



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Give us your input

We're collecting comments on our plans for Stormwater Management and Electric Vehicle charging stations



Input from our residents is vital to help ensure our initiatives have the desired effect. We currently have two plans open for your feedback:

Electric Vehicle Charging

The city is developing its [initial electric vehicle \(EV\) charging plan](#). This plan will help us better understand existing EV charging opportunities in Renton; where to prioritize new public use EV charging opportunities; and the feasibility, barriers, and resources for adding new EV chargers. The plan will be open for comments through March 31.

Stormwater Management Program

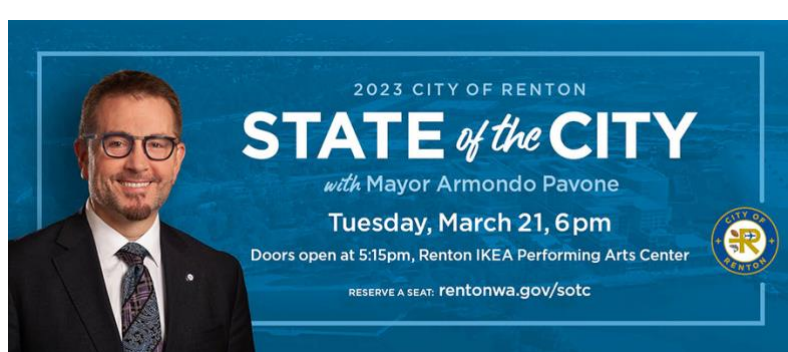
The rain from our roofs, driveways, and streets picks up everything it touches, including motor oil, yard chemicals, and pet waste. This contaminated rainwater flows into storm drains and eventually to our creeks, rivers, and lakes.

The city's [Stormwater Management Program Plan](#) details actions and activities to help keep Renton's waters clean and healthy. The plan meets the requirements of the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. In addition, it contains requirements that the city must implement over a five-year (2019-2024) term.

Among other actions, the plan contains the city's efforts to:

- Engage the community in stormwater education, outreach, public participation, and pollutant reporting.
- Inspect public and private development sites and stormwater facilities.
- Implement and enforce new regulatory requirements, including a source control program for inspecting commercial, institutional, and industrial properties with pollutant-generating potential.

To read and provide comments on the plan, visit rentonwa.gov/npdes.



2023 State of the City is March 21

Mayor Armondo Pavone presents his State of the City address on Tuesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. with light refreshments. Tickets for this free event can be reserved at rentonwa.gov/sotc.



Senior center outdoor exercise area opens

Our seniors now have another option to stay engaged and active.

We've opened an outdoor exercise area at [Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center](#). In addition to exercise equipment, the area features a ping pong table, seating area, and cornhole court. Landscaping was altered to provide a view of the Cedar River. Funding for the project was provided through the Renton Senior Center Fund.

The center has been [serving Renton's 50+ seniors for decades](#) providing healthy and engaging opportunities to stay active, build relationships, and learn new skills.



Baker: Permit-Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit

Report: state needs 1.1 million homes over 20 years; PRADU is option

The [Washington State Department of Commerce](#) released its [final housing needs projection](#) last week. The projection shows the state needs to add 1.1 million homes over the next 20 years to keep pace with the population growth. Additionally, more than half of the new homes need to be affordable for residents at the lowest income levels. The projections are based on 2020 census data and the Office of Financial Management's [population projections](#).

One option the city has developed is the award-winning [Permit Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit \(PRADU\)](#) program. PRADU allows homeowners to add independent residential units on their lots. These units have a kitchen, sleeping area, and bathroom. They can be used as rental properties or to house family members.

Our Community & Economic Development Department has simplified the process with several pre-approved models, each with different architectural styles and floor plans. Applicants utilizing our pre-approved plans will work one-on-one with staff to design their ideal site plan and go through an expedited review process. These significant cost savings can be applied toward construction.

Professional tradespeople and companies can now register their services with the program. The PRADU Program Professional Services Roster is open to all construction professionals. More [information and the form](#) are on our website. The city does not endorse, recommend, or have any involvement in selecting professionals.



