



# Renton City News

## Family First Center moves towards goal

It began two years ago as a shared vision between Mayor Denis Law and Doug Baldwin of the Seattle Seahawks: a family-oriented community center in the Cascade/Benson Hill neighborhood.

Today that vision is moving towards reality as the proposed Family First Community Center has received funding from a variety of sources and is working towards reaching its funding goal.

The \$15 million project is a partnership between the City of Renton, Seattle Seahawks Doug Baldwin, Renton School District and HealthPoint, a healthcare provider that will provide services.

The center has received \$4 million from Renton City Council, \$3 million from First Financial Northwest Foundation, and King County Council donated \$75,000 from surplus Kingdome funds. Additionally Car Pros, a Renton-based auto dealership, is making a donation for each car sold. Renton School District is planning to provide land next to Cascade Elementary School for the center.

Family First Community Center will meet a need for recreation services for families and youth by offering a host of programs including sports and recreation, health and wellness, plus classes in technology, music and English as a second language.

Baldwin was a Cascade/Benson Hill area resident during his rookie year and noticed the number of kids who had no real place to go after school. Over the next several months the partners will launch a full-fledged capital campaign to solicit additional partners and funds, develop a design for the center, and establish programs.



Mayor Law, Seattle Seahawks Doug Baldwin, and Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude (center trio) accept a \$75,000 check from King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn (left) and Dave Upthegrove (right).

## 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 the Event Center, Transit Center area, and Piazza and Gateway parks
- Creation of a festival street along Logan Avenue and S. Third Street connecting Piazza and Gateway parks

- 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](http://www.rentonciviccore.com).



## FALL 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://rentonwa.gov/emergencies).



## GIVING TREES

*Giving Trees will be on display at Renton City Hall (1055 S. Grady Way) and Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Highway) November 17 through December 22. The trees have tags containing gift requests from low income families in the area. Stop by and help fulfill someone's holiday wish. Call 425-430-6694 for details.*

## 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](http://rentonwa.gov/snowplowinfo). Snow route maps can be found at [rentonwa.gov/living/snowroutes](http://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.

### RENTON FEATURED

## Housing Repair Assistance Program

Renton's Housing Repair Assistance Program provides free minor health and safety repairs to owner-occupied homes within the city limits, where the household income is less than the maximum annual limits.

Some of the repairs provided include roof and plumbing leaks, mold and moisture elimination, pest control, ventilation, safety installations (hand grabs, safety lighting, wheelchair ramps), drinking water systems, waste water, and replacement of CFL lighting with LED lighting.

Because the aim of the program is to ensure the health and safety of you and your family, the program does not

cover such items as carports, free-standing garages, or fences.

Eligible homeowners must meet three criteria:

1. Live within the Renton City limits
2. Own the home for at least the last 12 months
3. Have a total household adjusted gross income that is less than the Maximum Annual Income limits

Income limits and an application form can be found on the city website along with links to other resources.

Information can also be obtained by calling 425-430-6600.

# IVAR'S CLAM LIGHTS

Ring in the holiday season with the annual Ivar's Clam Lights at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on December 1. Enjoy entertainment and photo opportunities, and then gasp as the switch is thrown. Entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the lighting at 6:15 p.m., the Rainier Yacht Club's Parade of Boats at 6:30 p.m., and the Argosy Christmas Ship at 7 p.m. The entertainment is sponsored by Puget Sound Energy.



## 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](http://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](http://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/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](http://rentonwa.gov/polarbear)

### New Years Day

JANUARY 1

City of Renton facilities closed.

## City Contacts

General Information	425-430-6400
Mayor	425-430-6500
City Council	425-430-6501
Chief Admin. Officer	425-430-6500
Administrative Svcs	425-430-6868
City Attorney	425-430-6480
City Clerk	425-430-6510
Code Enforcement	425-430-7373
Community & Economic Development	425-430-6575
Community Services	425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt	425-430-7041
Graffiti Reporting	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge	425-430-6550
Police (non-emergency) or <a href="http://epolice.rentonwa.gov">epolice.rentonwa.gov</a>	425-430-7500
Public Works	425-430-7394
Reg. Fire Authority	425-271-7900
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance	425-430-7400
Utility Billing	425-430-6852

EMERGENCY ..... 911  
Non-Emergency ..... 425-235-2121



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