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Starting Friday, August 18, from 10 p.m. through Monday, August 21, 5 a.m., all northbound and southbound lanes on I-405 <u>will be closed</u> between Sunset Boulevard Northeast and Coal Creek Parkway as part of the I-405 Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project. Lane and ramp closures include:

- Sunset Boulevard Northeast on-ramp to northbound I-405
- All ramps at N 30th St to I-405
- All ramps at NE 44th St to I-405
- All ramps at 112th Avenue SE/Lake Washington Boulevard SE (Exit 9) to I-405
- Coal Creek Parkway SE on-ramp to southbound I-405

During the final stages of the project, I-405 will again be closed in September. Starting at 5 a.m. on Friday, September 8, through Monday, September 11, 5 a.m., all northbound and southbound I-405 lanes will be closed between Coal Creek Parkway and Sunset Boulevard Northeast. Lane and ramp closures include:

- Sunset Boulevard Northeast on-ramp to northbound I-405
- All ramps at North 30th Street to I-405
- All ramps at Northeast 44th Street to I-405
- Northeast 44th Street over I-405
- All ramps at 112th Avenue Southeast/Lake Washington Boulevard Southeast (Exit 9) to I-405
- Coal Creek Parkway Southeast on-ramp to southbound I-405

Please check the <u>WSDOT I-405 construction updates</u> webpage for the most up-to-date information.



Stage 2 Burn Ban effective immediately across King County

In response to continued hot and dry weather throughout King County, the King County Fire Chiefs Association and the Association of King County Fire Marshals have implemented a Stage 2 Burn Ban.

The ban prohibits all outdoor fires, including recreational campfires, pellet fire pits, cooking, and ceremonial fires. The ban will remain in effect until further notice.

The ban does not include propane or natural-gas-fired grills, fireplaces, fire tables, enclosed pellet cooking smokers, and other gas-fired appliances.

For more information regarding the ban, visit the <u>Renton</u> <u>Regional Fire Authority website.</u>



Celebrating Boeing & the Renton Schools Foundation's partnership: Investing in math education

The real-world application of math fundamentals can be found everywhere, from the thrilling display of the Blue Angels soaring over Renton to everyday activities like grocery shopping.

Earlier this month, <u>The Boeing Company</u> provided a \$250,000 grant to <u>Renton Schools Foundation</u> to support third- to eighth grade <u>Renton School District</u> students in building a solid foundation in mathematics. This collaboration represents a significant investment in the community's future and the success of Renton students.

As a long-standing employer in Renton, Boeing supports Renton students through the <u>Core Plus Aerospace</u> <u>Program</u>. Core Plus is training specific to manufacturing aircraft and engineering industries. It allows high school students in Washington to get a jump start on careers. The program has led to direct employment post-graduation for roughly 1,000 Washington students, including several Renton students.

With the backing of Boeing, Renton Schools Foundation, Renton School District, and the community, these partnerships can ensure students have the resources and support necessary to reach their full potential.



Join the Renton Municipal Arts Commission and shape Renton's arts scene

Fire hydrants, live music, and dragons on buildings—the <u>Renton Municipal Arts Commission</u> contributes to the city's art scene in vibrant, inventive, and creative ways. The commission seeks individuals committed to making Renton a place for arts and culture to thrive.

Commissioners will:

- Influence art initiatives
- Build community
- Grow professionally

<u>Apply online by August 31 to be considered.</u>



South King Housing and Homelessness Partners' Housing Capital Fund: Investing \$6 million in affordable housing

As members of <u>South King Housing and Homelessness</u> <u>Partners (SKHHP)</u>, the City of Renton shares the vision and recognizes the importance of providing high-quality housing for all individuals and families.

SKHHP recently announced the launch of the second year of the <u>SKHHP Housing Capital Fund</u>, with \$6 million available to fund affordable housing. The fund invests in developing and preserving affordable homes within the community.

The city contributes annually to the fund to address the critical need for accessible housing options and create a thriving community for everyone in South King County.



Celebrate the new school year with Communities In Schools Renton-Tukwila Back-To-School Block Party this weekend

Communities In Schools Renton-Tukwila (CISRT) will host their annual <u>Back-To-School Block Party</u> on August 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Liberty Park, 1101 Bronson Way N. This free event is open to all students and families in Renton. The event will provide back-to-school necessities, including free haircuts, backpacks, school supplies, and more.

The city thanks CISRT and the entire community whose involvement and support make events like this possible. Through these partnerships, students thrive academically and personally.

CISRT's dedication to providing Renton students with the resources and systems they need for a successful school year makes all the difference.

King County invites public input on Cemetary Pond wetland to help design future 'Stormwater Park' Your input is requested for the: COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Participate in community feedback opportunities

Stay informed and have a say in King County's Cemetery Pond restoration efforts. Join the <u>virtual open house</u> on Tuesday, August 22, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. County staff will present the draft design and planned Stormwater Park ideas. For those unable to attend the open house, feedback can also be submitted through the <u>survey</u>.

In Renton, community preparation for large-scale emergencies is of the utmost importance. The Emergency Management Division values public input and actively seeks resident feedback on the city's <u>2023 Comprehensive</u> <u>Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)</u>. The plan covers 15 essential support functions. It outlines critical elements of emergency preparedness and community safety. Interested? Please provide feedback before August 24.



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

Tuesdays – <u>Renton Farmers Market</u>, <u>Piazza Park</u>, 3-7 p.m. through September 26.

Free Museum Days – First Wednesday and third Saturday monthly, <u>Renton History Museum</u> (235 Mill Ave. S), 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

August 17 – <u>Summer Concert Series: The Kennydales,</u> Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Washington Blvd N), 7-8:30 p.m. Free.

August 31 – <u>Summer Concert Series: Soul Searching Band,</u> Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Washington Blvd N), 7-8:30 p.m. Free.

September 9 – <u>Recycling Event: Styrofoam & Document</u> <u>Shredding</u>, Renton Technical College (North Parking Lot NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last recycling event of the year. Food donations will be collected.

September 15 – <u>Free Fall CERT Class registration closes.</u> <u>Search the keyword " Emergency."</u> Classes start September 21, with the final drill on Saturday, November 4, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

In other news this week



A recap of the news posted on the city,'s social media accounts. Find us (@cityofrenton) on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, & <u>Twitter</u>. Renton residents can also find us on <u>Nextdoor</u>.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Arts in Renton

City Council (agendas, documents, and meeting video)

Parks Projects (Arnold, Coulon)

Pet Microchipping (free for Renton residents)

Rainier Avenue South Phase 4 construction project

<u>Recreation Guide</u> (classes, activities, leagues & events for May to August)

Report issues via Renton Responds

Traffic Construction Projects