



# Our Renton

Community News, Programs, and Events

## Renton Launches Hate Has No Home Here Campaign

*City leadership has taken another step in their continuing effort to emphasize inclusion and make all our residents feel safe and welcome.*

**LAST MONTH**, City Council adopted the updated 2022-2027 Business Plan and incorporated the words hate-free into the goals.

Renton is also joining a nationwide movement and local organizations to launch the Hate Has No Home Here campaign that identifies locations free from hateful behavior.

The Hate Has No Home Here campaign is part of a movement that began in a Chicago neighborhood characterized by its diversity of age, race, nationality, and ethnicity. School children worked with a neighborhood organization to develop a campaign to welcome all people to their community.

Earlier this month, residents, businesses, and visitors started to see banners,

posters, and flyers around Renton. The city has worked with community partners to place Hate Has No Home Here banners at popular locations like the Renton Farmers Market, downtown, the Highlands, and in parks and other locations throughout the city. The city has launched a social media campaign and encouraged community participation. The campaign includes Hate Has No Home Here signs which include some of Renton's most popular languages.

Places displaying the Hate Has No Home Here signs signify that hateful actions against others are not tolerated by that person, business, or organization.



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“As a community, Renton has always shown a willingness to come together,” said Mayor Armondo Pavone.

“This campaign is a great way for us to further strengthen the connections between friends and neighbors.”

Hate Has No Home Here is a companion program to Renton Police Department's Safe Place initiative.

**Download flyers, posters, and other information at [rentonwa.gov/nohate](http://rentonwa.gov/nohate).**



## HATE HAS NO HOME HERE

El odio no tiene hogar aquí ♥ Ở đây không có chỗ cho thù ghét  
Walang lugar ang galit dito ♥ 仇恨在這裡無立足之地  
Тут нет места ненависти ♥ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਦੀ ਇੱਥੇ ਕੋਈ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ

[RENTONWA.GOV/NOHATE](http://RENTONWA.GOV/NOHATE)

## COVID-19 vaccinations

**EVERYONE IN OUR STATE** 16 years and older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines are free for everyone.

Search King County vaccine for up-to-date information. Vaccine locations are listed by zip code, and there are 30 languages available. Language interpretation hotlines are also available:

- **WA State COVID-19 Assistance hotline:** 1-800-525-0127 or 1-888-856-5816 (then press #), 6 a.m.–10 p.m. Monday, 6 a.m.–6 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday.
- **King County COVID-19 Call Center:** 206-477-3977, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. For language interpretation, say your preferred language when connected.

## BLM artwork postcards

**IF YOU MISSED** last year's initial Black Lives Matter Art Walk, you will soon be able to get 12 of the featured paintings as postcards free at downtown businesses.

The postcards will have the slogan: "Renton, Washington, where equity, equality and diversity are valued."

The project is funded by a grant from Renton Municipal Arts Commission.

## Blood supplies are critically low

**BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST** has declared a "Code-Red" alert to combat the ongoing blood shortage affecting our region. The shortage is due to a sustained increase in patient demand and low donor turnout. Only 85% of the blood needed by patients is now available. Now is the time to give. Make your appointment online or by calling 1-800-398-7888.

## Mobile Vaccination Unit

**THE CITY**, Renton Regional Fire Authority and King County Fire District #20 combined to play a vital role in getting COVID-19 vaccinations to vulnerable seniors in the early days of vaccine availability.

Firefighters in the Mobile Vaccination Unit (MVU) administered vaccines to seniors who were unable to travel to a vaccine location.

The city's Recreation & Neighborhoods Division provided logistical support.



## Accessory Dwelling Units

**THE CITY** has introduced an exciting new housing option, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

The Permit Ready ADU (PRADU) program includes eight pre-approved building plans, an expedited review process, and waiving or reducing transportation, fire, and park fees. If the ADU is built within the Renton School District boundaries, the school impact fees will be waived.

Learn more about the program at [rentonwa.gov/pradu](http://rentonwa.gov/pradu).



