



Renton City News

Family First Center comes closer to reality

The Family First Community Center, a two-year shared vision between Renton Mayor Denis Law and Doug Baldwin of the Seattle Seahawks, gets closer to breaking ground. This is thanks to the Washington State Legislature appropriating \$1.5 million in the 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget last month.

“Thanks to the tremendous support of our legislators and a phenomenal public-private partnership, we are prepared to start building the Family First Community Center,” said Mayor Law.

The \$15 million project will provide critical health, recreational and educational opportunities for underserved youth and families in the area, which was annexed in 2008. The center is the result of a partnership between the city, the Doug Baldwin Foundation, Renton School District and the business community. The school district has donated land adjacent to Cascade Elementary School.

“The response to the project has shown how blessed Renton is to have both a committed group of legislators representing us in Olympia and extremely generous residents and local business owners,” said Mayor Law. “Their support will improve the lives of many kids and families.”

Renton City Council launched the campaign by allocating \$4 million and Doug Baldwin committed \$1 million. First Financial Northwest Foundation was one of the first private partners, and they kicked off the capital campaign with a \$3 million donation. Additional donations have been made by Starbucks, Renton auto dealer Car Pros, and ATS Automation.

Several private donors have contributed a significant amount to the center’s fundraising campaign. Renton residents and owners of ATS Automation, Tom and

Karen Easton, have personally donated \$75,000, and members of Renton Rotary raised \$90,000 at their annual auction, the highest amount ever raised.

The capital campaign to raise the remaining \$5 million continues. Private donations may be made to the Family First Community Center through the Renton Community Foundation at rentonfoundation.org. Simply click the “Donate Now” button and select “Family First Community Center Fund” from the list of funds.

“Our youth and families in the Cascade/Benson Hill area desperately need a facility like this,” said Mayor Law. “This project will be built thanks to the strong commitment by both public and private supporters.

“We can’t wait for the groundbreaking.”



The Family First Community Center will serve the Cascade/Benson Hill community.

Ground broken for Fire Station 15



GROUND WAS BROKEN for Fire Station 15 in Kennydale in late February. The new station will provide improved response times for fire and life safety services in Kennydale and the entire Renton Regional Fire Authority (RRFA) service area. The station is located on North 30th Street, just west of I-405, and is scheduled to open in January 2019.



CONNECT WITH THE CITY

The city offers several ways to keep informed. The mayor emails a weekly newsletter on Thursdays that covers issues of importance. Byte of Renton covers city events and is emailed every other Tuesday. Subscribe to both at rentonwa.gov/subscribe.

The city is also active on social media with accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor. Our handle is @cityofrenton.

Mayor delivers State of the City



MAYOR DENIS LAW presented the annual State of the City address on March 28.

The full text and video of the speech can be found at rentonwa.gov/sotc.

Sunset Neighborhood Park opens June 16

A GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION for Phase I of Sunset Neighborhood Park and the Highlands Library will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The city and King County Library System are hosting the event, which will also celebrate the opening of Sunset Lane.

The 3.2 acre park is located next to the library and features wide walkways, restrooms, an entry plaza with seating and an overhead pergola, additional seating areas, and an expansive lawn.

Phase II has been funded and will be completed in 2019.

Juneteenth Celebration set for June 16 & 19

ON JUNE 16 AND 19 the city, Renton Police Department and the Renton African American Pastoral group (RAAP) will present Juneteenth, a celebration of youth.

SAVE THE DATE

More information on the event will be forthcoming via the city's Twitter (@cityofrenton) and Facebook (@cityofrenton) accounts and city website.

Renton police offer tips to protect your mail

King County has seen an increase in mail thefts. Thieves are looking for items they can turn around quickly like gift cards or cash. Checks can be washed, information changed, and cashed. Traditional mail boxes are primarily targeted but thieves are also known to pry open locked boxes. Most thefts occur in the early afternoon or after midnight.

The Renton Police Department suggests you follow these tips to keep your mail safe: do not mail cash; do not leave outgoing mail unattended in your mailbox; pickup your mail promptly; have your mail held at the post office if out of town; and keep your mailbox in good repair or invest in a locking mailbox.



