

RENTON, THE CENTER OF OPPORTUNITY

NEWS IN BRIEF

Renton Wins Pacesetter Award

The City of Renton's employee transportation program has been recognized as a "Pacesetter" by the Commuter Challenge organization for the city's efforts and programs to reduce drive-alone commute trips by city employees. The city provides a free FlexPass for transit, subsidies towards King County Metro VanPool and VanShare fares, and other incentives for employees who walk, bicycle, or carpool to work, as well as a Guaranteed Ride Home program.

Duvall Avenue NE will be closed for construction beginning June 2008

Duvall Ave./Coal Creek Pkwy. will be closed to through-traffic between Sunset Blvd. (SR 900) and SE 95th Way from June 2008 through July 2009. Local access is available between Sunset Blvd. and SE 107th. Improvements include widening the roads, converting overhead power lines to underground lines, a new traffic signal, new gutters, new bicycle lanes and new sidewalks. For updates, visit duvall.rentonwa.gov.

Renton History Museum Master Plan

The City of Renton and the Renton History Museum are developing a Museum Master Plan to identify priorities for the museum's next 15 years of growth and improvement. The museum's mission is to preserve, document, interpret, and educate about the city's history. A steering committee of trustees, volunteers, city staff, and community members is currently meeting to prepare to work with museum consultants.



JOIN US AT THE RENTON FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Renton Comes Alive With the Tastes of Summer

The seventh season of the Renton Farmers Market has begun with a special event to honor former Councilmember Toni Nelson for her many years of service and continued dedication to the citizens of Renton. A special bench was dedicated to former councilmember Toni Nelson, founder of the Renton Farmers Market.

The Renton Farmers Market fills the Piazza, Renton's beautiful urban park, with a bounty of fresh, locally grown farm products, including organic fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, eggs, baked goods, herbs, and more from over 40 vendors. Join your neighbors at the market to shop every Tuesday from June 3 through September 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. for fresh, in-season produce and fruit.



The Renton Farmers Market is a great community event. Bring the whole family to enjoy live music, Kids' Fun Patch, and chef demonstrations. Ask a Master Gardener your gardening questions.

After the Market, explore downtown Renton's locally-owned shops and restaurants.

For more information, search "Farmers Market" on rentonwa.gov, visit www.RentonFarmersMarket.com, or call 425-430-7214.

The Renton Farmers Market is supported by the City of Renton and Piazza Renton.



Photo Enforcement Effective June 1

Beginning June 1, motorists who travel some of Renton's busiest intersections should be careful not to run red lights or they could receive a ticket for \$124. The City of Renton's "Photo Enforcement Program" is using traffic cameras to make the streets safer. Cameras have been installed at the following key intersections:

- NE 3rd & Sunset Blvd. N.
- SW 43rd & E.Valley Road
- Rainier S. & S. Grady Way

- Sunset N./SR 169/Bronson Way N. intersection

The city will also be installing speed cameras that capture speed violations in school zones.

GREEN CITY RENTON

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

While you get busier as summer progresses, keep in mind the three R's of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in your activities.

Yard Care: Leave grass clippings on the lawn when mowing to avoid bagging. The clippings break-down rapidly and supply a small amount of free fertilizer each mowing.

An inch per week of water is all that a typical lawn needs to stay healthy.

Computer and Electronics Recycling: Recycle your old computer and electronic equipment. Visit TakeItBackNetwork.org for a list of locations and acceptable materials.

Container Recycling: Recycle beverage containers, and cut down on waste by using reusable water bottles, coffee mugs, and beverage holders.

For more information, call the City of Renton's Solid Waste Division at 425-430-7396.

