



Renton City News

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Know When It's Time to Water

Savingwater.org has tips on how often and how much to water your annuals, trees, shrubs, perennials and lawn. Learn key factors and signs that will help you determine when your plants need watering. You can also find information and comparisons of watering systems. Reviews, advantages and disadvantages of sprinklers, watering wand, soaker hose, drip system and automatic irrigation systems are presented.

Outstanding Citizens Sought

Do you know someone who promotes and supports Renton? Someone who is dedicated to making the Renton community a great place to live, work, play and learn? Persons who exemplify the traits of an Outstanding Citizen are those who have served Renton beyond the call of duty and demonstrated character, commitment and community service. Nominate that special person for consideration. Nomination form (pdf) or online nomination form is available at rentonwa.gov. or call the Renton Chamber of Commerce at 425-226-4560.

Renton Farmers Market

The Renton Farmers Market runs every Tuesday through September 30 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m in the Piazza Park in downtown Renton. The market features fresh, local produce as well as flowers, baked goods, meats and cheeses, Washington wines and arts and crafts. Each week the Renton Farmers Market features a "Taste of Renton" (highlighting Renton restaurants), kids' activities, live entertainment, tips from Master Gardeners, free parking and a unique pedestrian-friendly environment. Visit the website for more information at www.rentonfarmersmarket.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

ARE YOU READY IN RENTON?

NEW RENTON REDALERT KEEPS YOU CONNECTED DURING EMERGENCIES

Beginning in September during Ready in Renton month, the City of Renton is expanding its emergency notification capabilities by engaging a new service provider. The new service is called Renton RedAlert. You will need to enroll in the service to be sure you receive these emergency alerts, especially if you don't have a landline.

With Renton RedAlert, during certain emergencies the city can automatically message you by phone or TDD, text or email. Other warning methods, like traditional television news broadcasts or web page updates, might not reach you as quickly. Providing your contact information by enrolling in Renton RedAlert is an important way to learn about emergencies that affect you and the quick actions you should take for your own safety and the safety of those you love.

Although the city has some telephone numbers in its database from other sources, most people don't rely on a landline telephone for communications. They use a cell phone instead. This creates a problem when issuing alerts because the city does not have most cell phone numbers in its database.

To help us reach you with important messages in an emergency, go to rentonwa.gov and click on the Renton RedAlert logo. Even though you may have subscribed in the past with our previous provider, your contact information will not transfer automatically into our new system. If you do not have internet access you may call 425-430-7053 to have staff assist you in registering for Renton RedAlert.

During an emergency, you can receive information from the following sources:

- Traditional media (TV, radio, newspapers or online information)
- NOAA Weather Radio (National Weather Service)
- Regional or national alerts (region-wide alerts such as AMBER Alerts or Severe Weather Warnings)
- Neighborhood Information Centers (information about shelters, food, water or evacuations may be posted at Renton School District facilities and city facilities)
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- Critical Emergency Information web page (City of Renton website)
- Renton RedAlert (Renton specific text or voice alerts to landlines, phones and TDD machines.)

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES WITH OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

To address the needs of our diverse community in preparing for emergencies, the City of Renton is working on two outreach efforts:

- 1) A Spanish-language disaster preparedness presentation, "Prepararse para un Desastre" will be held on Saturday, October 18th, from 8:30-10:30 am. To participate contact Jillian Edge at jedge@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-7054.
- 2) A survey is being distributed to gather information on culturally specific communication pathways. The data from this survey will be used to improve emergency information distribution in the city. If English is not your first language or you are a member of one of Renton's diverse ethnic communities and did not receive the survey yet, please contact Jillian Edge at jedge@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-7054 and she will send the survey directly to you.

RENTON ACADEMY OF CITY SERVICES

Are you interested in learning about the daily operations of your city? Or wonder what the different functions of the departments are and how they work together to best serve Renton? The Renton Academy of City Services (RACS) is open to city residents who would like to learn about their city. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear from city department staff, and even tour some facilities. You must register by September 5 for this nine-week class to be held on Tuesdays, starting September 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sign up now and be part of the second RACS graduating class. Contact Norma McQuiller at nmcquiller@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-6595 for more information.