RENTON FEATURED



Rentonites in the Great War

RENTON, like cities and towns across the United States, sent sons, brothers and husbands off to foreign battlefields to fight in World War I. But this mobilization also involved mothers, nurses, and ordinary citizens back home as winning the war became a goal for everyone.

The Renton History Museum presents *On the Battlefield and the Homefront: Rentonites in the Great War*, which explores the experiences of all these men and women in confronting international war for the first time. For people who had never thought of themselves as part of a global community, WWI crystallized and clarified their beliefs about citizenship and its duties, national identity, and patriotism in ways that changed Renton forever. On display from May 28 through November 11.

rentonwa.gov/rhm_events

CITY INITIATIVES SAVE RESIDENTS MONEY AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Improved Cedar River salmon runs, LED lights, and water purifying systems demonstrate the city's commitment

The City of Renton has implemented several environmentally friendly projects designed to protect assets and save money.

Improvements along the Cedar River have protected Chinook salmon; cleaning sediment basins in Madsen Creek and at the Maplewood Golf Course have reduced the level of turbidity entering creeks and the Cedar River; creating an urban wetland mitigation bank in the Renton Valley protects wetlands; and installing one-of-a-kind water purifying rain gardens and porous concrete sidewalks along Harrington Avenue NE allows rain water to infiltrate into the ground rather than run off into drainage facilities.

Renton is the first city in King County to replace all water meters with automatic ones, allowing continual data transmission. This has resulted in saving thousands of gallons of water through discovery and correction of leaks. LED street lights have been installed, reducing power consumption, and electric car charging stations have been installed at all city parking garages.

REPAIR

THE FREE RENTON REPAIR CAFÉ

at the Renton Library on May 16, 3 to 6 p.m. Bring items needing repair, including small household appliances and clothing, which experienced craftspeople will try to repair. Registration is advised. Contact Tom Watson at tom.watson@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4481.

RECYCLE

RECYCLE LATEX PAINT, water-based stains, and clear finishes. Bring in original containers to Ace Hardware in Fairwood or the Highlands. The paint will be re-dyed and sold at local Habitat for Humanity stores. There is a fee of \$2.99 for quarts, \$4.99 for gallons, and \$22.99 for 5-gallon containers. The Highlands store has a 12-can limit. <http://ow.ly/mKUr30iRpLP>

REBATES

SAVE WATER, TIME AND GET REBATES

by installing an efficient Premium toilet that uses less than 1.1 gallons per flush and get a \$100 rebate. Also get \$100 back by installing a WaterSense certified irrigation timer. www.savingwater.org/rebates

ASSISTANCE

PUGET SOUND ENERGY is offering two programs to help lower heating bills for qualified families. The Home Energy Lifeline Program (HELP) provides additional bill payment assistance beyond that offered by the federal LIHEAP program. The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free weatherization assistance. <http://ow.ly/4OJ730iVE3L>

The city
will celebrate
**ARBOR DAY/
EARTH DAY**
on April 28 in
Tiffany Park.

CITY OFFERS HELP FOR YOUR SPRING CLEANING

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER and the city is hosting a pair of events to help with your recycling plans.

SPRING SHRED-A-THON

THE FREE SPRING SHRED-A-THON

is April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at a new location: Boeing's S1 parking lot. Bring up to five boxes (12"x15"x10") of your sensitive documents. The Renton Food Bank will be collecting donations of canned goods. The Shred-a-thon is sponsored by the city, Iron Mountain, and the Salvation Army. rentonwa.gov/shredathon

SPRING RECYCLE EVENT

THE SPRING RECYCLE EVENT is May 5 in the north parking lot of Renton Technical College from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. One trip per household and residential items only, no businesses. The city reserves the right to refuse oversized loads or unacceptable materials. rentonwa.gov/springrecycle



BRING YOUR OWN BAG

DON'T FORGET reusable bags when shopping. Take our plastic bag survey by June 6: surveymonkey.com/r/PlasticBagCN

