Do you ever wonder who keeps our city buildings safe, clean and systems maintained so that all city business operations run seamlessly? It is the amazing women and men of our Community Services Facilities crew.

The City of Renton Facilities division maintains 868,284 sq. ft. of city structures, (like the Renton Community Center and Senior Activity Center)...

The sq. ft. are equivalent to 4 Century Link Fields!

You think your “Honey Do List” is big... these under the radar super heroes clean 302 toilets/urinals every day in the summer, maintain all the mechanical systems at Henry Moses Aquatic Center, process nearly 4,000 work orders annually, and manage capital projects that include; replacing City Hall’s elevators, construction of the new Fire Station 15 in Kennydale and remodeling the Sign Shop for our Public Works Department.

They take pride in our city and want the best for our residents and city staff. So the next time you see our facilities people out there, giving it their all... give them a friendly wave.

DID YOU KNOW...

Tree Tips from our Urban Forester

Autumn is one of the best seasons largely because of the color. Get out and enjoy it while it lasts. This is also a time of renewal when deciduous trees go dormant up top after setting buds for the next season and do some root growth below ground. Put some wood chip mulch down 3-4 inches deep around your trees – it helps conserve moisture in the dry season and as it breaks down it conditions and fertilizes the soil.

The wet season is a great time to plant trees which adds canopy, cooling and color to our urban forest. Trees planted in the Autumn get a head start establishing themselves when the Spring rolls around. Don’t be afraid to try some new varieties of trees and feel free to call your urban forester for advice!

“Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower.”

- Albert Camus
Dressed for the elements and for adventure, the City of Renton’s Creative Kids Preschool 4 year old program headed outdoors for a nature walk and scavenger hunt. Amanda Heins, preschool parent and lover of everything outdoors, led the group on an adventure where students looked for and found sixteen different items ranging from insects, birds, different types of leaves and trees. The days’ adventure ended with a stop to see the salmon and a chat with an Environmental Science Center staff who shared his polarized glasses with students to see the salmon in the river. Thank you Amanda for sharing your passion of the outdoors and our environment with our youngest Renton residents!

If you are looking for more adventures, check out our Track Trails program and kiosk at Cedar River Trail Park.

NATURE & ADVENTURE ALIVE IN RENTON

FOLLOW US...

Want to stay informed and up to date on everything happening in your Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas? Follow us on the Community Services Facebook page to see what is happening in your community, and your neighborhood and learn about the amazing people behind the scenes making it all happen.

SENIOR RESOURCES

A great time had by all at the 50+ Senior Resource Expo. If you missed it or are looking for resources or activities for those over 50, stop by the Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N.) and find out what’s happening!

The Senior Activity Center is a focal point in our community for quality recreational, social, health, educational and nutritional services.

Fun, Friendship and Community!

Li’L Movers

In October we opened the doors to our Li’L Movers Indoor Playground, for Renton’s youngest residents!

Kids ages 9 mo. to Pre-K. are enjoying their peers for fun and socialization. Running, jumping, skipping, hopping or climbing, there is something for everyone, even parents, who can engage with other adults.

We hope you can join us for the next session. Registration opens Jan 2!
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR PARKS?

The Parks Planning and Natural Resources Division has been gathering community feedback and analyzing data since January to update the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan. Based on input from the community and changing trends, the updated Plan will set the vision and determine priorities for Renton’s parks, recreation opportunities and natural areas for the next 20 years.

Through open house events, online input and community conversations, Renton residents shared their priorities on key plan elements. Themes that emerged include the importance of water access, demand for improved sports fields and a high value placed on trails and natural areas. Community members also emphasized the importance of maintaining and reinvesting in the existing system, including indoor and outdoor facilities. Events are universally appreciated as ways to connect with other residents, and infusing events and parks and recreation programming with opportunities to engage with arts and culture, was a strong community desire.

A draft of the updated plan will be available for review and comment from 11/29-12/13 at rentonparksplan.com. The updated plan, anticipated to be adopted in early 2020, will create access to grant and partnership opportunities to help fulfill the community’s vision for Renton’s park, recreation and natural area assets.

Community Partner - Communities In Schools

We are excited to highlight our community partner and grant recipient, Communities In Schools. Thousands of students carry the burden of unmet basic needs, homelessness, bullying, racism, learning disabilities and more. Communities In Schools of Renton is dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and on a path to a bright future. They connect kids with caring adults and community resources to help them succeed.

Communities In Schools is helping, and kids are responding! In Renton, case-managed students have improved behavior by 94% and 91% improved school attendance. To find out more or to show your support, visit renton.ciswa.org.

Good Luck!

Wishing the Special Olympics Volleyball Team the best of luck at this years as they advance to the State competition!

These athletes will hit the Tri-Cities later this month with their skill, passion and pride to represent the City of Renton!