



Renton City News

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Be Winter Weather Ready

Take a little extra caution and be safe this winter!

As the cooler days of fall and winter approach, consider potential hazards both on the road and at home, and be prepared. Although the Puget Sound area doesn't experience the same extreme weather conditions as other parts of the United States, temperatures, darkness, and rain fall early and often.



AT HOME:

- » **Look for potential hazards and obstacles.** Unblock rain gutters, repair cracks and leaks throughout your home, clear branches or debris that are in danger of falling on your house or vehicle.
- » **Winterize with sound insulation,** weather-stripping frames, storm windows and caulking.
- » **Insulate pipes** (insulation, plastic, and even newspapers help) or turn on faucets slightly (just at a drip) to prevent freezing.
- » **Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,** check them regularly, and replace batteries at least annually.
- » **Never leave sources of heat or fire unattended.**
- » **Always use the correct fuel** for the respective heating device.

ON THE ROAD:

- » **Check that your car is in good condition** before bad weather hits, including battery, anti-freeze, tires, and wiper fluid and blades.
- » **Keep seasonal emergency equipment in the car** along with your regular roadside emergency kit, including sand/rock salt/kitty litter, ice scraper and small shovel.
- » **Avoid driving during heavy snowfall or ice storms when possible.**
- » **Don't abandon your vehicle in the road** if you experience inclement weather. If you must leave your car, pull as far off the road as safely possible.
- » **Make sure your fuel tank is at least half full.**
- » **Don't leave your car running unattended,** even for a brief period of time.



ON FOOT:

- » **Dress in layers.** Many thin layers are better than one thick piece of material.
- » **Wear appropriate and warm foot gear.** Waterproof boots with non-skid soles are best.
- » **Choose bright clothing or reflective gear** to be visible to motorists.
- » **Always opt to walk on the sidewalk.**
- » **Ensure that vehicles come to a complete stop before moving towards or around them.**



Flooding: Preparing for the Unpredictable

Flooding is a force of nature that often can't be controlled, prevented or predicted. According to the National Weather Service, 75% of all Presidential disaster declarations in the United States are associated with flooding. The City of Renton monitors weather forecasts and river conditions continuously and participates in the King County Flood Warning System, which notifies the city when the Green and Cedar Rivers reach established flood stages. In the event of a flood warning, Renton residents are notified through NOAA Weather Radio, local radio and television, and local emergency agencies. If flooding is significant, Renton RedAlert or local emergency agencies may provide additional notifications to areas at greatest risk.

Natural channels, wetlands, man-made ponds and open ditches can protect us from flooding by providing outlets for excess water. Constructed storm

drainage systems must be maintained and kept clear of debris to help prevent flooding. In Renton, dumping debris into any waterway is prohibited by city ordinance, and we encourage you to report violations to Development Services Code Compliance at 425-430-7373.

Flood losses are not covered under most homeowners' or renters' insurance policies. Renton participates in the FEMA NFIP which enables all Renton property owners to obtain considerable flood insurance discounts, whether or not they are in a floodplain. To find out if your property is in a flood-prone area, obtain a Flood Insurance Rate Map, copies of existing Flood Elevation Certificates or contact Gary Fink, Surface Water Utility at gfink@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-7392. For more information on flood insurance and flood preparation, visit rentonwa.gov/emergencies/ or floodsmart.gov.

Renton Receives Diversity Award

The City of Renton's commitment to building an inclusive city continues to attract attention. Renton was recently recognized by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) with their Community Partnership award, to acknowledge innovative programs and processes between local governments and other government agencies, private businesses, individuals or nonprofit organizations to improve the quality of life for residents. With

more than 97,000 residents and a 165 percent minority growth from 2000 to 2010, Renton has facilitated community engagement through the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force and other community events such as the recent Teen Summit and African-American Pastor's Conference. By leveraging resources rather than duplicating efforts, these groups can successfully serve their target groups and enhance credibility in the community.

To help prevent localized flooding, rake leaves away from storm drains near your house or business.

Do not rake or blow leaves from your property into the street.