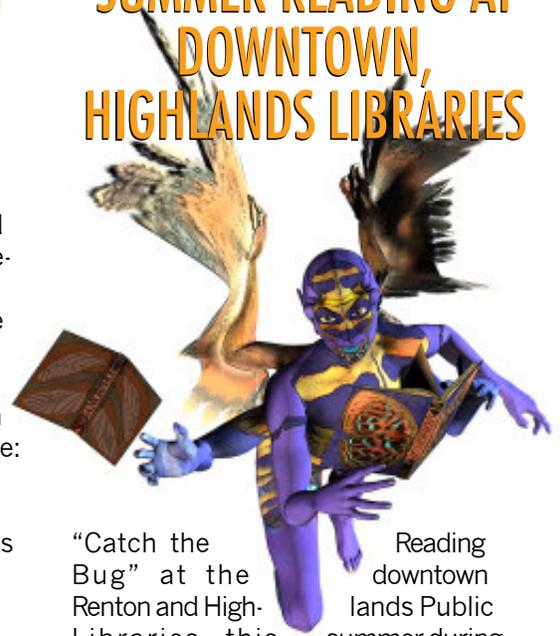
STAY COMPLIANT WITH CITY CODE

The City of Renton has rules designed to ensure safe, attractive neighborhoods in existing and developing areas. The city's Code Compliance and Enforcement Program provides enforcement in a responsible, fair, courteous, and impartial manner. To report a code violation, call 425-430-7373 or email CodeCompliance@ci.renton.wa.us.

Here is a list of things to avoid in order to remain compliant with city code:

- ~ Accumulation of garbage and solid waste.
- ~ Junk vehicles on private property as defined in RCW 46.55.240
- ~ Construction or grading without permit.
- ~ Unsecured vacant buildings.
- ~ Low-hanging tree branches or vegetation, growing on or over sidewalks or streets.
- ~ Illegal operation of a business.
- ~ Fences over 6 feet tall in side or rear yard.
- ~ Fences over 4 feet tall in front yard.
- ~ Illegal signs on private property.
- ~ Any activity not in compliance with current zoning regulations.

SUMMER READING AT DOWNTOWN, HIGHLANDS LIBRARIES



"Catch the Reading Bug" at the downtown Renton and Highlands Public Libraries this summer during the summer reading program for children and teens. The Children's Summer Reading Program is open to children 11 and younger. For teens, the theme is "Metamorphosis" and is open to ages 12 to 17. Join us for a fun-filled summer of stories, crafts, activities, and prizes. Registration begins at Highlands and Renton Public Libraries on Monday, June 16. For more information, call 425-430-6610.

ACCESS RENTON: RENTONWA.GOV

From paying your utility bill to viewing an aerial photo of your property, Renton is wired. Take a look at all your online options below.

City of Renton Website: Access the city's award-winning website for comprehensive information about the city.

Internet Kiosks: Access Renton's online services even if you don't have a computer. Visit Renton's free kiosks with dedicated access to rentonwa.gov at any of these city facilities: City Hall, Renton Community Center, the downtown Renton Library, and the Maplewood Golf Course.

Cyber-SignUp: Register for classes and activities offered by Renton Community Center and the Parks Department.

Utility Payments: Pay your utility bill with a credit or debit card or

e-check 24 hours a day. There are no fees to use this Internet-based payment service.

E-Police: Submit a police report online without having to wait for a police visit. After reviewing and assigning a case number, the police department will email you a copy.

LandInfo: View standard maps, interactive parcel maps, and aerial photos of Renton properties.

City of Renton Library Catalog: Browse the Renton Public Library Catalog and reserve books for pick-up.

Photo Citations: If you receive a ticket in the mail for running a red light, you can view the photo and pay the ticket online.

To offer feedback or suggestions, email ISServiceDesk@ci.renton.wa.us.

EMERGENCY WORKER VOLUNTEERS

Ready for the Next Disaster

At a recent disaster simulation, Renton's largest class of 35 students from Renton's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) practiced a realistic disaster scenario. CERT is a national program that provides training to prepare homes and neighborhoods for disaster. CERT graduates receive 24 hours of training and learn about fire suppression, first aid, search and rescue, terrorism, incident command, and disaster psychology. CERT-trained individuals are able to work as part of a team in their neighborhood in order to meet the needs of residents after a disaster. CERT classes are offered in spring and fall. To find out how to get involved, visit rentonwa.gov.

COUNCIL NAMES "SEAHAWKS WAY"



On May 5, the Renton City Council approved the request to rename approximately 1,900 feet of Ripley Lane/Hazelwood Lane to "Seahawks Way." This section of the roadway starts from the intersection of the current Ripley Lane with Lake Washington Blvd. to the northern boundary of the new Seattle Seahawks Headquarters and Training Facility, also known as the Virginia Mason Athletic Center (VMAC). The city will be developing dual signage to make clear that Ripley Lane remains just north of Seahawks Way, prior to the opening of VMAC in late July.

HOUSING REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Renton Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP) helps resident homeowners who have low to moderate incomes with free services focused on health and safety. These services help keep housing affordable and safe and neighborhoods attractive. Eligibility guidelines, program information, and downloadable applications are available at rentonwa.gov. Search for HRAP or call 425-430-6650. Families meeting the size and income criteria on the chart below may qualify.

