



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

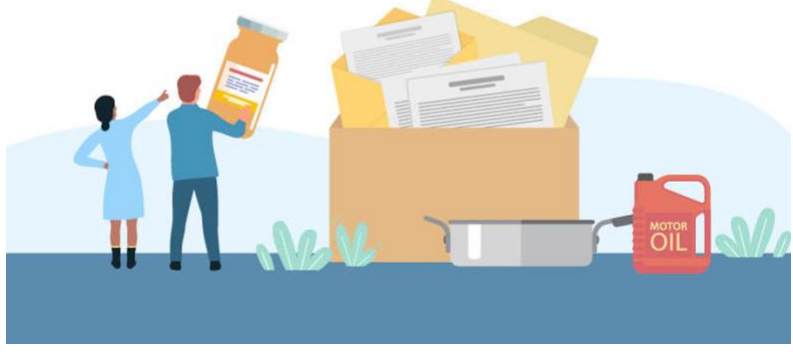
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RECYCLE YOUR SPRING CLEANING



Spring is here; for many of us, that means spring cleaning.

Our [Sustainability and Waste Management Division](#) and [Renton Police Department](#) have several upcoming events to help Renton residents dispose of or recycle unwanted items.

April 15 – [Shred-a-thon & Prescription Drug Takeback](#), 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Renton Memorial Stadium (405 Logan Ave N, 98057). Shred those unwanted documents and turn in unused or expired prescription drugs during Renton PD's annual drive-through event. Officers and staff will unload your vehicle and accept non-perishable food items for donation to local food banks. All items should be placed in your trunk, hatchback, or truck bed.

May 13 – [Metal and Styrofoam Recycle Event](#), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Renton Technical College North Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Avenue NE, 98056). The first of three recycling events from our Sustainability and Waste Management Division.

Shift Green – [Many of the city's auto parts stores](#) take back used motor oil and filters at no cost. The oil collected by these stores is recycled into re-refined oil or burned as bunker fuel, giving your used oil a second life.

Curbside Recycling - When preparing your curbside recyclables, please empty, clean, and dry them before placing them loosely in your cart. Do not place recyclables in garbage totes or plastic bags. Extra recyclables should be placed in containers next to your curbside cart. Our website lists [recycling resources](#) for those items that cannot go in your blue recycle cart.

You can find more [recycling tips and locations on our website](#).

Gift Cards for Guns – King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) is hosting a "Gift Cards for Guns" event on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their Southwest Precinct in Burien (14905 6th Ave SW, Burien, 98166). KCSO aims to reduce the number of firearms in circulation and promote public health and safety. There's [detailed information on their Facebook page](#).

Photo Simulation

Between South 3rd St & S 2nd St – Looking North



Rainier Ave Phase 4 to include nighttime work

Work on [Phase 4 of the Rainier Avenue S Improvement Project](#) will include nighttime work starting as early as the week of April 3. The project includes improvements between S 3rd Street and NW 3rd Place. Adding a night shift will help ensure the safety of workers and the traveling public, especially for work taking place near active travel lanes.

Some temporary driveway impacts are expected for properties in the project area. However, the project's outreach team will provide advanced notice to tenants before any impacts occur and will work with individual businesses and residents to create access plans. In addition, crews will always work to minimize impacts. Please drive slowly and safely through the work zone.



CERT disaster prep classes start on April 20

Our [Emergency Management Division](#) can help your disaster preparedness through their free CERT (Community Emergency Preparedness Team) class. They will cover personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, and team organization through classroom and hands-on training.

Classes are on Thursdays from April 20 to June 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Renton Regional Fire Authority Station 14 (1900 Lind Ave SW 98057). A final drill is Saturday, June 3, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. [Register online](#) using the keyword CERT. Ages 18 and up.



Neighborhood Program resources forum

Our [Neighborhood Programs Division](#) held its initial Neighborhood Forum last Saturday.

The forum showcased and explained available city resources. Attendees spent most of the meeting in small groups talking with representatives from nine city divisions: city attorney, community & economic development, equity, housing, and human services, executive services, parks and recreations, police, and public works. They also heard from Mayor Armondo Pavone on establishing effective two-way communications between the city and residents.

