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Welcome to the Downtown News - the monthly e-mail about Downtown Renton. The goal is to keep you informed about what's happening in Downtown and share opportunities to become involved in Downtown.

Please share news of interest, special events and information about your business, the community or other items that impact Downtown Renton for the next newsletter. Let us know about topics that interest you or things we've missed. And please forward this to your peers! If you would like to join or be removed from this distribution, please e-mail jdavishayes@rentonwa.gov.

If you have questions or would like more information about items in this e-mail, please contact me and I will connect you with the appropriate contact.

Thank you for your support of Downtown Renton!

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HOT TOPICS:

Join the conversation about the future of Renton's Parks, Recreation Services, Open Spaces and Natural Resources

What types of parks and recreation services and facilities do you believe are important to Renton's future? How should the City continue to support open spaces and natural resources in the future? Complete the [on-line survey](#). For more information, contact 425-430-6600 or mbeitner@rentonwa.gov. Visit rentonwa.gov for projects updates.

December Holiday Activities in Downtown Renton

Join us to celebrate the holiday season in Downtown! On Saturday, December 4, 3 – 5 pm, stroll Downtown streets to enjoy Dickens Carolers, roasted chestnuts, refreshments and merchant specials. Then gather at the Piazza at 5 pm to enjoy more family friendly events such as the Downtown Tree Lighting and arrival of Santa Claus, sponsored by [Piazza Renton](#) (206-772-4010). Can't make the December 4 events? Visit Santa's House in the Piazza on Fridays (5 – 7 pm) and Saturdays (1 – 4 pm) from December 10 – 18. Post the attached flyer in your storefront window and throughout town to share the news! For more information about the Downtown holiday activities and Santa's House, contact the Downtown Events Committee at 425-255-6078.

Don't forget to promote the Shop Renton – CurveCard!

Did you know that over 100,000 CurveCards have been distributed? And there are over 60 of your Downtown business peers participate in the Shop Renton campaign? You can utilize the [Shop Renton – CurveCard graphics](#) in any print or on-line marketing. For more information about the program or to obtain CurveCards for your customers, please contact the Economic Development & Neighborhoods Division at dced@rentonwa.gov. **Thank you for shopping in Renton!**

Are you looking for a way to reduce your need for employee parking?

Read more in the attached flyer about Metro's free consultation services to help reduce the need for employee parking, provide incentives for employees who participate in your trip reduction program or reduce your administrative time to manage your program. Contact employer.services@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-3445 for more information.

Have you noticed...

- local ingredients on **Armondo's Café Italiano's** new menu? The new chef, Tom Small, not only is using ingredients from local farms but is also working with the Tahoma School District's Horticulture Program to grow produce for the restaurant.
- an outstanding citizen walking the streets of Downtown Renton? We all knew that Renton Police Officer Jeff Reynolds is outstanding, now the Renton Chamber of Commerce and City of Renton have made it official! Officer Reynolds was selected as one of two Outstanding Citizens of the year. Read more at the [Renton Reporter's article](#) about the event. Congratulations, Jeff!
- a parallel parking space on Houser Way South at the intersection with Williams Avenue South? The new parking space is the only on-street disabled parking space in the City.
- the **Renton Community Foundation** has a new electronic newsletter? To sign up, contact [Lynn Bohart](#) at 425-282-5199.
- the new I "heart" Renton t-shirts at **happy delusions**?
- new paint at **Jet City Espresso**? The old gas station awnings received a new paint job to welcome the **Bistro Box** mobile food vendor in its parking lot.
- new food on the menu at the **Met Coffee & Wine Bar**? A new focus on food, including appetizers and desserts, along with live music, enhances this already popular gathering place.
- all the Downtown businesses in the running for King 5 Best of Western Washington? Congratulations to 1st Place Downtown businesses **Red House Beer and Wine Shoppe and Tapas Bar** and **Melrose Grill**. Congratulations to **St Charles Place Antiques, Bikram Yoga, Hocevar Performance, Naan N Curry, DC's Bar & Grill, and A Terrible Beauty Irish Pub and Restaurant** for placing in the top 10!
- late night activity at the **Red House Beer and Wine Shoppe**? Enjoy happy hours prices every Wednesday and Thursday from 9 – 11 pm and every Friday and Saturday from 10 pm – 12 am.

