



# Our Renton

Community News, Programs, and Events

## Mayor's Update

Mayor Pavone celebrates our diverse community, reviews the legislative session, and looks ahead to his State of the City address

*Mayor Armondo Pavone wrote the following for his monthly Mayor's Memo in the Renton Reporter.*

**FOR THOSE OF YOU I HAVEN'T MET IN PERSON**, my name is Armondo Pavone, and I'm honored to serve as the Mayor of the City of Renton.

I've spent my whole life in Renton and have operated a small business downtown since 1985. Our city is at its greatest when we come together and celebrate the diverse backgrounds and cultures that make our community so robust and welcoming.

We've celebrated that diversity in the last two months. We held the city's first Lunar New Year celebration and designated Jan. 22 as Lunar New Year Day in Renton. We also proclaimed Feb. 6 as "Ted Rodriguez Day" and honored Ted for 40-plus years of civic contributions by presenting him with a Key to the City.

February was Black History Month, and we celebrated with a proclamation accepted by Renton Technical College President Dr. Yoshiko Harden and Franchesca 'Fancy' Vargas of

Elevate PR Management.

Meanwhile, I am proud of the work our Mayor's Inclusion Task Force, Equity Commission, and our newly formed Equity, Housing, and Human Services Department do to increase access and communication across many cultures. I appreciate their dedication to our community.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

With the state legislature in session, I spent three days at the capitol last month as part of City Action Days, an event by the Association of Washington Cities. It was an excellent opportunity to advocate in person for legislation to help us achieve the needs of our constituents—from infrastructure funding to public safety.

In face-to-face meetings with ten of our legislators from six different legislative districts, I discussed our current challenges regarding drug possession laws. I lent my support in finding solutions that encourage accountability through deferred sentencing for those who successfully complete treatment.

I also testified in favor of Senate Bills 5536 and 5467, which propose changes to meet our goals for public safety. When government works best, it is a collaborative effort between local, state, and federal levels. Strong relationships are key to accomplishing more for Renton.

### STATE OF THE CITY ON MARCH 21

Mark your calendars for my first State of the City address on Tuesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center at Renton High School. This will be a free event; tickets are available at [rentonwa.gov/sotc](https://rentonwa.gov/sotc). All are invited.

I look forward to highlighting what we've accomplished across all city departments and sharing insight into what we're working on and where we're headed.

You can find regular updates from me on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mayorpavone) (@mayorpavone) or follow the city (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cityofrenton), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/cityofrenton), [Nextdoor](https://www.nextdoor.com/cityofrenton), or [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cityofrenton). Not on social media? Our email newsletter, [This Week in Renton](https://www.rentonwa.gov/memo), is an excellent source for upcoming events and news. You can find links to these publications and pages on [rentonwa.gov/memo](https://rentonwa.gov/memo).

Do you have a question or an idea for a future column? Reach out to [communications@rentonwa.gov](mailto:communications@rentonwa.gov).

— *Armondo Pavone*  
Mayor of Renton



2023 CITY OF RENTON

# STATE *of the* CITY

*with* Mayor Armondo Pavone

Tuesday, March 21, 6 pm

Doors open at 5:15pm, Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center

RESERVE A SEAT:

[rentonwa.gov/sotc](https://rentonwa.gov/sotc)



## Community Calendar

### Renton Chamber Spring Fling & Auction

**MARCH 18, Saturday, 5–9:30pm**

Renton Pavilion & Event Center  
233 Burnett Ave. S

Help support community projects, human services, clean ups, networking, and more. [gorenton.com/visit/happenings](http://gorenton.com/visit/happenings)

### Music Sing, Music Dances! Spring Concert

**MARCH 19, Sunday, 2pm**

Renton IKEA Perf. Arts Ctr., 400 S 2nd St.

Enjoy an afternoon of music with conductor Michael Simpson and the Renton City Concert Band. \$10 adults, \$7 students & seniors. [rentonwa.gov/events](http://rentonwa.gov/events)

### State of the City

**MARCH 21, Tuesday, 6pm Doors 5:15pm**

Renton IKEA Perf. Arts Ctr., 400 S 2nd St.

Mayor Armondo Pavone presents a look back on what the City of Renton has accomplished and a forward-looking preview of the 2023 pipeline. Reserve a seat at [rentonwa.gov/sotc](http://rentonwa.gov/sotc).

### Renton Downtown Partnership Spring Clean

**APRIL 1, Saturday, 9–11am**

Check-in at Cheers, 201 Williams Ave. S

Help pick up litter on the streets of downtown. Registration info at [rentondowntown.com/event](http://rentondowntown.com/event)

### Shred-a-thon and Rx Drug Take Back

**APRIL 15, Saturday, 9am–12pm**

Renton Mem. Stadium, 405 Logan Ave. N

Bring household documents to shred and turn in unused prescription medications. See details at [rentonwa.gov/shredathon](http://rentonwa.gov/shredathon)

### Dragon Dash 5k/10k Fun Run & Walk

**APRIL 15, Saturday, 10am**

Starts in Downtown Renton

Open to competitive runners, fun runners, walkers, and families. After the run, kids can participate in a dragon egg hunt and try their luck at the Sword in the Stone. Register before April 7 to receive a long-sleeve t-shirt with your registration. [rentonwa.gov/dragonregister](http://rentonwa.gov/dragonregister)

### SAVE THE DATE

### Recycle Event: Metals & Styrofoam

**MAY 13, Saturday, 10am–2pm**

RTC, North Parking Lot

NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE

Help keep waste out of landfills. Recycle scrap metal, appliances, and polystyrene foam (commonly called Styrofoam). For details on accepted materials, go to [rentonwa.gov/recycleevents](http://rentonwa.gov/recycleevents).

## 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

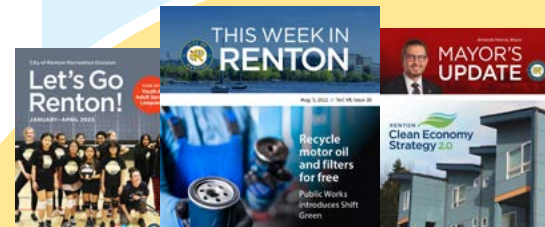
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**Non-Emergency . . . . . 425-235-2121**

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