



Renton City News

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Be Ready In Renton!

September is National Preparedness Month

If an emergency occurred tomorrow, would you be ready? September is National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Ready in Renton Month, sponsored by the City of Renton. The focus of this month is to educate and encourage residents to prepare for all types of emergencies, including man-made or natural disasters. The more we are prepared, the quicker our community will recover.

On an annual basis, thousands of minor earthquake events occur in the greater Puget Sound region, although most of these earthquakes go unnoticed by local residents. The most recent significant activity was the Nisqually Earthquake of February 28, 2001. This earthquake, 10 miles northeast of Olympia in Thurston County, resulted in statewide losses exceeding \$1 billion and injured 700 people.

How do you prepare for an event like this? Here are a few suggestions:

- » **Sign up for Renton RedAlert**, the mass notification system that alerts residents with important information from the public safety agencies of the City of Renton. You and your family can register at rentonwa.gov/rentonredalert or by calling 425-430-7053.
- » **Prepare a disaster supply kit** and keep it in a safe accessible spot in your home with at least three days of food and water, as well as items like important documents, contact information, cash, prescription drugs, flashlights and extra batteries.
- » **Create a family emergency plan** so your family knows how to communicate during an emergency.
- » **Strap down your water heater**, and be sure you know how to turn off gas and water mains.
- » **Redecorate your home with an eye to gravity.** Loose objects can become flying objects during an earthquake.



October 4–10 is National Fire Prevention Week

According to the American Red Cross, you have about two minutes to escape when a fire starts in your home. The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives; 60 percent of house fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

- » Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- » Make sure everyone in your home understands the warning of the smoke alarm and how to respond.
- » Replace batteries at least once a year; if the alarm chirps, replace the battery.
- » Replace smoke alarms if they are more than ten years old, or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

Visit www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week or contact the Renton Fire Department at 425-430-7000 with your questions about smoke alarms or general fire safety.



Due to the unusually hot and dry weather, we are asking customers to voluntarily reduce water use. Go to www.savingwater.org for water saving ideas



Mayor's Inclusion Task Force

Like most cities in King County, Renton continues to grow in diversity with significant shifts in communities of color and ethnicity. The city's 2016-2021 Business Plan has five strategic goals, including building an inclusive informed city with opportunities for all. To achieve this goal, Mayor Denis Law has formed the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force, which will facilitate dialogue and enhance understanding and trust between the city and its diverse communities.

The task force currently has 26 members, including Councilmembers Ruth Pérez and Ed Prince, and each member will serve a two- or three-year term. Represented communities include African-American, Chinese, East-African, East-Indian, Filipino, Islamic, Japanese, Latino, LGBT, Senior, Sikh, Somali, Sudanese, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. The task force will meet about five times a year, and subcommittees will coordinate and meet as needed to work on specific priorities.



A happy client with a new handrail »



Housing Repair Assistance Program

The City of Renton Housing Repair Program is the only program in Renton that provides free minor home repair services to low and moderate income homeowners. We do health and safety repairs on the house/primary structure only, and there is a \$10,000 lifetime maximum for repair costs. Daytime and evening appointments are available.

To qualify, your home must be located within the Renton city limits and you need to have lived in your home for at least one year. Income criteria and more information can be found on our website, rentonwa.gov/humanservices.

Call 425-430-6600 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

And the Awards go to... Renton!

» *Sunset Area Transformation is a finalist for the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative*

» *Renton was awarded the 2015 Governor's Smart Communities Award for Kirkland Avenue Townhomes Project*



Newly Renovated Renton Library

The original Renton Library, with its unique design and placement over the Cedar River, was opened in 1966. In 2010, the City of Renton libraries annexed to the King County Library System, and work began immediately to design and complete two libraries: the renovated Renton Library that opened in August 2015 and the Highlands Library, scheduled to open later in 2015.

The concrete bridge structure and connection to the river banks have been maintained and seismically updated

to provide protection during a seismic event. The new railing is designed to allow better views to the river below and includes lighting for safety that is angled to prevent light spillage affecting salmon habitat.

The renovated library features study rooms, a meeting room that can be reserved for non-commercial events, and dedicated areas for children and teens. Additional power and data connections have been routed throughout the library for increased public access.

10TH ANNUAL

Seattle South Asian Film Festival

October 15–25, 2015

The Seattle South Asian Film Festival (SSAFF) returns to Renton as they celebrate their 10th year, featuring an array of films representing the culturally rich South Asian diaspora and its widespread influence. SSAFF is the largest South Asian film festival in the United States and is hosted by Tasveer and co-sponsored by the Renton Community Marketing Campaign.

For more info on the festival, visit ssaff.tasveer.org/2015/.

Excitement is "Developing" in Renton

Throughout this fall and winter you will notice many exciting changes in Renton as our city renews and grows.



IKEA: IKEA will begin construction of a new larger two-story retail showroom and warehouse at its current site. The existing store will remain open during construction.

