



# Renton City News

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Fall 2013

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Judge Terry Jurado Presented Special Lifesaving Award

Renton Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado was recently presented with a special Lifesaving Award by the American Legion for his heroic actions last year while at a community baseball game. Judge Jurado administered CPR to a participant who had suffered cardiac arrest until responding firefighters could take over, helping to save that individual's life in the process.



### Downtown Renton Art & Antique Walk, Saturday, August 24

Join us for a downtown Renton Art & Antique Walk, Saturday, August 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Explore the walk, featuring emerging and established artists from throughout the region, music and art demonstrations. Explore downtown antique stores and other retail and restaurants. For more information visit [ArtsUnlimited.org](http://ArtsUnlimited.org).

### Outstanding Citizens Sought

Help identify individuals from the Renton community who improve the quality of life in Renton through acts of goodwill or public service. Visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) or call the Renton Chamber of Commerce at 425-226-4560. Deadline for nominations is September 13.

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Renton

During the month of October, join the city in showing your support for domestic violence awareness by shining purple lights on your front porch, in front of your business, or on trees and landscaping. In recognition of domestic violence awareness, the city is shining purple lights on trees in front of Renton City Hall. The goal is to send the message that domestic violence has no place in our community.



## ARE YOU PREPARED?

Whether it is an earthquake, a flood, or even an average winter storm, everyone needs to be ready for the disruptions caused by disasters and other emergencies. The basic steps of emergency preparedness are the same for everyone: make a plan, build a kit and help each other. Information on how to be more prepared is available in several languages at [www.makeitthrough.org](http://www.makeitthrough.org).



This year for the Ready in Renton campaign during the month of September, the city is launching an initiative focused on bridging the preparedness gap for our diverse communities.

We are proud of the diversity of our community. However, this does create some challenges during disasters. Residents who speak languages other than English may not have the same opportunities to learn about emergency preparedness. They also have difficulty understanding warning messages and instructions. Being prepared in advance may help them know what to do during a crisis and maybe even save a life.

The city will be working with our community liaisons and recruiting bilingual speakers to broadly distribute emergency preparedness messages within the community. Community-based organizations that serve specific language groups will also be recruited to become part of the Greater Renton Community Organizations Active in Disaster.

If you would like to be involved, or know a person or organization that should be part of this community outreach effort, please email [EM@rentonwa.gov](mailto:EM@rentonwa.gov), or call 425-430-7054.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As summer winds down and the school year gets back in session, the City of Renton reminds parents and drivers to do their part to keep kids safe as they walk to school.

### DRIVERS: REMINDERS TO HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

- Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.

### REMINDERS FOR CHILDREN:

- Children 10 and under should only cross the street with adult supervision.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Never run out into the street or cross in between parked cars.
- Make sure to always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see you.
- Never accept rides or gifts from strangers.
- Walk to school with relatives, friends, or trusted neighbors.
- Know your home phone number and address, your parent's work or cell phone numbers, and how to dial 911 in case of emergencies.
- Always obey school crossing guards.

# HARVEST FESTIVAL, BIZ EXPO OCT. 5

The 12th annual Renton Harvest Festival and Business Expo is coming Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Renton Piazza (S 3rd St and Burnett Ave S). Enjoy music, food and arts and craft vendors. Ask the Master Gardeners your gardening questions or decorate pumpkins at the kids' table, courtesy of Piazza Renton. While at the festival, check out the Renton Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in the Renton Pavilion Event Center where 75 Renton businesses will be on hand to showcase their products and services. For more information about the Harvest Festival, visit [PiazzaRenton.com](http://PiazzaRenton.com). For more information about the Business Expo, visit [gorenton.com](http://gorenton.com) or call Kellie Jordan at 425-226-4560.

# ARTIST CELEBRATES RENTON'S PAST

In August artist Kristin Schimik will create a temporary art installation at the Renton Mine Hoist Foundation, a historic landmark located south of Renton City Hall on Benson Road (659 Benson Rd. S).



Titled "The Infinity Loop," Schimik uses clay and coal to commemorate the city's industrial past. The site is the only remaining structure from the Renton coal mine, and will be active August 18 through September 7. Visitors can park at Renton City Hall and walk south on Benson Road.

For details visit [www.sitespecificarts.org/project/command-renton-mine-hoist/](http://www.sitespecificarts.org/project/command-renton-mine-hoist/). The project is a collaboration between the Renton Municipal Arts Commission and the Renton History Museum, and was made possible by a grant from 4Culture.

