



Renton City News

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Partnership Plans New Community Center for Cascade/Benson Hill Area

A unique partnership between the city, Renton School District, HealthPoint, and the foundation founded by Seattle Seahawks Doug Baldwin is progressing towards building a much-needed community center in the Cascade/Benson Hill area to serve kids and families.

The idea was broached two years ago to Mayor Denis Law by Baldwin, who credits such a center with making a tremendous difference in his life as a youth. Baldwin chose the Cascade/Benson Hill area after living there as a rookie and seeing the number of kids in the neighborhood that had no real place to go after school.

"There is a strong need for a gathering place that provides a variety of health and recreation opportunities, especially for youth," said Mayor Law. With the enthusiastic support of the city council, city staff worked to find a suitable location, while also focusing on how to raise \$15 million for a 25,000 square-foot facility designed to provide health, fitness, and recreation programs. When a favored location fell through, Renton School District stepped up with land adjacent to Cascade Elementary School.

"This project is a collaboration most cities only dream of and will allow the city to fill a tremendous need," said City Council President Armondo Pavone.

On April 24, the council authorized up to \$4 million to fund the Family First Community Center. Over the next several months, the Family First team will partner



with several community members to solicit additional members and funds, develop a design for the center, and establish programs. The partnership's vision is to provide youth and families in the area with a community center that

offers health, fitness, and recreational opportunities.

"The hard work is just beginning," said Mayor Law, "but we're fortunate to have a dedicated group determined to provide a much-needed facility."

Keep on Top of City News

Subscribing to the *Mayor's Weekly Newsletter* and *Byte of Renton* are two great ways to keep on top of Renton news and information.

As the names state, the mayor's newsletter is emailed weekly on Thursdays and focuses on breaking news,

perspectives on city initiatives, and an explanation of issues facing the city. *Byte of Renton* is emailed every other Tuesday and contains news and information about upcoming events and activities.

You can subscribe to both by visiting rentonwa.gov/news.



SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE AT CITY HALL

The upper parking lot at City Hall is a designated Safe Exchange Zone. These are meeting places where face-to-face transactions can be completed safely and in the open. They are also ideal for child custody exchanges.

The City Hall lot is accessible 24 hours a day and the Renton police are on location. Look for the signs indicating the Safe Exchange Zone.

Meet Me at the Market: Farmers Market Opens 2017 Run

Shoppers browsing the Renton Farmers Market in 2017 will experience some new things along with those they've come to know and enjoy.

Food trucks became part of the experience last year and they will return. Nothing new there, but now they're a weekly staple. You'll find them at Market West on the market's west side.

A new partner, Kaiser Permanente, will host "Total Health Day" on August 1, focusing on the combination of things that promotes good health. Other notable days at the market include our Kids Day on June 27, Green Day on July 11, with special events focusing on topics like recycling, reducing and reusing, and a Multicultural Day on September 5.

Returning market favorites include our Kid's Patch with free and fun activities for the little ones; the popular Kid's Passport, designed to get kids engaged with our market while learning healthy eating habits; Washington State University's Master Gardeners, helping shoppers with



sustainable gardening practices; WSU's Food \$ense, teaching smart shopping strategies and healthy, budget-minded recipes; and weekly live entertainment and cooking demonstrations.

The SNAP/Fresh Bucks incentive program returns. This program matches your SNAP/EBT benefits dollar-for-dollar to a maximum of \$10, increasing your access to our fresh, local produce.

All that plus the freshest fruits and vegetables from local farmers, as well as honey, baked goods, flowers, arts and

crafts, and food booths. It promises to be a hot summer on the Piazza.

Celebrating its 16th year, The Renton Farmers Market is located downtown in the Piazza, 233 Burnett Ave. S. It's held every Tuesday, except for July 4, from 3–7 p.m., June 6 to September 26. A complete schedule of events can be found at rentonfarmersmarket.com. Sign up for our weekly email that highlights events, including what's fresh! And don't forget to like us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Hyatt Regency at Southport Plans "Soft" Opening

The Hyatt Regency in the Southport complex on the shores of Lake Washington is planning their "soft" opening. Check their [website](#) for more details.

