



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

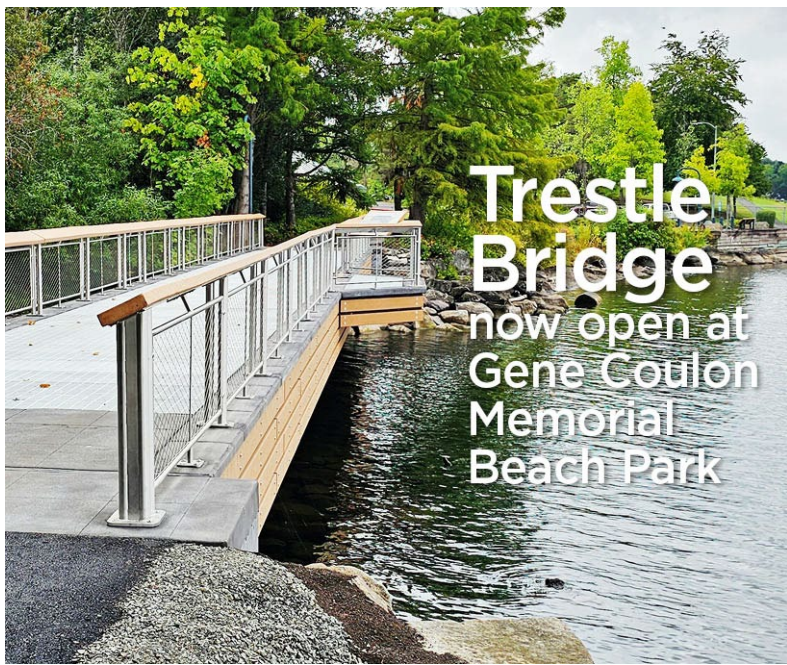
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Trestle Bridge now open at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

The Trestle Bridge at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park opened this afternoon. The city's recent structural assessment indicated the bridge needed a complete replacement to keep park patrons safe.

The much-loved pedestrian trail and connection within the park now offers a new ADA-accessible clear-span steel bridge and light-penetrating decking. These additions will provide a unique viewpoint along the pedestrian trail, accommodate emergency access and park maintenance vehicles, and enhance fish habitat.

The project was funded through 2019 Renton Park Bond funds, a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Award by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, 2019 King County Proposition No. 1 Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy funding, and local funding.

Thanks to everyone's patience, participation, and support in the continuing improvements to this prized park.

With both the Trestle Bridge and North Water Walk now open, park patrons are able to enjoy Coulon Park at its full capacity.



Celebrate diversity and unity in the community: Welcoming Week in Renton is next month

Renton has a long history of welcoming refugees and immigrants and making resources available to newcomers and their families. The city will be participating in its first Welcoming Week celebration this year.

Welcoming Week is an annual online campaign celebrated during the month of September. The campaign aims to build strong community support, celebrate the benefits of an inclusive society, and deepen each city's commitment to creating places that welcome everyone, including immigrants and refugees.

The campaign was launched in 2012 by Welcoming America and its members.

Each day during the 2023 celebration (September 8 through 17), the city will share daily posts on the city's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter discussing the City of Renton's commitment to creating opportunities for our immigrant population along with the progress the city has made to become a more inclusive community.

Welcoming Week brings neighbors together to celebrate the positive work done daily throughout the city to ensure everyone belongs and thrives. No matter where people are

from or the struggles endured to get here, each community member has an important role to play.

Immigrants and refugees continue to help make Renton a great place to live by bringing innovative thinking, diverse perspectives, and a rich culture that adds depth to the city's fabric.

Thanks to Renton's Equity, Housing, and Human Services Department for coordinating the effort for this celebration that we'll participate in annually.



The last summer concert is canceled due to forecasted weather

Due to tomorrow's forecasted weather reports, the summer concert performance by Soul Searching Band is canceled.

Thank you to the Renton Parks and Recreation Department, Renton Municipal Arts Commission, city staff, performers, and concertgoers who participated this year's summer concert series.

The planning has already begun for the 2024 summer concert series. See you next year!



Join the festivities: The city invites the community to the grand re-opening of Kiwanis Park

Last week, the gates opened to the refreshed Kiwanis Park. A favorite of the community for over 60 years, exciting new amenities and extensive improvements provide residents with fun and accessible ways to stay active.

Improvements include a newly paved looped walkway, the city's first graffiti-proof and crime-deterrent Portland Loo restrooms, the first covered dugout in the city, basketball/sports court renovations, and the city's first synthetic all-weather turf multi-purpose field, meaning muddy fields are a thing of the past.

Renton Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to join Renton City Councilmembers, city staff, and the community for an official ribbon cutting at Kiwanis Park, 815 Union Ave, on Thursday, August 31, at 3:30 p.m.

Learn about the park improvements, court reservations, and upcoming fall events and activities, while enjoying the brand-new amenities.



Enjoy downtown with two delicious & entertaining events this Friday

Stroll the streets of downtown Renton while tasting foods from around the globe, sipping wine, and celebrating the beginning of the autumn season through two events this upcoming Friday.

The city will host a first-of-its-kind food truck festival in Renton. Flavors Without Borders Food Truck Festival will be in the gravel lot at Gateway Park, 510 S 3rd St., from 4-9 p.m. Several food trucks with worldwide cuisines will be available at this family-friendly event. For more information, email ftaore@rentonwa.gov.

Join Renton Downtown Partnership's Autumn Moon Wine Walk & Glow Dance Party from 5:30-9 p.m. in downtown Renton. Enjoy wine tasting from several locations and a glow dance party with a live DJ. Buy tickets online for \$30. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event for \$35 at Modern to Vintage on 422 S 3rd St.



Final days at Henry Moses Aquatic Center

Thank you to the city staff for another great season. There is still time to enjoy HMAC before it closes. Water walking, lap swimming, and open swim sessions are available through [online reservations](#). [Check the website for the daily schedule](#).

When the aquatic center closes for the season, updates will be in progress to prepare for an even better season next summer.

Renton Parks and Recreation Department is committed to ensuring this aquatic center continues providing joy and fun. The department was awarded \$904,440 from King County to upgrade HMAC. This investment will ensure a safe experience by stabilizing the perimeter tile and leisure activity pool liner. In addition, the main entrance will transform into a more welcoming space.

The projected start date is January 2024, with completion by the end of May 2024, before the 2024 HMAC season.

EVENTS & Activities



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.

September 1 – Flavors Without Borders Food Truck Festival, Gateway Park (510 S 3rd St.), 4-9 p.m.

September 1 – Renton Downtown Partnership's Autumn Moon Wine Walk & Glow Dance Party, Downtown Renton, 5:30 – 9 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

September 9 – Recycling Event: Styrofoam & Document Shredding, 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 – Free Fall CERT Class registration closes. Search the keyword "Emergency." Classes start September 21, with the final drill on Saturday, November 4, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

NEWS



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](#).

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

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

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

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

[Recreation Guide](#) (classes, activities, leagues & events for September through December)

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