



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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New Delivery Day

This Week in Renton is now delivered on Wednesdays. This change will provide information from our city council meetings in a timely manner and give TWIR readers more time to plan for weekend events and activities.

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It's not a cliché that it takes a community to stage an event as big as Renton River Days successfully. From the first planning session to collecting the last rubber ducks as they cross the finish line, hundreds of Renton residents have contributed their time and talents to ensure the success of this community festival.

River Days is also possible because of the assistance of our sponsors. Their generous contributions of time, money, and support are sincerely appreciated.

We want to thank several sponsors for participating in this year's festival:

- **Boeing** (presenting sponsor)
- **Brotherton Cadillac** (parade sponsor)
- **Kenworth** (festival sponsor)
- **McLendon Hardware** (festival sponsor)

In addition, we thank our sponsors supporting the ActivityZone, along with tactical resources to help staff throughout the festival, including golf carts and shade tents:

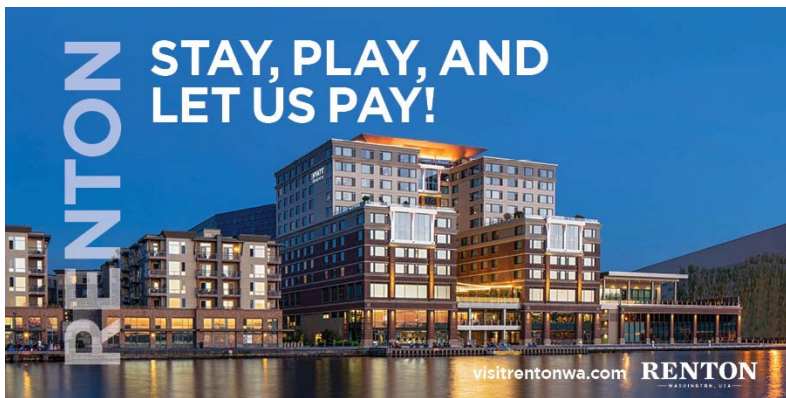
- **BECU**
- **Global Credit Union**
- **Jacuzzi Bath Remodel of Seattle**
- **Premier Martial Arts Fairwood**
- **Renton Rotary**
- **Walker's Renton Subaru & Walker's Renton Mazda**

Finally, thanks to these organizations and businesses for sponsoring the specialized events:

- **Rain City Catering:** Craft Beer & Wine Garden at Liberty Park
- **Renton Downtown Partnership:** Lucky Duck Poker Walk and Pub Crawl downtown
- **Renton Lions Club:** Saturday's Pancake Breakfast
- **Local Puget Sound Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, and Volkswagen Car Clubs:** Deutsch-Marque Show
- **Volkssport Interlaken Trailblazers:** Volkssports 5K, 10K & 15K 'Explore Renton' Fun Walks
- **Renton Rotary:** Rubber Ducky Derby

Still want to support or get involved in the festival? Sign up to volunteer for a task on any of the three days. Find all [scheduled activities on our website](#).

Renton River Days offers live music, food, and activities for the whole family. The festival runs from Friday, July 21, through Sunday, July 23 across multiple locations, including Liberty Park, Henry Moses Aquatic Center, Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, and Renton Community Center.



Stay and Play in Renton

With summer in full swing, take a little downtime and slow down to explore Renton's local charms. Plan a staycation for the whole family and take advantage of the Main Street Money program.

The program gives local hotel guests \$50 in free 'Main Street Money' to use at partnering downtown restaurants and shops when booking a two-night stay at a participating Renton hotel.

This limited-time offer is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is valid from April 20, 2023, to September 30, 2023 (dates subject to change).

Main Street Money provides an incentive to visit and encourages participants to support local businesses and contribute to community growth. Explore the diverse range of participating businesses and experience all Renton's downtown district offers.

The program is a partnership with the Washington State Main Street Program, Renton Downtown Partnership, and the city's Community Economic and Development Department.



Sunset neighborhood's highly anticipated Solera residence, business and community project tops out

The final beam was placed at the Solera project last Friday as elected officials and teams involved in the planning and construction watched. This "topping out" milestone brings the project closer to Renton having another high-quality, affordable housing option.

Solera is a crucial part of the Sunset Area Redevelopment Plan and a significant investment in the community. Once complete, the project will provide 686 new residential units, including affordable housing, market-rate units, townhome ownership, 5,800 square feet of commercial real estate, 9,000 square feet of childcare, and over 1,000 new parking stalls.

Located along Sunset Blvd. NE between NE 100th St. and Kirkland Ave. NE, Solera's anticipated opening day is in 2024. Visit the Solera website.



(Left to right) – Kelly Beymer, parks and recreation administrator; Roberta Graver, administrative assistant; Cailín Hunsaker, parks & trails director; Carrie Nass, recreation director; Erica Schmitz, parks planning & natural resources director; Mayor Armondo Pavone; Elizabeth Stewart, museum manager; and Steve Meyers, Maplewood Golf Course manager.

Get Ready to Celebrate: July is Parks and Recreation Month in Renton!

Mayor Armondo Pavone officially designated July as Parks and Recreation Month in Renton, highlighting the incredible impact our Parks and Recreation Department has on our community. Get ready to dive into a month full of active fun and recreational opportunities for Renton.