Group Health: Group Health Cooperative is building a new campus at the Longacres Business Park. The first phase includes a three story office building and pharmacy distribution center.

Riverview Park Bridge: The original bridge on the Cedar River has been replaced with a new bridge that will be completed in September 2015.

New Libraries: The Renton Library over the Cedar River was completed in August 2015, and the new Highlands Library will be completed in Fall 2015.

Plaza Renovation at Gene Coulon Park: The two picnic plazas are being upgraded and concrete tiles are being replaced with cast-in-place concrete for longer life and reduced maintenance. Upgrades will be completed in September 2015.

Sunset Neighborhood Transformation: When completed, the community will include new housing units for low-income families, a new, state-of-the-art library, multi-family housing complexes, an inclusive playground and a 3.7 acre community park.

South Lake Washington: Construction continues on three new projects featuring hotel, parking, convention and retail space.

Smoke-Free in Renton

As of August 16, smoking is no longer permitted in parks and facilities in downtown Renton, including Piazza Park, Gateway Park, the former Big 5 lot, and the north side of the Renton Pavilion Event Center.

Renton City Council adopted an ordinance to make it illegal to smoke in parks and facilities close to the Renton Transit Center. Although not a criminal offense, it is a civil infraction to violate this ordinance and the penalty is a \$250 fine. Renton police will initially issue warnings to inform and educate the public about the smoke-free policy. Visitors who refuse to comply will be cited and may be asked to leave, and ultimately face the possibility of expulsion.

Smoking is defined by Washington state law as the carrying or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment. More than 1,000 municipal parks nationwide are currently smoke-free.



In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the trees around City Hall will be illuminated with purple lights for the month of October.

Out in the Community

FALL 2015

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 2 AND OCT. 7

Pop-Up Piazza

5–7pm, Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Food trucks, beer & wine garden and entertainment.

TUESDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29

Renton Farmers Market

3–7pm, Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day Holiday

City offices closed.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Twilight Zone Art Show Opening

5:30–7:30pm, Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S. Exhibit runs through November 25.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Renton Fall Recycle Day

9am–3pm, Renton Technical College, NE 6th PL and Monroe Ave NE (north parking lot). Residents can recycle large and hard-to-recycle items at one location. 425-430-7396 for info.

National Day of Service

Renton is partnering with local agencies to provide service opportunities. Contact Teresa, 425-430-6694.

Pooch Plunge

9am–2pm, Henry Moses Aquatic Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy. Register at rentonwa.gov/cybersignup.

Cruz'n the Loop 2015

11am–4pm Renton High School, Downtown Renton. Food trucks, DJ, stage music, vendors, vintage cars, and celebratory cruise through Downtown Renton loop starting at 4pm. For more info, 425-226-4560 or kjordan@gorenton.com

BEGINS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Renton Academy of City Services

Learn about city services and learn how your city works for you. Register at rentonwa.gov/cybersignup or contact Norma McQuiller, nmcquiller@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-6595 for information.

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 16–OCT. 28

CERT training

Be ready when disaster strikes. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes. For more info or to register, call 425-430-7054.

FRIDAY–SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25–26

Renton Oktoberfest

Pavilion Event Center & Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave S. Visit RentonOktoberfest.com for more info

OCTOBER 2–24

Renton Film Frenzy

Oct. 2–4 Filming Weekend in Renton.

Oct. 17, 7–9pm, Screening, Renton Civic Theater, 507 S 3rd St. All films will be shown.

Oct. 23, 7–9pm, Curvee Awards, Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St.

Visit reelrenton.com for more information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Green and Clean Saturday

9–11:30am, Tiffany Park, 1902 Lake Youngs Way SE. Help maintain parks for all to enjoy. Register at rentonwa.gov/cybersignup.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Fall Harvest Festival

11am–4pm, Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Produce, food, flowers, art, crafts, & Master Gardeners. Info: piazarenton.com or 425-226-4560.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

FREE Fall Shred-a-thon

9am–12pm, Sam's Club parking lot at 901 S Grady Way. Info: rentonwa.gov/shredathon.

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15–25

Seattle South Asian Film Festival

Visit saff.tasveer.org/2015/ for info.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

"Alien Encounters: Sci-Fi Movies and the Cold War Culture of the 1950s"

5:30–7:30pm, Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S with writer and film critic Robert Horton.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Downtown Trick or Treat & Olde Fashion Halloween Party

1–4pm, Trick or Treat downtown businesses, with a party in Main Street Square (enter on S Main). Ghoulish games, fun & free food.

City Contacts

General Information	425-430-6400
Mayor	425-430-6500
City Council	425-430-6501
Municipal Court Judge . . .	425-430-6550
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 Services	425-430-6600
Community & Economic Development	425-430-6575
Fire & Emergency Svcs . . .	425-430-7000
Graffiti Reporting Line . . .	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Public Works	425-430-7394
Police	425-430-7500 or epolice.rentonwa.gov
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance	425-430-7400
Utility Billing	425-430-6852

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



The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.

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