



# This Week in Renton

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**READY IN RENTON**

September is "Ready in Renton" month. Our emergency management director explains how you can build a network within your neighborhood to prepare for severe weather.

[Click to read](#)

**PHOTO**  
Pooch Plunge takes place Saturday and Sunday

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
Groups organize donations to aid students and staff

**COMMUNITY**  
VISTA program has openings in Renton for 2021-22

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



#### Henry Moses Aquatic Center goes to the dogs

One of the most fun events all year happens this Saturday (9/11) and Sunday (9/12)—Pooch Plunge!

Come to Henry Moses Aquatics Center for your dog's annual opportunity to frolic in the lap and wave pools and float down the lazy river.

Sessions start at 9 a.m. (the final one begins at 1 p.m.) and last 45 minutes. [There are still some openings.](#)

Registration is \$10 per dog with a maximum of two people per dog. Only dogs are allowed in the water.

### COVER STORY



#### Ready in Renton – Together!

In conjunction with National Preparedness Month, September is "Ready in Renton" Month. We've certainly had a lot to prepare for and respond to over this past year as the ongoing pandemic has kept everyone adjusting almost nonstop.

Severe weather is another event where the community needs to be prepared. The June heat wave shattered high-temperature records, putting residents' health and lives at risk for an area unaccustomed to such extremes. Many of our most at-risk residents—seniors, medically compromised, or unsheltered—suffered from our region's lack of air conditioning.

During these recent events, many things went well. The city opened cooling shelters and provided clean drinking water to homeless people, and many community members shared their air-conditioned homes or loaned portable air conditioners to those especially vulnerable to heat stress.

However, whether it's severe weather in summer or winter, there is always more we can do more to help our community.

- Get personally prepared, particularly for power outages, which can be deadly in any temperature extreme. [PSE has excellent ideas.](#)
- Look out for neighbors who might need help or who might be able to help you. True community resilience comes from neighbors helping neighbors. But you need to build that network now, before an emergency.

Here's the September Ready in Renton Challenge: **Build your resilience network.** Think of the neighbors you do know and what their needs are. For neighbors you don't know, make the first move. Identify skills, knowledge, and resources you can contribute during an emergency. Prepare together with your neighbors to build that network and be ready together.

For ideas and resources to help you prepare and get connected, check out [rentonwa.gov/emergencies](https://rentonwa.gov/emergencies), [rentonwa.gov/cert](https://rentonwa.gov/cert), and [readytogether.net/](https://readytogether.net/).

Author Deborah Needham has served as the city's emergency management director since 2007.

## CITY HALL



### 120<sup>th</sup> Weekend events canceled

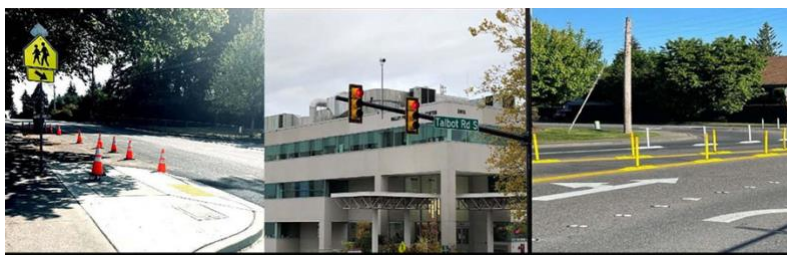
If you follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor, you know we have canceled events related to our 120th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, which was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18.

The cancellation was made with your safety in mind. The events included the fireworks show at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, the Renton Multicultural Festival, and the Voice of Planet Multicultural Art Exhibit.

Like you, we are disappointed. With cases of COVID-19 very high, our hospitals strained, and children back to school, we do not feel it is responsible to host events that will attract large crowds.

We will be working to reschedule and look forward to seeing you when we can safely celebrate together!

## TRANSPORTATION



### 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

### Community invited to comment on TIP

City of Renton's [2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP) is available in draft form. The TIP details transportation projects and programs over the next six years that support creating and maintaining city streets that move people and goods safely and efficiently.

The TIP also allows us to spotlight new accomplishments and assess transportation funding needs. Additionally, the annual adoption of the TIP enables us to apply for state and federal project funds. Projects receiving state and or federal grants are required to be in the TIP.

There will be a public hearing on the TIP during the City Council meeting on October 4. Before the hearing, we are collecting comments that will be reviewed and analyzed for incorporation into next year's TIP update. Comments and feedback should be emailed to Vangie Garcia, Transportation Planning and Programming Manager, at [vgarcia@rentonwa.gov](mailto:vgarcia@rentonwa.gov).

