Civic Core project enters review stage

Vision planning for the Downtown Civic Core has reached the review stage. After a year-long series of community meetings with interested residents, business owners and other stakeholders, the Vision and Action Plan will be presented to the city’s planning commission during two meetings this month. The project will then proceed to City Council for adoption in December.

The plan will cover the Downtown Business District, with a special concentration within the Civic Core area. Elements of the proposed plan include:

- Reconfiguration of Burnett Avenue S. between S. Second and S. Fifth streets, to connect the Burnett Linear Park North and South and add bike facilities
- Creation of “river streets” along north-south streets to connect east-west streets more directly to the Cedar River
- Temporary pop-up retail, food spots and events to fill in vacant storefronts and lots
- Management plan for downtown’s public parking

The plan also recommends a wayfinding concept consisting of a series of decorative directional signs that help residents and visitors find their destination or discover a new one. More information about the project can be found at www.rentonciviccore.com.
FLOOD MEANS FALL

That means leaves making their way from trees to the ground. Our Public Works crews would like to remind you that you can help prevent residential street flooding by monitoring the catch basins near your home. Take a minute to remove any debris that may be blocking the grate.

Plan your winter neighborhood celebration

It is not too late to organize a neighborhood winter or holiday celebration!

Neighborhood Program’s 2017 summer event season has officially come to a close, but there are still opportunities for your neighborhood association to host an event. Throw a holiday party or winter celebration! Grant funds are still available. Please call 425-430-6595 or email neighborhoodprogram@rentonwa.gov to learn more!

Over the summer, Neighborhood Programs helped with more than 20 social events serving over 3,500 Renton residents! Events included outdoor movies, outdoor game nights, wine and cheese tastings, ice cream socials, and your classic neighborhood potluck. Don’t miss out.

Secure your property prior to a flood

Floods are highly unpredictable and one of the most common hazards in the United States. The National Weather Service notes that 75 percent of all presidential disaster declarations are directly related to flooding. Floods are brought on by severe weather conditions, such as heavy rainfall from storms and the melting of snow and ice. Although they cannot be controlled, prevented or predicted, there are steps you can take to prepare your property.

ALERTS The King County Flood Warning System continuously monitors the weather forecasts and river conditions. They notify City of Renton’s Emergency Management Department when a nearby river reaches flood stage. Individuals can receive emergency alerts, including potential hazards, threats or evacuation notices, by registering for Alert King County at bit.ly/AlertsKC. To receive on-going river-level conditions, download King County’s flood warning app.

FLOOD PLAINS Find out if your property is in a flood-prone area, obtain a Flood Insurance Rate Map or obtain copies of current Flood Elevation Certificates by calling 425-430-7392.

INSURANCE National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers homeowners flood insurance, as most homeowner’s or renter’s insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. NFIP’s average flood insurance policy is about $300 a year ($25 month) for approximately $100,000 in coverages.

Premiums can be lowered by asking NFIP about a 25% policy discount, part of a partnership the city has with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

To report your property’s condition or obtain assistance, contact City of Renton Maintenance Services Division at 425-430-7400.

Emergency services are provided around the clock for the reporting of flooding, hazardous road conditions, down or damaged traffic signs, no water, sewer overflow or water main breaks. For emergencies occurring after 3:30 p.m. weekdays or on the weekends, and needing immediate attention, please call 9-1-1.

For more information on flood preparation or flood insurance, visit rentonwa.gov/emergencies.
City crews prep for winter weather

Threats of snow and ice are coming soon. The city’s Public Works Department’s Maintenance Services Division is ready.

Winter preparations were actually completed in early October when the division tested its fleet of ten plows, nine sanders, and three anti-icing trucks. Our drivers have traveled the routes to identify hazards that might be obscured by snow and have loaded their trucks with needed equipment. On-hand to help manage winter road conditions are 250 tons of road salt, 1,000 tons of sand and 9,000 gallons of de-icer. During snow and ice events, our sanders and plows are first dispatched to keep major arterials open. Information on how the city maintains road conditions during inclement weather can be found at rentonwa.gov/snowplowinfo. Snow route maps can be found at rentonwa.gov/living/snowroutes.

Thanksgiving meals for the community

Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Avenue North) will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day for their annual Rotary Club Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. The event is open only to seniors (50 and over) and is free, but you must have a ticket. Tickets are available at the center through November 17.