Birth, Life & Death: Early Medicine in Renton

Renton History Museum exhibit
opening celebration is Thursday,
December 10, 5:30–7pm ▶



LanguageLine
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Speaking Your Language

To better service our residents, the City of Renton has installed a telephone interpretation service city-wide called **Language Line**. Residents who speak a language other than English will now have the ability to communicate over the phone or in-person with city employees at no charge. For walk-in customers, there will be telephones available with dual handset capabilities, and the customer will be able to have a three-way conversation in their language with an interpreter and city staff. The Renton Community Center, Senior Center, City Clerk, Community & Economic Development, and several other city functions will have access to this service. Over the phone, city staff can access the Language Line interpreter and execute a conference call.



Birth, Life & Death at The Renton History Museum

Dec. 10, 2015—May 21, 2016

The Renton History Museum opens a new exhibit, *Birth, Life & Death: Early Medicine in Renton*, with an exhibit opening celebration on Thurs., Dec. 10, 5:30–7pm. *Birth, Life & Death* explores the role that doctors and nurses played in the lives of early Renton residents. The exhibit will feature a replica hospital room from Bronson Hospital as well as other photos and displays. The exhibit will be on display until May 21, 2016. The Museum is located at 235 Mill Ave S; museum hours are Tuesday–Saturday, 10am–4pm.

Share Your Thoughts on Renton

Your feedback is vital

Select residents throughout Renton will be asked to participate in an important study being conducted by the City of Renton, covering topics including use of tax dollars, citizen safety, and your perception of Renton as a place to live. The information is critical to the city's understanding of the current state and future needs of the people of Renton. If you receive a letter in the mail requesting your participation, please consider responding; your participation is voluntary but will provide vital feedback for the future of Renton.

Renton Municipal Arts Commission Update

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission has completed relocation of the sculpture, "Emerging," to N. Park Drive near Garden Avenue N. (north of The Landing). The bronze and stainless steel statue, by Hai Ying (Jason) Wu, was located near Carco Theater since its commission for the Renton Centennial in 2002. It was relocated for more visibility and accessibility.



Love Them? License Them!

Pet licensing is an important step in protecting your pet by giving them a voice and ensuring their return if they are lost. The City of Renton requires that all dogs and cats aged four months and older be licensed. Pet owners are allowed up to three animals per household. Licenses are valid for one year and must be on your animal at all times. Don't risk losing your four-legged friend. For information, rates or to renew online, visit rentonwa.gov/living/ then look for Pets and Animals in the menu on the left side of the page or call 425-430-6850.



K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run & Walk will benefit the Seattle Humane Society when participants bring a can or bag of pet food.

Register at signmeup.com/109786

Out in the Community

BEGINS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

The Joy of Giving Trees

Renton City Hall, 1055 S. Grady Way, and Renton Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy. Giving Trees on display with angel gift tags, gifts will benefit low income families in the Renton Area. Call 425-430-6694 for information.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOV. 20-21

Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar

Renton Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy; Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm. Call 425-430-6700 or visit rentonwa.gov/holidaybazaar.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOV. 26-27

City offices closed for Thanksgiving observance

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Clam Lights Opening Night

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Entertainment begins at 6:15pm, welcome and lighting 7pm, Rainier Yacht Club Parade of Boats begins 7:30pm, Argosy Christmas Ships arrive around 8pm. Runs nightly 5-9pm through Jan. 1.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Downtown Holiday Activities

Downtown Piazza 3rd and Burnett. Carolers along 3rd Street 3-5pm. Holiday Tree Lighting and Arrival of Santa 5-7pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

K9 Candy Cane 5K Fun Run & Walk

Renton Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy, 9:15am. Register at signmeup.com/109786. Competitive & fun runners, walkers and families with or without dogs are welcome!

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Renton Historical Museum, 235 Mill Ave S. Explores the role that doctors and nurses played in the lives of early Renton residents. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Renton City Concert Band

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 2pm. Enjoy the sounds of the season with this 65 member band. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7 students/seniors.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra

CARCO Theatre, 3pm. Performances by the Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Debut Orchestra. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7 students/seniors, \$5 children.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, DEC. 24-25

City offices closed for Christmas observance

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016

Polar Bear Plunge

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 11am. Start your New Year with an exhilarating dip into the icy waters of Lake Washington. No registration required, lifeguard on duty. Visit rentonwa.gov for information.

City offices closed for New Year's observance

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
Fire & Emergency Svcs.	425-430-7000
Graffiti Reporting Line	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Public Works	425-430-7394
Police	425-430-7500 or epolice.rentonwa.gov
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.

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Continued water use reductions are needed until our reservoirs are back to normal levels.

Conservation ideas: savingwater.org