Our Renton
Community News, Programs, and Events

Supporting Small for Big Impacts!

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY returns on November 28, and Renton is ready to celebrate the entrepreneurs, makers, and storefronts that give our city its character.

Renton is home to an incredible range of small businesses, from brick-and-mortar shops, online curators, and local market vendors. Whether you're grabbing coffee from a neighborhood café or buying handmade goods from a weekend pop-up, your choices add up. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the nation turns its spotlight on small businesses. Here in Renton, that spotlight shines on our local owners who keep our community vibrant and resilient.



Kick Off Your Day with a Limited-Edition Tote



This year, we're making it even easier to explore Renton's small-business scene. Start your adventure at Legacy Square on Saturday, November 28, beginning at 11 a.m., to pick up a limited-edition Small Business Saturday tote bag filled with coupons, promos, and special offers from local businesses.

We are limited to 200 bags, so come right at 11 before they are gone!

Legacy Square will serve as your home base to grab your tote, recharge, and get the inside scoop on where to shop, local deals, holiday events, and more!

Build Your Own Small Business Saturday Tour

Want to make the most of your shopping adventure? Download the Visit Renton app and curate your own personalized tour of businesses all around Renton. The app makes it easy to discover shops, map a route, and explore different corners of Renton.

It's a more flexible, discovery-driven way to shop local—one that gives you full control over how you experience the day, while still shining a spotlight on our small-business community.



Don't Forget About the Arts!

Saturday will be a full day, but don't forget to celebrate Artist Sunday on November 29. Shop local and discover one-of-a-kind artwork while supporting Renton-area artists. Check out our directory of Renton artists at VisitRenton.com/Shop and find out where to purchase art this holiday season, plus browse our art gift guide to find the perfect gift.

Be sure to stop by Perfect Fit Framing that November 29 between 12 and 5 p.m. to meet makers and purchase art directly from local artists who may not have a dedicated storefront.

Small Business Saturday is a powerful moment, but supporting local doesn't have to be reserved for just one day. Every coffee, haircut, book, or gift purchased from a local business helps keep dollars in Renton.

Consider Small Business Saturday your starting point. Let it inspire a season, and a year, of choosing local whenever you can.

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HEADING OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Before you go, lock up, pause mail and packages, and keep travel plans off social media. Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home. Enjoy your trip—leave your home secure!

A New Era for Downtown: Renton Market and Piazza Park Take Shape

FIRST LEGACY SQUARE came to life, then Piazza Park, and now Renton Market. Downtown Renton has steadily transformed into a vibrant hub of activity. The Renton Market has reached a major milestone in that journey with all final building inspections approved.



With approval now in hand, the city is ready to turn over the keys to the market operator. Behind the scenes, the operator is working to recruit businesses for two permanent tenant spaces and 16 turn-key vendor stalls designed for start-ups and small businesses to build their audience, grow, and launch their own brick and mortar space. This milestone brings us one step closer to welcoming the public into the new market this spring and summer.

The transformation of the former Pavilion Events Center has been a long-anticipated component of the 2018 Civic Core Action Plan. Once open, Renton Market will offer a year-round indoor marketplace featuring two permanent anchor tenants, flexible vendor spaces, a classroom kitchen for culinary programming, and public restrooms, creating a welcoming and accessible destination for both entrepreneurs and visitors.

Piazza Park: A Welcoming Gateway

JUST STEPS OUTSIDE the market's doors, the newly revamped Piazza Park has already made an impression on visitors, especially those who experienced it during this summer's Renton Farmers Market. Serving as a natural extension of the Renton Market, the revitalized plaza functions as an outdoor lobby to support daily foot traffic, community gatherings, and a more enjoyable pedestrian experience in downtown.

Construction is nearing completion, with final touches underway on the stage and bench installations. Phases completed earlier this summer brought significant upgrades, including new concrete, redesigned pathways, enhanced vegetation, and safety-focused features guided by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles. The result is a more open, welcoming, and secure environment for residents and visitors.



Together, the Renton Market and Piazza Park create a seamless indoor-outdoor destination built for festivals, shopping, exploring, markets, and everyday community life.

Downtown Renton is evolving into a place where community, creativity, and commerce come together. As the market progresses toward its next phase and Piazza Park approaches completion, a new era of opportunity is taking shape downtown Renton.



Is a Festival Street Coming to Renton?

A FESTIVAL STREET is a public space that can be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic and be used for festivals, markets, outdoor dining, and other community events.

City staff is exploring the idea of a Festival Street on Logan Ave between S. 2nd Street and S. 3rd Street to create more flexible public spaces in downtown Renton.

