



# Our Renton

Community News, Programs, and Events



## Renton native Armondo Pavone takes oath as mayor

**“WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Once again, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Renton Community for trusting me as your new Mayor. We all want Renton to be safe and healthy and have a welcoming atmosphere where people choose to live. I am committed to leading us in that endeavor. Together we have an amazing opportunity to make Renton evolve from a drive-through city to a “drive-to” city.

I decided to run for City Council in 2013 and then for Mayor in 2019 to continue the great work that has been done over the past decade by former Mayor Denis Law, and to give back to a community that has given so much to me and my family.

### Mayor Pavone's Renton roots run deep.

He was born and raised here and is a proud graduate of Renton High School. He lives in Renton with his wife and two young boys. For the past 35 years he has been a local business owner and operated two restaurants in the downtown area.

I see our future as building a more inclusive, informed city with opportunities for all. Renton is one of the most diverse communities in our region and a trusted, effective and relevant government must rely on partnership with our community to ensure that each voice is heard and respected.

In order to accomplish our vision of creating a center of opportunity where families and businesses thrive, it will take each one of you, working alongside your city government to tackle the issues we will face in our future. We must create a city where everyone has a safe place to call home. I will be intently focused on public safety, affordable housing and promoting a vibrant economy to accomplish this. We must also boldly and aggressively work to

alleviate traffic congestion on city streets that comes with Renton being a hub of vitality in the Puget Sound Region.

I want each of you to know that I am proud of the relationship and partnership that I have built with your City Council. As a former Councilmember, I have both understanding and respect for the role council plays in ensuring you have a responsive and effective government. We, as elected officials, are all committed to delivering excellent service through innovation. Our goal is that you will feel this every time you interact with one of our employees.

It is also my goal to be out and about in the community and connect with you in several ways. It is my pleasure to launch “Our Renton.” Please also subscribe to my weekly digital newsletter and other city social media channels for up-to-date news and event information.”

*Armondo Pavone, Mayor*



*Now former city councilmember Don Persson and former Mayor Denis Law weren't playing with knives, they were helping prepare the 25th annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Renton Senior Community Center last November. Persson was instrumental in starting the dinner which serves over 250 seniors.*

## Winter preparations

**PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER** is something the city takes very seriously. Public Works staff spend hours preparing heavy machinery to de-ice, plow and sand streets; emergency management staff monitor and report conditions; and community services and police look out for the most vulnerable in our city. If winter weather hits, city crews will be ready.

For more on city preparations, including pre-treatment techniques, snow routes and weather tips, watch our winter preparations video at [rentonwa.gov/inclement](http://rentonwa.gov/inclement).

Visit [rentonwa.gov/recycle](http://rentonwa.gov/recycle) for more details. For updates during an inclement weather situation, follow the City of Renton on social media or visit [publicservices.com/renton](http://publicservices.com/renton).

## Tree Recycling

**RENTON RESIDENTS** may compost natural holiday trees for free. Trees should be in 6-foot or shorter sections and free of lights, decorations and flocking. For those in apartments and condominiums place trees in a central location as designated by the property manager and they will be picked up from Jan. 2 to 15. For more information, contact Republic Services at 206-777-6440 or visit [rentonwa.gov/multifamily](http://rentonwa.gov/multifamily).



## Denis Law and Don Persson retire Duo served for a total of 69 years

**IT WAS THE END OF AN ERA** as both Mayor Denis Law and City Councilmember Don Persson retired Dec. 31 after a combined 69 years of distinguished service to the City of Renton.

Mayor Law stepped down as the only three-term mayor in the city's history. The mayor will be remembered for his commitment to public safety, customer service, economic vitality and inclusion. Under his leadership the city rebounded from the economic recession to see a dramatic increase in investment. He also started redevelopment of the downtown and Sunset areas, raised funds for the Family First Community Center and made Renton a home for world-class health-care. The city became recognized across the country for implementing programs to make all residents feel welcome and provide opportunities for all.