RENTON'S NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM

Renton is a wonderful place to live with terrific neighborhoods, friendly people, diverse housing choices and beautiful parks. We are committed to promoting and sustaining an environment that is responsive to citizen involvement. It is the goal of the Neighborhood Program to build viable partnerships between the city and its residents. Neighborhoods develop connections with city staff and community resources when they become "officially recognized" through the Neighborhood Program. A complete list of recognized neighborhoods is available on the city's website at rentonwa.gov. If your neighborhood is not one of them, we encourage you to meet with neighbors and discuss joining the City of Renton's Neighborhood Program.

Participation in the Neighborhood Grant Program is one of the benefits of being a recognized neighborhood. The Neighborhood Grant Program provides matching funds to help participating neighborhoods implement projects that will improve the viability and livability of their neighborhoods. A neighborhood match is required for projects and mini-grants. Matches may include neighborhood volunteer labor, professional services and cash or donated materials. Neighborhood matching funds have resulted in many physical improvements in the neighborhoods as well as community-building activities.

For more information and grant application deadlines, call Norma McQuiller at 425-430-6595 or email nmcquiller@rentonwa.gov.

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	430-7200
Administrative 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.

TDD 711 (425-430-6511)

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RentonCityNews@rentonwa.gov

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesdays through September 30
Renton Farmers Market.

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

Monday, September 1

Labor Day Holiday. City offices closed.

Saturday, September 13

Fall Recycling Day. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Renton Technical College, north parking lot. Renton residents can recycle large items and hard-to-recycle materials at one convenient location. Call 425-430-7396.

National Day of Service. In observance of the National Day of Service and Remembrance, the City of Renton is supporting these efforts by partnering with local agencies to provide service opportunities. Please contact Casey Stanley at 425-430-6600.

Begins Wednesday, September 17

CERT Be ready when disaster strikes. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes begin September 17 and run Wednesdays through October 29. For more information call 425-430-7054.

Friday-Sunday, October 3-5

Renton Film Frenzy Filming Weekend. Friday 5 p.m. to Sunday 7 p.m. throughout Renton. Filmmakers have 50 hours to write, shoot, edit and turn in a film. Visit rentonfilmfrenzy.com for details.

Saturday, October 11

Green and Clean Saturday. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Windsor Hills Park, 432 Windsor Way SE. The Green and Clean park volunteer project is a great way to help maintain parks for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday, October 11

Fall Harvest Festival/Chamber

Business Expo. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Piazza, 3rd & Burnett. Vendor booths include produce, food, flowers, art, crafts, and Master Gardeners. Visit piazzarenton.com or call 425-226-4560.

Saturday, October 18

Renton FilmFrenzy Screening.

7 to 9 p.m. Renton Civic Theater, 507 South 3rd St. All submitted films will be shown. Visit rentonfilmfrenzy.com or call 425-430-6589.

Friday, October 24

Renton FilmFrenzy Curvée Awards.

7 to 9 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Top films will be screened and awards will be presented. Visit rentonfilmfrenzy.com or call 425-430-6589.

Truck or Treat Event.

6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renton Community Center.

Saturday, October 25

Downtown Trick or Treat & Olde

Fashion Halloween Party. 1 to 4 p.m. Trick or Treat downtown businesses, with a party in Main Street Square (enter on South Main between 2nd & 3rd). Ghoulish games, freaky fun and free food.

Friday, October 31 - Sunday, November 9

Seattle South Asian Film Festival

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center and Roxy Cinema. Visit tasveer.org for more information.

For more information visit rentonwa.gov

IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE - PUT A LID ON

Did you know that most home fires and related fire injuries begin in the kitchen? In fact, the leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.

The Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department reminds you to:

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food; check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Remember to keep things that can burn (such as dishtowels, potholders, curtains or plastic bags) a safe distance away from cooking surfaces.
- Keep your cooking area clean and avoid grease build-up on the stove or in the oven.

If you discover a fire while it is small and confined to a pan, put a lid on it; this will smother the flames. Be sure to turn off the burner/heat and keep the lid on the pan until it is cool. Never try to move or put water in the pan. This will cause the fire to spread and you may suffer a severe burn injury. If you have a fire in your oven, turn the oven off and leave the door closed.

Statistics show that one in eight households will experience a cooking fire and it is important to know what to do. If you're unable to put the fire out, quickly get everyone out of the home and call 9-1-1.

For more information on cooking safety go to rentonwa.gov.



