



Renton City News

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These Are Exciting Times for Our City

Making Renton a Safe and Quality Place to Live, Work, Learn and Play.

Mayor Denis Law delivered his **2016 State of the City** address on March 16, before Renton City Council members, business leaders, community partners and residents. Here are a few excerpts:

The state of our city today is very good, for a host of reasons. Our city has become a popular place to live and work, and is envied by many other communities. Newcomers to Renton quickly realize the deep sense of community spirit and pride that makes Renton so different from most other places.

There are a lot of positive things taking place in Renton today. The community has earned a positive reputation throughout the region. We build the best airplanes in the world and we're home to Super Bowl champions. Young people leave for school and return to raise families. We're an inclusive community, and we're working to improve the quality of life for everybody. These are exciting times in Renton.

In addition to day-to-day service, we are focusing special attention in five major areas.

1. Economic development, which attracts business and new jobs
2. Inclusion/Diversity Initiative and serving our vulnerable population
3. Police effectiveness and improving community relations
4. Quality of Life issues, from our popular parks to programs serving the public
5. Ongoing efforts of improving our workforce culture, competence and customer service



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Accomplishments & Priorities

A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

- Formed Mayor’s Inclusion Task Force representing Renton’s diverse communities.
- Strengthening relationships between Police Department and faith community by working closely together.
- Expanding recruitment initiatives to ensure diverse workforce reflects the community we serve.
- Holding our first Multi-cultural Festival representing different cultures from around the world.

REDUCING CRIME AND IMPROVING SAFETY

- Developing creative strategies to reduce crime.
- Improving relationships between our police officers and residents.
- Employing new initiatives that improve the sense of safety throughout the community.



CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE OF OUR CITY

- Planning Department handled 5,000 building permits, from small remodels to major construction projects.
- More than a half-billion dollars in investments under construction here today.
- A luxury Hyatt Regency hotel under construction on the lake at the south end of Gene Coulon Park.
- Plans underway for a 730,000 sq. ft., Class A office campus in Southport.
- A Hampton Inn & Suites with 110 rooms and Marriott Residence Inn with 146 rooms being constructed on Lake Washington Blvd.
- A new state-of-the art veterinary hospital opened across from the Seahawks headquarters at NE 44th.
- PACCAR is constructing a 170,000 sq. ft. parts distribution center on a 25-acre site adjacent to the Kenworth factory.
- Group Health is building a corporate campus at the former Longacres site.
- A new, two-level, 406,000 sq. ft. IKEA store is under construction for an enhanced shopping experience.
- CARMAX, a national used-car dealership, is building a 20,000 sq. ft. building on a 12-acre site on East Valley Road.
- The Landing is 98% filled and continues to do well. It’s a lively place to be 7 days a week.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION IN FULL SWING

- Formation of Main Street Program & Renton Downtown Partnership to focus on downtown revitalization and improvement efforts.
- New 6-story building at 2nd and Main with 101 units and 4,000 square feet of street-front retail space.
- Rehabilitation of the Cortona Building, the historic 1950s era Woolworth’s building, with a ground floor featuring several retail operators.
- Studies underway to explore the conversion of S. 2nd and S. 3rd Streets as well as other side streets back to two-way traffic.
- Study underway to produce a Master Plan for relocation of the Transit Center and redevelop the Piazza Park to encourage more public use.

SUNSET AREA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

- Opening a beautiful new library this month.
- Planning to break ground on a quality multi-family facility featuring market-rate housing and retail space.
- Planning a new 3-acre park as a gathering spot for recreation and outdoor activities for the neighborhood.



The Seahawks 12K is in conjunction with the GLOW 5K Run/Walk and the half mile Play 60 Kids Run

Don't miss the April 17th
Seahawks 12K Run
 at The Landing
 Registration and info at
seahawks12krun.com

Reel Life in Renton with SIFF

Worldwide cinema returns to Renton, as Renton hosts a weeklong screening of Seattle International Film Festival films at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center from May 26 to June 1. This year marks the 42nd festival, and Renton's 6th year as a partner. Renton is honored to be part of this regional event that draws thousands of visitors to Renton to experience our city. This great event showcases Renton as a vibrant, diverse city at the cutting edge of cinema, arts and culture. **For more information, visit siff.net.**



Renton Regional Fire Authority

Vote April 26

On April 26, 2016, Renton and King County Fire District #25 (FD 25) residents will vote on the creation and associated funding of a Renton Regional Fire Authority (RFA).