Family Size : Max. Annual Income	
1 :	\$43,050
2 :	\$49,200
3 :	\$55,350
4 :	\$61,500

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY & CULTURE

CommUNITY Festival

On June 5 the City of Renton in partnership with Renton Technical College celebrated our community's diversity at the CommUNITY Festival at Renton Technical College. The fun-filled event included an entertaining evening of music, dance, free food, performances, children's activities, information, art, and more.



If your group or organization is planning a community multi-cultural celebration, email or call us:
CelebrateDiversity@ci.renton.wa.us
 425-430-6600

FIREWORKS IN RENTON



Renton's Fabulous Fourth

Citizens are encouraged to celebrate Independence Day safely by viewing the public fireworks display from Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Fireworks will launch from a barge on Lake Washington beginning at 10 p.m.

Fireworks Ban

It is illegal to sell, possess, or discharge fireworks of any kind in the City of Renton throughout the year, including July 4. The city will actively enforce the ban and violators will be subject to both criminal and civil citations, based on the offense. Fines can range from \$100 to \$500. To report violators call 9-1-1.

For questions about the City of Renton's fireworks ban contact the Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department's Fire Marshal at 425-430-7000. More information about the family event at Coulon Park can be found on the city's website: 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 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
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Police	430-7500 or epolice.rentonwa.gov
Public Works	430-7200
Utility Billing	430-6852

RentonNow Feedback
RentonNow@ci.renton.wa.us

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday, June 17. 3-7 p.m. **Farmers Market.** Piazza Park. Every Tuesday through September 16.

Thursday, June 19. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Renton City Band Concert.** IKEA Performing Arts Center.

Saturday, June 21. 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Benson Hill Community Celebration.** Cascade Elementary School. For more information, contact Norma McQuiller at 425-430-6595. **Green & Clean Event.** 9:30-11:30 am. Check-in 9 a.m. Cascade Park. 425-430-6600. **Kennydale & Coulon Beach Parks** open. **Henry Moses Aquatic Center** opens.

Tuesday, June 24. 3-7 p.m. **Farmers Market.** Piazza Park. Every Tuesday through September 16.

Wednesday, June 25. 7-9 p.m. **Coulon Park Family Concert Series** begins. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Free. Every Wednesday through August.

Saturday, June 28. 7 a.m. **CleanSweep Renton: Residential Curbside Cleanup.** 425-430-7396 for more information.

Tuesday, July 1. 3-7 p.m. **Farmers Market.** Piazza Park. Every Tuesday through September 16.

Wednesday, July 2. 7-9 p.m. **Coulon Park Family Concert Series.** Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Free. Every Wednesday through August.

Friday, July 4. Noon to 10:30 p.m.. **Renton's Fabulous Fourth of July.** Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Free children's activities, entertainment, shuttle service, fireworks display.

Wednesday, July 9. 7-9 p.m. **Coulon Park Family Concert Series.** Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Free. Every Wednesday through August.



IKEA RENTON RIVER DAYS 2008



This year marks Renton's 23rd annual festival and celebrates the

10th anniversary with its title sponsor IKEA. "Explore the Heart of Renton" is more than a theme for 2008 IKEA Renton River Days. It's an invitation to explore the diverse offerings that highlight Renton's passion for music, art, food, and active lifestyle.

Festival favorites include Kids' Day, Senior Day Picnic, stage entertainment, Nibble of Renton, Art Market, Renton Annual Art Show, quilt show, chalk art contest, petting zoo, parade, Boatstock

& Wakeboard Invitational, and Rubber Ducky Derby. For the active, don't miss the youth Six-A-Side Soccer Tournament, Golf Tournament, Volkssport Fun Walks, and Tennis Tournaments.

Join the fun and help volunteer on Kids' Day (July 23) or our main 3-day weekend (July 25-27). Download the Festival Volunteer Application at www.RentonRiverDays.org. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with children's activities, the information booth, parade, and much more.

For the complete schedule of festival events with dates, times, and locations, call (425) 430-6528 or visit www.RentonRiverDays.org.

2008 Festival Highlights

- **Wednesday**, July 23, Kids' Day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Liberty Park
- **Friday-Sunday**, July 25-27, Main Festival Weekend, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Liberty Park
- **Saturday**, July 26, Parade, 10 a.m., S. 3rd St.
- **Sunday**, July 27, Rubber Ducky Derby, 4:30 p.m., Houser Street Bridge & the Cedar River

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