



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Ready in Renton Prepare for the unexpected

Renton is susceptible to various degrees of natural emergencies, including earthquakes, flooding, snow, and extreme heat. September is Ready in Renton Month, the ideal time to prepare for upcoming severe weather. Here are a few ways to enhance or develop those emergency response skills.

Take a class

The city's Emergency Management Division hosts a variety of classes through partnerships with [Renton Technical College](#), [Renton Regional Fire Authority](#), [Renton Police Department](#), and others.

This fall, they host one of their most important classes: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). These classes teach attendees how to prepare their homes for disasters and respond to neighborhood emergencies.

Topics include personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, terrorism response, and team organization. The CERT class meets every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Renton Regional Fire Authority Fire Station 14 starting September 21. The final drill is Saturday, November 4, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station 14. The class is free for ages 18 and older. [Register online](#) or in person at Renton Community Center.

Throughout the year, general preparedness classes are also available. [Register](#) for those online using the keyword "emergency."

Teach yourself

Many websites demonstrate basic preparations and response skills:

- www.ready.gov
- www.makeitthrough.org

Get Involved

- Join a local volunteer group, such as RECS (Renton Emergency Communication Service)
- Form a neighborhood CERT Team

Remember, proper preparation can lessen any disaster's impact on the community.

For more information on classes, emergency alert systems, and emergency preparation tips [on our website](#).



surveymonkey.com/r/SANDregister



Renton teens are invited to participate in the SAND Academy pilot program

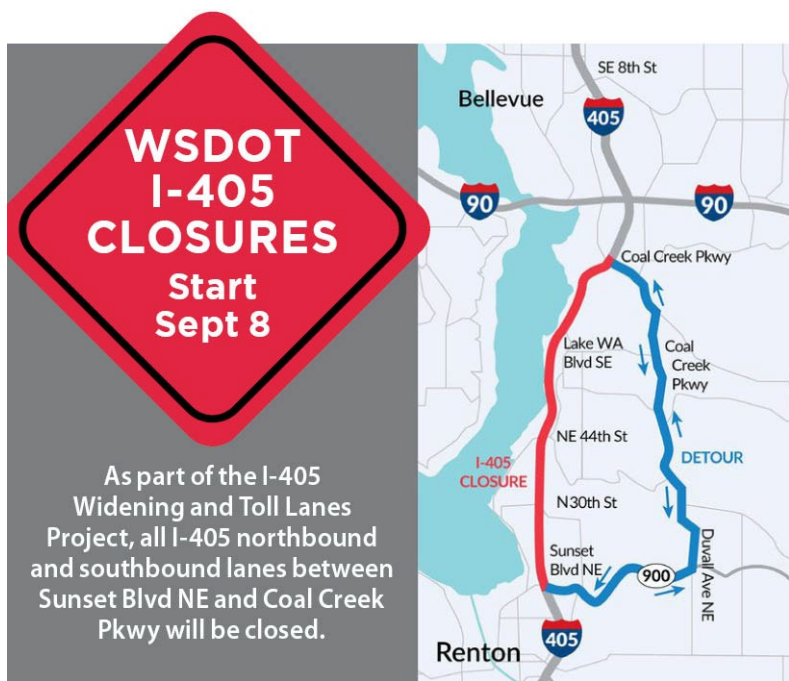
The Safer Access to Neighborhood Destinations (SAND) invites Renton students in grades 8-12 to participate in the city's free SAND Academy at the Liberty Park Building. This in-person and interactive opportunity will allow students to work directly with city staff to determine safe routes for walking, biking, and getting around their neighborhood.

During the academy, students will receive a bicycle and pedestrian safety presentation and take a field trip to identify signal equipment and safety features on Renton's roadways. There are three dates available:

- Saturday, September 23, 2023: 10 a.m. –12 p.m.
- Saturday, September 30, 2023: 10 a.m. –12 p.m.
- Saturday, October 7, 2023: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[Registration is free](#) and students can receive up to two hours of high school community service credits. Student academy "cadets" will receive lunch and a free bike helmet (as supplies last).

The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission and City of Renton Public Works Department fund the SAND program. The program's primary goal is to reduce the number of pedestrian-involved accidents by educating and engaging young adults and aspiring drivers with tools and knowledge to empower safe and confident travel choices.



WSDOT I-405 closures start Friday

Starting at 11:30 p.m. on Friday, September 8, through 4 a.m. on Monday, September 11, all lanes of I-405 will be closed from Coal Creek Parkway to Sunset Boulevard NE as part of the [I-405 Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project](#). Lane and ramp closures include:

- Sunset Boulevard NE on-ramp to northbound I-405
- All ramps at N 30th Street to I-405
- All ramps at NE 44th Street to I-405
- NE 44th Street over 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

Please check [WSDOT's I-405 construction webpage](#) for current information.



Celebrating the grand re-opening of Kiwanis Park

Last week, city councilmembers, staff, project contributors, and community members witnessed the re-opening of Kiwanis Park.

The park features 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.

Thanks to all involved in the planning and coordination of this project and to the residents for their patience during the closure.

Park Bond funds, King County Levy funding, and King County and Washington State grants funded this project.



'Welcome to Renton, Home of the Seahawks' sign refurbished ahead of the 2023 Season

The Seahawks open their season on Sunday, and our Street Maintenance Division celebrated by refurbishing the “Welcome to Renton, Home of the Seahawks” sign at City Hall.

“We’re proud to repair the sign, which shows our city’s support of the team,” explained Patrick Zellner, Street Maintenance & Solid Waste Maintenance Services Manager. “If you recall, the Seahawks won the Super Bowl shortly after we completed the initial install. Let’s hope they win it again.”

The sign is on the upper parking lot of Renton City Hall, just across from the main entrance.



Attend the year’s last recycling event

Take advantage of the Solid Waste Utility division’s [final recycling event](#) of 2023 on Saturday, September 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE). This event will collect Styrofoam and documents for shredding.

Styrofoam

- Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap are accepted
- Clean white block Styrofoam (look for #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol)

Documents for shredding

- Up to five boxes (banker box size 12”x15”x10”) or equivalent in bags are accepted
- No need to remove staples, paperclips, or rubber bands
- No binders, plastics, discs, ID badges, driver’s licenses, cardboard, or hardcover books
- Paper, blueprints, mail, photographs, and file folders are acceptable items for shredding

The city will also collect non-perishable food items for distribution to Renton-area food banks. The city can refuse oversized vehicles or unacceptable materials/items. This event will not accept business waste. Vehicles will be allowed entry only from southbound Monroe Avenue NE. King County’s waste reduction and recycling program provides funding for these events. Visit our website for [more recycling resources](#).



Welcoming Week Day 1 starts Friday

[Welcoming Week](#) is an annual online campaign to build strong community support, celebrate the benefits of an inclusive society, and deepen a city’s commitment to creating places that welcome everyone, including immigrants and refugees.

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

Immigrants and refugees 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.

Learn more about the campaign and keep up with the daily posts on [our website](#).



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 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. Free.

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. Free.

September 22 – [Superhero 5K Fun Run & Walk](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), 6-8 p.m. \$20 for ages 17 and under and \$30 for ages 18 and older.

September 29 – [Age Friendly Senior 50+ Resource Expo](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave N), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. [Pre-registration is encouraged](#). Free.

September 29 – [Mooncake Festival](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), 5-7 p.m. Free.



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](#)

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

[Neighborhood Program](#)

[Park Projects](#) (Arnold)

[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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[Traffic Construction Projects](#)