The four-star, 12-story hotel features 347 guest rooms and suites with views of the lake and Mount Rainier, and 60,000 square



feet of event space, including 25,000 outdoor.

There's also an indoor saline pool, on-site spa, and 24-hour gym; nearby is The Landing for shopping and Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park for recreation.

Southport also includes the Bristol apartments and over 730,000 square feet of Class A office space.



SEE A PROBLEM...REPORT A PROBLEM

See a non-life threatening problem that needs our attention? Maybe it's a pesky pothole, balky street light, or an obscured stop sign. You can easily report it to city staff via our online Maintenance Service Request form at rentonwa.gov/msr.

This form will create a work order and alert the appropriate city department. It also allows us to get back to you after the problem has been corrected. Thank you for your help.

Neighborhood Celebrations Promote Involvement

Renton's Neighborhood Program promotes vibrant neighborhoods, community involvement, and a sense of community, while at the same time helping residents address specific concerns. As the city continues to grow, we need to use new ways to connect with our citizens while helping our diverse communities connect, learn, and partner with the city, businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations.

Neighborhood Celebrations were introduced to provide collaboration and partnership. Activities are determined by a committee of neighborhood leadership, city staff, and local organizations. There will be at least three celebrations this year, rotating through each of Renton's Community Planning areas. Celebrations will include entertainment for all ages, while also providing a forum designed to showcase programs and services provided by the city and service-based organizations.

The City Center, East Plateau, and Cedar River community planning areas will host celebrations this year. Residents in each area will determine the activities. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact the Neighborhood Programs at 425-430-6595 or neighborhoodprogram@rentonwa.gov. Neighborhood events are listed at rentonwa.gov/neighborhoodprogram/.

Fireworks Cap a Busy 4th of July at Coulon

PARK OPENS AT 7 A.M. WITH VOLLEYBALL, FOOD, MUSIC, FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals and join us for a spectacular fireworks display at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park at 10 p.m. on July 4th. It's the perfect way to cap off a day full of community events at the park. A complete event list is at rentonwa.gov/4thofJuly/.

Please remember the sale and use of fireworks has been prohibited within Renton city limits since 2005. The sale, possession, or use of explosive devices, such as M-80s, M-100s, and homemade or modified fireworks, is a felony offense and violators will face criminal charges.



Make Maplewood Your Destination for Golf this Season!

Mother Nature has dealt us a wetter than normal winter here in the Pacific Northwest, but the staff at Maplewood has the golf course in mid-season condition. Voted "Best Public Golf Course" four years in a row from the "Reader's Choice Award" of the South County Journal, golfers will enjoy some of the best greens in the region, and overall course conditions that rival those of private facilities. Players of all skill levels will find this 6,100-yard, par 72 course challenging, but fair.



The friendly staff in our fully-stocked Pro Shop greets each customer with a smile, and is eager to make their day at Maplewood enjoyable. Start your round with a warm-up bucket in our 30-stall covered/lighted driving range, and finish

the day with a visit to the River Rock Grill & Ale House for a great selection of food and beverages. Our PGA professionals are available for lessons for those that are just getting started, or for the existing player that wants to fine tune their swing.

Looking for some regular competition? Consider joining our Ladies' Association or Men's Club and enjoy a generous membership package and a full slate of tournaments throughout the year.

Check out rentonwa.gov/maplewoodgolfcourse/ for monthly specials as

well as event schedules including our Summer Junior Golf Camps.

Maplewood is open daily from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., 4050 Maple Valley Hwy, 425-430-6800.



FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The city is partnering with Renton School District to present the free Summer Lunch Program for the greater Renton area. Lunch will be served for children ages one to 18 at various community sites, regardless of where the children live and family income. The program runs from June 26 through August 18.

Registration is not required. Lunch is served weekdays, with the exception of July 3 and 4. Lunch must be eaten on-site.

Location information can be found online at rentonwa.gov/summerlunch/.

