



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## Collaborating for a better Renton

As the seasons change, residents can support city staff by clearing leaves from storm drains, snow removal from sidewalks, and more.

Here at the city of Renton, we strive to provide residents with the best possible service across all departments. Through tools like [Renton Responds](#), staff and residents can effectively communicate and work together to address concerns.

In addition to city projects, future planning, and daily resident requests, city staff is responsible for:

- Sweeping 753  miles of road
- Maintaining 5,940 sidewalks (totaling 353 miles)
- Keeping 17,614 storm drains clear of debris
- Picking up an average of 50-60 tons of roadside litter per year
- And more

Keeping Renton a great place to work, play, and live is a big job, and there are ways residents can help, including:

- Picking up litter debris seen in parks and on streets/sidewalks/curb gutters. Be sure to wear protective gloves when picking up trash.
- Clearing leaves/debris from storm drains prevents much larger problems. Check storm drains near your home or business periodically to keep them from being clogged by debris to minimize flooding during heavy rains.
- Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks in front of homes or businesses when winter hits, which is a resident duty for private spaces. City snowplows prioritize emergency response routes, first and secondary arterials, and then neighborhood streets.
- Removing/disposing of temporary signs posted on traffic signposts, light poles, etc. (example: outdated garage sale announcements, political signs post-election, we buy houses for cash, or other inappropriately placed business advertisements).

Thank you for being part of the solution and helping Renton stay safe, clean, and welcoming to those that live here and visit.



Renton celebrated its first Mooncake Festival at Renton Community Center.

## Renton honors major cultural community celebrations: Mooncake Festival and Hispanic Heritage Month

Over the past few weeks, Renton has recognized various cultural celebrations representing community members within the city.

First, the city celebrated its first Mooncake Festival or Mid-Autumn Festival at the Renton Community Center. Geared toward Renton's Southeast Asian communities and youth, the event celebrated the nearly 25% of Renton residents that identify as Asian.

During the event, community members from all over the region came to Renton to celebrate Mooncake Festival with a traditional Lion dance performance, crafts, and mooncakes and macarons provided by downtown Renton's Macadons.



*Mayor Armondo Pavone presents the National Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation to Areesa Bourdon, business owner and Mayor's Inclusion Task Force member.*

This week, Mayor Armondo Pavone proclaimed September 15 - October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Renton. Areesa Moroles-Bourdon, who serves on the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force and owns Renton's first Latina-owned State Farm Agency, accepted the proclamation.

Before the council meeting, a reception celebrated the impact of Hispanic heritage here in the city of Renton.

Teresa Vazquez, Renton School District English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher at Highlands Elementary, and a leader in connecting Spanish-speaking families in Renton spoke of the city's tightly-knit Hispanic community:

"Hispanic Heritage Month is not only a celebration of culture, it is also an opportunity to recognize the countless Hispanic individuals who have made remarkable achievements in Renton. From councilmembers, public servants, doctors, social workers, educators, interpreters, and artists."

With 15% of Renton residents identifying as Hispanic and the city's Sister City relationship with Cuautla, recognizing and celebrating this community that impacts the city's residents and businesses is significant.



## Philip Arnold Park inches closer to reopening

Much progress has been made throughout the major site improvement project at Philip Arnold Park. Once open, the park will offer:

- Accessible looped walkway and boardwalk
- Playground replacement
- Parking renovation
- Activity building demolition
- New picnic shelters and paved parent plaza
- Portland Loo restroom
- Basketball court renovation
- Improved drainage and stormwater management
- New park signs

Originally slated for completion this summer, construction delays pushed the new reopening date to November 2023. Until then, the park remains closed while final renovation work occurs.

The city greatly appreciates the community's patience during the park improvement project closure and looks forward to welcoming everyone back to this renovated and reinvigorated space soon.

Additional information about Philip Arnold Park and the park improvements project is available on the current parks projects website.



## Be part of Renton's art scene; Renton Arts & Culture Grants applications due Friday

Last chance! Apply for the [Renton Municipal Arts Commission's 2024 Arts & Culture Grants](#), the first round will be due on Friday, October 13 by 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 theater productions.

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



## Sounders RAVE Foundation and WNBA Storm support Tiffany Park court upgrades

Renton's Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Seattle Sounders non-profit RAVE Foundation over the last few years on recreation programming and developing Renton's first futsal court located at Highlands Park, which opened in 2021.

Tiffany Park's basketball court will be the city's next joint project, this time converting the court into a futsal/basketball court, in partnership with RAVE Foundation and WNBA Seattle Storm.

This will be a two-phased project due to weather constraints. Currently, phase one is in progress with the installation of the futsal goal/basketball hoop. The court will be resurfaced during phase two, and the anticipated grand opening is in the summer of 2024.

As the community patiently awaits this new park investment, check out the futsal court at [Highlands Park](#) and other [RAVE foundation projects](#).



**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 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.

**October 28 & 29 – KingCon NW 2023**, Renton Pavilion Events Center (233 Burnett Ave. S), Saturday – 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**November 6 – Eastside Virtual Job Fair**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Register by October 26 for Employers. Job seekers are required to register online.

**November 9 – Senior Veterans Day Dance**, Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N), 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### 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](#)

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[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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[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)