



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

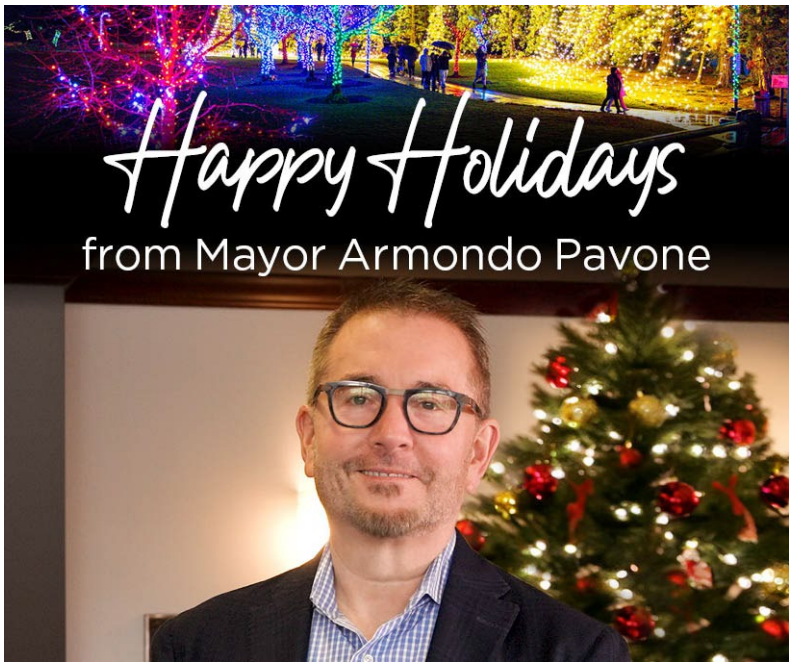
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## Happy Holidays from Mayor Armondo Pavone

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A holiday message from Mayor Armondo Pavone:

*"This holiday season is a great time to reflect on the past year and appreciate our community.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve as your Mayor for another four years, and I hope you and your family find time to enjoy our holiday events here in Renton.*

*On behalf of all of us here at the City of Renton, I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a wonderful year ahead."*

*- Mayor Armondo Pavone*



## The coolest way to start the New Year: Join us for the 2024 Lake Washington Polar Bear Plunge!

Since 2008, hundreds of brave people have gathered at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park to take a plunge in the icy waters of Lake Washington to ring in the new year.

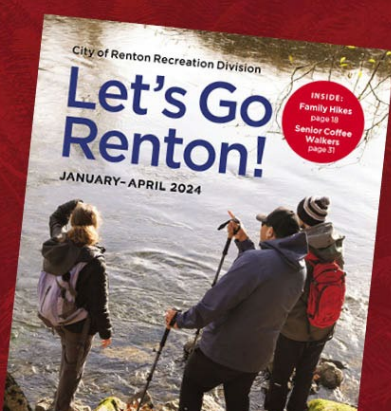
This free event starts promptly at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 1, at the South Beach of Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park at 1201 Lake Washington Blvd N.

Remember to bring a towel and dry set of clothes.

Clam chowder, hot coffee, and hot chocolate will be provided after the plunge, courtesy of Ivar's and Starbucks. We thank the City's Parks and Recreation staff, the Renton Regional Fire Authority, and the city's lifeguards for supporting the well-being of all participants during this frosty annual tradition!

Registration Now Open!

[rentonwa.gov/letsgo](http://rentonwa.gov/letsgo)



## Let's Go Renton! Recreation Guide registration is now available

Registration for all recreational programs and events from January through April 2024 is now open.

The new year will bring familiar and new recreational programming and events for all ages in the winter edition of the [Let's Go Renton! Recreation Guide](#).

Hard copies of the guide will be available on December 22 at the Renton Community Center, Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, and City Hall.



## Public feedback opportunity: Disaster planning and community safety in Renton's Annex Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Renton invites the public to comment on the Renton Annex to the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan outlines hazards the city has prepared for within city limits.

The strategies and projects proposed serve to reduce the occurrence or negative impacts of those hazards on our community.

The feedback received on the Renton Annex will be an essential part of significant 2024 revisions to the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of its five-year update cycle. Of the hazard risks and vulnerabilities the City of Renton could face, eight are described in this plan, including:

1. Dam Failure
2. Earthquake
3. Flood
4. Landslide/Sinkholes
5. Severe Weather
6. Severe Winter Weather
7. Volcano
8. Wildfire

The expanded revision will consider more natural, technological, and human-caused disasters that aren't currently addressed. Based on public feedback, existing projects will be re-evaluated, and new projects will be considered to reduce disaster threats or damages.



Republic  
Services  
**UPDATE**

## Republic Services Holiday Collections

With the upcoming holidays, Republic Services will not collect garbage, recycling, food, and yard waste on Christmas Day (Monday, December 25) and New Year's Day (Monday, January 1). All routes will run one day later than usual:

- Monday customers' collection will be on Tuesday (December 26 & January 2)
- Tuesday customers' collection will be on Wednesday (December 27 & January 3)
- Wednesday customers' collection will be on Thursday (December 28 & January 4)
- Thursday customers' collection will be on Friday (December 29 & January 5)
- Friday customers' collection will be on Saturday (December 30 & January 6)

Questions? Call Republic Services at 206-777-6440.

# EVENTS & Activities



## Around Renton

**Free Museum Days** – First Wednesday and third Saturday monthly, [Renton History Museum](#) (235 Mill Ave. S), 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

**December 6- January 1** - Holiday Lights, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Wash. Blvd. N), 4-9 p.m.

**January 1** – [Polar Bear Plunge](#), Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Wash. Blvd. N), 10 a.m.

## In other news this week

# NEWS



*Below is a recap of the news posted on the city's social media accounts. Find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [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](#)

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

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

[Recreation Guide](#) (classes, activities, leagues, and events for January through April)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)