



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Remember & Honor

Memorial Day Ceremony, May 29, 1 pm, Veterans Memorial Park

To honor the brave men and women who have lost their lives in service to our country, please join Frank R. Vaise, VFW Post #1263, Fred Hancock, American Legion Post #19, and Renton city staff at our annual [Memorial Day ceremony](#) on Monday, May 29, at 1 p.m. in [Veterans Memorial Park](#) (523 S. Third St.).

The featured speaker is Col. Jack Mushallo, brigade commander with the Army National Guard. Col. Mushallo commands a multifunctional 1,200-soldier brigade that includes chemical, cavalry, explosive ordnance disposal, Military Police, transportation, engineering, digital liaison, and an Army band. VFW Post #1263 in Renton will serve as the Honor Guard. In addition, we will present wreaths representing each branch of service, first responders, and MIAs.

The program also includes welcomes from Mayor Armondo Pavone and Darrell Pilat from VFW Post #1263 in Renton. In addition, Lindbergh High School students senior Devin Bounyavong-Santos and sophomore Alana Edwards will also sing our National Anthem and America The Beautiful.

Next door to Veterans Park, Renton History Museum offers free admission and is open before and after the ceremony, from 12 to 3 p.m. Their feature exhibit is "People of the Inside," the story of the Duwamish before and after white settlers came to Renton.

With the [closure of the Bronson Way Bridge](#), detours are in place.

Our special thanks to Frank R. Vaise, VFW Post #1263, and Fred Hancock, American Legion Post #19, for their leading roles in the program.

All city facilities are closed on May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.



Career Fair: Unite your talent with opportunity

The eighth annual [Renton Career Fair](#) is Wednesday, June 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Renton Technical College's cafeteria (3000 NE 4th St., 98056). Over 50 businesses and organizations in various fields, including business, childcare, construction, healthcare, manufacturing, and transportation, will be in attendance and looking to recruit, interview, and hire.

Free parking is available at the college. Metro bus route 105 also serves the college.

The City of Renton, Renton Chamber of Commerce, and Renton Technical College are career fair co-sponsors.



Sip & Strut Wine Walk is June 2

In coordination with the Renton Downtown Partnership, the Renton LGBTQIA+ community hosts "[Sip & Strut](#)," a community event and wine walk on Friday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Take advantage of this fabulous celebration of community and inclusivity. The event includes a free resource fair and vendor market for all ages. Get your [advance wine walk tickets for \\$35](#) (\$40 at the door).



2022 Pride Flag raising

Pride Flag Raising on June 5

Please join us on Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m. as we celebrate Pride Month by raising the Pride Flag over City Hall. Starbucks will provide refreshments. Later that evening, Mayor Armondo Pavone will issue a proclamation designating June as Pride Month in Renton during the Renton City Council meeting.



Chinese Information Service Center opens Renton office

On Friday, Mayor Armondo Pavone joined executive director Michael Itti to open a [Chinese Information Service Center](#) office in Renton ([725 Powell Ave. SW, 98057](#)). This new location will expand its outreach programs to Renton residents, including their South King County Family Resource Center, which provides early childhood education and family services for immigrant communities in the region.



Mayor Pavone and human resources/risk management administrator Ellen Bradley-Mak (left) present the Employee LifeSaving Award to Brenda Garcia. Brenda successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on LeStacia Kinlow (right) last November.

Employee Life-Saving Award

At Monday's Renton City Council meeting, Mayor Pavone and human resources/risk management administrator Ellen Bradley-Mak presented the Employee LifeSaving Award to Brenda Garcia. Brenda successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver on LeStacia Kinlow last November. Brenda and LeStacia work for the city's municipal court.

This was the third time Brenda had successfully utilized the Heimlich to save a life.



Mayor Pavone presents the National Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 2) proclamation to Laura Meyer and other members of Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America.

Proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day

On or around June 4 each year, [Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America](#) asks that we wear orange in honor of all victims and survivors of gun violence.

Friends of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton chose orange, the dominant color hunters wear so other hunters can see them.

Hadiya was shot in the back and killed while standing with friends at a park in January 2013. One week earlier, she performed at President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

Mayor Pavone has proclaimed June 2 [National Gun Violence Awareness Day](#) in Renton. He urges everyone to wear orange to show their support.



Mayor Pavone presents the National Public Works Week proclamation to city public works administrator Martin Pastucha.

Proclamation: National Public Works Week

May 21-27 is [National Public Works Week](#) in Renton. Last week's newsletter [highlighted the public works department's divisions](#) and their daily impact on our residents' lives.