The City of Renton currently provides fire and emergency medical services to residents and businesses in Renton and FD 25. Each year, more residents and businesses call Renton home, and population and calls for service have grown faster than firefighter staffing levels. Response times in areas served by four of the six Renton fire stations have not met City adopted targets over the last four years. **To learn more about the Renton RFA, visit rentonrfa.org or call 425-271-7900.**

Celebrate Arbor Day/Earth Day

Saturday, April 30, 9am–1pm
 Cedar River Park

Help us promote a healthy environment as we celebrate Arbor Day/Earth Day on Saturday, April 30. Arbor Day celebrates the importance of trees; Earth Day is a time to unite and take action to protect our environment. Renton's Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration gives us an opportunity to have fun and do our part to reduce our impact on the environment. Join volunteers at Cedar River Park, 1717 SE Maple Valley Highway to beautify the grounds by planting trees and flowers, and cleaning areas in the park. Free lunch and t-shirt to celebrate your hard work! **To register call 425-430-6700 or visit rentonwa.gov/cybersignup, #56419. Check-in begins at 9am, Event is 9:30am–1pm.**

May is Puget Sound Starts Here Month!

See the Mariners and Help Save the Sound

Join the Seattle Mariners as they team up with Puget Sound Starts Here to celebrate your actions that help keep Puget Sound clean. Saturday, May 14th is Puget Sound Starts Here Night when the Mariners take on the Angels. All attendees purchasing tickets through Mariners.com/PugetSound will receive a pair of 'Puget Sound Starts Here' Mariners sunglasses.



History Museum Getting a Makeover

Beginning in early May, the Renton History Museum lobby will be under renovation as the entrance and office area gets a refresh for the first time in thirty years. Thanks to grants from 4Culture, First Financial Northwest Foundation, and the City of Renton, the Museum lobby will be updated from top to bottom, creating a safer, more attractive, and more educational introduction to Renton's history. The Museum entrance will be switched to the back of the building during renovation. The Museum will continue to be open during the renovation but call to verify exact operating hours. Watch our Facebook page for updates and an announcement of the grand unveiling!



Local farmers, fresh food,
friendly people at
Renton Farmers Market
starting Tuesday, June 7
rentonfarmersmarket.com

Out in the Community

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Community Garage Sale & Plant and Seed Swap

9am–1pm, Renton Community Center. Free admission for shoppers, over 75 seller booths. Bring plants or seeds for the Plant N Seed Swap.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Cascadia: The Hidden Fire

6:30pm, Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy. Free documentary about earthquake risk in the Pacific Northwest and a community discussion on earthquake preparedness in Renton.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Cops and Kids Youth Day

10am–2pm, Renton Community Center. Free youth event—sports activities, video games, meet local police officers, K-9 unit, police vehicles, and more. Free lunch. Call 425-430-6500.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Community Point of Distribution Exercise

9am–11am, Emergency Feeding Program, 851 Houser Way N. Help Renton Emergency Mgmt practice emergency supply distribution. Drive through and receive a FREE BOX OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES and other emergency supplies. Info: 425-430-7054.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Seahawks 12K Run

9am start time, at The Landing. Begins and ends at The Landing. Info: seahawks12krun.com.

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 20–JUNE 1

Community Emergency Response Team

6pm–9pm, Fire Station 14, 1900 Lind Ave SW. Learn the basics of emergency response and how to provide aid in a disaster. Sign up: rentonwa.gov/cert.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Police Dept. Career Open House

6pm–8pm, Renton Community Center. Learn how to join our diverse and inclusive workforce which promotes teamwork and provides high-quality service.

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9am–1pm, Cedar River Park, 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy. Help plant trees and flowers, and assist in cleaning the park. Free lunch and t-shirt! Register: 425-430-6700 or rentonwa.gov/cybersignup, #56419.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Spring Shred-a-thon

9am–12pm, Sam's Club parking lot, 901 S Grady Way. Shred up to five boxes (12 to 15 inches deep and 10 inches high) containing paper. Donations of canned goods will also be accepted for Renton Food Bank. Info: rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-7520.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Career Fair

3pm–6pm, Renton Technical College Cafeteria Building I, 3000 NE 4th St. Renton Technical College, City of Renton, Renton Chamber of Commerce and WorkSource partner to bring you access to 50 different Renton companies who are hiring now. Info: gorenton.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Spring Recycle Event

9am–3pm, Renton Technical College, north parking lot. Renton residents can recycle large and hard-to-recycle materials. Call 425-430-7398. Info: rentonwa.gov.

Bike Safety Rodeo

10am–12pm, Renton Community Center. Activity day for children ages 4 to 12 includes a bike obstacle course, road safety test and basic bike maintenance tips. Event is free, register at rentonwa.gov/cybersignup, #56454.

Spring Green and Clean

9am–11:30am, check in 8:45am, Thomas Teasdale Park, Neighborhood Bldg. Dig in and help maintain the parks for all to enjoy. (Under age 14 must be with adult. Ages 14–17 not with adult must have a waiver—download at rentonwa.gov/volunteer.) Signup at rentonwa.gov/cybersignup, #56418.

THUR, MAY 26–WED, JUNE 1

Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF)—Renton

Times vary. Film Screenings & Opening Night Gala. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 S 2nd St. SIFF returns to Renton for a sixth year. Info: www.siff.net.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day Program

1pm, Veterans Memorial Park, Main Ave S & S 3rd St. Join us as we recognize the men and women who have served our country. Parking is available at the 200 Mill Bldg. Info: rentonwa.gov.

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