CERT class focuses on disaster prep

Preparation is the key to surviving after a disaster. Our Emergency Management Division can help you prepare through their free spring CERT (Community Emergency Preparedness Team) class. Learn how to prepare your home and neighborhood to respond. Topics include

personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, and team organization. Instruction is a combination of classroom and hands-on training. CERT graduates serve as their own "first responders" during the critical period after a disaster when existing resources are overwhelmed.

Classes are Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. at Renton Regional Fire Authority Station 14 (1900 Lind Ave SW 98057) from April 20 to June 1. The final drill is Saturday, June 3, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. [Register online](#) using the keyword CERT. Ages 18 and up.



Keeping Renton Clean

Our Streets Maintenance crews performed their annual "Keep Renton Clean" litter pickup project during the last two weeks of February. The crews assisted our solid waste crews by filling 775 bags with collected litter from the city's main streets and arterials.



Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration

Urban Forestry Management will host their annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Cedar River Trail Extension (64 Logan Ave S). Volunteers are needed to plant trees, spread bark, and mark storm drains. Volunteers must be 14 and older.

Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and a sapling to plant at home. A light lunch and snacks will be provided. Street parking is limited. Parking is available at Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N). Gloves and tools are provided. Please dress for the weather.

Visit our [volunteering page](#) for more information and to sign up. Look for the "One-time Volunteer Opportunities - 2023 Arbor & Earth Day" tab.

EVENTS & Activities



Mondays – [Free Community Grocery Store](#), St. Matthews Church (1700 Edmonds Ave NE), 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Presented by Sustainable Renton.

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

March 18 – Renton Chamber of Commerce [Spring Fling](#), Renton Pavilion Event Center (233 Burnett Ave. S), 5 – 9 p.m.

March 19 – Music Sings, Music Dances, Renton City Concert Band, [Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center](#) (400 S. Second St.), 2 – 4 p.m. Tickets: \$10 (adults), \$7 (Students & 50+ Seniors). Tickets can be purchased at [Renton Community Center](#), [Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center](#), and at the door on the day of the performance.

March 21 – Mayor's State of the City Address, [Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center](#) (400 S. Second St.), 6 p.m. [Reserve free tickets.](#)

April 1 – Downtown Spring Clean, Cheers (201 Williams Ave. S), 9 – 11 a.m. Renton Downtown Partnership.
[Register online.](#)

April 2 – [Renton Downtown Dragon Pub Crawl](#), Rain City Market (700 S. 3rd St.), 1 – 4 p.m. Visit multiple stops with samples and specials downtown. The ticket includes a commemorative cup and taste or drink specials. Tickets are \$20 and will increase to \$25 on March 1.

April 15 – [Shredathon and Rx Prescription Drug Take Back](#), Renton Memorial Stadium (405 Logan Ave. N), 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

April 15 – [Dragon Dash 5K/10K Fun Run & Walk](#), 10 a.m. Open to competitive and fun runners, walkers, and families. Start downtown at Erasmus (826 S 3rd St.) and end at Henry Moses Aquatic Center (1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy). [Early bird registration is open.](#) Cost: \$28 for 5K; \$38 for 10K. Register before April 7 and receive a long-sleeved t-shirt.

April 22 – Arbor Day/Earth Day Volunteer event, Cedar River Trail Extension (64 Logan Ave S.), 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
[Register online.](#)

May 13 – [Metal & Styrofoam Recycling](#), Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Non-perishable food items collected for distribution to Renton-area food banks.

June 10 – [Mattress, Box Spring, Cardboard, Styrofoam & Tire Recycling](#), Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Non-perishable food items collected for distribution to Renton-area food banks

Sept. 9 – [Styrofoam & Document Shred Recycling](#), Renton Technical College Parking Lot (NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Non-perishable food items collected for distribution to Renton-area food banks.



In other news this week

A recap of the news posted on the city's social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

[Arts in Renton](#)

[City Council](#) (agendas, documents, and meeting video)

[Parks Projects](#) (Arnold, Coulon, Kiwanis)

[Pet Microchipping](#) (free for Renton residents)

[Rainier Avenue S Phase 4](#) construction project

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events for January to April)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Traffic Projects](#) (information on impact projects)