Kent, or at Bow Lake Recycling and Transfer Station in Tukwila. You can also drop off Styrofoam packing peanuts for reuse at UPS stores.

For more information on recycling right, apartment and condo residents may visit [rentonwa.gov/multifamily](http://rentonwa.gov/multifamily). Single-family residents may visit [republicservices.com/renton](http://republicservices.com/renton).

## Changes come to transit center



You'll notice two changes at the downtown transit center.

First, six "Big Belly" receptacles have been installed as part of the city's efforts to reduce litter. The cans were provided at no cost by King County/Metro and contain automatic solar powered trash

compactors, allowing the cans to hold five times more waste than a regular waste can.

Second, windscreen panels on several transit shelters have been removed and the seats reconfigured to create a more inviting seating area.

## Specialized Recreation program



The City of Renton has a very strong Specialized Recreation program that offers field trips, sports, and social activities.

So far in 2018, participants have played basketball with the Seattle Storm and football with the Seahawks, attended the National Summer Special Olympics Games, held a prom, toured the Renton

Farmers Market, and assisted the Renton Police Department in establishing the "Take Me Home Program." Later this year are trips to one of Renton's fire stations to learn about hazardous materials and to the Renton Airport, home to the Boeing 737.

To learn more about the program, contact Mary Adams at 425-430-6748.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

What's Happening is your go-to publication for recreational activities produced by the city's Community Services Department. If you're looking for a class, sport, event, or neighborhood program, What's Happening has your information.

Copies are mailed three times a year to residents and are also available at city facilities, libraries, and online at [rentonwa.gov/wh](http://rentonwa.gov/wh).



## Renton goes to the dogs



Renton goes to the dogs on September 22 and 23 when Pooch Plunge and Bark in the Park are combined. "Bark" is free on the 22nd from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside Henry Moses Aquatics Center and features a dog run, vendors, and adoption information.

"Plunge" returns to the aquatics center on both days from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 per dog. Register at [rentonwa.gov/dogs](http://rentonwa.gov/dogs).

## Keep in touch

THE MAYOR'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER was awarded first place in the nation for external newsletters by the National Association of Government Communicators. The newsletter is just one of many ways to keep informed about events and news around the city. Find out how you can subscribe at [rentonwa.gov/cm.u](http://rentonwa.gov/cm.u).



## Culture gets funding

KING COUNTY Councilmembers Reagan Dunn and Dave Upthegrove secured funding from the Building for Culture program to make improvements at both the Renton History Museum and Renton Civic Theatre, greatly benefiting the art scene in Renton. The Renton Historical Society will receive \$23,116 to upgrade the museum and the theater will receive \$78,245 to restore seating and improve accessibility.



## Share yourself with the community

WHETHER IT'S WITH A CITY-SPONSORED or a community group, Renton is in need of individuals who are able to volunteer their time and talents to make our community a premier place to live, work, play, and learn. The city keeps a list of opportunities at [rentonwa.gov/volunteer](http://rentonwa.gov/volunteer).



## Journey of a lifetime

EACH YEAR salmon swim up the Cedar River to their spawning grounds. The Seattle Aquarium is looking for volunteers to help tell their story. No experience is necessary. Contact the aquarium at 206-792-5851 or [salmonjourney@seattleaquarium.org](mailto:salmonjourney@seattleaquarium.org).

# DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR ON SEPT. 29

The city will co-host a free Public Sector Diversity Career Fair on September 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Renton Pavilion Event Center. There will be job application classes, resume and interview assessment, and online application help.

Registration is encouraged: [nwpublicsectorcareers.eventbrite.com](http://nwpublicsectorcareers.eventbrite.com)



## Out in the Community

### “On the Battlefield & the Homefront”

NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 11

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S  
World War I crystallized and clarified Rentonites’ beliefs about citizenship and its duties, and changed Renton forever. [rentonwa.gov/museum](http://rentonwa.gov/museum)

### Renton Multicultural Festival

SEPTEMBER 14, 6–9 P.M.

Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

SEPTEMBER 15, 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

Renton Pavilion Event Ctr, 233 Burnett Ave. S

Join your neighbors in a celebration of Renton’s diversity. [rentonwa.gov/rentonfestival](http://rentonwa.gov/rentonfestival)

### Renton Recycle Day

SEPTEMBER 15, 9 A.M.–3 P.M.

Renton Technical College, 3000 NE Fourth St.

Recycle large and hard-to-recycle items in the north parking lot. [rentonwa.gov/fallrecycle](http://rentonwa.gov/fallrecycle)

### Community Police Academy

SEPT. 18–NOV. 27, 6–8:30 P.M.

Renton City Hall, 1055 S Grady Way

Learn police operations, units, divisions, procedures, and protocols. [rentonwa.gov/cpa](http://rentonwa.gov/cpa)

### Shred-a-thon

SEPTEMBER 22, 9 A.M.–12 P.M.

Boeing 10 Lot, 701 Garden Ave. N

Drive through. Shred up to five boxes of paper (12–15 inches deep, 10 inches high). Canned goods donations will be accepted. [rentonwa.gov/shredathon](http://rentonwa.gov/shredathon)

### Bark in the Park

SEPTEMBER 22, 10 A.M.–1 P.M.

Henry Moses Aquatic Center  
1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

Agility area, booths, adoptions, dog-themed park run, and more. Pets must be leashed, licensed, and well-behaved. [rentonwa.gov/dogs](http://rentonwa.gov/dogs)

### Pooch Plunge

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 9 A.M.–2 P.M.

Henry Moses Aquatic Center  
1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

Let your dog frolic in the pools and float the lazy river! Cost is \$10. [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 16, 6–9 P.M.

Renton Fire Station #14, 1900 Lind Ave. SW

Learn the skills you need to take care of yourself and your community in an emergency. [rentonwa.gov/cert](http://rentonwa.gov/cert)

### Ladies Team Invitational Tourney

SEPTEMBER 27, 9 A.M.

Maplewood GC, 4050 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

2-Lady Best Ball. \$170 per team. Shotgun start. Open to all with a verified USGA handicap. 425-430-6800

### Salmon Journey

OCTOBER WEEKENDS, 11 A.M.–4 P.M.

Various Renton locations

Learn about the salmon’s epic journey from volunteer naturalists along the Cedar River. [rentonwa.gov/salmon](http://rentonwa.gov/salmon)

### “Washington at War”

OCTOBER 11, 6–7 P.M.

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S

The dramatic period of immigration, wartime industrialization, epidemic disease, radical labor, and women’s rights. [rentonwa.gov/museum](http://rentonwa.gov/museum)

### Fall Green and Clean

OCTOBER 13, 8:45–11:30 A.M.

Location TBD

Volunteer opportunity to help maintain a park for all to enjoy. [rentonwa.gov/volunteer](http://rentonwa.gov/volunteer)

### Truck-or-Treating

OCTOBER 19, 6–7:30 P.M.

Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

A uniquely Renton trick-or-treating experience. [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### Olde Fashioned Halloween Party

OCTOBER 27, 1–4 P.M.

Main Street Square

Free games, activities & refreshments. Trick-or-treat at businesses. Doggy costume contest. [rentondowntown.com](http://rentondowntown.com)

## 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
Public Works	425-430-7394
Regional 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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