



OurRenton

Community News, Programs, and Events



Don Persson honored

Senior Center renamed to honor his 53 years of service

THE CITY HONORED DON PERSSON'S five decades of distinctive commitment to community by renaming the senior center the [Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center](#).

"It's very appropriate we name the senior center after Don," said Mayor Armondo Pavone at the celebration. "Taking care of our seniors was always at the top of his to-do list. He was an exceptional advocate, generously giving his time and talents."

The center was packed with family, friends, and many current and former city officials. Photos of his 53 years of service to Renton residents decorated the center. The celebration included a short program, an unveiling of the new sign design, and a barbecue lunch—a poignant reminder of Don's legendary cooking and catering skills, which he shared at numerous city events.

Don was best known for identifying a problem and finding a solution. An

example is the annual Thanksgiving dinner for seniors, which he created and masterminded for 26 years. He saw that the four-day holiday weekend made it difficult for seniors to find food and companionship. His planning not only resulted in a hot, sit-down meal but also provided take-home meals for seniors to enjoy over the weekend.

"He was an amazing father, grandfather, and husband," said Lisa Berreth, his daughter. "He taught me to laugh very loudly and often, believe in myself, and know that there wasn't anything I couldn't do. He loved us unconditionally, and the world was better because he was in it."

Former Renton Mayor Denis Law remembered his long-time friend's sense of community.

"Commitment to community service was in Don's DNA. He was always thinking about what we could do as individuals and what the city could do to improve the quality of life of our residents. He devoted

his life to serving this community."

Don passed away in October 2021 after 53 years of service, including 33 as a member of the Renton Police Department and 20 as a city councilmember. He retired from the council in December 2019.

He was a founding member of Renton River Days, Renton Regional Fire Authority, and Communities In Schools of Renton. Don served as a Renton Rotary board member and helped create the city's neighborhoods program. He provided food and other resources to ensure the success of REACH's Center of Hope. Don was recognized and honored as Renton Chamber's Citizen of the Year and earned a Meritorious Service Award from Renton Police Department.

With the senior center now bearing his name, Don's tremendous commitment to our community and especially our seniors will continue to inspire others to do the same.

Recycle unwanted materials, motor oil, and oil filters

RENTON RESIDENTS have several ways to dispose of unwanted materials via city programs.

CLEAN SWEEP, a collaboration with Republic Services, allows single-family residential customers to dispose of unwanted items for free. Garbage customers within Renton city limits can schedule a one-time pickup consisting of up to ten 32-gallon units.

Two bulky items, such as mattresses, sofas, or chairs, are also accepted.

Hazardous waste, liquid waste, and items that can be recycled are not accepted.

Clean Sweep ends Dec. 31, 2022. For more information

on size and weight restrictions

and to schedule your pickup, visit rentonwa.gov/cleansweep or call Republic Services 206-777-6440.

The city's Solid Waste Utility division has launched **SHIFT GREEN**. AutoZone and O'Reilly Auto Parts locations in the city will recycle motor oil and filters for free from residents and businesses. Using this service helps the economy and protects the environment.

Coulon Park to get upgrades

TWO RENOVATION PROJECTS will start this month in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.



The **TRESTLE BRIDGE** will be replaced with a clear-span steel bridge providing a viewpoint along the pedestrian trail and interpretive signage. In addition, the project will remove all 58 existing in-water piles and include new light penetrating decking to enhance fish habitat. Because emergency access will not be available during the project, the north end of the park from the turnaround to the pedestrian gate will be closed through March 2023.

The **NORTH WATER WALK** will undergo improvements to decking, pilings, guardrails, and picnic floats. The project will close the water walk, day moorage/finger piers, and picnic floats through September 2023.

Find more information on both projects at rentonwa.gov/currentprojects.

City Hall Hours

Municipal Court & Passports

Monday–Friday
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. and 12:30–4 p.m.
Passports: Tuesday mornings.
Call 425-430-6550 to schedule.

Finance Counter, Utility Bills, License & Tax Counter

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Building & Permit Counter

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
9–11:30 a.m. and 1–4 p.m.

Police Counter

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

City Contacts

General Information 425-430-6400
Mayor 425-430-6500
Building Permits 425-430-7200
City Council 425-430-6501
City Clerk 425-430-6510
Code Enforcement 425-430-7373
Parks & Recreation 425-430-6600
Licensing & Taxes 425-430-6851
Municipal Court
& Passports 425-430-6550
Police (business line) . . . 425-430-7500
Regional Fire Authority . . 425-271-7900
Utility Billing 425-430-6852

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

Community Calendar

Wastemobile

OCT 14–16, Friday–Sunday, 10am–5pm

McLendon Hardware, 440 Rainier Ave

Bring household hazardous waste for disposal (ex: paint thinner, fluorescent lights, pesticides and car batteries.)

Halloween Drive-Thru

OCT 28, Friday 5–8pm

RCC, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy

A drive-through Halloween experience with plenty of treats and a few tricks along the way! Sign up: rentonwa.gov/register.

Olde Fashioned Halloween Scavenger Hunt

OCT 29, Saturday, 1–4pm

Downtown Renton hunt, then return game card to Gateway Park, 510 S 3rd St

Find clues in storefront windows then return game card on Oct 29 and enjoy a costume contest, music and photo opps!

Go to rentondowntown.com/halloween.

Diversity in Law Enforcement Career Workshop

NOV 5, Saturday, 8:15am–3:30pm

Renton (location sent upon registration)



FREE workshop open to anyone 18 years or older. It is designed to help potential law enforcement applicants navigate the hiring process and increase the diversity of our

applicant pool and workforce. The event is hosted by seven South Sound police agencies. Information and registration at: rentonwa.gov/valleypolicecareers.

“Fill the Truck” Food Drive

NOV 12, Saturday, 9am–1pm

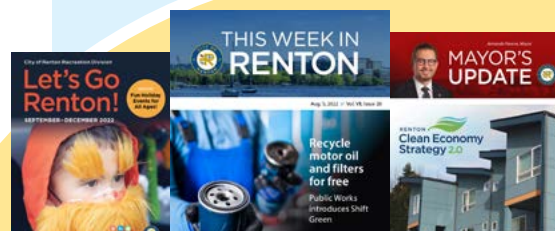
Renton Community Center
1715 Maple Valley Hwy

Bring non-perishable, unopened food items to support local food banks.

The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.

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