



Renton City News

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October 2012

NEWS IN BRIEF

City Presented Vision 2040 Award at Glennwood Townhomes Event

The City of Renton and Renton Housing Authority recently celebrated two achievements of the Sunset Area Community Revitalization Program. Glennwood Townhomes, Renton Housing Authority's first replacement housing for the planned redevelopment of the Sunset Terrace public housing project have been completed and was awarded the Puget Sound Regional Council's 2040 Vision Award for the Sunset Area Community Revitalization Plan.

School District and City Team Up to Build Accessible Playground

The City of Renton and Renton School District are embarking on their first joint development project. An accessible playground will be co-located on the city's North Highlands Neighborhood Center and the school district's Hillcrest Early Learning Center (ECLC) properties. This unique playground has been made possible through a public/private partnership between the city, Renton School District, Renton Rotary, Renton Housing Authority and other service organizations.

West Hill Annexation: Voters to Make Choice November 6, 2012

On November 6, 2012, residents in West Hill will be able to vote and choose whether they would like to annex to the City of Renton or remain part of unincorporated King County. For more information on the potential West Hill annexation, and a property tax calculator, visit rentonwa.gov.

11th Annual Harvest Festival and Business Expo Opens October 13

Now in its 11th year, the Renton Chamber of Commerce Harvest Festival and Business Expo returns on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. Enjoy music, food, and arts and craft vendors. While at the festival, check out the Renton Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in the Renton Pavilion Event Center. There is no admission fee for either event. For more information about the Harvest Festival visit PiazzaRenton.com or call 206-919-9746. For more information about the Business Expo visit gorenton.com or call 425-226-4560.

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR NAMED Kevin & Norma McQuiller "True Heroes of City"

The City of Renton, Renton Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club of Renton will honor Norma and Kevin McQuiller as the 2012 Citizens of the Year and Bernadene (Bernie) Dochnahl and Bob Bliesner as Outstanding Citizens at a special banquet October 18 at the Renton Senior Activity Center.

"It is my privilege to recognize Norma and Kevin McQuiller as the 2012 Citizens of the Year and Bernie Dochnahl and Bob Bliesner as Outstanding Citizens," said Renton Mayor Denis Law. "They are the true heroes of our city, and I am joined by the entire community to thank them for their selfless good work. Renton is truly grateful for their unflinching commitment to making this city a better place for everyone."



These awards recognize their unwavering dedication and far-reaching contributions to the Renton community. Numerous organizations and thousands of individuals benefit from the combined volunteer efforts of Norma and Kevin McQuiller, Bernie Dochnahl and Bob Bliesner.

Renton's Outstanding Citizens program is sponsored by Renton Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Renton, and the City of Renton. Representatives from Renton Chamber of Commerce, City of Renton,

Rotary Club of Renton and past winners select the outstanding citizens.

For more information visit rentonwa.gov. To register to attend the banquet October 18 visit gorenton.com.

FILMMAKERS COMING TO RENTON

Filmmakers will be busy throughout Renton October 5-7 as they write, shoot, edit, and submit a short film shot during a 50-hour period for the fifth annual Renton FilmFrenzy competition. The films can be up to four minutes in length and must be shot completely in Renton.

Teams receive an email at the start of the competition at exactly 5 p.m. that provides the three "curveballs"—specific things that must be incorporated into the films—and then face a deadline of 7 p.m. October 7 for submitting their films.



Five regional judges will then select the best films to receive awards at the Curve Awards Gala at the IKEA Performing Arts Center, 7 to 9 p.m., on October 23, hosted by Jim Dever of King 5 Evening Magazine

fame. Prizes are awarded for a number of categories, including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Use of Renton.

All submitted short films will be screened October 22 at the Renton Civic Theater, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information please visit rentonfilmfrenzy.com.

IF FIRE STRIKES HAVE 2 WAYS OUT

When fire strikes, your home could be engulfed in smoke and flames in just minutes. It is important to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. What if your first escape route is blocked by smoke or flames? That's why having two ways out is such a key part of your plan.

Things you can do to protect your family in the event of a fire:

- Make sure you have smoke alarms that work.
- Have a fire escape plan. Practice it.
- Have a second escape plan, just in case.
- Know where fire extinguishers are located.
- Once out — STAY OUT!
- Call 9-1-1 from a safe location.
- Stay calm.

