



Renton City News

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June 2012

NEWS IN BRIEF

Enjoy Fresh Produce, Flowers as Farmers Markets Return to Renton

This summer enjoy two Farmers Market options in Renton for finding fresh produce, flowers, live music and more. The Renton Farmers Market at the Piazza opens June 5 and runs from 3 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday through September 25, and the Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center opens June 10 and runs from 12 to 4 p.m. every Sunday through September 16. For details visit www.rentonfarmersmarket.com and sign up for the weekly newsletter, which includes current market information and recipes.

Renton's Fabulous Fourth of July

Join us as we celebrate Independence Day in Renton with a professional fireworks display from a barge on Lake Washington at 10 p.m. Come to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park or enjoy the fireworks display from boats, canoes, kayaks, or from your home if you live close to the park.



Fireworks Ban Within City Limits

The city bans the use, sale and possession of fireworks within the city limits as a way to protect citizens and their property. The ban is inclusive of all types of fireworks and residents should know that violators are subject to both criminal and civil citations, and fireworks can be confiscated.

Free Summer Lunches Available

Does your child need a free lunch and a place to go this summer? Are you looking for free things for your child to participate in? If so, there are nine sites in Renton where any child (ages one to 18) can go this summer to get a nutritionally balanced sack lunch, regardless of where you live or your family income. No registration is required. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday through the summer (except Wednesday, July 4, Thursday, July 5, and Friday, July 6) and must be eaten on-site. To learn more and find specific locations visit rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-6650.

DIVERSITY A KEY TO SUCCESS

Renton is one of the most diverse cities in our region. We pride ourselves in being an inclusive city with opportunities for all.

As part of our efforts to embrace the diversity of our community, we launched an initiative to build connections with all the communities in our city, especially our limited or non-English speaking residents and ethnic groups.

Our goal was to make city programs and services more accessible, focus on emergency preparedness information and help communities be better prepared, promote understanding and appreciation of cultural differences through celebrations and festivals, and encourage members from all our different communities to participate in local government.

In 2010 we created a network of community leaders to be liaisons between their community groups and the city. Every department in the city has made it their



priority to reach out to our diverse community groups, and our community liaisons helped them every step of the way.

We've covered emergency preparedness, health and safety initiatives, and expanded access to and participation in parks and recreation programs.

In 2011, in collaboration with the Small Business Development Center, we provided assistance to 115 businesses, 45 percent of which were minority-owned.

Together we have enjoyed festivals and celebrations, learned to appreciate the richness of our individual cultures, and have proudly displayed a series of exhibits at the Renton History Museum to highlight the diversity of our community. Just last month we hosted the Seattle International Film Festival with 19 different films in multiple languages.

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TIPS FOR ENJOYING YOUR PARKS

Summer is just around the corner and Renton's parks and trails will become more popular as the weather improves. Take some time this summer to visit one of Renton's parks, trails or natural areas such as the Black River Riparian Forest.

A few friendly reminders about using Renton's parks and trails are listed below:

- Dogs are not allowed at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park or Kenndale Beach Park. At all other parks, dogs must be on an eight-foot leash. An off-leash dog park is located along the Cedar River across from the Renton Community Center. Pet owners please obey the scoop law.
- The speed limit on a portion of the Cedar River Trail was reduced in 2011 and there

are dismount zones. Please obey all signage.

Renton's park maintenance and facilities staff maintain the facilities and act as customer service representatives to the public. Comments, suggestions and questions are always welcome. Trail Rangers will be on the Cedar River Trail from June through September to assist with trail education and report unwanted activity. If suspicious or dangerous behavior is noticed, please dial 9-1-1.

For more information on Renton's park rules and regulations, trail etiquette or maps of parks, trails and bikeways, please visit rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-6600.

HISTORY MUSEUM NEW EXHIBIT OPENS

The Museum opens its new exhibit,

"Duwamish Journey with Johnny Moses," on June 12.