## 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
- City Attorney..... 430-6480
- City Clerk..... 430-6510
- Code Enforcement..... 430-7373
- Community Services..... 430-6600
- Community & Economic Development..... 430-6580
- Finance & Information Services..... 430-6850
- 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](http://epolice.rentonwa.gov)
- Street/Water/Sewer Maint..... 430-7400
- Utility Billing..... 430-6852

**EMERGENCY..... 911**

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

**TDD... 711 (425-430-6511)**

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## OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### Recurring Summer Events

**Tuesdays:**  
**August 27 - September 24**  
**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m.  
Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

**Saturday, August 24**  
**Downtown Art & Antique Walk.**  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown Renton.  
Music, art, and displays by over 75 artists. Visit [ArtsUnlimited.org](http://ArtsUnlimited.org) or contact [ArtsUnlimitedRenton@gmail.com](mailto:ArtsUnlimitedRenton@gmail.com).

**Monday, September 2**  
**Labor Day Holiday.** City offices closed.

**Saturday, September 7**  
**Fall Recycling Day.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Renton Technical College, north parking lot. Renton residents can recycle large items and hard-to-recycle materials at one convenient location. Call 425-430-7396.

**Saturday, September 14**  
**National Day of Service.** In observance of the National Day of Service and Remembrance, the City of Renton is supporting these efforts by partnering with local agencies to provide service opportunities in the Renton area. Please contact Bonnie Rerecich at 425-430-6600.

**Friday-Sunday, October 4-6**  
**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 turn in a film. Visit [rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://rentonfilmfrenzy.com) for details.

**Saturday, October 5**  
**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](http://piazzarenton.com) or call 226-4560.

**Saturday, October 12**  
**Green and Clean Saturday** 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thomas Teasdale Park, 601 South 23rd Street. The Green and Clean park volunteer project is a great way to help maintain parks for everyone to enjoy.

**Saturday, October 19**  
**Renton FilmFrenzy Screening.**  
7 to 9 p.m. Renton Civic Theater, 507 South 3rd St. All submitted films will be shown. Visit [rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://rentonfilmfrenzy.com) or call 425-430-6589.

**Tuesday, October 22**  
**Renton FilmFrenzy Curvée Awards.**  
7 to 9 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Top films will be screened and awards will be presented. Visit [rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://rentonfilmfrenzy.com) or call 425-430-6589.

**Saturday, October 26**  
**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 & 3rd). Ghoulish games, freaky fun and free food.

**For more information visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)**

# CITY EARNS SECOND SMART COMMUNITIES AWARD

For a second year in a row, Renton has been awarded a Smart Communities Award, this time for the Sunset Area Planned Action.

“We are honored to receive this prestigious award and to be acknowledged for our efforts to promote smart growth here in our city,” said Renton Mayor Denis Law. “This award recognizes our vision for this community, and encourages us to continue to strive for a better quality of life for all our residents.

“Thanks to our strong public and private partnerships we are leveraging public funds with private investment and are moving forward to create a great community.”

The Planned Action includes guidelines for the redevelopment of the Sunset

Terrace public housing community by the Renton Housing Authority and evaluates public investments that will catalyze private investment at a greater scale. These strategies will help achieve the community’s vision, which was set in 2008. “The City of Renton and its housing authority are together doing a wonderful job investing time and targeted resources in the future of the Sunset Area and the Renton Highlands,” said Mark Gropper, executive director of the Renton Housing Authority. “The completion of the recently opened Glennwood Townhomes, and now underway



the Kirkland Avenue Townhomes, are emblematic of the development and smart communities strategies that we employ to create a more vibrant, healthy and sustainable neighborhood.”

For more information, please visit [rentonwa.gov/SunsetArea](http://rentonwa.gov/SunsetArea).

## JOIN THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Is “CSI” or “Law and Order” your favorite show? Would you like to sit around the dinner table on “Blue Bloods”? Have you ever wondered what it’s really like to be a police officer?



Come find out! The next session of the Renton Police Department Citizen’s Academy begins Thursday, September 12. Classes will be held on Thursday nights for twelve weeks, and topics will include Patrol Operations, SWAT, Use of Force, Narcotics and more.

Tours of the 9-1-1 dispatch center and regional jail and a ride-along with a police officer are included in this free class.

Academy class size is limited to 25 students, and you must be at least eighteen years old to attend. Criminal history or a record of adverse police contacts may preclude acceptance into the academy. For an application or additional information, visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-7520.

## NATURAL YARD CARE CLASSES COMING THIS FALL

Do you want to grow a beautiful garden with advice from some of our region’s top experts? If so, then you’ll want to attend the City of Renton Solid Waste Utility Division FREE natural yard care classes that will introduce you to some environmentally friendly and natural garden and yard care techniques.