## RENTON REGIONAL FIRE



### RFA keeping pets safe through pet oxygen masks

Renton Regional Fire Authority (RFA) is one of the few departments in the state that carry pet oxygen masks on their trucks.

Thanks to RFA's Nathan Blakeslee and a local couple, Joanna Koseff and Daniel Kaner, RFA and other departments across the state have access to these resources.

Their grassroots effort raised enough to add nine new pet masks to RFA and many more to departments in Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties.

The RFA has [more on the project.](#)

## ENVIRONMENT



**RECYCLE EVENT**

New 2021 Mini Events

**Styrofoam & Document Shred Collection**  
Saturday  
Sept 18, 10-2

Renton Tech  
NE 6th Pl. &  
Monroe Ave. NE

rentonwa.gov/recycleevents



### Styrofoam & document shred collection event

We're one week from our final mini-recycle event of the year.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, we'll be accepting [Styrofoam and documents for shredding](#) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Renton Technical College.

We will also collect non-perishable food items for donation to the Renton Food Bank.

Please remember to secure your load and wear a face covering.



# Native plants

Combining beauty with water conservation  
6:30-8 pm | Tues | Sept 14

Natural gardening class taught by Peggy Campbell  
To register, call 425-430-7287 or email [limhoff@rentonwa.gov](mailto:limhoff@rentonwa.gov)



### Using native plants for water conservation

Our Public Works Department presents Peggy Campbell, Snohomish County Public Works Senior Planner, Outreach and Education, in an online class next Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30–8 p.m.

Peggy will identify low-maintenance plants and water-saving favorites, show how to match them to your garden spots, and share tips for successful, hassle-free gardening.

To register, email [Lauren Imhoff](mailto:Lauren.Imhoff). The Zoom link will be emailed before the class.

## VACCINES



# Vaccinate WA

### Free vaccine clinic Tuesday at Renton Library

Free COVID-19 one-dose or two-dose vaccines will be administered at the downtown Renton Library (100 Mill Ave. S, 98057) on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 5-8 p.m.

Registration is not required, and the vaccine is available to everyone age 12 and older regardless of insurance, citizenship, or immigration status. Onsite medical staff will provide information and answer questions. Interpreters will be available.

Other nearby vaccination locations:

#### Valley Medical Center

- Walk-in Pfizer and Moderna [free clinic for anyone 12 and older](#) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- [Schedule an appointment.](#)

#### HealthPoint

- Drive through [testing and vaccination site](#) (805 SW 10th St., 98057), offers drive-through access for the Pfizer vaccine.
- Appointments for 12–16-year-olds or new patients can be made by calling 866-893-5717.
- Current patients over age 18 can use [MyHealthPoint Portal](#) to schedule an appointment.

#### Kaiser Permanente

- [Glacier Building](#) and the [Rainier Building](#) are accepting appointments. You do not have to be a Kaiser Permanente member.
- Schedule appointment: 877-832-9915, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Interpreters are available. Patients who are 16-17 years old must have a parent or guardian call to schedule their appointment.
- [Schedule online](#)

#### King County

- [Getting vaccinated in King County](#)

## BACK TO SCHOOL

# Fundraiser for Teacher Grants



## Community groups look to support schools

Now that kids are back in school, two local organizations have ways you can help during September.

Renton Schools Foundation is collecting donations for their [Teacher Grant program](#) all month. Since 2016, the foundation has awarded 100 grants totaling \$69,000 to teachers and support staff to support innovation in the classroom.

[Communities In School Renton-Tukwila](#) is conducting a Snack Drive this month in partnership with Pacific Medical Centers.

Suggested snacks include protein bars (Cliff, Luna, Kind, Larabars), cereal bars, granola bars, peanut butter sandwich crackers, fruit leather, sun chips, terra chips, goldfish crackers, boxes of raisins, popcorn, skinny pop, seaweed snacks (roasted seaweed), trail mix, beef sticks, yogurt covered raisins, and fruit squishers.

If you'd like to donate, email [cisr@cisrenton.or](mailto:cisr@cisrenton.or) or call 425-430-6658.



Seahawks Boom and dancers at Dimmitt Middle School on the first day of classes. (photo courtesy of Seattle Seahawks)

## Seahawks adopt Renton School District

Continuing with our back-to-school theme, students returning to Dimmitt Middle School and Sierra Heights Elementary were greeted by the Seahawks mascot Boom and the Seahawks Dancers.