Councilmember Persson retired after 53 years of service to the city, the first 33 as a member of Renton Police Department and the last 20 on the city council. He was known to friends and colleagues as a tireless and selfless giver of his time and energy to civic causes. "Don has led the way for the rest of us in terms of dedicating our time and service to the city," said Mayor Armondo Pavone. Mr. Persson was instrumental in the establishment of Renton River Days, Communities In Schools of Renton, REACH (Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches) and the annual Thanksgiving dinner for seniors.

Tribute videos to both are available at [rentonwa.gov/youtube](http://rentonwa.gov/youtube).



## Recreation for All Ages

**THE LATEST EDITION** of the Community Services recreation guide is available. Renton residents should have received their copy of *Let's Go Renton!* earlier this month. The magazine contains classes, activities and events for all ages. You can find a copy online or register for classes at [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation).



## City Council welcomes two new members

### 2020 committee assignments set

VALERIE O'HALLORAN AND KIM-KHÁNH VÃN are the two newest members of the Renton City Council.

Ms. O'Halloran was elected to position 3 and Ms. Văn to position 7 in November. Councilmembers still have to fill the seat vacated by new Mayor Armondo Pavone. Ruth Pérez will serve as Council President in 2020 and Randy Corman will serve as the President Pro-Tem.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICES** (1st Monday, 5 p.m.)  
Kim-Khánh Văn, Chair; Ed Prince, Vice Chair;  
Council Position 2, Member
- **TRANSPORTATION** (1st & 3rd Mondays, 5:30 p.m.)  
Ryan McIrvine, Chair; Randy Corman, Vice Chair; Kim-Khánh Văn, Member
- **FINANCE** (2nd & 4th Mondays, 4 p.m.)  
Ed Prince, Chair; Kim-Khánh Văn, Vice Chair;  
Valerie O'Halloran, Member
- **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT** (2nd & 4th Mondays, 5 p.m.)  
Randy Corman, Chair; Ryan McIrvine, Vice Chair; Ed Prince, Member
- **PUBLIC SAFETY** (3rd Monday, 4:30 p.m.)  
Council Position 2, Chair; Valerie O'Halloran, Vice Chair; Randy Corman, Member
- **UTILITIES** (3rd Monday, 5 p.m.)  
Valerie O'Halloran, Chair; Council Position 2, Vice Chair; Ryan McIrvine, Member

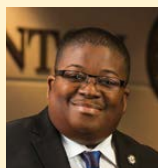
Information on the City Council can be found at [rentonwa.gov/council](http://rentonwa.gov/council).



Ruth Pérez  
President  
Position 6



Randy Corman  
President Pro-Tem  
Position 1



Ed Prince  
Position 5



Ryan McIrvine  
Position 4



Valerie O'Halloran  
Position 3



Kim-Khánh Văn  
Position 7



## Renton Counts! Census 2020

### Census data affects projects such as public housing, highway construction, Head Start, Medicaid and Medicare

In March Renton households will receive an invitation to take part in the 2020 Census. Completing the census form is vital to Renton's future. Census data is used to distribute federal funds for such projects as public housing, highway construction, Head Start, Medicaid and Medicare and an undercount of residents will lessen that funding.

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Estimates show that **for every 100 households that are not counted in Washington in 2020, the state will miss out on approximately \$5.8 million in federal aid** severely affecting support for children, veterans, senior citizens and middle- and low-income families.

Census data is also used to determine representation in Congress (Washington state gained one seat in 2010) and businesses use it when deciding where to invest and create jobs.

Taking the census is easy. It asks only 10 questions about the individuals living in your home as of April 1 and you can respond online, by phone or by mail in the postage-paid envelope. All data collected is confidential.

If you have questions, please visit our 2020 Census page at [rentonwa.gov/2020census](http://rentonwa.gov/2020census). Included among the information are videos in English and Hindi explaining the process.

# Community Calendar

## City Facilities Closed

January 20

## Sparkle

THRU APRIL 4

**Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S.**  
Explore why Rentonites have worn clothing embellished with sequins, beads, rhinestones and feathers.

