

Renton NOW



April/May 2008

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GO GREEN RENTON

Springbrook Creek

The City of Renton and Washington State Department of Transportation enhanced over 130 acres of wetlands in Renton to mitigate the effects of development and transportation projects. Plans include an interpretive trail throughout the wetlands.

Water Use

City of Renton residents get high quality drinking water from groundwater. Using our water wisely helps us save this resource for our future. Water saving tips for lawn, garden, and home can be found at rentonwa.gov or at savingwater.org.

Spring Recycling Event

Twice a year the City of Renton holds a citywide recycling event at Renton Technical College, recycling everything from yard waste to tires to household appliances. The next recycling event will take place May 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WashWise

The City of Renton in partnership with Puget Sound Energy offers WashWise program rebates of \$50-100 for the purchase and installation of qualified energy and water-saving clothes washers. For more information visit rentonwa.gov.

Tiffany Park

The new recreation building at Tiffany Park was built with many green materials and techniques. As a result it will be a low-maintenance, energy-efficient building for the community.

Commute Trip Reduction

The City of Renton's trip reduction program encourages city employees to reduce drive-alone commute trips. Every year participating Renton employees reduce miles driven and pollutant emissions, protecting the environment and reducing global warming.

PHOTO ENFORCEMENT IN PROGRESS

Starting in May, red light cameras will be installed in Renton at the intersections of N 3rd & Sunset N., SW 43rd & East Valley Road, Rainier S. & S. Grady, and at the Sunset N./SR 169/Bronson Way N. intersection.

Warning signs alerting drivers to the red light cameras will be installed near the intersections. There will be a 30-day warning period in May, during which violators will be mailed a warning notice instead of a ticket. After the warning period, the registered owner of the offending car will receive a ticket for \$124.

The City of Renton has contracted with American Traffic Solutions to provide the red light camera enforcement program. Violators may view a video of their vehicle running a red light at www.ViolationInfo.com. The primary goal of the traffic safety cameras is to reduce red light violation and promote public safety.

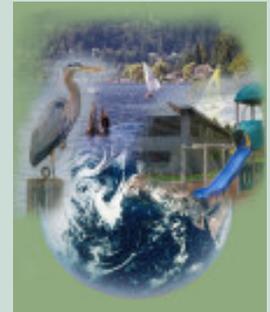
The city will also be installing speed cameras that capture speed violations in school zones. For more information, visit rentonwa.gov.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Renton Volunteer Week is April 27 - May 3 this year. Renton has been blessed with hundreds of individuals demonstrating good will by playing significant roles in bringing positive change to the lives of others through volunteerism. We encourage all members of the community to express appreciation to volunteers across the city for their commitment to service in our families and neighborhoods.

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CELEBRATING OUR EARTH EVERY DAY



"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

This month, as we celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day, we honor our commitment to future generations. Arbor Day is celebrated to promote the planting and care of trees. Planting trees is one of the most effective ways to protect the environment. Earth Day is a time to unite and take action to protect our planet. This year, hundreds of people will participate in events and activities to promote a healthy environment and protect our climate.

"Beautifying our community and celebrating our environment are traditions that we are proud of in Renton," said Mayor Denis Law. "Renton's Arbor Day and Earth Day celebrations are a great opportunity to have fun and do our part to reduce our impact on our environment."

To celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day, join over 100 volunteers to plant flowers, shrubs, and trees, as well as help clean up the park at the new Heritage Park, 233 Union Avenue N.E., on Saturday, April 26. Contact the Renton Community Services Department at 425-430-6600 to participate in this event.

DUVALL AVENUE BID AWARDED

Bids for the Duvall project were opened on February 26, and the contract was awarded by Renton City Council on March 17 to low bidder Northwest Cascade, Inc. Duvall Avenue is expected to close between SR 900 (Sunset Blvd. NE) and SE 95th Way starting in June, and remain closed for approximately a year. The closure allows construction to be completed in the least amount of time and prioritizes safety during construction, minimizing impacts to surrounding neighborhoods.