Johnny Moses, a Tulalip Native American, was raised in a remote village on the west coast of Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada. He is part

Duwamish and a member of other tribes, and is fluent in eight native Northwest languages.

Johnny is a visual artist, master storyteller, oral historian, traditional healer, and respected spiritual leader. The Renton History Museum is proud to present the very personal and rarely displayed drawings of Coast Salish Native American life by Johnny Moses.

On exhibit June 12 through August 24.



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Some of our community liaisons have served on critical task forces and represented and shared their unique perspective and needs. Thanks to them we continue to work together to create a shared vision for our city.

In addition to our continued commitment to the efforts mentioned above, I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting a series of forums throughout the year to further advance our efforts to build community and increase appreciation and understanding in our city.

Our community liaisons and members of their organizations, along with the general public, will have an opportunity to voice their priorities and learn more about key issues from city officials and staff at our next forum, which is scheduled for June 27. At the forum, the community will also have an opportunity

to meet with Renton Police Chief Kevin Milosevich and his staff, explore crime prevention and reporting options, and share ideas and learn from others about how to prevent burglaries and keep our community safe. The forum is free and open to all, but space is limited and reservations are required. To register and for more information contact Tami Dauenhauer at 425-430-6500 or email tdauenhauer@rentonwa.gov.

As a city we have a proactive commitment to value and nurture our diversity, eliminate barriers, increase awareness and provide opportunities for all. The appeal of diversity is its unlimited potential! Thank you for joining me as we work together to create a future that is even better than the past we inherited.

Denis Law
Mayor

CITY CONTACTS

Area Code 425

General Information	430-6400
Mayor	430-6500
City Council	430-6501
Municipal Court Judge	430-6550
Chief Administrative Officer	430-6500
City Attorney	430-6480
City Clerk	430-6510
Code Enforcement	430-7373
Community Services	430-6600
Community & Economic Development	430-6580
Finance & Information Services	430-6850
Fire/Emergency Services	430-7000
Graffiti Reporting Line	430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Public Works	430-7394
Police	430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov	
Street/Water/Sewer Maint.	430-7400
Utility Billing	430-6852

EMERGENCY 911

 **The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.**

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday, June 5

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m.
Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Sunday, June 10

Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.
Noon to 4 p.m. 4011 Talbot Road South.
Free parking.

Tuesday, June 12

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m.
Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Saturday, June 16

Swimming beaches open for season.
Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park, 1201 and 3501 Lake Washington Blvd. N., respectively. Lifeguards on duty from noon to 8 p.m. daily thru Sept. 3.

Henry Moses Aquatic Center open for swimming season. Sessions at noon and 4 p.m. daily. 1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy. Call 425-430-6780.

Sunday, June 17

Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.
Noon to 4 p.m. 4011 Talbot Road South.
Free parking.

Renton City Band Concert. 2 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 senior/student. Call 425-430-6700 for more information.

Tuesday, June 19

Renton Farmers Market. 3 to 7 p.m.
Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

Sunday, June 24

Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.
Noon to 4 p.m. 4011 Talbot Road South.
Free parking.

Wednesday, June 27

Community Cultural Liaison Forum.
6-8 p.m. Council Chambers, Renton City Hall, 1055 South Grady Way.

Wednesday, July 4

Renton Fabulous Fourth of July. Noon to 10:30 p.m. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N. Park opens at 7 a.m.

Sunday, July 8

Return To Renton Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Call 425-430-7589 or visit GoRenton.com.

For more information visit rentonwa.gov



CONSTRUCTION ALERT!

Road construction has begun on Rainier Avenue between S. Grady Way and S. 2nd Street in Renton. Crews will be doing night work from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. until mid-June, then day work will begin. During normal business hours, driveway access to businesses along Rainier Avenue will be maintained and signage has been placed at

driveway entrances to assist visitors with local access. Businesses along Rainier Avenue will remain open during construction, and the community is encouraged to support these local businesses. Construction will last through spring 2014. To follow the progress of the project, visit www.rainierproject.com or contact the project team at 425-988-4104 or info@rainierproject.com.