RECYCLE OLD CLOTHES

DONATE YOUR WORN CLOTHES for recycling. Locations around King County will take old clothes, shoes and linens. Wet, mildewed, or contaminated items will not be accepted.

kingcounty.gov/threadcycle

CAREER FAIR IS MAY 2

The city's fourth annual Career Fair is May 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Renton Technical College cafeteria. Bring your resume and meet with 60 organizations that are hiring. The event is free, as is parking. rentonwa.gov/hr



Out in the Community

Black & White

THROUGH MAY 19

Renton History Museum, 223 Mill Ave. S.
Explore three trendsetting fashion designers and the effects they had on black & white fashion. Includes rare artifacts and photographs.

Senior Resource Expo

APRIL 7, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.

Renton Senior Activity Center
211 Burnett Ave. N.

Improve your independence, health and quality of life through 40 vendors. No registration required.

Community Garden

APRIL 13–OCTOBER 14

NE 16th St. & Kirkland Ave.

2'x4' garden plots are available, one per household. Water is provided. [#60603](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

Wilderness & Remote First Aid

APRIL 14 & 21, 8:30 A.M.–5 P.M.

Renton Community Center
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

Being prepared for the wilderness is useful for everyone. Offered in partnership with the Red Cross. rentonwa.gov/rep

Seahawks 12K Run

APRIL 15, 9 A.M.

The Landing, 828 N. 10th Pl.

Includes an all-ages 12K run, 5K run/walk, and a half-mile Play 60 Kids Run (10 and under). seahawks12krun.com

Arbor Day & Earth Day

APRIL 28, 9 A.M.

Tiffany Park, 1902 Lake Youngs Way SE

Volunteers have registered to help beautify the grounds by planting trees and flowers.

Shred-a-thon

APRIL 28, 9 A.M.–12 P.M.

Boeing S1 Lot, N. 6th St. & Logan Ave. N.

Shred up to five boxes (12 to 15 inches wide, 10 inches deep) of paper. Donations of canned goods will be accepted to benefit the Renton Food Bank. rentonwa.gov/shredathon

Spring Recycle Event

MAY 5, 9 A.M.–3 P.M.

Renton Technical College, North Parking Lot
3000 NE Fourth St.

Renton residents can recycle large and hard-to-recycle items. rentonwa.gov/springrecycle

Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra

MAY 6, 3 P.M.

Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

Also includes the Debut Orchestra. \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors 50 and over, \$5 children 5 and under. rentonwa.gov/events

Spring Green & Clean

MAY 12, 8:45–11:30 A.M.

Philip Arnold Park, 720 Jones Ave. S.

Volunteer to help maintain parks for all to enjoy. Register: [#60551](http://rentonwa.gov/cybersignup)

Bike Safety Rodeo

MAY 19, 10 A.M.–12 P.M.

Highlands Neighborhood Center
800 Edmonds Ave. NE

Free event for ages 4-12. Bring your bike and try out your skills. rentonwa.gov/events

On the Battlefield

MAY 28–NOVEMBER 11

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S.

Learn how World War I awakened and changed the citizens of Renton.

Memorial Day Ceremony

MAY 28, 1 P.M.

Veterans Memorial Park, 523 S. 3rd St.

Honor the men and women who have served our country. rentonwa.gov/veteranspark

Renton Farmers Market

TUESDAYS, JUNE 5–SEPT. 25, 3–7 P.M.

Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave. S.

The best from local farmers and artisans! Kids activities, live entertainment, chef demonstrations, and tours. rentonwa.gov/farmersmarket

Renton City Concert Band

JUNE 10, 2 P.M.

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center

Celebrate the start of summer with this 65-member band under the direction of Mike Simpson. \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors 50 and over, \$5 children 5 and under

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Community & Economic Development	425-430-6575
Community Services	425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt	425-430-7041
Graffiti Reporting	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge	425-430-6550
Police (non-emergency) or epolice.rentonwa.gov	425-430-7500
Public Works	425-430-7394
Reg. Fire Authority	425-271-7900
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance	425-430-7400
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EMERGENCY 911
Non-Emergency 425-235-2121



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