



# Renton City News

FALL 2016

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## Earthquake Ready in Renton

Lately there's been a buzz about earthquakes in our area. In June, the city was part of the regional Cascadia Rising earthquake exercise. Almost every department had staff involved, and the Mayor and Council played along with the fake disaster.

What are you doing to get ready for emergencies like that?

Do you know where you would go if your house was unsafe? Could you reach your loved ones if communications were down and roads were disrupted? Do you have enough food, water, and medications set aside to get through a few days?

There are simple steps you can take to be prepared:

**Make a Plan:** Where to meet up with loved ones, how to communicate, where to get emergency information

**Build a Kit:** Three days minimum but a week's worth of food, water, meds, clothing, and other essentials is better.

**Help Each Other:** Get to know your neighbors. Who needs extra help? What training might you need to help take care of yourself, family, and neighbors?



Mayor Denis Law is briefed by a Washington National Guard soldier during Cascadia Rising.

Consider signing up to be part of a Community Emergency Response Team or become an amateur radio operator to help relay emergency messages to emergency responders.

Classes start soon! For class information or written materials, call 425-430-7041.

For online preparedness information, visit [makeitthrough.org](http://makeitthrough.org)

**Renton RedAlert**, the city's emergency notification system, is merging with Alert King County for greater efficiency and cost savings. Don't miss an important alert! Sign up at [bit.ly/AlertsKC](http://bit.ly/AlertsKC)

## Renton Hosts First Multicultural Festival

Two-day event has a full lineup of entertainment for all ages and backgrounds

Promoting understanding and appreciation of our diverse community is deeply valued and celebrated by the City of Renton. Our goal is to build an inclusive city with opportunities for all.

To achieve this, Mayor Denis Law formed the Inclusion Task Force in June 2015 to open lines of communication between residents and the city departments. The effort has been so successful that the city is hosting the first annual Renton Multicultural Festival on September 30 and October 1.



Opening night will feature *Performances through Art* at the Carco Theatre from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, September 30. The evening will highlight *Power of Play*, as Renton comes alive with entertainment designed for all communities to enjoy.

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## Renton Schools Are in Session, Make Safety a Priority

With school in session, the City of Renton is reminding parents and drivers to watch out for children as they walk to and from school. Parents are encouraged to be proactive and take time to discuss the following safety tips with their children:

- Ages 10 and under should only cross the street with adult supervision
- Walk to school with a family member, trusted friends or neighbors
- Cross the street at the crosswalk using traffic signals
- Do not cross between parked cars
- Always walk in front of the school bus, where they can be seen by the driver
- Do not accept rides or gifts from strangers

Drivers, please be extra cautious in residential neighborhoods and school zones. School speed zones are there to protect students. The difference between 20 mph and 25 mph is 22 feet of stopping distance. Those 22 feet could mean the difference between life and death.

More tips:

- Before and after school, be alert for children on and near the road
- Take extra time to look for children at intersections, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Reduce distractions inside your car. Concentrate on the road and your surroundings
- Don't talk or text while driving

*Save the Date*

## Renton History Museum Sets Grand Opening

*September 14 at 5:30 p.m.*

The grand unveiling for the renovated Renton History Museum is Wednesday, September, 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Since late July, the museum has been closed as the lobby has undergone an extensive renovation to create a more attractive, educational and welcoming venue. This project was made possible through support from museum partners 4Culture, First Financial Northwest Foundation, the City of Renton and countless individual donors.

**For grand opening details, visit the Renton History Museum Facebook page.**

## New Apartments & Businesses Coming to Downtown

One of the City of Renton's top priorities continues to be the revitalization of downtown and the city has made significant progress.

The Lofts at Second and Main is expected to open this fall. It offers 101 one, two and three bedroom residential units to choose from along with street front retail space.

Other exciting downtown developments include the new Four Generals Brewing, located at Wells Avenue South between South Second and South Third Streets in

the Old City Hall Project; Vigor Ground Fitness and Performance coming this fall to 332 Burnett Avenue South; a new sidewalk café for The Local 907 at 907 South Third Street; and the renovation of the Cortona building with Urban Sprouts, a retailer of indoor plants, gardening items and gifts, as the first tenant.

Millions of dollars have already been invested with more coming soon to downtown Renton.

**To learn about city projects, visit [rentondowntown.com](http://rentondowntown.com)**





## Seattle South Asian Festival Coming to Renton

The Seattle South Asian Film Festival (SSAFF), in its 11th year, will return to Renton on October 14 through 23 with thought-provoking films from South Asia and its diaspora. SSAFF is the largest South Asian Film Festival in the country. This year, the spotlight is on films from Bangladesh and stories that center around the theme Love Wins.

SSAFF is organized by Tasveer and co-sponsored by the Renton Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

For more information, visit [ssaff/tasveer.org2016](http://ssaff/tasveer.org2016).

## Day of Service Honors 9/11 Heroes

For the seventh consecutive year, the City of Renton will host a Day of Service to honor and remember the victims and heroes of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be followed by a celebration of service picnic at Liberty Park from noon to 1 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Coco Loco.