Additional topics this month: (please click on topic area to read more)

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New businesses in Downtown Renton

- **Brag Hair Salon** (613A S 3rd St) was opened by Karly Schulner across from the Piazza. Contact 425-277-2724 or braghairsalon@gmail.com for more information and to make an appointment. Welcome to Downtown Karly!
- **Bistro Box** (207 Main Ave S) is Downtown's first Gourmet Mobile Food Vendor. Check out the tasty sliders, coconut chicken, fries and more at the corner of S 2nd & Main Ave S on Tuesdays & Thursdays (11 am – 2 pm) and Saturdays (9 am – 2 pm). Follow owner Barbara Pagarigan on Facebook or Twitter for more information or call 206-406-6202. Hungry for some of their food on the other days? Visit the Bistro Box at Park & N 6th St on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- **Renton Indoor Garden Center** (329 Wells Ave S) moved into Downtown from Sunset this month. The Garden Center provides hydroponics and horticultural lighting products. Contact 425-917-9000 for more information. Please welcome owners Stan and Adam Coe to Downtown!
- The **Faith Temple Community Church of God in Christ** (300 S 3rd St) congregation which recently moved from their location on Rainier Ave S in Seattle to the corner of S 3rd St and Shattuck Ave S. Welcome to Pastor Levi Bell and the entire congregation to Downtown Renton!

Businesses coming soon:

- **Luther's Table** - 419 S 2nd St, Suite A (check them out on Facebook)

Businesses no longer in Downtown Renton:

- **Renton Realty** (423 S 3rd St) is moving to a home-based business model and can still be contacted at 425-282-0444 and www.rentonrealty.net.
- **Mary's Salon** (216B Wells Ave S) is no longer in business.
- **Tyrannosaurus Records** (926 S 3rd St) will no longer sell records at happy delusions.

Business Resources that can help you!

The [NW Business Development Association](#), located here in Renton, announced the latest changes to the SBA 504 Program to support businesses. Some of the changes include: fee reductions, increased maximum loan amounts, refinancing of qualified existing debt, guarantee of first mortgage loans, and a permanent increase to the maximum for microloans. For more information about the program and new changes to support small businesses, contact Elizabeth Stevens at 206-799-9639 or estevens@nwbusiness.org.

Downtown Businesses in the News

["History passes through his shop"](#) highlights **St. Charles Place Antiques** and owner Charles G. Divelbiss in the September 24 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

["Renton Historical Society benefit to honor Renton High"](#) informs readers about the **Renton Historical Society's** annual dinner and silent auction event in the September 24 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

["McKnight inspiration etched into granite"](#) features artist R.D. Robinson who created the granite entryway to **Uptown Glassworks** in the September 24 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

["RHS students carry on Homecoming tradition"](#) reports on the centennial's class efforts to show school spirit for **Renton High School's** Homecoming events in the September 24 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

["One of their burgers is so big it's named after 787"](#) highlights **Burger Town** in the October 1 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

["Piazza's the place for fall activities"](#) highlights the **Piazza Renton** Fall Harvest Festival and **Renton Chamber of Commerce** Business Expo in the October edition of the *Renton Magazine*.

["After-dark excitement goes full cycle"](#) peeks into the community of bike riders that gather in Downtown and explore Renton by bike at night in the October edition of the *Renton Magazine*.

["At-risk youth find support at RAYS"](#) highlights **Renton Area Youth and Family Services (RAYS)** program called Spark T.H.I.S. to work with teens at risk of dropping out of school in the October edition of the *Renton Magazine*.

["A place to call home"](#) showcases the **Renton Compass Veterans Center** which provides housing and support services for veterans and their families in the October 8 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

[“FilmFrenzy shooting to hit Renton streets”](#) highlights the Renton FilmFrenzy III filmmaking contest in the October 8 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

[“Fall Festival, Business Expo on tap”](#) and [“Rain doesn’t stop fall festivities”](#) showcases the Fall Harvest Festival and Business Expo events in the October 8 and 15 (respectively) editions of the *Renton Reporter*.