The dedicated team behind our Parks and Recreation Department includes individuals representing different areas of the department, including:

- Cailín Hunsaker, Parks & Trails Director
- Carrie Nass, Recreation Director
- Erica Schmitz, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director
- Liz Stewart, Renton History Museum Manager
- Steve Meyers, Maplewood Golf Course Manager
- Roberta Graver, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

"This team does an amazing amount of work, a lot of hard work out in our neighborhoods, our parks, our trails, our open spaces, our events, programs, golf course, museum. They just provide a lot for the public to enjoy," said Kelly Beymer, City of Renton Parks & Recreation Administrator.

Their hard work and dedication ensure that Renton residents can access numerous recreational activities, including hiking trails, swimming pools, dance, art, summer camps, sports, and other programs that promote active and healthy lifestyles.

Beyond individual health benefits, Renton's ongoing park improvement projects create long-lasting economic impacts on the community. Increased property values, the development of the local tax base, growth in area tourism, and a reduction in crime rates are just some ways parks and natural recreation areas benefit the local community.

Our parks and natural spaces serve as an ecological wonder and a place for children and adults to reconnect with nature and recreate outdoors.

To learn more about the department's initiatives and activities, visit the [Parks and Recreation Department website](#).



Coulon swim beach closed due high bacteria

Due to high bacteria levels recorded at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Public Health – Seattle & King County has closed the swim beach until further notice. For your safety, please follow directions on all posted signs. Updates and more information are available on [King County's website](#).



Bronson Bridge reopens today

Phases II and III of the Bronson Way Bridge seismic retrofit and deck maintenance project will be completed today (July 12), and the bridge will reopen this afternoon. These seismic improvements to the bridge were crucial for the safety of drivers and hadn't been performed since 1939.

During the closure, crews completed a seismic retrofit to the steel main span. In addition, they installed new elastomeric bearing pads and compression seal expansion joints. The roadway received a waterproofing membrane and a new asphalt overlay.

We know major roadway construction projects like this are an inconvenience to residents and businesses. We appreciate the community's patience while we completed this much-needed public safety project.

Our appreciation also goes to our Transportation Systems Division staff, who work diligently with contractors to

ensure projects are completed efficiently and with minimum disruption to traffic flow.



Don't miss it! Last neighborhood BBQ of 2023 on July 19

Renton's citywide Neighborhood BBQs have been a hit throughout this summer. There's still one last chance to join the fun—our final celebration happens next week on Wednesday, July 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Renton High School.

Our Neighborhood Program has organized three fantastic BBQs, each with a unique theme. From discussions on sustainability to emergency planning management, good food, and live music, these BBQs have provided a tremendous opportunity for city staff and residents to exchange ideas and discuss community needs.

The theme for our final BBQ is the iconic 1950s. Look forward to an incredible evening filled with live music by Steve Aliment, face painting, complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers, and an outdoor movie screening of the beloved classic *Grease*. Get in the spirit by wearing a poodle skirt or letterman's jacket—we hope to see everybody out!



WSDOT announces Lind Avenue Bridge replacement dates

WSDOT will begin work later this summer repairing the Lind Avenue SW bridge after being damaged in June 2022 by a truck pulling a backhoe. Closed since then, this project will restore the structural integrity of the bridge.

During this project, slated for completion in winter 2024, the entire north span and part of the south span of the bridge will be replaced.

I-405 will experience several closure dates necessary to complete the project. Detour routes in place. Closures will include:

- A weekend-long southbound closure to demolish the damaged section
- Six to eight nighttime southbound closures to place girders and rebuild the bridge deck
- Single and double-lane closures in both directions

Please visit the [WSDOT project page](#) for the most current updates.

2023 RESIDENT SURVEY

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



Your chance to give the city feedback

The city surveys our community every two to four years. Survey results provide important feedback to help understand resident and business experience with city services. It also helps advise city leaders on which future

projects and services will best serve the community. These results help:

- Evaluate our performance
- Inform our performance-based budgeting process
- Understand the priorities of our residents and businesses to establish city priorities
- Help shape the future of Renton

Renton residents with questions, or those interested in taking the survey, can email rentonsurvey@rentonwa.gov.

Participation makes a difference—thank you to all for completing the survey!

Mondays – Free Community Grocery Store, St. Matthews



Church (1700 Edmonds Ave. NE), 5:30–7:30 p.m. Presented by Sustainable Renton.

Tuesdays – [Renton Farmers Market](#), [Piazza Park](#), 3-7 p.m. through September 26.

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

July 14 – [Summer Outdoor Movie Series: Jurassic World Dominion](#), Liberty Park (1101 Bronson Way N). The movie starts at dusk. Free.

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

July 21-23 – [Renton River Days](#).

July 26 – [Family Fun Entertainment Series: Musical Trip Around the World](#), Heritage Park (233 Union Ave. NE), 12:30 -2:30 p.m. Free.

July 28 – [Summer Outdoor Movie Series: Luca](#), Henry Moses Aquatic Center (1719 Maple Valley Hwy). The movie starts at dusk. A \$10 fee and [registration required](#). Use the keywords 'Summer Movie.'

August 12 – [Cruz the Loop](#), Renton Pavilion Event Center/Piazza Park (233 Burnett Ave. S), 6-9 p.m. Early bird registration is \$30 through 9 a.m. on July 12 and \$40 through August 4 or until sold out. Free to attend.

September 9 – [Styrofoam & Document Shred Recycling](#), Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Avenue NE), 10 a.m.–2 p.m. City staff will collect non-perishable food items 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. 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](#)

[Summer Employment Opportunities](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)