## City initiatives are award winners



**THE CITY'S 2020 CENSUS CAMPAIGN** won "Best In-House Diversity and Inclusion Campaign" by PR NEWS CSR & Diversity Awards. The campaign used residents as census ambassadors. As a result, the city's response rate went from one of the lowest in the country in 2010 to 75.1% in 2020, which was one of the highest rates in King County.



**ANOTHER AWARD WINNER WAS THE "MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME" CAMPAIGN**, which won a Communicator Award of Excellence by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts. The campaign encouraged residents and visitors to stay in Renton and explore our city. Businesses were able to access photography, logos, social media graphics, and content. The city's Economic Development Division created branded toolkits and also distributed 150 "Make Yourself at Home" welcome mats.



**THE CORTONA BUILDING** was awarded a State Historic Preservation Officer Valerie Sivinski Award for "Outstanding Rehabilitation." Built in 1954, it was the home of F.W. Woolworth Company and later Renton Western Wear. The Cortona LLC group, headed by Dave and Monica Brethausen, bought the building in 2015 and have restored its' mid-century modern features. The award is the second for Cortona LLC. In 2016, they won the John D. Spellman Award for Historic Preservation by King County. The Cortona Building is on the Washington Heritage Register.





Construction on the Downtown Utility Improvement project necessitated the temporary relocation of the clock tower. The tower will return to its spot later this summer.



The Renton Farmers Market is celebrating 20 seasons downtown in 2021. The market is held every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. through Sept. 28.

## Park free downtown

**DURING CONSTRUCTION**, the city is offering free parking in the centrally located City Center Parking Garage (655 S. 2nd St.). Several downtown public parking lots offer free parking and convenient access to businesses. Additionally, designated short-term parking spots near shops and restaurants have been established for use while picking up orders.

## Market milestone

**RENTON FARMERS MARKET** is open and celebrating its 20th year downtown. The market is open every Tuesday through Sept. 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Gateway Park, S 3rd St. & Logan Ave. S. It features farm-fresh produce, flowers, breads, honey and specialty items, along with wines and craft ciders. Check [rentonfarmersmarket.com](http://rentonfarmersmarket.com) for the weekly schedule.

## Secure your property prior to a flood

**FLOODS ARE ONE OF THE MOST COMMON HAZARDS** and can impact areas as small as a neighborhood or as large as entire river basins and multiple cities. According to the National Weather Service, over 75 percent of all presidential disaster declarations are directly related to flooding. Floods are typically caused by severe weather conditions, mainly unexpectedly large amounts of rain that causes a sharp rise in river flood stages. But they can also be caused by ice jams and dam failures. Although floods cannot be fully controlled or predicted, there are flood prevention steps you can take.

### SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

The King County Flood Warning System observes the weather predictions and river forecasts. Individuals can receive emergency warnings by registering for Alert King County at [kingcounty.gov/alert](http://kingcounty.gov/alert). To receive notifications about water levels in local rivers, download the King County Flood Warning app.

### FLOODPLAINS

The City of Renton monitors precipitation and flood stages in local rivers and receives notifications about the Green and Cedar rivers. In the event of a flood warning, residents are notified through NOAA Weather Radio, local radio and television, and emergency agencies. If flooding is significant, Renton or local emergency agencies may provide notifications to areas at highest risk.

Natural channels, wetlands, man-made ponds, and open ditches can provide drainage and storage of excess water. Constructed storm drainage systems must be maintained and kept clear to help prevent flooding. In Renton, dumping debris into any waterway is prohibited by the city code, and we encourage you to report violations to Development Services Code Compliance at 425-430-7373.

Flood losses are not covered under most insurance policies. Renton participates

in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program enabling property owners to obtain flood insurance, whether or not they are in a floodplain. Renton has a Class 5 rating in the FEMA Community Rating System, which allows property owners to get a 25% discount on the cost of flood insurance purchased through NFIP.