The fall 2013 speaker lineup includes: Naked Lawn Care with Marianne Binetti, horticultural expert, TV host, author and columnist; The Wonder Mulch with Susan Thoman, Cedar Grove Composting; Easy Peasy Edibles with Jessica Bloom, landscape expert and author of NW Bloom Ecological Landscapes; and Safe and Healthy Edible Gardening with Laura Matter, The Garden Hotline.

Classes will be held in October and November 2013. For more information on class topics, dates, and location, please visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) or contact Katie Johnston at [kjohnston@rentonwa.gov](mailto:kjohnston@rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-7391.

Para obtener información sobre clases de jardinería de forma natural a ofrecerse en español, por favor visite nuestra página de internet [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) ó contacte Hebe Bernardo a [hbernardo@rentonwa.gov](mailto:hbernardo@rentonwa.gov) o 425-430-7264.

## FILMFRENZY RETURNS IN OCTOBER

Filmmakers are invited to register for Renton FilmFrenzy VI, a 50-hour film competition presented by the Renton Marketing Campaign. Filmmakers will have between 5 p.m. Friday, October 4, and 7 p.m. Sunday, October 6, to write, shoot, edit and submit a short film shot for the sixth annual competition. The films can be up to four minutes in length and must be shot completely in Renton.



which may include incorporating a line of dialogue, a task in Renton and/or a specific location in Renton.

The top films receive “Curvee” awards and cash prizes during the Curvee Awards Gala

held on Tuesday, October 22, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. All submitted short films will be screened Saturday, October 19 at the Renton Civic Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, and to view previous films, check out [RentonFilmFrenzy.com](http://RentonFilmFrenzy.com).

How it works: teams receive an email at the start of the competition at exactly 5 p.m. that provides the “curveball” challenges,

# FREE RENTON SHREDATHON OCTOBER 5

Tired of saving all those papers containing personal information because you are afraid of identity theft? Or seeing the piles of unwanted paper around your house? The Renton Shred-A-Thon is the solution! Join us at the Sam's Club parking lot, 901 Grady Way on Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to noon for a FREE document shredding event.

Iron Mountain will provide a truck-mounted shredder to destroy paper documents. Residents are invited to bring up to five boxes of paper documents to be destroyed. Boxes should be 12x15 inches deep x 10 inches high (or the amount of paper such boxes would hold). Documents should be free of paper clips and other metal (staples do not need to be removed). Plastic items such as credit cards, notebooks and CDs cannot be accepted. Documents are limited to household papers, and will be shredded on site.

The Renton Police Department will also be onsite to provide information on identity theft protection. Donations of canned goods accepted for the Renton Food Bank are suggested. For details go to [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-7520.

# HOUSING REPAIR ASSISTANCE

The City of Renton Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP) provides free services focused on health and safety to resident homeowner families meeting the size and income criteria on the chart below.

Family Size	Max. Annual Income
1	\$45,500
2	\$52,000
3	\$58,500
4	\$65,000
5	\$70,200
6	\$75,400
7	\$80,600
8	\$85,800

Program information, eligibility guidelines, FAQs, and downloadable applications are available at [humanservices.rentonwa.gov](http://humanservices.rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-6650, press 2.

# SEAHAWKS TRAINING CAMP A HIT

With the regular football season soon to begin, the Seattle Seahawks successfully held their fifth full season of training camp (and their first sellout) in their beautiful facility along the shores of Lake Washington in Renton. During training camp this year over 25,000 fans visited Renton, The Landing and the Seahawks' spectacular Virginia Mason Athletic Center. Fans were provided an up-close look at the team and an opportunity to explore Renton.



# VOLUNTEER SALMON WATCHERS WANTED

Volunteers are wanted for Salmon Watchers, a program sponsored by the City of Renton Surface Water Utility and King County Water and Land Resources Division.



with the necessary training to recognize the various species of salmon and trout, and a field trip will be held at Bear Creek in Redmond.

During the salmon run season, September through January, volunteers will record how many salmon they see at a selected location and the date and time of their site visits. The city and King County will provide volunteers

In Renton, volunteers can select from sites along the Cedar River and May Creek that are best for salmon watching.

To learn more about the Salmon Watchers Program and volunteer opportunities, please call Gary Fink at 425-430-7392.



# PREVENT FLOODING: CLEAR YOUR DRAINS

With fall just around the corner, the City of Renton is asking residents in advance 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:

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](mailto:gfink@rentonwa.gov). For more information visit [fema.gov](http://fema.gov) or [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).

### 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.