Since 2009, when President Obama designated September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, the city has dedicated this day to support charitable causes and honor the victims

and heroes. There are several volunteer opportunities. We hope you can join us.

- Sort and organize donations at The Salvation Army, Renton Food Bank
- Beautify parks owned by City of Renton and King County Parks Department
- Assist at the King Conservation District, Garden of Goo, Native Plant Nursery
- Prepare for the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry at the Emergency Feeding Program
- Install curb markers for Storm Drain Marking Project
- Beautify grounds at Renton Housing Authority

To volunteer, contact Teresa Nishi at [tnishi@rentonwa.gov](mailto:tnishi@rentonwa.gov) or 425-430-6694.

## Reduce Your Water Bill with a Timer

The City of Renton has teamed with Saving Water Partnership to help residents conserve water and save money on their bill. The smart irrigation timer allows you to use the right amount of water to maintain a healthy, beautiful yard. Sign up today and receive a \$100 rebate. For more information, visit [savingwater.org](http://savingwater.org).



## Renton Hosts First Multicultural Festival

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Saturday's events start at 11 a.m. and run through 3 p.m. at both the Renton Pavilion Event Center and Piazza Park in downtown Renton.

Cultural activities will feature music and dance performances, booths and arts and crafts. Plus, there will be a variety of international foods.

All attendees will have the opportunity to partake in games, activities and other multicultural experiences.

This family-friendly festival is free to the public.

For more information, please visit [rentonwa.gov/rentonfestival](http://rentonwa.gov/rentonfestival).





*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

### POP-UP PIAZZA

**SEPT 2 & OCT 7**

5–7 p.m., Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett  
Entertainment, food trucks and beer and wine garden

### RENTON FARMERS MARKET

**TUES, THROUGH SEPT 27**

3–7 p.m., Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett  
Fresh produce, entertainment, food and more!

### LABOR DAY

**SEPT 5**

City of Renton offices closed

### FROZEN IN TIME EXHIBIT

**SEPT 6 THROUGH OCT 29**

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S  
Rare photos of Renton businesses and homes in 1909

### RAIN GARDEN, CISTERN AND GREYWATER BASICS

**SEPT 7**

6:30–8:30 p.m., Renton Highlands Library  
2801 NE 10th St  
Explore ways to manage rainwater through rain gardens and more. Info: [rentonwa.gov/nyc](http://rentonwa.gov/nyc)

### POOCH PLUNGE

**SEPT 9 & 10**

Henry Moses Aquatic Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy  
Let your dog frolic in the pool or float the lazy river. For times and registration, visit [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### RENTON FALL RECYCLE DAY

**SEPT 10**

9 a.m.–3 p.m., Renton Technical College  
NE 6th Pl & Monroe Ave NE  
Recycle large and hard-to-recycle items at the north parking lot. Questions: 425-430-7398

### NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

**SEPT 10**

City of Renton is partnering with local agencies to provide volunteer opportunities. Learn more at [rentonwa.gov/volunteer](http://rentonwa.gov/volunteer)  
Contact: Teresa Nishi at 425-430-6694

### POP-UP DOWNTOWN

**SEPT 16**

Noon–8 p.m., 724 S 3rd St & Wells Ave S  
Celebrate downtown Renton's new businesses. Food, music, art and more!

### MIGHTY ARTHROPODS FOR KIDS

**SEPT 17**

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE  
Learn about arthropods; plus, fun gym activities! More: [rentonwa.gov/nyc](http://rentonwa.gov/nyc)

### EDIBLES IN THE LANDSCAPE

**SEPT 17**

10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. Get ideas on adding edibles into your landscape

### CERT TRAINING

**WED, SEPT 21 THROUGH NOV 5**

Sign up for Community Emergency Response Team classes. Register: 425-430-7054

### FALL GREEN AND CLEAN

**OCT 15**

8:45–11:30 a.m., May Creek Trail Park  
4260 Lake Washington Blvd NE  
Info: [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### FALL SHRED-A-THON

**OCTOBER 8**

9 a.m.–noon, Sam's Club parking lot  
901 S Grady Way. More: [rentonwa.gov/shredathon](http://rentonwa.gov/shredathon)

### TRUCK OR TREATING

**OCTOBER 21**

6–7:30 p.m., Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy  
Register: [rentonwa.gov/cybersignup](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

### DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT & OLDE FASHION HALLOWEEN PARTY

**OCT 29**

1–4 p.m., downtown Renton  
Trick or treat at local businesses. Games, fun and free food! Party in Main Street Square

## 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
Emergency Mgmt . . . . .	425-430-6500
Graffiti Reporting Line . . . .	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management . . . . .	425-430-7650
Public Works . . . . .	425-430-7394
Police . . . . .	425-430-7500
or <a href="http://epolice.rentonwa.gov">epolice.rentonwa.gov</a>	
Regional Fire Authority.. . . .	425-430-7000
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.

**TDD . . . 711 (425-430-6511)**

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