



Renton City News

Summer fun for the family



As we roll into summer, the City of Renton has put together a full slate of events designed to entertain the entire family.

You'll see familiar events like Cruz the Loop, Renton River Days, Renton Wine Walk, summer concert series and 4th of July at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on the calendar. But look closer and you'll see city staff have tweaked a couple of your favorites.

The popular free summer concerts return with six shows, but three of them move downtown as part of the new "Date Night" series. Two of the concerts, The M80's on July 11 and Sway on August 1, will be held on the top floor of the downtown parking garage, providing spectacular views of downtown. The third concert features Dana Osborn on July 18 at Piazza Park. For fans of the concerts at Coulon Park, the "Waterfront" series includes three shows on the shores of Lake Washington on June 26, August 7 and August 14.

The Renton outdoor movie series visits four different locations this summer. Included are "Aquaman" at Piazza Park on July 20; "How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World" at Henry Moses Aquatic Center on August 9; "Incredibles 2" at Tiffany Park on August 16 and "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" at Highland Park on August 23.

Cruz the Loop is back for a third summer, but has been moved up to July 6 to partner with the Return to Renton Benefit Car Show and Cruise-In on July 7. That'll be the perfect weekend to relive those days when the Renton Loop was "the" place to be seen on a warm summer evening.

For more information on these and all the city's summer events, visit rentonwa.gov/events.



Police initiate False Alarm Program

When Renton Police Department receives notice of an active burglar alarm, two officers are dispatched because the call is considered both dangerous and a high-priority.

Renton police respond to an average of 10 false alarms per day, costing the city hundreds of thousands of dollars per year and tying up officers who could be deployed elsewhere.

To help reduce false alarm calls and utilize police resources more effectively, Renton police on May 1 initiated a false alarm reduction program managed by CryWolf False Alarm Solutions.

The program requires residential and business alarm users in the city who own monitored alarm systems to register with CryWolf and pay a one-time \$25 fee. There is no annual renewal fee, but there are fines for false alarms after the first one. By implementing fines, the police hope alarm owners will take steps to work more closely with their monitoring companies to keep false alarm calls from reaching police dispatchers.

Starting August 2, false alarm activations will be recorded and processed by CryWolf. A first false alarm will come with no fine. A second will be charged \$100 and each subsequent one will be \$250. The fine schedule resets every January 1.

Information on the city's new program can be found at rentonwa.gov/falsealarm.

Owners of monitored alarms:
work with your monitoring company to reduce false alarms.



SummerFest

Downtown businesses and residents combine to bring the community together for a day of fun and celebration on July 20. There will be food trucks, a beer garden, ice cream and an outdoor movie ("Aquaman") in Piazza Park at dusk. Activities start at 4 p.m.

Keep your outdoor activities safe

Renton residents and visitors have access to 32 developed public parks, 13 miles of trails, 965 acres of public open space, an 18-hole public golf course, two lakefront beaches and a public boat launch.

As we approach the busy season for our parks, please keep the following reminders in mind to help make your outdoor experiences more enjoyable:

- Dogs are not allowed at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park or Kennydale Beach Park. At all other city parks and trails dogs are allowed on a six-foot leash.
- Cedar River Dog Park is the city's off-leash site. It's located along the Cedar River Trail across from the Renton Community Center.
- Please obey the 10 mph speed limits and dismount zones that are posted along the Cedar River Trail.
- Review trail etiquette in the Share the Trail brochure: rentonwa.gov/parks.

Fireworks banned in Renton

As you plan your Fourth of July celebration, **please remember the sale, possession and use of fireworks has been prohibited within Renton city limits since 2005 (R4-5-070(c)97).**

Additionally, selling, possessing or using explosive devices such as M-80s, M-100s and homemade or modified fireworks is a felony. Violators will face criminal charges and fines.



Coulon Park hosts Fourth

A full day of activities to celebrate the Fourth of July is scheduled for Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Renton's Fourth of July presented by Hyatt Regency will feature both sand and grass volleyball tournaments, two family-oriented activity zones and a full afternoon and evening of stage entertainment. The day ends with a spectacular fireworks display at 10 p.m. Learn more at rentonwa.gov/july4.

The swimming beaches at Coulon Park and Kennydale Beach Park will open on June 22. Lifeguards will be on duty from 12 to 8 p.m. June 22 is also opening day at the Henry Moses Aquatics Center. The center will host a wide variety of group and private lessons and open swims seven days a week through September 2. See the schedule at rentonwa.gov/hmac.

PARKS & RECREATION CONVERSATION

Share your vision of our parks

Renton's outstanding parks, recreation and natural areas system did not come about by accident. There has always been a plan. It's time for that plan to get an important update, and you can help.

The city is gathering community input to update the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas plan, which sets the 20-year vision. You can help shape the priorities by participating in an online questionnaire about goals, priorities, and what you value when you use parks and natural areas or participate in recreation activities.

The questionnaire is available at rentonparksplan.com. The next scheduled open house for in-person input will be October 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Renton Community Center.



Call him Erasmus *Renton's downtown rooftop dragon has been quite the attraction since it was unveiled on April 13. Only one thing was missing: a name. That was solved on May 7, when Mayor Denis Law announced the dragon would be named after Erasmus Smithers, who founded the town of Renton on property he owned in 1875. Almost 380 prospective names were submitted and the winner was chosen by the members of the Renton Municipal Arts Commission.*

Work begins on Kennydale water reservoir

Construction of a reservoir to serve the needs of residents in the Kennydale area is scheduled to start in June. Completion is scheduled for July 2020.

The reservoir will address the need for supply reliability and pressure surge control, and will increase storage capacity in the Kennydale area for fire protection and domestic water use. It is being built behind the recently completed Fire Station 15 at 1404 North 30th Street.