COOKING
#1 CAUSE OF
HOME FIRES

**PUT A LID
ON STOVETOP
FIRES**



SEATTLE SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL COMES TO RENTON

October 31-November 9, 2014

The 9th Seattle South Asian Film Festival (SSAFF) has chosen Renton to host their festival this year bringing an array of films to represent the culturally rich South Asian diaspora and its widespread influence. An opening night screening gala at the Renton Pavilion Events Center will kick off the festival on October 31. SSAFF will screen almost 20 films in Renton at the IKEA Performing Arts Center and Roxy Cinemas and also present narrative films, documentaries, workshops and other performances. SSAFF is hosted by Tasveer and co-sponsored by the Renton Community Marketing Campaign, a partnership between the City of Renton, Renton School District, Renton Technical College, Valley Medical Center, Renton Chamber of Commerce and Renton Visitors Connection.

RENTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Newcastle, The Little Giant of the Eastside opens at the Renton History Museum on Tuesday, September 9. Developed in collaboration with the Newcastle Historical Society, the exhibit explores the history of our coal-mining neighbor.

By the late 1890s coal mining had made Newcastle the second largest town in King County, but Pacific Coast Coal put its mark on Newcastle in ways that Renton never experienced. Learn about how different coal-mining towns can be in this fascinating look at another Eastside city. On display until February 7, 2015.

For more information, call the Renton History Museum at 425-255-2330.

NEWCASTLE

Little Giant of the Eastside

September 9, 2014
February 7, 2015

FREE SHREDATHON OCTOBER 4

Join us at Sam's Club parking lot at 901 S Grady Way for a FREE document shredding event from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (or until the shredder is full).

Iron Mountain will provide the shredding services and the Renton Police Department will provide information related to identity theft. Donation of canned goods and other non-perishable items will be accepted for the Renton Food Bank.

You are invited to bring up to five boxes containing paper documents for shredding. Boxes should be 12 to 15 inches deep and 10 inches high, or bring the amount of paper that would fit in a box that size. Documents are limited to household papers.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Renton, Renton Police Department, Sam's Club and Iron Mountain. For more details go to rentonwa.gov and search shredathon or call 425-430-7520.

HOUSING REPAIR ASSISTANCE

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.

Your home must be located in the Renton city limits, and you need to have lived in your home for at least a year. Income criteria can be found on our website at rentonwa.gov/humanservices or call 425-430-6600 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

JOIN THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Is "Unforgettable" or "The Mentalist" your favorite show? Would you like to sit around the dinner table on "Blue Bloods"? Have you ever wondered what it's really like to be a police officer? Come find out! The next session of the Renton Police Department Citizen's Academy begins Thursday, September 11. Classes will be held on Thursday nights for twelve weeks and topics will include Patrol Operations, SWAT, Use of Force, Narcotics and more. Tours of the 9-1-1 dispatch center and regional jail and a ride-along with a police officer are included in this free class. Class size is limited to 25 students, and you must be at least eighteen years old to attend. Criminal history or a record of adverse police contacts may preclude acceptance into the academy. For an application or additional information, go to the city's website at rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-7520.



PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence occurs in an intimate relationship when one person tries to control and manipulate another. Emotional put-downs, economic coercion, physical assaults and sexual pressure are some of the tactics used to establish control.

The progression of abuse is predictable, but may vary over time. At times, the relationship may feel like it is getting better, only to become worse again. The results can be self-doubt, confusion, depression and a feeling of helplessness.

It can happen to anyone regardless of race, religious beliefs, income level, sexual preference, marital status or age. Sometimes, the abuse continues even after the relationship has ended. The most important things to do are listen to your gut instinct, talk to someone you trust and call DAWN (Domestic Awareness Womens Network). Many people suffer in silence; only a small number of the incidents or occurrences of physical abuse are actually reported to the police.

Call DAWN anytime at 425-656-STOP (7867) or toll free at (877) 465-7234.

WE CAN HELP!

VOLUNTEER SALMON WATCHERS WANTED

Volunteers are wanted for Salmon Watchers, a program sponsored by the City of Renton Surface Water Utility and King County Water and Land Resources Division from September 24, 2014 through January 15, 2015.



Volunteers will record how many salmon they see at a selected location and the date and time of their site visits. The city and King County will provide volunteers with the necessary training to recognize the various species of salmon and trout. In Renton, volunteers can select from sites along the Cedar River and May Creek.

To learn more about the Salmon Watchers Program and volunteer opportunities email gfink@rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-7392.