PREVENT FLOODING: CLEAR YOUR DRAINS

With the arrival of fall the City of Renton is asking residents to help the city prevent localized flooding in their neighborhoods. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with 11,500 drains in Renton, the city could use your help! With your assistance, we can keep streets safe and clear and reduce property damage. The city offers the following tips to help prevent localized flooding:

Remove and Properly Dispose of Leaves and Debris

- Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves and debris.
- Do not remove the grate from the storm drain opening—this does not unclog the system and creates a hazard.
- Rake leaves away from storm drains near your house or business. Do not rake or blow

leaves from your property into the street. It is a violation of Renton Municipal Code and could result in a fine.

- Dispose of leaves and yard debris in your yard waste container or compost bin. You may also set out additional yard waste bags of leaves at no cost.

If Localized Flooding Occurs

If localized flooding is severe and you are unable to clear the drain, please call the Public Works Maintenance Division at 425-430-7400. On weekends and weekdays after 4 p.m., call 9-1-1.

To find out if your house is in a flood-prone area contact Gary Fink by phone at 425-430-7392 or gfink@rentonwa.gov. For more information visit fema.gov or rentonwa.gov.

CITY CONTACTS

Area Code 425

General Information.....	430-6400
Mayor	430-6500
City Council.....	430-6501
Municipal Court Judge.....	430-6550
Chief Administrative Officer.....	430-6500
Administrative Services.....	430-6850
City Attorney.....	430-6480
City Clerk.....	430-6510
Code Enforcement.....	430-7373
Community Services.....	430-6600
Community & Economic Development.....	430-6580
Fire & Emergency Services ...	430-7000
Graffiti Reporting Line.....	430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management.....	430-7650
Public Works.....	430-7394
Police.....	430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov	
Street/Water/Sewer Maint.....	430-7400
Utility Billing.....	430-6852

EMERGENCY 911

 **The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.**

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Friday-Sunday, October 5-7

Renton Film Frenzy Filming Weekend.

Friday 5 p.m. to Sunday 7 p.m. Throughout Renton. Filmmakers have 50 hours to write, shoot, edit, and submit a film. Visit rentonfilmfrenzy.com for details.

Wednesday, October 10

Building a Healthier, Safer Community.

6:30 to 9 p.m. Free interactive community forum includes a light meal. For location and registration call 425-430-6700.

Fall Natural Yard Care: Container Gardening For Healthy Eating.

7 to 8:30 p.m. Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. To register email kjohnston@rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-7391.

Saturday, October 13

Fall Shred-A-Thon. 9 a.m. to noon (or until the truck is full). Sam's Club parking lot. Shredding provided by Iron Mountain. Donations accepted for the Renton Food Bank. Visit rentonwa.gov for details.

Fall Harvest Festival/Chamber Business Expo.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Piazza, 3rd & Burnett. Vendor booths include produce, food, flowers, art, crafts, and Master Gardeners. Visit piazzarenton.com or call 206-919-9746.

Monday, October 15

Mayor's Budget Presentation to Council.

7 p.m. Renton City Hall, 7th floor Council Chambers. Presentation will be broadcast live on Channel 21 and via rentonwa.gov.

Tuesday, October 16

Library Open House.

6 to 7:30 p.m. Renton City Hall, 7th floor Conferencing Center. Highlands and downtown library

information with focus on finances, design, permits and Liberty Park improvements.

Thursday, October 18

Citizen of the Year Banquet. 5-9 p.m. Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Avenue N. Tickets \$35. For details visit gorenton.com.

Monday, October 22

Renton FilmFrenzy Screening. 7 to 9 p.m. Renton Civic Theater, 507 South 3rd St. All submitted films will be shown. rentonfilmfrenzy.com.

Tuesday, October 23

Renton FilmFrenzy Curvée Awards Gala. 7 to 9 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Top films will be screened and awards will be presented. rentonfilmfrenzy.com.

Wednesday, October 24

Fall Natural Yard Care: Pest, Weed, and Disease Control. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. To register call 425-430-7391 or email kjohnston@rentonwa.gov.

Saturday, October 27

Boo Carnival. 10 a.m. to noon. Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway. Spirited fun for children ages 2 to 8 with parent or guardian. \$7 admission if registered by 10/24, \$9 at the door. Costumes welcome. 425-430-6700.

Downtown Trick or Treat & Olde

Fashion Halloween Party. 1 to 4 p.m. Trick or treat downtown businesses, with party in Main Street Square (enter on South Main between 2nd and 3rd across from Uptown Glassworks). Ghoulish games, freaky fun, and free food. 425-430-6700.

For more information visit rentonwa.gov