The community is invited to the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) annual free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Luther’s Table (419 South Second St #1) will host the dinner on November 23, from 12 to 2 p.m.

Small Business Saturday & Piazza tree lighting

Start the holiday season off at the annual tree lighting and arrival of Santa on November 25 at Piazza Park (233 Burnett Avenue South) in downtown Renton. Renton Pavilion Event Center will host a Pop-Up Artisan Market from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with live entertainment and kids activities from 3 to 7 p.m. At 5 p.m. the holiday tree will be lit and Santa will arrive.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping in downtown Renton. Shops and restaurants are celebrating Small Business Saturday all day with special sales, giveaways, and a scavenger hunt for kids.

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Out in the Community

**Eco Film & Chef Talk**
NOVEMBER 16, 6–8:30 P.M.
Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy.
Take a food road trip through Europe and chat with Chef Thierry Rautureau about ways to reduce food waste. rentonwa.gov/ecofilmseries

**Giving Trees**
NOVEMBER 17–DECEMBER 22
City Hall, 1055 S. Grady Way
Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.
Trees will have tags with gift requests from low income families in the area. 425-430-6694

**Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar**
NOVEMBER 17, 11 A.M.–6 P.M.
NOVEMBER 18, 9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.
Over 100 vendors. Food, refreshments and ATM available. Admission is free! 425-430-6700 or rentonwa.gov/holidaybazaar

**Weaving Coast Salish Traditions**
NOVEMBER 18, 12–1:30 P.M.
Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Avenue S.
Pamela Chelalakem Bond will lead everyone in making cedar angels and sharing Coast Salish songs and stories. Suitable for all ages.

**2017-18 Winter Tournament Series**
NOVEMBER 18, 2-Person Scramble
DECEMBER 2, Individual Points
DECEMBER 30, 2-Person Best Ball
JANUARY 13, Medal Play
Maplewood Golf Course,
4050 Maple Valley Highway
All events 9 a.m. shotgun start and open to all players with verifiable handicap. $35 plus entry fee. Carts: $14/14 rider. 425-430-6800

**Thanksgiving Holiday**
NOVEMBER 23 & 24
City of Renton facilities closed.

**Small Business Saturday**
Downtown Tree Lighting
NOVEMBER 25, 10 A.M.–5 P.M.
Downtown Renton
Shop, dine, and play in downtown with Small Business Saturday starting at 10 a.m. Enjoy music, snacks, a pop-up artisan market, and kid activities in the Pavilion Event Center 3-7 p.m. Tree lighting and Santa arrives at Piazza Park at 5 p.m.

**Ivar’s Clam Lights Opening Night**
DECEMBER 1, 5:30–7:30 P.M.
Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park,
1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N.
Holiday entertainment at 5:30 p.m., lighting at 6:15 p.m., Rainier Yacht Club “Parade of Boats” at 6:30 p.m., and Argosy Christmas Ship at 7 p.m. Light display runs through January 1, 5–9 p.m.

**History of Washington Music in 10 Songs**
DECEMBER 2, 11A.M.–12 P.M.
Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Avenue S.
DJ Amanda Wilde highlights ten Washington artists who shaped our region’s music and music itself.

**K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run & Walk**
DECEMBER 3, 9:15 A.M.
Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.
For competitive runners, fun runners, walkers and families with or without dogs.
Register: http://ow.ly/QAh830fRaEQ

**Renton City Concert Band**
DECEMBER 10, 2 P.M.
Renton IKEA Performing Arts Ctr., 400 S 2nd St.
Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season with this 65-member band. $10 for adults, $7 for students and seniors 50 & over. 425-430-6700

**Renton Youth Symphony**
DECEMBER 17, 3 P.M.
Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy.
Performances by the Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Debut Orchestra. $10 for adults, $7 for students & seniors 50 & over, and $5 for children 5 & under. 425-430-6700

**Christmas Holiday**
DECEMBER 25 & 26
City of Renton facilities closed.

**Polar Bear Plunge**
JANUARY 1, 11 A.M.
Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park,
1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N.
Start your New Year with an exhilarating dip into the icy waters of Lake Washington! No registration required. rentonwa.gov/polarbear

**New Years Day**
JANUARY 1
City of Renton facilities closed.