## Winter Tournament Series #4, Medal Play

JAN. 11, 9 A.M.

**Maplewood Golf Course**  
4050 Maple Valley Hwy.

Shotgun start. Open to all players with verifiable handicap. Call for details or to register. 425-430-6800

## Greenhouse Gardening

JAN. 14–JULY 5

**N. First St. and Williams Ave. N.**

14 & up. Maintain and water your own plants. Plants must be started from seed in greenhouse. Water provided. 4' x 3'. Limit 2 per household. \$34R/\$40NR. [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation) (#7633)

## Homeless Community Resources

JAN. 15, 10:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

FEB. 19, 10:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

**Renton Library, 100 Mill Ave. S.**

Free. County resource providers provide access to services for those experiencing homelessness or near-homelessness.

## Newcomers Hour

JAN. 17, 10–11 A.M.

FEB. 21, 10–11 A.M.

**Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.**

Free. Meet center staff and learn about all the exciting programs and activities available. [rentonwa.gov/rsac](http://rentonwa.gov/rsac)

## Coffee with a Firefighter

JAN. 22, 9:30–11 A.M.

FEB. 18, 9:30–11 A.M.

**Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.**

Have a burning question to ask a Renton firefighter? Have coffee and conversation.

## Hoop Shoot

JAN. 26, 2–4:30 P.M.

**Renton Community Center**  
1715 Maple Valley Hwy.

A fun free throw competition! Ages 6–14 compete in separate age and gender divisions. Prizes awarded to the top three in each division. [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation) (#7795)

## Subscribe to other City of Renton publications

Stay abreast of the latest news, initiatives, events and recreation options.

[rentonwa.gov/publications](http://rentonwa.gov/publications)

## Coffee with a Cop

JAN. 29, 9:30–11 A.M.

**Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.**

Connect with officers in a relaxed, informal setting.

## Basics of Fermentation

FEB. 4, 6–7:30 P.M.

**Renton Technical College, 3000 NE Fourth St.**

13 & up, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Learn basics of brining and fermenting vegetables. \$5 donation encouraged. [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation) (#7620)

## Tax Aid Program

FEB. 6–APRIL 9, THURSDAYS ONLY

**Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.**

By appointment. Trained volunteers assist seniors with tax returns. Bring last year's return. E-file only. Appointments: 425-430-6633.

## Mental Health First Aid

FEB. 22, 8 A.M.–5 P.M.

**Renton Technical College**

**3000 NE Fourth St., Room C111**

16 & up, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Learn to give initial aid to a person showing symptoms of mental illness or in a mental health crisis. [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation) (#7621)

## SubUrban Farm & Garden Expo

MARCH 7, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.

**N. Highlands Neighborhood Center**

**3000 NE 16th St.**

Free. Bring plants and seeds to share at the Plant n' Seed Swap! Plus, learn about gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens and more! 425-430-7214. [info@rentonfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@rentonfarmersmarket.com)

## Mom & Son Fortnite Dance

MARCH 13, 6–8 P.M.

**Renton Community Center**

**1715 Maple Valley Hwy.**

Ages 6 & up. It's mom's turn to have a special night with her little guy! Register by March 1. \$16R/\$19NR, [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation) (#7930)

## Coffee with the Curator

MARCH 21, 11 A.M.–12 P.M.

**Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S.**

*Sparkle!* curator Sarah Samson will be sharing objects from the collection that did not make it into the exhibit and offering insights into the exhibit process.

# City Contacts

General Information	425-430-6400
Mayor	425-430-6500
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City Clerk	425-430-6510
Code Enforcement	425-430-7373
Community & Economic Development	425-430-6575
Community Services	425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt	425-430-7723
Graffiti Reporting	425-430-7362
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge	425-430-6550
Police (business line)	425-430-7500
Public Works	425-430-7394
Regional Fire Authority	425-271-7900
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance	425-430-7400
Utility Billing	425-430-6852

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



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