National Public Works Week is the perfect time to spotlight the many ways these talented and dedicated professionals work to make Renton a first-class city. From preventive maintenance to fiscal responsibility, they constantly put the need of our residents first. Here are two prime examples:



Road construction project at Hardie Avenue SW.

Preventative pothole maintenance

The scourge of drivers and vehicles, our streets maintenance division is committed to providing smooth, pothole-free roadways. One of their strategies is repairing roads before potholes form. This week, they're working on one of their more extensive projects, repairing Hardie Avenue SW where it meets Martin Luther King Jr. Way. In one day, they applied just short of 210 tons of asphalt. A typical day sees them use between 80 and 100 tons.

In 2022, streets maintenance crews temporarily repaired just under 500 potholes within 24 hours of their reporting. When weather conditions don't allow for a full repair, temporary fixes are applied. Crews return during the spring and summer to make permanent repairs.

When winter weather hits, these same crews switch gears to ensure safe streets by applying anti-icer and plowing our streets.

You can help by reporting potholes or road damage via [Renton Responds](#). Also, please remember to slow down when passing through work zones.



Rolling Hills reservoir.

Fiscal responsibility

When bids from contractors to repaint ground-level water reservoir tanks at Rolling Hills, South Talbot, and Mount Olivet topped \$600,000 for each site, water maintenance crews decided to do the work themselves. As a result, not only do the reservoirs have a fresh look, the total cost for all three was approximately \$60,000.

These are just two of many examples of the pride and dedication public works employees have for their jobs.



Renton River Days: Get Involved

Renton's annual family festival and community celebration returns to its pre-COVID three-day run of familiar family-friendly events, plus exciting new ones on July 21-23.

Parade: [Applications are being accepted](#) for participation in the Renton River Days parade, sponsored by Brotherton Cadillac, on Saturday, July 22, at 10 a.m.

Sponsorship: Promote your company and build community. Email rentonriverdays@rentonwa.gov to become a festival sponsor.

Summer Bazaar: [Vendor applications](#) are being accepted for the 2023 Summer Bazaar at Renton Community Center, Friday through Sunday.

Community Booths: Booths are available for non-profits. [All participants](#) must provide an activity that represents families, children, and senior populations.

Volunteering: Several volunteer opportunities are available over all three days of the event. [Details and times are on our website](#) under the "One-Time Volunteer Opportunities" tab.



Major roadway construction projects

The most current information on major road construction projects in the city:

- [Bronson Way N seismic retrofit](#)
- [Rainier Avenue S Phase 4](#) (underway)
- [Park Avenue N extension](#) (surveying)
- [Traffic Projects](#) (Public Works and Community & Economic Development projects)



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.

May 26 – Pop-Up Lunch, 126 Logan Ave. N, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., sponsored by SOS/Food Lifeline Pop-up. Free.

May 29 – [Memorial Day Ceremony](#), Veterans Memorial Park (1000 S 3rd St.), 1 p.m.

June 6 – [Renton Farmers Market](#) Opening Day, Piazza Park (233 Burnett Ave. S), 3-7 p.m. The market is every Tuesday through Sept. 26.

June 6 – [Downtown Renton Civic Core Vision and Action Plan](#) Open House, Renton Event Center (233 Burnett Ave. S), 3-7 p.m. Adjacent to Renton Farmers Market. On display will be active projects recommended by the Downtown Civic Core Vision and Action Plan. Your input can help design a new greenway trail and arts/culture space. Refreshments will be provided, and there's a scavenger hunt.

June 7 – [Renton Career Fair](#), Renton Technical College, Roberts Campus Center (3000 NE 4th St.), 3-6 p.m.

June 10 – [Mattress, Box Spring, Cardboard, Styrofoam, and 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 11 – [Juneteenth Celebration Concert](#), Renton City Concert Band, Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St), 2 p.m. Renton City Concert Band with conductor Michael Simpson. Tickets are \$10 (adults) and \$7 (students & 50+). Purchase tickets on the day of the performance or before at Renton Community Center or Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center.

June 23 – [Neighborhood BBQ](#), Cascade Elementary School (16022 116th Ave. SE), 4-7 p.m. Theme: Public Servant Recognition.

June 25 – [Reclaiming Our Greatness](#), Juneteenth Celebration, Liberty Park (1101 Bronson Way), 12-5 p.m.

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

July 21-23 – [Renton River Days](#).

August 12 – [Cruz the Loop](#), Renton Pavilion/Piazza Park, 6-9 p.m. Early bird registration is \$30 through 9 a.m. on July 12 and is \$40 through August 4 or until the event is sold out.

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](#) project

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

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

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

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

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

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[RPD Youth Academy](#) (June 26-28. Free for middle school students)

[Summer Employment Opportunities](#)

[Traffic Projects](#) (impactful traffic projects)