[“Rain takes toll on FilmFrenzy”](#), [“And the Curvee Award goes to...”](#), [“Filmmakers return to the top”](#) and [“‘Transference’ is Renton FilmFrenzy III People’s Choice”](#) highlights the Renton FilmFrenzy III 50-hour film making competition in the weekly editions of the *Renton Reporter* from October 15 through November 5.

[“‘Dracula’ at RCT swims in bloody gore”](#) reviews Renton Civic Theatre’s newest production in the October 22 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

[“The ‘dancing cowboy’ of Farmers Market has died”](#) reports on the passing of John (JJ) Springer, a Farmers Market volunteer in the October 22 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

Susan Bressler writes about Luther’s Table in her Around Town column [“New time, new social circle”](#) in the October 22 edition of the *Renton Reporter*.

Events: Downtown and special business events

Special business events in Downtown:

- **Vino Ristorante** (212 S 3rd St) will host its Fall, 4 course wine dinner, November 18, 7 pm. From creamy artichoke soup to panna cotta dessert, you can reserve your space today – only 40 available – at 425-271-7042.
- **Salvation Army – Renton Corps** (720 Tobin Ave S) invites you to the Kettle Kick Off at Fred Meyer (365 Renton Center Way – garden entrance) on November 19, 12 – 12:30 pm. Kick off with Councilmember Marcie Palmer and enjoy entertainment by Forest Ridge Handbell Choir and the Salvation Army Brass Band. For more information on volunteering, contact 425-255-3012.
- **Compass Veterans Center** (419 S 2nd St) offers a way to honor those who served in the military by helping to furnish the newly built housing for Veterans and their families – everything from dishes to towels. Visit the [website](#) for more information or contact 206-357-3240.
- **Renton Municipal Airport/Clayton Scott Field** will dedicate a new flag pole on December 7th at 9:58 am (Pearl Harbor Day) at the south entrance.
- **Renton History Museum** (235 Mill Ave S) presents exhibit “Among Friends: Renton High’s 100 years” through May 2011. Also mark your calendar for the Fall Speakers Program: *Ancient Traditional Games*, December 11, 11 am. Renton History Museum hours are 10 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, contact 425-255-2330.
- **Stix n Stone’s Restaurant & Lounge** (317 Main Ave S) hosts comedy night Tuesdays, Poker Tournaments Mondays and Saturdays and Karaoke Tuesdays – Thursdays and Saturday and live music Fridays. Or enjoy Jazz vocalist Josephine Howell, Sunday nights, 6 – 10 pm. For more information about this or other events, contact 425-282-4173.
- **Uptown Glassworks** (230 Main Ave S) is looking for professional artists (beyond glass artists) who need for space to get their businesses going or expand an existing business to a second location. For more information, contact 425-228-1849 or paul@uptownglassworks.com.
- **happy delusions** (924 S 3rd St) hosts Stitch & %itch gatherings on Sundays 1- 5 pm at the store. Bring your craft project to work on and socialize. For more information, contact 425-255-6078 or happydelusions@yahoo.com.
- **A Terrible Irish Beauty** (201 Williams Ave S) hosts trivia night every Monday and Pub Quiz Bingo Night every Thursday; 425-227-3396.
- **DC’s Bar and Grill** (907 S Third St) hosts trivia every Wednesday at 8 pm and comedy on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8 pm. For more information, contact 425-255-2511.
- **Liberty Cafe** (926 S 3rd St) hosts a weekly Monday Magic gathers at 6 pm, contact 425-235-1400.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Downtown Community Events

December

4 Downtown Holiday Activities, Tree Lighting and Arrival of Santa: Stroll Downtown streets and enjoy carolers, roasted chestnuts and merchant specials from 3 – 5 pm. Gather at the Piazza at 5 pm for the ceremonial lighting of the tree and arrival of Santa

10 & 17 Santa House, 5 – 7 pm in Piazza

11 & 18 Santa House, 1 – 4 pm in Piazza

Downtown Art & Cultural Events:

