

# OurRenton

Community News, Programs, and Events



Mayor Payone tours Family First Community Center



Downtown earned Main Street designation



Hardin at National Night Out

# Happy New Year Chief Schuldt and Deputy Chief Hardin at National

Mayor Armondo Pavone looks ahead to 2023, a year that will bring many positive changes to Renton

THIS SEASON IS A TIME TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR and also look back at the past year and what's been accomplished. During 2022, we set the groundwork for several exciting projects in 2023.

We broke ground on Family First Community Center about one year ago. We're now about one month from the grand opening. The center will bring essential services and programs to the Cascade/Benson Hill neighborhood. It's also an excellent example of how public and private

sectors can work together to benefit a community. I'm excited about the opportunities the center will bring to our community. I'm also very grateful for the contributions of our partners: HealthPoint, First Financial Northwest Foundation, Renton School District, and Doug Baldwin's Family First Foundation.

Mayor Armondo

Pavone

This year will see two new educational programs open in Renton. First, the tuition-free Bezos Academy will call the North Highlands Neighborhood Center home. In addition, an Environmental Science Center will be housed in the main building at Liberty Park.

> Our work will continue to ensure downtown Renton is a "drive-to, not drive-

through" destination. The downtown just earned Main Street designation giving businesses access to resources and tax credits. We're also pursuing federal funding to study the best way to repurpose the Renton Pavilion

Event Center. We envision it becoming the Logan Street Market, an active and inclusive public space with room to support small businesses, especially women- and minority-owned businesses and those representing historically disadvantaged communities.

Your safety will continue as a priority in

2023. Chief Schuldt and the men and women of the Renton Police Department will have access to the technology, tools, and staffing necessary to perform their duties safely and professionally.

Funds generated by House Bill 1590 will continue to support housing and homelessness initiatives. FDCARES, a collaboration between Renton Police Department and Renton Regional Fire Authority, is one such program. It provides our first responders with new resources when responding to mental health and addiction calls. FDCARES also helps people navigate health and mental health care systems and connects them to social services and substance use treatment.

We are also using HB1590 funds to develop affordable housing. We've already earmarked \$1.5 million for Sunset Gardens, a 77-unit Renton Housing Authority (RHA) project. RHA also secured \$8 million in public funding with our help. In addition, our Equity, Housing, and Human Services Department is actively working to



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# Council announces 2023 committee assignments

RENTON CITY COUNCIL has announced committee assignments for 2023. Valerie O'Halloran will serve as Council President. Ed Prince will serve as the President Pro-Tem.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES** 1st Monday, 4 p.m.

Carmen Rivera, Chair Kim-Khánh Văn, Vice Chair James Alberson, Member

#### **FINANCE**

2nd & 4th Mondays, 4 p.m. PUBLIC SAFETY Ruth Pérez, Chair James Alberson, Vice Chair Kim-Khánh Văn, Member

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

2nd & 4th Mondays, 5 p.m. Ed Prince, Chair Ryan McIrvin, Vice Chair Ruth Pérez, Member

# 3rd Monday, 4 p.m.

Kim-Khánh Văn, Chair Ed Prince, Vice Chair Carmen Rivera, Member

#### **TRANSPORTATION** 1st & 3rd Mondays, 5 p.m.

Ryan McIrvin, Chair Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair Ed Prince, Member

#### **UTILITIES**

1st & 3rd Mondays, 3 p.m. James Alberson, Chair Carmen Rivera, Vice Chair Ryan McIrvin, Member



Rendering of Sunset Gardens, a 77-unit affordable housing development in Sunset Neighborhood

#### New Year look ahead continued

identify additional programs.

You will see us focusing more on community engagement. We'll add staff in several departments and link existing software to better utilize data. Finally, our community survey will return. All these steps are designed to anticipate your needs.

In addition, take a class, join an activity, or shop local. All benefit Renton. Along the

way, if you see something amiss, report it to us via Renton Responds. Let's be a community that is active, responsive, and responsible.

I wish you and yours a happy and prosperous new year as we partner together to make Renton the place where families and businesses thrive.

—Mayor Armondo Payone

### **City Hall Hours**

#### **Municipal Court & Passports**

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

Passports: Tuesday mornings. Call 425-430-6550 to schedule.

#### Finance Counter, Utility Bills, **License & Tax Counter**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### **Building & Permit Counter** Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

#### **Police Counter**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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