



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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You'll find something for almost every age and interest in [Let's Go, Renton!](#) our recreation guide for May through August.

[Registration is now open](#) for a limited number of classes, camps, and activities offered by our recreation division and partners. Registration for all offerings opens on April 26.

For the children, there are art classes, SAFE babysitting classes, fitness (from Hip Hop to gymnastics), and clinics in soccer, volleyball, softball, and flag football. In addition, there are week-long day camps at Highlands Neighborhood Center and Liberty Park and specialty camps at Renton Community Center.

Adaptive Recreation offerings include Trivia Nights, Club Nights, Carco Theatre Movie Nights, and three barrier-free hiking trips. In addition, there are two after-hours swim events at Henry Moses Aquatic Center, softball, pickleball, and fitness classes.

For adults, we offer women's self-defense, belly dancing, fitness (dance, cardio, body sculpt), art, and sports leagues (coed softball, kickball).

Our seniors (50+) can enjoy day trips, luncheons, and events at the Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, dances (Line, Belly), and fitness classes at the senior center and our AARP Renton Fitlot exercise area at North Highlands Park.

[Course fee scholarships are available](#) for those 18 or younger, 50 and older, and Adaptive Recreation participants. This program is funded entirely through generous donations from individuals, service organizations, businesses, and grants.

The guide also contains information on a summer full of activities in the city: Renton River Days, concerts and movies in the park, Renton Farmers Market, and our annual Memorial Day and Juneteenth celebrations.

It's never too early to start making plans for summer, so please take a moment and look through *Let's Go, Renton!*



City-wide picnic is Sunday; "Sustainability" is the theme

The first of four city-wide picnics hosted by our [Neighborhood Program](#) is Sunday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at [Thomas Teasdale Park](#). The picnic's

theme is "Sustainability" and will include representatives from the Environmental Science Center.

There will be free hot dogs with vegetarian options, lawn games, and live music from D-Generic, a Renton-based acoustic rock band.



Renton River Days update

Parade

Now accepting applications to participate in the 2023 [Renton River Days parade](#). The parade is Saturday, July 22, at 10 a.m. on S 3rd Street through downtown. This year's theme is "Where Community Grows."

All entries should represent the family, child, and senior-friendly nature of the Renton River Days Festival. Details are available in the application.

Advisory Board

We're recruiting for open positions on the [Renton River Days Advisory Board](#). Applications are [available on the city's website](#), at [Renton Community Center](#) (1715 Maple Valley Highway, 98057), [Don Persson Senior Activity Center](#) (211 Burnett Ave. N, 98057), or by calling 425-430-6700 to have one mailed. Applications can also be completed online.

Unless submitted online, return completed applications to Jennifer Spencer at the Community Center, or mail them to the City of Renton, Mayor's Office, Renton City Hall, 7th Floor, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. All applications must be received (or submitted online) by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

For more information on the parade or advisory board, contact the [Parks and Recreation Department](#) at 425-430-6600 or parksandrec@rentonwa.gov.

The Renton River Days event is held from July 21-23.



RPD welcomes five new officers

Please help us welcome the following officers to the Renton Police Department family!

Officer Nate Brown joins as an entry-level officer. He grew up in Olympia and earned a degree in Criminal Justice and Investigative Criminology from Seattle University.

Officer Steven Fajarillo is a lateral officer, joining the department after several years with Auburn police.

Officer Maria Fernandes is a lateral officer, joining the department after 3-1/2 years in Auburn police's patrol division. She attended Gonzaga University and, following graduation, committed herself to public service.

Officer Ben Flick is another lateral officer, joining us after working for the Seattle and Cle Elum police departments. He also served several years in the National Guard.

Officer Whitney Nelson joins as an entry-level officer, having spent several years in the private sector working

in private security, loss prevention, and employee protection.



Pitch competition winners announced

Three contestants participating in the Main Street Entrepreneur Pitch competition won \$5,000 each to expand or start their businesses as winners in Tuesday night's live pitch session held at Renton Civic Theatre.

The winners were:

- **Start-Up/Idea:** Alisha Malcolm, owner, Dog N' Pony
- **Early:** Sarah Cabarteja, creator, Down The Ave LLC
- **Established:** Alina Muratova, owner, Sweet Nothings and More

An audience vote earned a \$1,000 People's Choice award for Mary Wu and her pitch for Coby's Café.

As an extra incentive, the category winners can earn an additional \$5,000 if they sign a business lease for a storefront downtown by October 15, 2023. In all, 19 businesses made three-minute pitches to a three-person panel of judges.

The competition was made possible by grant funding from the [Port of Seattle's Economic Development Partnership Program](#) to the City of Renton. Hosted by Renton Downtown Partnership in collaboration with the City of Renton and sponsored by VAULT 89, Lane Powell, and Renton Civic Theatre; a total of 67 business owners and entrepreneurs competed over the course of two months.



545 households utilize Shred-a-thon

Renton Police Department's annual Shred-A-Thon, Prescription Drug Take Back & Food Drive last Saturday was a great success:

- 545 households participated.
- 13.5 tons of sensitive documents were shredded.
- 289.92 lbs. of prescription drugs were collected and safely disposed of.
- 1,434 lbs. of food and \$907 were collected and donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Thanks to all our residents who took advantage of the event. A special thank you to our volunteers and community partners who made it all possible: Iron Mountain, Drug Enforcement Administration, and The Salvation Army Renton Corps.

EVENTS & Activities



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 23 – [Neighborhood Picnic](#), Thomas Teasdale Park (601 S 23rd St.) 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Theme: “Sustainability”

April 26 – Electric Vehicle Workshop, [Zoom](#), 5:30-6:30 p.m. The future of charging electric vehicles.

April 28 – Pop-Up Lunch, 126 S. Logan Ave. N, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sponsored by the SOS/Food Lifeline Pop-up. Regularly held on Fridays through December 2023.

May 12 – [Renton Library Resource Days](#), Renton Library (100 Mill Ave. S). For community members in need of support. Local service providers will be 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.

May 13 – [Metal & Styrofoam 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.

May 20 – Neighborhood Picnic, Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 12 to 3 p.m. Theme: “Grad Party & Job Fair”

June 6 – [Renton Farmers Market](#), Opening Day, Piazza Park (233 Burnett Ave S), 3-7 p.m.

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.

June 23 – Neighborhood Picnic, Cascade Elementary School (16022 116th Ave SE), 4 to 7 p.m. Theme: “U.N. Public Service Day”

July 19 – Neighborhood Picnic, Renton High School (400 S 2nd St.), 5 to 8 p.m. Theme: “Celebrate Renton!”

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.



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](#)

[Bronson Way Bridge](#): closure for seismic retrofit project

[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 May to August)

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[Summer Employment Opportunities](#)

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