



This Week from the Mayor



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My weekly newsletter covers all that is happening in Renton. If you have an idea, would like to share news, or want to comment, I'd like to [hear from you](#).

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Happy New Year, everyone!

I am looking forward to this new year with a renewed purpose and vision for Renton and our residents. 2020 is now over but has certainly left its mark on all of us. It quickly became a year of innovation brought about by necessity. And we made it.

We learned that our city employees are ready to adapt and embrace new procedures and technology to ensure uninterrupted service to the community. These services were delivered at a high level of competency and professionalism throughout the pandemic and statewide

closures. The city began doing business virtually and electronically with Renton residents and our local businesses to maintain communication and continuity of services. As we continue to work through the challenges of COVID-19 in 2021, we remain committed to timely and relevant assistance to help our community succeed.

We adopted a city budget that will ensure continued quality services to the community for the next two years. We have several projects—like the Williams/Wells conversion downtown, market-rate housing, and a new park in Sunset—that will further enhance our community's ability to live, work, and improve our quality of life. We will continue to actively seek out assistance for businesses and residents as we face the recovery challenges of 2021.

We are at our strongest as a community when working together. While we have successfully confronted the challenges of 2020, there's still much work to be done. With the lessons we've learned, 2021 will be a time of recovery, growth, and collaboration to find solutions that benefit us all.

On behalf of the City of Renton, I'd like to wish all of you a safe and happy new year!



The planned extension northward of Park Avenue North to connect to Southport. (click image to enlarge)

Work to start on the extension of Park Avenue North

The city will now be moving forward on [our plan to extend Park Avenue North](#).

At Monday's meeting, the city council approved an agreement with the Boeing Company to start the project. When complete, Park Avenue North will extend northward across Boeing and Burlington Northern Santa Fe property to connect to Southport.

This new route will give vehicles another way to directly access Southport. It will also improve the traffic flow into Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.

Work on the project is scheduled to start this March, with the new street opening for use in November.



International pageant brings recognition to Renton

The city annually makes funds available via the [Lodging Tax Fund](#) to organizations who support our city's tourism marketing and operations.

One of those events, the women's empowerment event, was held virtually in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Southport last month. The international event crowned Miss India WA USA, Mrs. India WA USA, Ms. Nepal Asia Global, Ms. Vietnam Asia Global and Mr. Asia WA and



The Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Southport hosted the virtual pageant.

Miss Asia WA. Participants were from Nepal, Canada, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Russia, Africa, Pakistan, Cambodia, Philippines, and India.

The event's worldwide reach brought strong recognition to our city. It was also covered by international media outlets.

My congratulations to Menka Soni, who is a member of my Mayor's Inclusion Task Force and President of AmPowering. She has been a tireless advocate of our city through events like this pageant and our very successful Census 2020 campaign.

Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery		
Activities	Phase 1	Phase 2
Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Indoor	Prohibited	Max of 5 people from outside your household, limit 2 households
Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Outdoor	Max of 10 people from outside your household, limit 2 households	Max of 15 people from outside your household, limit 2 households
Worship Services	Indoor maximum 25% capacity	Indoor maximum 25% capacity
Retail Stores (includes Farmers' markets, grocery and convenience stores, pharmacies)	Maximum 25% of capacity, encourage curbside pick-up	Maximum 25% of capacity, encourage curbside pick-up
Professional Services	Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% capacity otherwise.	Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% capacity otherwise.
Personal Services	Indoor maximum 25% capacity.	Indoor maximum 25% capacity.
Eating and Drinking Establishments (establishments only serving individuals 21+ and no food remain closed)	Indoor dining prohibited. Outdoor dining, 11 PM close, maximum 6 per table, limit 2 households per table	Indoor dining available 25% capacity, 11 PM close. Outdoor dining available, maximum 6 per table, limit 2 households per table
Weddings and Funerals	Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited.	Ceremonies and indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are permitted and must follow the appropriate venue requirements. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply. Dancing is prohibited.
Indoor Recreation and Fitness Establishments (includes gyms, fitness organizations, indoor recreational sports, indoor pools, indoor 6-12 sports, indoor sports, indoor personal training, indoor dance, no-contact martial arts, gymnastics, climbing)	Low risk sports (including dance, no-contact martial arts, gymnastics, and climbing, permitted for practice and training only in stable groups of no more than 5 athletes. Appointment based fitness/training, 45-minute max session, no more than 1 customer/athlete per room or per 500/sq. ft. for large facilities.	Low and moderate risk sports competitions permitted (no tournaments). Fitness and training maximum 25% capacity.
Outdoor Sports and Fitness Establishments (includes fitness organizations, outdoor recreational sports, outdoor pools, outdoor 6-12 sports, outdoor sports, outdoor personal training, outdoor dance, outdoor motor sports)	Low and moderate risk sports permitted for practice and training only (no tournaments). Outdoor guided activities, hunting, fishing, motorsports, parks, camping, hiking, biking, running, snow sports, permitted.	Low, moderate, and high risk sports competitions allowed (no tournaments), maximum 200 including spectators.
Indoor Entertainment Establishments (includes aquariums, indoor theaters, indoor arenas, indoor concert halls, indoor gardens, indoor museums, indoor bowling, indoor simulators, arcades, indoor cardrooms, indoor entertainment activities of any kind, indoor event spaces)	Private rentals/tours for individual households of no more than 6 people permitted. General admission prohibited.	Maximum 25% capacity. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply.
Outdoor Entertainment Establishments (includes zoos, outdoor gardens, outdoor aquariums, outdoor theaters, outdoor stadiums, outdoor event spaces, outdoor arenas, outdoor concert venues, rodeos)	Ticketed events only; Groups of 10, limit 2 households, timed ticketing required.	Groups of 15, limit 2 households per group, maximum 200 including spectators.

NOTE: Live entertainment is no longer prohibited but must follow guidance above for the appropriate venue. Long-term Care facilities, professional and collegiate sports remain governed by their current guidance/proclamations separate from this plan.

"Healthy Washington - Road Map to Recovery." (click image to enlarge)

Governor announces "Healthy Washington-Roadmap to Recovery"

Gov. Inslee announced a new phased recovery plan "[Healthy Washington—Roadmap to Recovery](#)" this week. The plan will start on Monday, Jan. 11.

Some of the plan's key points:

- Rather than a county by county approach, the state will be divided into eight regions. King County is in the "Puget Sound" region along with Pierce and Snohomish counties.
- All regions will start in Phase 1. To move into Phase 2, the region must reach all four of the following metrics:
 - Decreasing trend in two-week rate of COVID-19 cases per 100K population (decrease > 10%)
 - Decreasing trend in two-week rate new COVID-19 hospital admission rates per 100K population (decrease > 10%)
 - ICU occupancy (total — COVID-19 and non-COVID-19) of less than 90%
 - COVID-19 test positivity rate of < 10%

The metrics will be updated on Fridays.