- [Renton Civic Theatre](#) (507 S 3rd St) presents: *Plaid Tidings Holiday Edition of Forever Plaid*, December 3 - 18. For more information about these or other events, contact 425-226-5529.
- [Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center](#) (400 S 2nd St) public events include: “Black Sand Aboards Washington State!” a movie in American Sign Language presented by [NWASL](#), November 20, 7 pm; “The Nutcracker” by [Ensemble Ballet Theatre](#), December 3 – 5, 1-877-EBT-8771; Renton High School Holiday Choir Concert, December 9, 7 pm, 425-204-3459; “Aladdin’s Lamp” by Spectrum Dance School, December 11, 12 and 3 pm, 206-325-4161; [Pacific Sound Chorus](#), December 12, 2 pm, 425-820-9825 or 206-362-9551; Renton High School Holiday Band Concert, December 13, 7 pm, 425-204-3460; [Evergreen City Ballet](#) presents “The Nutcracker”, December 17 – 19, 425-228-6800; Renton High School Orchestra Concert, January 20, 7 pm, 425-204-3463; “Freedom Gala” presented by Joki Enterprise, January 29, 5:45 pm, 206-713-7096; Renton High School Talent Show, February 11, 7 pm, 425-204-3459; [Rainier Symphony](#), February 12, 7:30 pm, 206.781.5618; and [Sole to Soul](#), February 13, 425-747-5070.

Wine Tasting:

- [Red House](#) (410 Burnett Ave S): every Wednesday 6 - 8 pm; \$20 with food samples; 425-226-2666.
- [The Met Coffee & Wine Bar](#) (232 C Burnett Ave S): every Thursday 5 - 7 pm; \$5; 425-687-7989.

Live music entertainment:

- [A Terribly Beauty Irish Pub](#) (201 Williams Ave S) – Live rock & roll every Friday and Saturday nights and live jazz at bunch every Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 3 pm, Irish music session, Sundays at 5 pm; 425-227-3396.
- [Upper Room](#) (817 S 3rd St) hosts indie folk musicians Josh Phillips, Garage Voice and more.
- [Liberty Café](#) (926 S 3rd St) - Jam sessions every Saturday night, open mic night every Wednesday; 425-235-1400.
- [Williams Ave Sports Bar](#) (214 Williams Ave S) - Live music every Friday; 425-277-2766.
- [Uncle Moe's Snappy Inn](#) (321 Williams Ave S) – Jam session every Sunday, 5 – 10 pm; 425-917-3130.
- [Harambee](#) (316 S 3rd St) – hosts open mic night on the last Friday of the month, 8:30 pm; 425-271-6700

Karaoke in Downtown:

- [Stix n Stone's Restaurant and Lounge](#) (317 Main Ave S) – Wednesday – Saturday nights; 425-282-4173.
- [A Terrible Beauty Irish Pub](#) (201 Williams Ave S) – Tuesday and Wednesday nights; 425-227-3396.
- [DC's Bar and Grill](#) (907 S Third St) - Wednesday nights; 425-255-2511.
- [Burnett Lounge & Restaurant](#) (340 Burnett Ave S) - Thursday and Friday nights; 425-271-8240.
- [Main Street Saloon](#) (221 Main Ave S) – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights; 425-254-3800.
- [Uncle Moe's Snappy Inn](#) (321 Williams Ave S) – Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; 425-917-3130.
- [Williams Ave Sports Bar](#) (214 Williams Ave S) – Saturday nights; 425-277-2766.

Get involved

Have an idea to improve Downtown? Want to join others to create positive efforts in Downtown? It only takes a few people to make a big difference.

Here are just a few ways to get involved:

- Attend the next Downtown Committee meeting at the Renton Chamber of Commerce. Next meeting date is **Wednesday, December 1, 8 am, The Met Coffee & Wine Bar** (232-C Burnett Ave S). Mark your calendars!

- Help keep Piazza Park alive with activity! Contact Linda Middlebrooks at 206-772-4010 or jmidbk@aol.com for more event opportunities.
- Help plan and implement events to draw people to discover Downtown. Events include Clean Up Day; Poker Run; Storefront Scarecrows; Trick or Treat; "Olde" Fashion Halloween Party in Main Street Square; and Holiday Celebration. Contact Mary Clymer at happydelusions@yahoo.com for more information.
- Join the new Renton Farmers Market Working Group or become a [Friends of the Market](#). For more information, contact 425-430-7214.
- Keep up with the latest happening throughout the City through the Community Services Newsletter – available [on-line](#)!

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