The appearances were part of the Seahawks participation in the Adopt-A-School District Program with Renton School District. The Seahawks and Renton schools will combine resources and create unique experiences to highlight student achievement, boost morale, and ultimately have fun. Looks like they're off to a great start.

## COMMUNITY



## Renton AmeriCorps VISTA has openings

The Renton AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program has openings for the 2021-2022 service year. The program places members in city programs and at non-profits in the city. The goal is to boost the reach and impact of these programs.

The VISTA program is patterned after the Peace Corps. The program provides a modest living allowance and additional benefits in exchange for a year of community service.

VISTA opportunities range from workforce development and downtown revitalization to food insecurity, housing, and neighborhoods.

The program appeals to all ages. Young adults use it to find a meaningful way to connect with their community, gain valuable professional experience, or explore career paths. It's also helpful for older adults looking to transition to a new field and seniors too young for full retirement.

Available openings with the AmeriCorps VISTA program include Age-Friendly/Seniors Renton, Benson Hill neighborhood, Sunset neighborhood, Downtown Business District, Farmers Market and Community Gardens.

Other VISTA openings include Housing Choice Voucher and Seniors (Renton Housing Authority), Early Childhood Learning and Special Populations Title 1 (Renton School District), Free Grocery Store and After School Program (St. Matthews Lutheran Church and Sustainable Renton), and Workforce Development (Renton Chamber of Commerce).

For more information and to apply for a VISTA position, go to the [AmeriCorps website](#), create an account, and browse the listings.

## NUMBERS

## WHO MY DONATION GOES TO:

### DONOR BLOOD TYPES

|     | 0- | 0+ | B- | B+ | A- | A+ | AB- | AB+ |
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| AB+ | ●  | ●  | ●  | ●  | ●  | ●  | ●   | ●   |
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## 58 pints collected at September pop up event

BloodworksNW collected 58 pints of blood during their pop-up drive last week at Renton Community Center. They also had 22 donors rebook for their next pop-up in October.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

## IN-PERSON SERVICES



## In-person services available Monday-Wednesday at City Hall

[Nearly all services are available online](#) and our staff is, in many ways, even more accessible than ever thanks to innovative improvements to our virtual environment.

That said, we recognize that not everyone has access to technology, so we are continuing to offer [in-person services](#) at city hall as follows:

- Finance and police counters are open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: Fingerprinting is not currently available.

- Our in-person permit counter is closed but is [available virtually](#). We can provide a computer and telephone to attend a pre-scheduled appointment in our lobby.
- Municipal Court Counter Services are available Thursdays and Fridays  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Note: Hearings continue to be via Zoom/virtual

Note: Passports are not currently available

Masks are required to enter our buildings, including City Hall. You will be asked health screening questions and we are limiting the number of people inside at our counters so you may be asked to wait outside until space is available.

## CITY COUNCIL



Mayor Armondo Pavone (center front) is flanked by the 2021 Renton City Council. Ruth Pérez and Council President Randy Corman are seated in the front row. Standing: Valerie O'Halloran, Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvine, Kim-Khánh Vãn, and Anjelina Benedetti.

### Council meeting recap

The council did not meet on Sept. 6 due to the Labor Day holiday. They will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13. Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:45 p.m.

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (Aug. 9 meeting)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renton City Council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to [rentonwa.gov/council](https://rentonwa.gov/council). Past meetings are available at [rentonwa.gov/youtube](https://rentonwa.gov/youtube).

## CALENDAR

**Daily, Senior Meals, Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.**, free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up at [Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.](#) Limited quantities.

**Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, [Sustainable Renton free drive-through grocery store](#) at [St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave. NE.](#)

**Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m.**, [Renton Farmers Market](#), Gateway Park, S. Third St. & Logan Ave. S. Through Sept. 28.

**Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Renton Live!** Online connection promoting business, non-profits, and activities within the greater Renton community. Find the weekly link on their new [Renton Live Facebook page](#).

**Library resources and events**, ongoing. Filter by event, program, and location. [kcls.org](https://kcls.org)

[Renton History Museum](#) hosts *When You Can't Go Home*, portraits by Karisa Keasey through Nov. 6. The exhibit couples inspiring stories with the facts surrounding the global refugee crisis. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Mini Recycle Event** accepting Styrofoam & documents for shredding. Renton Technical College, North Parking Lot, NE 6<sup>th</sup> Place & Monroe Ave. NE. See [rentonwa.gov/recycleevents](https://rentonwa.gov/recycleevents) for details on accepted materials.