The Neighborhood Program also announced four city-wide themed picnics:

- **April 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Thomas Teasdale Park (601 S 23rd St.) "Sustainability"
- **May 20, 12 to 3 p.m.**, Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy) "Grad Party & Job Fair"
- **June 23, 4 to 7 p.m.**, Cascade Elementary School (16022 116th Ave SE) "U.N. Public Service Day"
- **July 19, 5 to 8 p.m.**, Renton High School (400 S 2nd St.) "Celebrate Renton!"

The Neighborhoods Program will continue to support events hosted by individual neighborhoods.



City hiring for summer

The [Parks and Recreation Department](#) is hiring for various summer positions for Henry Moses Aquatic Center (HMAC), Maplewood Golf Course, parks, and camps. Our website contains [complete job descriptions, requirements, physical demands, work environment, and selection process.](#)

Applications for all positions are reviewed as they are received, so apply today.



Arts and Culture Grants available

Renton Municipal Arts Commission offers grants for individuals and groups not served by our annual Community Arts Support Program. Applications for this round must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on April 21, 2023. Grant winners will be announced in June.

Please carefully review the [Grant Guidelines](#) before applying. Please reach out via the contact information in the guidelines if you have questions.



Business funding opportunities

Our Community & Economic Development Department has information on these business funding opportunities:

Washington Hospitality Grant

This grant is [available to restaurants, bars, food trucks, caterers, hotels, wineries, and similar businesses.](#) The application deadline is April 6.

Black Founder Startup Grant

SoGal Foundation has teamed up with Winky Lux, Blue mercury, TwelveNYC, Walmart org's Center for Racial Equity, and other sponsors to make a small step towards progress by [providing \\$10K and \\$5K cash grants to Black women or nonbinary entrepreneurs.](#)

Linked Deposit Loan Program

[Affordable capital for firms currently certified by the state's Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises](#) as Minority Business Enterprises, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Women's Business Enterprise, or Combined Business Enterprise.

Small Business Flex Fund Loans

Small businesses and nonprofits [can apply for a low-interest loan of up to \\$150,000](#) to finance expansion, growth, and recovery from the pandemic and subsequent economic slowdown.



Mondays – [Free Community Grocery Store](#), St. Matthews Church (1700 Edmonds Ave NE), 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Presented by Sustainable Renton.

Free Museum Days – First Wednesday and third Saturday monthly, [Renton History Museum](#) (235 Mill Ave. S), 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

April 1 – Downtown Spring Clean, Cheers (201 Williams Ave. S), 9 – 11 a.m. Renton Downtown Partnership. [Register online](#).

Erasmus Celebration Events

April 1 to 15 – Dragon Scavenger Hunt. Four precious dragon eggs are hidden across the city. [Register to receive the clues](#) and use your keen eye, sharp wit, and courage to find them. The hunt ends when all four eggs have been found. Winners receive their prizes on April 15.



Dragon Eggs

April 2 – [Renton Downtown Dragon Pub Crawl](#), Rain City Market (700 S. 3rd St.), 1 – 4 p.m. Visit multiple stops with samples and specials downtown. The \$25 ticket includes a commemorative cup and taste or drink specials.

April 15 – [Dragon Dash 5K/10K Fun Run & Walk](#), 10 a.m. Open to competitive and fun runners, walkers, and families. Start downtown at Erasmus (826 S 3rd St.) and end at Henry Moses Aquatic Center (1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy). [Early bird registration is open](#). Cost: \$28 for 5K; \$38 for 10K. Register before April 7 and receive a long-sleeved t-shirt.

April 7 – [Renton Library Resource Days](#), Renton Library (100 Mill Ave. S). For community members in need of support. Local service providers on hand to assist with healthcare, legal aid, obtaining a phone, and more. Gently used clothes, hygiene kits and a free lunch will be available.

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June 10 – [Mattress, Box Spring, Cardboard, Styrofoam & Tire Recycling](#), Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Non-perishable food items collected for distribution to Renton-area food banks.

Sept. 9 – [Styrofoam & Document Shred Recycling](#), Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Non-perishable food items collected for distribution to Renton-area food banks.

NEWS



In other news this week

A recap of the news posted on the city's social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#),

[Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

[Arts in Renton](#)

[City Council](#) (agendas, documents, and meeting video)

[Parks Projects](#) (Arnold, Coulon, Kiwanis)

[Pet Microchipping](#) (free for Renton residents)

[Rainier Avenue S Phase 4](#) construction project

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events for January to April)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Traffic Projects](#) (information on impact projects)