Out in the Community

Community Garden

THROUGH OCTOBER 8

NE 16th St. & Kirkland Ave.

Grow your own food! Garden plots are available in 2'x 4' or 2'x 6' per household. Water is provided. 425-430-6700.

Farmers Market

TUESDAYS, JUNE 6–SEPT 26, 3–7 P.M.

Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave. S.

Over 50 vendors selling fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, wine, crafts, and more! Plus kid activities, live entertainment, chef demonstrations and market tours. rentonfarmersmarket.com

Summer Green & Clean

JUNE 10, 8:45–11:30 A.M.

Philip Arnold Park, 720 Jones Ave. S.

Dig in and help maintain parks for all to enjoy! Register: rentonwa.gov/cybersignup.

Renton City Concert Band

JUNE 11, 2 P.M.

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center

Celebrate the start of summer with this 65-member band. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$7 for students and seniors. 425-430-6700.

Beaches Open for the Season

JUNE 24, 12 P.M.

Lifeguards on duty from 12-8 p.m. at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park.

Independence Day

JULY 4

City of Renton offices will be closed.

Renton's Fabulous 4th of July

JULY 4, 12–10:30 P.M.

A fun-filled day of family activities at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park capped by a fireworks show at 10:00 p.m. rentonwa.gov/4thofJuly

Return to Renton Car Show

JULY 9, 8 A.M.–4 P.M.

625 S. Fourth St.

A Renton tradition celebrating the love of the automobile! rtrcarshow.org

Summer Extravaganza

JULY 13, 14 & 28

Various Renton locations

Free arts & crafts, group games, and more! Summer Lunch Program follows. rentonwa.gov/summerlunch.

Greenhouse Gardening

JULY 15–DECEMBER 29

N. First St. & Williams Ave. N.

Have your own garden! Table spaces are available in 4'x3'. Limit is two per household. 425-430-6700.

Renton River Days

JULY 21 & 22, 11 AM.–8 P.M.

JULY 23, 11 A.M.–6 P.M.

Liberty Park & Cedar River Park

Renton's annual multi-day family festival and celebration of community pride. Arts, crafts, food, and entertainment. rentonriverdays.org

National Night Out

AUGUST 1, 4–7 P.M.

Tiffany Park, 1902 Lake Youngs Way SE.

Meet your police officers and neighbors and learn how to make our neighborhoods safer. Plus, food trucks, games, and inflatables! Contact: cparks@rentonwa.gov.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

AUGUST 10–12, 8 A.M.–5 P.M.

Renton Fire Station #14, 1900 Lind Ave. SW.

A hands-on opportunity to learn and practice fire suppression, search and rescue, first aid, team organization, personal preparedness, terrorist response, and more. Details: rentonwa.gov/cert

Cruz the Loop

AUGUST 19, 12–5 P.M.

Renton High School, 400 S. Second St.

Join us for an afternoon of cruising the famous Renton Loop. Registration required. rentonwa.gov/cruz

Day of Service

SEPTEMBER 9, 9 A.M.–12 P.M.

Various Renton locations

In observance of the National Day of Service and Remembrance, learn how you can get involved. For volunteer opportunities, contact 425-430-6694 or tnishi@rentonwa.gov.

City Contacts

General Information	425-430-6400
Mayor	425-430-6500
City Council	425-430-6501
Chief Admin. Officer	425-430-6500
Administrative Svcs	425-430-6868
City Attorney	425-430-6480
City Clerk	425-430-6510
Code Enforcement	425-430-7373
Community & Economic Development	425-430-6575
Community Services	425-430-6600
Emergency Mgmt	425-430-7041
Graffiti Reporting	425-430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge	425-430-6550
Police (non-emergency) or epolice.rentonwa.gov	425-430-7500
Public Works	425-430-7394
Reg. Fire Authority	425-271-7900
Street/Water/Sewer Maintenance	425-430-7400
Utility Billing	425-430-6852

EMERGENCY 911
 Non-Emergency 425-235-2121



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