In 2018, the Civic Core Vision and Action Plan (CCVAP) identified this stretch of Logan Ave. S. within the Heart Block as a place for a festival street, aimed at encouraging community gathering and improving pedestrian safety.

Since then, we've built Legacy Square, redesigned Piazza Park, and are turning The Pavilion into Renton Market, giving more people a reason to visit downtown.

This summer, you may have noticed the colorful concrete barriers in front of Logan. These barriers temporarily closed Logan Street to vehicle traffic to create more space for pedestrians visiting World Cup watch parties and the Renton Farmers Market at Legacy Square and the revamped Piazza Park.

Logan Street will remain temporarily closed through February 2027 as staff continues work on establishing a formal Festival Street.

Over the next four to five months, we will gather community input, develop design concepts, and review alternatives.

After a design is chosen, we'll create construction plans and look for grants and other funding to help pay for the project.

Read the full project details at rentonwa.gov/FestivalStreet and take our community survey to tell us what you think.

Share Your Voice on Proposed Transit Changes in Renton

AS DOWNTOWN RENTON GROWS and evolves, King County Metro is seeking public feedback on proposed changes to bus routes and stops in the Renton area.

King County Metro's Renton Area Mobility Project (RAMP) focuses on connecting Metro service to the future Renton Transit Center.

Opening in 2028, the new transit center will connect Metro bus routes and Metro Flex services with the future RapidRide I Line and Sound Transit's Stride S1 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line. This will create a regional transit hub with connections between Burien, Renton, Bellevue and beyond.

Take King County Metro's survey by November 30 to share your thoughts on the proposed service changes. Metro will use public input to help shape decisions about the proposed network. The plan will be shared with the community in mid-2027.

Read the full blog from King County Metro and learn more at kingcountymetro.blog (search "Renton" to find the October 1 post.)



Council ICYMI

Looking for a quick, easy rundown of what happened during Monday night's Committee of the Whole (COW) and Renton City Council meeting? We've got you covered. "In Case You Missed It" is a digital recap available on our website following the most recent meetings. rentonwa.gov/ICYMI





Community Calendar

Find details at rentonwa.gov/Events

Veterans Day DJ Dance

NOV 6, Friday, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Renton Community Center
1715 Maple Valley Hwy.

Ages 50+. Music, dancing, and community come together to honor those who have served. rentonwa.gov/Register

Renton Art Lounge: Paper Marbling

NOV 18, Wednesday, 4–7 p.m.
Wyldwood Creative, 822 S. 3rd Street

Artist-led activity with a chance to create original artworks and meet others in a supportive setting. rentonwa.gov/RMAC

Holiday Bazaar

NOV 20–21, Friday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Renton Community Center
1715 Maple Valley Hwy.

Shop for high-quality items that are designed, created, and upcycled by local artists and crafters from Renton and the greater Puget sound region.

Tree Lighting after Small Business Saturday

NOV 28, Saturday, 5–6:30 p.m.
Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S.

Shop local all day on Small Business Saturday, then join us for hot cocoa, ornament making, tree lighting and holiday cheer at the History Museum!

Clam Lights Opening Night

DEC 4, Friday, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
Coulon Park, 1201 Lake Wash. Blvd. N.

Celebrate the season with festive music, Santa, and holiday cheer for the whole family as we light up the park. Find schedule on rentonwa.gov/Events.

K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run & Walk



DEC 6, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Renton Community Ctr.
1715 Maple Valley Hwy.

Annual fun run and walk along the Cedar River Trail—with or without your furry friends! Competitive and fun runners, walkers, families and dogs all invited. Register by 10 a.m., Nov. 24, to receive a sweatshirt. rentonwa.gov/K9Register

CITY HALL SERVICES

Municipal Court

Renton Municipal Courts no longer processes passports. Visit travel.state.gov for options.

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. and 12:30–4 p.m. rentonwa.gov/Court

Finance Counter, Utility Bills, License & Tax Counter

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
rentonwa.gov/Finance

Building & Permit Counter

In person: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9–11:30 a.m. and 1–4 p.m.
Online services: rentonwa.gov/Permits

Police Counter

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
rentonwa.gov/PoliceReport

RENTON RESPONDS



Report non-emergency service requests and quality-of-life issues at rentonwa.gov/RentonResponds

CITY CONTACTS

General Information	425-430-6400
Mayor	425-430-6500
Building Permits	425-430-7200
City Council	425-430-6501
City Clerk	425-430-6510
Code Enforcement	425-430-7373
Licensing & Taxes	425-430-6851
Municipal Court	425-430-6550
Parks & Recreation	425-430-6600
Police (business line)	425-430-7500
Regional Fire Authority	425-276-9500
Utility Billing	425-430-6852

Emergency **911**
Non-Emergency **425-235-2121**

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