



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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PARTICIPATE IN THE CIVIC PROCESS
Join a Board, Committee, or Commission

The City of Renton greatly values input and collaboration from residents on expanding projects, plans, and policies. There are several ways for community members to participate in the civic process, from signing up to make a public comment during a council meeting or volunteering. One even larger way to become part of the civic process is by joining one of the city's boards, commissions, or committees.

Renton has several active boards, commissions, and committees that serve in different capacities to support the mayor, councilmembers, and city staff in making decisions in specialized areas of interest.

Currently, there are several openings:

- **Human Services Advisory Committee:** Two vacancies (one youth position)
- **Parks Commission:** One vacancy
- **Planning Commission:** One vacancy
- **Renton Housing Authority:** One vacancy
- **Renton Airport Advisory Committee:** Numerous vacancies
- **Senior Advisory Board:** Three vacancies

The city reviews applications on a rolling basis until they are filled. To apply, please review the specific requirements of each, then [apply online](#) or print and return by mail to:

Mayor's Office
Renton City Hall
7th Floor
1055 S. Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057



Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Renton

During Monday night's council meeting, Mayor Armondo Pavone designated April 8 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Renton. To accept the proclamation was the newly appointed CEO of King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), Kate Kurg.

KCSARC is a non-profit located in Renton and has been serving the communities of Renton and King County since 1976.

"Half of women and one-third of men have experienced sexual assault in their lifetime. The trauma of sexual assault is something that can affect a survivor's mental, physical, and behavioral health, but recovery from the trauma of sexual assault is possible with support," stated KSCARC CEO Kate Kurg.

In 2023, KSCARC assisted more than 4,800 individuals and their families. The organization offers free and confidential support for survivors and their families, whether it be therapy, resource lines, legal advocacy, or family support.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a sexual assault, there are resources available:

- **King County Sexual Assault Resource Center:** 888-998-6423
- **UW Medicine's Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress:** 206-744-1600
- **Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs** (free resources and services)
- **RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network):** 800-656-4673 and chat

Organizations like KSCARC give the opportunities and support needed for those suffering or who have experienced sexual assault.



Celebrate Earth Day and sustainability at Renton's first Community Celebration of the year

The ever-popular city-wide community celebrations return! In partnership with the Neighborhood Program, last year, the community BBQs successfully united neighbors, fostered community connections, and promoted local causes.

The first event of the year will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Renton Community Center, with a sustainability fair held after the city's Urban Forestry Program's annual Earth Day / Arbor Day volunteer event.

Enjoy live music, food, and entertaining games while interacting with city staff and community organizations on the importance of practicing sustainability daily.



Join the Renton Farmers Market team

Passionate about local agriculture, farmers' markets, and ensuring access to fresh food for all? Is working outdoors and engaging with the public enjoyable? If so, joining the Renton Farmers Market team as a seasonal Farmers Market Laborer might be the perfect role this spring and summer. Play a vital part in the hands-on operations of the market and contribute to a vibrant and thriving community hub.

Details and position responsibilities include:

- Set up and take down equipment and materials for market and vendor operations.
- Operate the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), SNAP Match, and other food assistance programs at the market.

- Work with the Farmers Market Coordinator, market staff, and volunteers to help ensure that Market operations run smoothly.
- Assist in maintaining program records and databases.

Learn more about the job and [apply online](#).

The Renton Farmers Market opens June 4 and runs every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. until September 24.



We need you: Shaping the future of Renton with the 2024 Comprehensive Plan

What should Renton look like in the next ten years? What kind of city should we build for the next generation? The city's Comprehensive Plan is a long-term plan that establishes goals and policies for growth and development in Renton, such as workforce, business opportunities, natural areas, infrastructure, public services, and amenities. An essential part of this process is getting feedback from the community. Residents are encouraged to provide input by [taking the survey](#).

To learn more about the plan, what it impacts, and how to participate in the process, visit rentonwa.gov/comprehensiveplan.



CERT starts in less than a week; There is still time to sign up

When disaster strikes, how will you be ready and prepared to help? Participate in the City of Renton Emergency Management Spring 2024 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes. Starting Thursday, April 18, from 6-9 p.m., take the eight-week course and gain vital skills, including personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, terrorism, and team organization. The final drill is Saturday, June 1, from 7:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Renton Regional Fire Authority Fire Station #14.

[Register online](#) using the keyword "Emergency".

HYGIENE KITS

FREE HAIRCUTS

FREE CLOTHES

FREE FOOD

RENTON LIBRARY RESOURCE DAYS

Join Renton Library's monthly Resource Day for community support

The Renton Library invites community members to its free monthly [Resource Day](#) on Friday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event supports those in need by connecting them with local social support providers.

The participating providers can help connect attendees to various resources such as healthcare, free job training, access to ORCA cards, free phones, gently used clothes, hygiene kits, and free lunches (while supplies last). Several of these providers partner with the city's Human Services Division to provide essential services to Renton residents.

REACH Renton generously supports the event by providing food, clothing, and volunteers. Other participating agencies include:

- Evergreen Beauty College Renton
- Molina
- LELO Re-licensing Program
- International Community Health Services
- Puget Sound Training Center
- Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
- Puget Sound Energy
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- King County Promotores Network
- King County Public Health
- DSHS
- Iraqi Community Center of Washington
- Anew
- Working Family Tax Credit
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Department of Licensing
- PIM Savvy – Renton
- Neighborhood House



Around Renton

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

April 12 – [Renton Library Resource Day](#), Renton Library (100 Mill Ave S), 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

April 14 – [Dragon Dash 5k/10k Fun Run and Walk](#), Downtown, 826 S. Third St., 9 a.m. Registration required.

April 14 – [Renton's Rooftop Dragon Landing Celebration](#), Wells Avenue South (between South Third & South Second Streets), 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy this free festival with vendors, crafts, and more.

In addition, starting on Friday, April 5, the Renton Arts Commission invites the community to search for dragon eggs scattered across the city. A total of 25 "dragon eggs" will be hidden on April 5, with an additional 25 eggs added on the morning of April 12.

April 18 – [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#), Renton Regional Fire Authority Station 14 & Training Division (1900 Lind Ave SW), 6-9 p.m. every Thursday through June 1. Registration required.

April 20 – [Renton Community Celebration "Sustainability Fair,"](#) Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy., 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Free event with lots of fun plus community information and opportunities. Everyone is welcome to enjoy face painting, lawn games, food, refreshments, and meet first responders.

April 27 – RPD [Shred-A-Thon and Prescription Drug Take Back](#) (plus food drive), Renton Memorial Stadium, 405 Logan Ave. N, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

May 11 – [Community Garage Sale](#), Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Register online. Non-Residents \$36 / Residents \$30.

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](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)