McClure & Sons, Inc. of Mill Creek, WA, was the low bidder with a bid of \$5.19 million. The project engineer's estimate is \$5.49 million.

The city solicited proposals for a mural on the outside of the tank and received three designs. The winner will be chosen by the Renton Municipal Arts Commission.



Farmers Market is open

The best in farm-fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers from Washington farmers is available each Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the 18th annual Renton Farmers Market, now through September 24 at Piazza Park. The market also features baked goods, wine, beer, food and arts & crafts. There's live music, cooking and gardening demonstrations and the Kid's Passport program, which promotes healthy eating while having fun at the market!

The market accepts the SNAP/ Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, and features the match incentive program Fresh Bucks, with an unlimited match for your SNAP benefits used at the market! Visit the Market Manager's booth for more information.

The market will feature several special events including National Call Your Doctor Day (June 11), Kid's Day (June 25) and National Senior Citizens Day (August 20).

A full schedule of events can be found at rentonfarmersmarket.com.



Summer sun, food and fun

The City of Renton is again partnering with Renton School District to present the FREE Summer Meals program for the greater Renton area.



Meals will be served for children ages 1-18 at various community sites, regardless of family income or residence. No registration is required, but meals must be eaten on site. The program runs from Monday, June 24 through Friday, August 16, with no meals July 4 or July 5. Three sites will be open until Friday, August 23 and will serve an afternoon snack. School sites will serve breakfast and lunch.

On July 8 and 15 at Liberty Park and August 1 at Heritage Park, King County Library System will present Family Fun Extravaganza! in conjunction with the Summer Meals program. They are open to the whole family and feature singing, dancing, music, magic and juggling.

Visit rentonwa.gov/summermeals or call 425-430-6694 for more information.



Free

Juneteenth Celebration

Empowered by our History

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Juneteenth commemorates the elimination of slavery in Texas on June 19, 1865, and the general emancipation of slaves. Join us as we celebrate this day on June 22.

Event information can be found at rentonwa.gov/juneteenth.

Community Calendar

Renton Farmers Market

TUESDAYS THRU SEPT. 24, 3-7 P.M.

Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave. S

The best from local farmers and artisans! Kids' activities, live entertainment, chef demonstrations and more! rentonwa.gov/fm

Coffee with a Cop

JUNE 15, 10 A.M.-12 P.M.

Starbucks, 68 Rainier Ave. S

Join Renton police officers for coffee and informal conversation. rentonwa.gov/police

Juneteenth Celebration

JUNE 22, 12-7 P.M. *see schedule*

Harambee Church, 316 S 3rd St.

A celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Activities and fun for the whole family! rentonwa.gov/juneteenth

Henry Moses Aquatic Center

JUNE 22-SEPT. 2, 11 A.M.-8:30 P.M.

1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy.

Open swims, camps, lessons, programs and special events that combine fitness and water play. rentonwa.gov/hmac

Beaches Open for the Season

JUNE 22-SEPT. 8, 12-8 P.M.

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

Junior Golf Camps

JUNE 24-26, 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

JULY 8-10, 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

Maplewood GC, 4050 Maple Valley Rd

For ages 7-17. PGA staff instruction, prizes and coupons. Register at 425-430-6800, ext. 1. Cost: \$125. rentonwa.gov/maplewoodgc

Pet Preparedness

JUNE 25, 6-7:30 P.M.

Renton Technical College, C-111

Free. Learn how to keep your pets safe in case of disaster. Sign up for the class through the catalog available at rentonwa.gov/repa.

BBQ with the Badges

JUNE 26, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Renton Community Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy

Ages 2 and up. An up-close adventure with Renton police and firefighters. \$10 R / \$12 NR. Register at rentonwa.gov/register, code 2527.

Summer Concerts & Entertainment

JUNE 26-AUGUST 14

Various locations and times

Coulon Waterfront 6/26, 8/7, 8/14. Family Fun 7/8, 7/15, 8/1. Date Night 7/11, 7/18, 8/1 (*top floor of the parking garage!*) rentonwa.gov/events

Renton City Concert Band

JUNE 26, 7-9 P.M.

Coulon Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd.

Under the direction of Mike Simpson. Part of the city's Summer Concerts & Entertainment series.

Comic Book History

JUNE 27, 6-7 P.M.

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave. S

"Four-Color Reality: How Comic Books and the Real World Shape Each Other." \$5 adults/\$2 kids. Museum members free. rentonwa.gov/museum

4th of July Celebration

JULY 4, 9 A.M.-10 P.M.

Coulon Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N

Entertainment, kids' activities, and a fireworks display. rentonwa.gov/4thofjuly

Teen Night at the Aquatic Center

JULY 6, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Henry Moses Aquatic Ctr, 1719 Maple Valley Hwy

Kids ages 13-18. Great music, food and waves at Renton's water park. \$5 per person Register at rentonwa.gov/register, code 2503.

Cruz the Loop

JULY 6, 6-9 P.M.

Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave. S

An evening of cruising the famous Renton Loop. Also music, beer garden and games. Register by June 24 to cruise at rentonwa.gov/cruz.

Return to Renton Benefit Car Show

JULY 7, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

S Third Street

Over 400 vehicles of all shapes and sizes on display. Proceeds help fund area youth programs. Register at returntorenton.com.

Estrellita Donde Estas

JULY 8, 12-1 P.M.

Liberty Park, 1101 Bronson Way N

Sing and dance to familiar songs in Spanish and English. Free arts & crafts at 11 a.m., youth lunch at 11 a.m., snack at 1 p.m. Ages 1-18.

City Contacts

General Information	425-430-6400
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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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