



# Renton City News

## Welcome to 2019—a year of great promise

Welcome to 2019, a year that holds great promise for Renton.

In the coming year, we will continue to work to improve the quality of life for all residents through a series of projects. Several of our parks and trails will be renovated through a three-year, \$14.5 million project passed by the City Council; the Puget Sound Regional Council has allocated almost \$10 million for transportation improvements; a 4Culture grant was secured and will fund improvements at the Renton History Museum and Renton Civic Theatre; and Fire Station 15 in the Kennydale area is scheduled to open next month. Plus, the Family First Community Center, serving the Cascade/Benson Hill area, is moving towards being shovel-ready.

The balanced budget for 2019 and 2020 will allow us to continue to meet the needs of our community and provide the high level of customer service our residents have come to expect. I regularly receive compliments on the professionalism and compassion shown by our employees. Our staff takes great



*The recently opened Sunset Court Apartments provide much needed low income housing. It's another step in our redevelopment of the Sunset Neighborhood.*

pride in what they do and they will continue this passion for excellent service.

Renton is big enough to be home to some of the world's best-known companies. But we're also small enough to host a wide variety of community and neighborhood activities that align with our goal of being an inclusive informed city with opportunities for all. We're also the only community in the state to win seven Governor's Smart Communities awards

for our work on community projects that contribute to the quality of life.

One of my priorities is to continue to inform and get feedback from our community on projects and initiatives. A great way to do both is to subscribe to my weekly newsletter at [rentonwa.gov/mnl](http://rentonwa.gov/mnl).

My best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year. We look forward to keeping Renton a great place to live, work, play, and learn for everyone in 2019.

## City Council announces 2019 committee assignments

The Renton City Council has announced committee assignments for 2019. Don Persson will serve as Council President. Carol Ann Witschi will serve as the President Pro-Tem.

- **Community Services** (1st Monday, 5:30 p.m.) Carol Ann Witschi, Chair; Ryan McIrvine, Vice Chair; Randy Corman, Member

- **Finance** (1st & 3rd Mondays, 4 p.m.) Armondo Pavone, Chair; Ed Prince, Vice Chair; Carol Ann Witschi, Member

- **Planning and Development** (2nd & 4th Mondays, 4:30 p.m.) Ed Prince, Chair; Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair; Armondo Pavone, Member

- **Public Safety** (2nd Monday, 5:30 p.m.) Randy Corman, Chair; Armondo Pavone, Vice Chair; Ed Prince, Member

- **Transportation** (1st & 3rd Mondays, 5 p.m.) Ryan McIrvine, Chair; Randy Corman, Vice Chair; Ruth Pérez, Member

- **Utilities** (4th Monday, 5:30 p.m.) Ruth Pérez, Chair; Carol Ann Witschi, Vice Chair; Ryan McIrvine, Member

Information on the City Council can be found at [rentonwa.gov/council](http://rentonwa.gov/council).



## Renton City Council

*The Renton City Council meets on the first four Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 7th floor of City Hall. The Committee of the Whole meets in work sessions prior to the regular council meeting. Committee meetings are held on Mondays. Agendas and minutes are posted at [rentonwa.gov/council](http://rentonwa.gov/council).*

## See graffiti? Report graffiti

Graffiti is an ever present form of vandalism that negatively impacts the City of Renton and can affect property values. Rapid and continual removal of graffiti is the best prevention and the city actively partners with residents to stop this vandalism. The City of Renton provides support through its anti-graffiti program which provides residents with cleanup support, advice, and volunteer programs. For more information on this program, please call 425-430-7362 or visit [rentonwa.gov/graffiti](http://rentonwa.gov/graffiti).



If you see "tagging" in progress, please call 9-1-1. To report existing graffiti, please call 425-430-7362 or visit [rentonwa.gov/graffiti](http://rentonwa.gov/graffiti). If emailing, please attach a picture of the graffiti. Property owners should also file a police report by calling 425-235-2121.

## Community Calendar

### Winter Tournament Series #4, Medal Play

**JANUARY 12, 9 A.M.**  
Maplewood Golf Course  
4050 Maple Valley Hwy.  
Shotgun start. Open to all players with verifiable handicap. Call for details or to register. 425-430-6800

### Greenhouse Gardening

**JANUARY 14–JULY 7**  
N First St. and Williams Ave. N  
Age 14 and up. Temperature controlled. Gardeners maintain and water their own plants. Plants must be started from seed in the greenhouse. Water provided. 4' x 3'. Limit 2/household. \$34R/\$40NR. [#198](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation)

### Hoop Shoot

**JANUARY 27, 4–6 P.M.**  
Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
A fun free throw competition! Ages 6-14 compete in separate age and gender divisions. Prizes awarded to the top three in each division. [#438](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation)

### Preparedness Made Easy

**JANUARY 29, 6–7 P.M.**  
Renton Technical College  
3000 NE Fourth St., Room C111  
Learn quick, practical ways to get ready for emergencies. [rentonwa.gov/rep](http://rentonwa.gov/rep)

### Daddy Daughter Dance

**FEBRUARY 8, 6–8 P.M.**  
Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
Celebrate fathers and daughters as well as grandfathers. Register by February 1. [#170](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation)

### Superhero Lunch

**FEBRUARY 22, 11 A.M.–12:30 P.M.**  
Renton Community Center  
1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
Calling superheroes ages 3–6! Lunch, dessert and photos provided. Wear your superhero costume! \$15R/\$18NR. [#458](http://rentonwa.gov/recreation)

### Pet Preparedness

**FEBRUARY 12, 6–7 P.M.**  
Renton Technical College  
3000 NE Fourth St., Room C111  
Learn to tailor an emergency kit and plan to keep your pets safe. [rentonwa.gov/rep](http://rentonwa.gov/rep)

### Global Heat

**FEBRUARY 9, 1–2 P.M.**  
Renton History Museum  
235 Mill Ave. S  
Celebrate Black History Month with a family-friendly performance that celebrates and explores the Black Roots of hip hop.

### PNW Earthquakes

**FEBRUARY 28, 6–7:30 P.M.**  
Renton Technical College  
3000 NE Fourth St., Room C111  
Learn about local earthquake risk and how to get prepared. [rentonwa.gov/rep](http://rentonwa.gov/rep)

### Hidden Figures

**MARCH 2, 11 A.M.–1:30 P.M.**  
Renton History Museum  
235 Mill Ave. S  
Special screening of the 2016 film *Hidden Figures*, the story of three female African-American mathematicians working for NASA.

### SubUrban Farm & Garden Expo

**MARCH 9, 10 A.M.–2 P.M.**  
N Highlands Neighborhood Center  
3000 NE 16th St.  
Bring plants and seeds to share at the Plant n' Seed Swap! Plus, learn about gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens, and more! 425-430-7214. [info@rentonfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@rentonfarmersmarket.com)

### Wonder Woman Concert

**MARCH 10, 2 P.M.**  
Carco Theatre  
1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy.  
Renton City Concert Band's Spring Concert. Featuring Meg Tolley on the Marimba. \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors 50+. [rentonwa.gov/rc](http://rentonwa.gov/rc)

## City Contacts

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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	425-430-7723
Graffiti Reporting	425-430-7362
Human Resources & Risk Management	425-430-7650
Municipal Court Judge	425-430-6550
Police (non-emergency)	425-430-7500
Public Works	425-430-7394
Regional 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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