Improvements include widening the road to five lanes, including a two-way left-turn lane in the center; overhead power lines being converted to underground lines in anticipation of added safety during storms and emergencies; new traffic signal at Duvall Ave. N. and NE 21st St.; new gutters; new bicycle lanes; and new sidewalks. For updates, visit duvall.rentonwa.gov.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY WORKSHOP

If you own a business, how will you swiftly and effectively get back to business after a fire or other significant disruption? A workshop on May 20 will get you started on your business continuity plan. Call 425-430-7027 for information or visit the News page at rentonwa.gov.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

The City of Renton has begun the process of updating its Shoreline Master Program. Mark your calendar for a public meeting to discuss the updates at 6:00 p.m. on April 30 at Renton City Hall.

Visit shoreline.rentonwa.gov for more information.



OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

- Wednesdays, weekly.** 6:30-8 p.m. **Talk Time.** Renton Main Library. Free.
- Saturday, April 19.** 8-11 p.m. **Teen Night.** Basketball tourney, games, movies, snacks, and prizes. Highlands Neighborhood Center. Ages 11-17. Free. **Piazza Renton Spring Festival, Poker Run, & Arts Unlimited Gallery.** Noon - 3:30 p.m. Downtown Renton Piazza Park. Free.
- Friday, April 25.** 9-11 p.m. **The Big Screen.** Free movie. Ages 11-17. North Highlands Neighborhood Center.
- Saturday, April 26.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Annual Community Garage Sale.** Renton Community Center. \$25 for space. Free to shop. 425-430-6700. **Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration/Park Clean-up.** 9 am.-1 p.m. Heritage Park, 233 Union Avenue N.E. To volunteer, call 425-430-6600.
- Monday, April 28.** 4:30-8:30 p.m. **Missoula Children's Theater Auditions for "Jack & the Beanstalk."** K-12. Renton Community Center.
- Tuesday, April 29.** 7-9 p.m. **Map Your Neighborhood** for disaster resources. Search rentonwa.gov for "MYN."
- Sunday, May 4.** 3 p.m. **Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert.** Carco Theatre. \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors. **Summer Teen Musical Auditions for "Once Upon a Mattress."** May 4-6. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Carco Theatre.
- Thursday, May 8th.** 1 p.m. **Senior Stage Revue.** Carco Theatre. \$3. 425-430-6633.
- Friday, May 9th.** 7 p.m. **Senior Stage Revue.** Carco Theatre. \$3. 425-430-6633.
- Tuesday, May 13.** 4:30 p.m. **The story of the First Generation of Immigrants to the Northwest.** Renton History Museum. Adults \$3; children under 7 \$1.
- Saturday, May 17.** 8-11 p.m. **Teen Night.** Basketball tourney, games, movies, snacks, and prizes. Highlands Neighborhood Center. Ages 11-17. Free. **Green and Clean Saturday.** 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Thomas Teasdale Park 601 S. 23rd. To volunteer, call 425-430-6600.
- May 20** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Business Continuity Workshop.** Business survival after an emergency. Visit the rentonwa.gov News page for more information.
- Friday, May 30.** 9-11 p.m. **The Big Screen.** Free movie. Ages 11-17. North Highlands Neighborhood Center.
- Tuesday, June 3.** 3-7 p.m. **Renton Farmer's Market season opening.** Weekly Tuesday market through September at Piazza Park, downtown Renton. www.RentonFarmersMarket.com.



Renton's Sikh community celebrates "Vaisakhi," symbolizing the harvest festival.

THE LANDING

More new tenants at The Landing are opening their doors every month: Red Robin in April, Daphne's Greek Cafe in May. Throughout the summer new stores and restaurants will continue to open, culminating in October, when the 14-screen theater and several restaurants will open for business.

Leases are still being finalized but expect an upscale bistro and wine bar, sushi and Thai restaurants, a pizzeria, and a microbrewery to open this year. When complete, the 46-acre retail/residential development will employ over 2,500 people.

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 Clerk** 430-6510
- Code Enforcement** 430-7373
- Community & Economic Development** 430-6575
- Community Services** 430-6600
- Emergencies** **911**
- Finance/Information Services** 430-6850
- Fire/Emergency Services** ... 430-7000
- HR/Risk Management** 430-7650
- Public Works** 430-7200
- Police** 430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov
- Utility Billing** 430-6852

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