



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

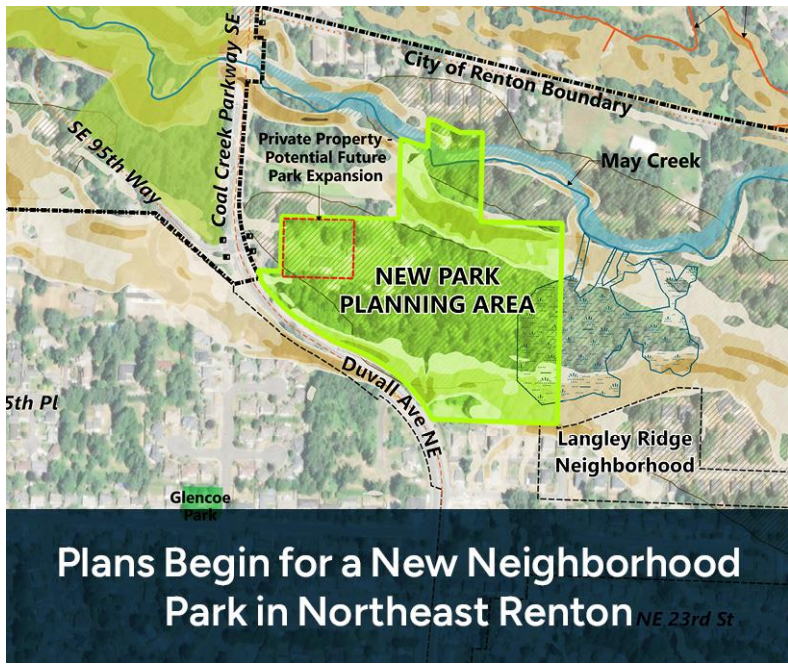
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Ever wonder how a new park is created? The city's Parks Planning and Natural Resources Division is developing a master plan for a new neighborhood park in Renton's East Plateau area. Tucked between the May Creek Greenway and Duvall Avenue NE, this new park will span approximately 18.5 acres, addressing a critical need in this part of the city.

The Northeast Renton Park Master Plan will create a vision and define the roadmap for developing a new neighborhood park that best serves the local community. This new park location offers a unique blend of landscapes—forests, wetlands and streams, steep slopes, and previously developed parcels, which provide diverse opportunities for active and passive recreational activities, such as:

- Play areas and sport courts
- Trails and trailheads
- Gathering spaces
- Access to nature

A new park in this location aligns with a general recommendation of the city's broader Parks, Recreation, and Natural Areas Plan, which includes an established goal of having a public park within a ten-minute walk (half-mile walking distance) of every Renton resident.

While the new park will target the needs of the East Plateau community, we know it will serve a much larger area.

Renton residents are invited to share ideas, learn more about the project, and get involved. Stay connected through the [project's webpage](#) with upcoming engagement opportunities.



Celebrating Black History Month in Renton

On Monday evening, the city celebrated Black History Month with a reception for community leaders at Renton City Hall before the City Council meeting. The reception reflected this year's theme of "African Americans and the Arts," with displays from various local Black artists ranging in art styles, from canvas paintings to glass blowing and ceramics.

This theme recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of African Americans to various art forms, from visual and performing arts to literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, and culinary arts.

After the reception during the council meeting, Mayor Pavone issued a proclamation designating Black History Month in Renton. The city's own Council President, Ed Prince, accepted the proclamation.

"As someone who stands on the shoulders of giants, Black History Month has always been important to me because Black History is American history, and the thing that history teaches us is that we are always on a constant path towards progress," said Council President Ed Prince.

2024 marks the first time the Renton City Council has an African American Council President, Ed Prince, and President Pro-Tem, James Alberson, Jr.



Partner with Renton Police Department: Businesses and residents can help solve crime by submitting camera surveillance footage

Help the Renton Police Department solve crimes by submitting surveillance footage from personal or business cameras. Residents and business owners can become vital during an investigation by sharing valuable surveillance footage with law enforcement.

Did you know?

- Surveillance camera footage plays a crucial role in solving crime.
- Surveillance video is an impartial, timestamped record, that can be essential in court proceedings.
- The presence of surveillance cameras in public spaces acts as a deterrent, contributing to overall community safety.

Participation Matters

- The faster police receive surveillance footage, the greater the chance of solving the crime.
- Quick identification allows police to intervene swiftly, possibly preventing additional crimes that may cause harm to persons or property.
- Early identification improves the chances of apprehending the suspects before they have the opportunity to flee or hide.
- Law enforcement can alert the public to take necessary precautions.
- Train employees/family members to retrieve the surveillance footage so officers can quickly conduct investigations.
- If criminal or suspicious activity is captured, call 911 to report it as it may be needed by law enforcement.

Update Surveillance Systems

- Surveillance systems that are more than five years old, should be upgraded. Newer systems offer:
 - Higher resolution, wider angles and better tracking capabilities.
 - Advanced tech for quicker identification of suspects.
 - Enhanced storage & organization for crucial evidence.
 - Faster data retrieval aiding investigations.

Renton Police Department also offers a camera registration program. For more info on the program go to [Camera Registration Program](#).



Call for Vendors: Apply now for the 2024 Renton Farmers Market season

Renton Farmers Market 2024 vendor applications are now open. The market is looking for local farmers, food producers, prepared food vendors, and crafters/artisans to join the city for its 23rd season each Tuesday, from June through September, in downtown Renton at Piazza Park.

Last year, the Renton Farmers Market served almost 40,000 shoppers with \$620,000 in vendor sales. The market is a great place to influence residents to shop locally and support small businesses while educating and advertising through familiarity weekly.

Apply online before March 31.

STARTUP425

Logos for City of Renton, Black River Cultural Arts Center, Issaquah, and Startup425.

STARTUP & SMALL BUSINESS COWORKING

MARCH 8, 2024
10:30AM - 4:00PM

LOCATION
BLACK RIVER CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
204 LOGAN AVE S,
RENTON, WA 98057

Collaborate, comingle, and cowork at the Startup & Small Business Coworking event

Trade working from home, the office, or a local coffee shop, and join the City of Renton and Startup 425 for a dynamic day of coworking specifically created for entrepreneurs, founders, and business owners in Renton on Friday, March 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Black River Cultural Arts Center, 204 Logan Ave. S.

Startup & Small Business Coworking event aims to foster collaboration, inspire innovation, and provide valuable resources to help entrepreneurs, founders, and business owners thrive.

Join all day or stop by anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Register for this upcoming event on [Startup425's website](#).



Around Renton

Black History Month 2024 – A list of events, activities, and exhibits celebrating Black History Month in and around Renton can be found on [our website](#).

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

March 1 – Paint 'n Pour: Mocktails, Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-9:30 p.m. Registration required.

March 17 – New Voices, New Music: Renton City Concert Band Spring Concert, Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St.), 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$13, Students/Seniors \$10.

March 21 – 2024 State of the City, Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St.), 6 p.m. Free admission. [RSVP online](#).

March 22 – Paint 'n Pour: Mocktails, Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-9:30 p.m. [Registration required](#).

April 14 – [Dragon Dash 5k/10k Fun Run and Walk](#), Renton Community Center, 9 a.m. Registration required.

NEWS



In other news this week

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](#)