To determine if your property is in a flood-prone area, or obtain a Flood Insurance Rate Map / copies of existing Flood Elevation Certificates, contact Yasir Abduljaleel at [yabduljaleel@rentonwa.gov](mailto:yabduljaleel@rentonwa.gov) or 425-430-7323. For more information on flood insurance and flood preparation, visit [rentonwa.gov/flood](http://rentonwa.gov/flood) or [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov).

### REPORT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

If there is a drainage problem on your property, you can request a drainage investigation, which includes a site visit, by calling Yasir Abduljaleel at 425-430-7323 or emailing [yabduljaleel@rentonwa.gov](mailto:yabduljaleel@rentonwa.gov).





## Recreation and events

The Recreation & Neighborhoods Division has planned numerous programs and activities this summer. City staff have been working under the guidance of the state's COVID-19 phased re-opening plan for programs and facilities. These guidelines can change depending on conditions. The most current recreation information can be found at [rentonwa.gov/recreation](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation). Here's a look at upcoming activities.

- **HENRY MOSES AQUATIC CENTER** (HMCA) is scheduled to open from June 26 through September 6. Capacity will be limited, and schedules will depend on the number of lifeguards the city can hire and train.
- **THE BEACHES** at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kenndale Beach Park will have lifeguards from June 26 through September 6.
- **RENTON COMMUNITY CENTER** (RCC) will tentatively open on Sept. 7 for reservation-only activities, including the fitness room, basketball courts and racquetball courts. From June 28 – Aug. 27, STREAM Team (Science, Technology, Recreation, Arts, Math) summer camp will be held at RCC. STREAM Team is a partnership with the Environmental Science Center, Centro Rendu, and Tech Bridge for Girls and serves 75 children daily and is funded through a King County Best Starts for Kids grant.
- **RENTON SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER** will tentatively open on Sept. 7. The drive-thru senior lunch program is continuing throughout the summer.
- **HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CENTER** will tentatively open in mid-September for after-school programming and other recreational activities.
- **YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES** will return this summer with limited offerings and capacity.
- **SUMMER DAY CAMPS** will return with limited capacity, and will feature youth sports camps, STEM programming, and environmental education. Register at [rentonwa.gov/register](http://rentonwa.gov/register). Search "camps."
- Citywide events continue to be restricted under COVID-19, even with relaxed mask-wearing directives. There will be no Fourth of July celebration or Renton River Days. In their place, a new event, **RED, WHITE & BIKE NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATIONS**, will take place from July 1 to 4. The Neighborhoods Division will provide a packaged experience and "how-to kit." Additional virtual and drive-thru events will continue throughout summer 2021.
- Summer activities will conclude with the return of **POOCH PLUNGE** at HMCA on Sept. 11.

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City Attorney . . . . .	425-430-6480
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 . . . . .	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**



The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.



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**YOUTH & TEENS**

**Sleepin' Together Dance Virtual Subscription**  
 Keep moving with our virtual classes until next September!  
 Apr 17-May 16: Latin & Latin Dance Party  
 #R21 \$15-24/week, CO  
 #R22 \$18-Creative Movement & B&C

**Creative Kids - Subscription**  
 #R23 \$10- Keep busy hands creative!  
 Each week will include materials for two self-paced projects. Classes throughout the summer.  
 Apr 19-May 16: \$10/week (includes a week after registration due date). CO #R24  
 Apr 19: Springtime Fun. #R25 \$10/week (includes a week after registration due date). CO #R26  
 May 17: Fitness Fun. #R27 \$10/week (includes a week after registration due date). CO #R28

**Renton Fish June 5 at Cook**  
 After taking 2020 off the program, we'll be back from the dock all day long!  
 #R29 \$10/week (includes a week after registration due date). CO #R30  
 Rock & Roll Multi-Club all day long!

**Mobile Vaccine Unit**  
 Renton Regional Fire, King County Dist. 20 & city team up to bring COVID vaccine to seniors