



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## Downtown Streetscapes

Improving the appearance and safety of sidewalk and street areas



Construction will begin in October at the 200 block of Williams Ave S (between 2nd and 3rd) as part of the [Downtown Streetscapes Improvement Project](#).

Over the past few years, several street intersection projects have successfully implemented streetscape improvements at key locations, including 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Houser at Williams, Wells and Main. These initiatives aim to enhance the downtown core's appearance, safety, and overall pedestrian experience.

Various elements of this upcoming project are:

- Replacement of all sidewalks and driveway aprons
- Removal of twelve existing street trees and replacement with fourteen new trees to provide seasonal variety
- Replanting of six street trees on nearby streets
- Installation of new litter receptacles, tree grates, and landscape strips with decorative fencing
- Removal of six tall streetlights and installation of twelve pedestrian-scale streetlights with additional features such as street banners, flower baskets, irrigation for baskets, and holiday lighting
- Repaving and restriping the street's driving and parking lanes

These streetscape improvements aim to enhance the vibrancy and attractiveness of the downtown area while ensuring the safety and comfort of pedestrians and motorists. The city appreciates everyone's patience during construction and urges residents and commuters to support local businesses during this exciting transformation.

For project timelines and updates, visit [current Transportation Systems projects](#).



## Renton's CES 2.0 Plan public comment closes today

The world is already facing more frequent and severe weather because of climate change. The Pacific Northwest, including Renton, is experiencing more episodes of wildfire smoke, warmer temperatures, and more variable precipitation.

The Clean Economy Strategy update ("CES 2.0") is a roadmap of local policies to reduce Renton's greenhouse gas emissions, enhance environmental sustainability, and prepare for climate change.

Implementing the strategies and actions within the CES 2.0 will support the creation of local green jobs, public

health benefits, safer walking and biking routes, more accessible transit, long-term energy cost savings, and more robust emergency management systems.

Success is based on collaboration across the Renton community. Those who live, work, and study here are crucial in helping shape the plan of the city.

The draft plan is uploaded and available for review, and the public comment period will remain open through October 4.

In addition, the public can attend the Planning Commission briefing and public hearing on October 4, from 6-8 p.m. (in person or via Zoom) or send public comment to [kbuchl-morales@rentonwa.gov](mailto:kbuchl-morales@rentonwa.gov).

Background information on CES 2.0, including a complete project timeline and additional opportunities for community member involvement, can be found on the project's website.



*Mayor Armondo Pavone presents the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation to Tina Harris, Renton Police Department's Domestic Violence Victim Advocate.*

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Renton

Mayor Armondo Pavone proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Renton during Monday night's council meeting. Renton Police Department's Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Tina Harris, accepted the proclamation.

Domestic violence is a public safety concern and impacts the community emotionally, physically, and financially. In April, the city adopted a new Renton Municipal Code to help prevent children from being exposed to domestic violence.

In Renton, we are working to stop the cycle of domestic violence through our Domestic Violence Victim Advocate. The advocate is available Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall or by calling 425-430-6654. The advocate can provide the victim(s) with the following support:

- Safety planning and problem-solving
- Domestic violence prevention and education
- Protection orders
- Emergency short-term hotel shelter
- Food and clothing
- Transportation
- Interpreter services



The cherry trees outside of City Hall display purple lights to symbolize the community offering support and resources, plus honoring and remembering those who have lost their lives to domestic violence. In addition, purple ribbons will be worn by Renton police officers and on police vehicles. The community is encouraged to wear purple ribbons to show awareness and support for those involved in domestic violence.

Additional resources are available through:

- API Chaya (Asian & Pacific Islander Women), 877-922-4292
- Consejo, 206-461-4880
- DAWN (Domestic Abused Women's Network), 877-465-7234

- [Project Be Free](https://www.projectbefree.org/), 425-324-5030
- [ReWA \(Refugee Women's Alliance\)](https://www.rewa.org/), 206-721-0243
- [YWMCA](https://www.ywmca.org/), 206-461-4888

For more information, visit [Renton's domestic violence resource page](#).



## Snowplows roam the streets during the city's annual winter prep

The Public Works Street Maintenance Division started its winter prep on Monday. Prep will continue throughout the week, including dry runs of sanders and snowplows, testing weather and GPS tracking technologies, and providing staff with an overview of shift changes, routes, and overall process when snow or ice hits Renton's roads.

The team uses equipment and resources including:

- Nine sanders
- Eleven trucks with plows
- Three anti-icer applicator trucks

Winter weather can be unpredictable, and beginning the preparation processes now allows for crews to be well-equipped and prepared prior to any snow or ice.

Our crews take their duties very seriously, and these preparations help ensure they can keep first responders and residents safe. Thanks to staff for their dedication and commitment to the people of Renton.

To learn more about winter prep operations, visit [our website](#).



## An opportunity to play in Renton's art scene; Renton Arts & Culture Grants applications due October 13

Calling all artists, creatives, and dreamers! Apply for the [Renton Municipal Arts Commission's 2024 Arts & Culture Grants](#). Applications for the first round will be due on October 13 at 4:30 p.m.

For this initial round, the primary emphasis is on projects and events scheduled for January through March 2024.

These grants support diverse artistic programming, including art exhibitions, concerts, dance performances, festivals, educational workshops, readings, and theatre productions.

In addition, the [Renton Municipal Arts Commission](#) will hold a Q&A at the Renton Library on Tuesday, October 10, from 6-7 p.m. to address any application questions before it is due.

Individual artists, thriving organizations, or a passionate community group are all welcome and encouraged to apply. Let Renton be a canvas for artistic expression.

# EVENTS & Activities



**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.

**October 7** – [SAND Academy](#), Liberty Park Building (1101 Bronson Way N), 10 a.m. –12 p.m. Free.

**October 20** – [Truck or Treat Halloween Drive Thru](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), 5-7:30 p.m. Free.

**October 28** – [Olde Fashioned Halloween Scavenger Hunt](#), Gateway Park (510 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St), 1-4 p.m. Free.

**October 28** – [Senior Holiday Bazaar](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave N), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## In other news this week

# NEWS



*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)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)