



Renton City News

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Winter 2012

NEWS IN BRIEF

City Receives New Fire Fighting Equipment from Olympic Pipeline

Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department was recently given a foam



trailer that holds two 330-gallon totes of foam material to help fight most flammable liquid-type fires including fuel truck accidents. The trailer was donated by Olympic Pipeline and is being stored at Station 14 on SW Lind St.

Thanksgiving: A Day of Sharing

For the 18th consecutive year, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated as a day of sharing in Renton as employees of the City of Renton and members of the Rotary Club of Renton serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Avenue North. The free holiday meal, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Renton, will be served at 11:45 a.m. Senior citizens must pick up a free ticket no later than Nov. 19 for their meal reservation. For more information call 425-430-6633.

Local Mosaic Artist Exhibit on Display at Carco Theatre

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission proudly presents an exhibit by local mosaic artist Debbie McLaughlin. The exhibit will be on display at Carco Theatre, 1717 Maple Valley Highway, through November 30. Theatre hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with additional viewing on show nights. To learn more about Debbie McLaughlin and her work, visit waterlightmosaics.com.

City of Renton Employees Seek To Help Those In Need



To assist those in need this holiday season, City of Renton staff will again participate in "RentonGives," a volunteer program that aims to raise funds for local assistance programs. To make a tax-deductible donation that goes directly to providing for those in need visit rentonwa.gov.

CITY PREPARED FOR WINTER

The City of Renton Public Works Maintenance Division is geared up and ready for inclement weather and prepared to minimize challenges to Renton drivers this coming winter.



according to the city route maps (visit rentonwa.gov for maps) one to two days prior to the weather event. De-icer is sprayed on roadways as permitted by weather conditions and temperature.

The city is equipped with the following inclement weather equipment: two de-icer trucks—one carrying 300 gallons of de-icer (300 gallons covers approximately ten miles of roadway) and one carrying 1,600 gallons of de-icer; ten plow/sander trucks; and three loaders to keep these trucks filled with sand and salt.

The city's emergency management and maintenance teams closely monitor the National Weather Service forecast for regular updates during storm events. Depending on road conditions, the city's maintenance crews begin de-icing roads

Because temperature and road conditions are key to the effectiveness of the de-icer, there are times when crews are unable to spray it onto the roadways. If rainfall precedes freezing temperatures or snowfall, the rain dilutes the magnesium chloride de-icer and therefore results in little or no effect in preventing slippery conditions.

If snow accumulates on the roadway, plows and sand/salt trucks are dispatched according to the city route maps. Crews work in two 12-hour shifts, keeping snow

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GOVERNOR APPOINTS PERSSON

Renton City Councilmember Don Persson has been appointed by the Governor to the State of Washington's Forensic Investigations Council. His term of office is effective through August 10, 2014.



"It is an honor to serve on this council," said Councilmember Don Persson. "Public safety is of critical importance and forensic science helps us ensure that our justice system is working."

The Forensics Investigations Council is responsible for overseeing the state toxicology laboratory, the Washington State Patrol crime laboratory, and the state forensic pathology fellowship program.

Together with the University of Washington,

the council controls the toxicology laboratory's operation and the fellowship program. The council approves the budget of the Washington State Patrol crime laboratory prior to formal submittal to the Office of Financial Management. The council facilitates the development of relevant sudden

childhood death training for county coroners, medical examiners, law enforcement officers, and other first responders.

The goal of the council is to promote an integrated, efficient statewide death investigation system. One of the main focus areas of the council is to study and recommend cost-efficient improvements to the state death investigation system.

HOUSING REPAIR ASSISTANCE

The City of Renton Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP) provides free services focused on health and safety to resident homeowner families meeting the size and income criteria on the chart below.

Family Size	Max. Annual Income
1	\$45,500
2	\$52,000
3	\$58,500
4	\$65,000
5	\$70,200
6	\$75,400

Program information, eligibility guidelines, FAQs, and downloadable applications are available at humanservices.rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-6650, press 2.

STORE SAFE DRINKING WATER

Many kinds of emergencies can affect the safety of your drinking water. Natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, ice storms, and other emergencies may cut off your drinking water supply with no warning. Planning for this possibility in advance will assure you have safe drinking water in such an emergency.



containers or reuse plastic soft-drink bottles. Do not use plastic jugs or cartons that have had milk or juice in them as they cannot be adequately cleaned to prevent bacteria growth. Also, avoid glass as it can break in a disaster. Store the water in a cool place that will hopefully be safe from disaster and discard and replace the stored water every two to six months.

To be prepared for a drinking water emergency, the American Red Cross recommends storing one gallon of water per person per day (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for each person for food preparation/sanitation). Store at least three days worth and if possible, store a two week supply for each member of your family.

In a disaster, if a safe supply of water is not available, any suspect water should be treated by either boiling or adding 3 drops bleach per quart. If the water is cloudy, it should be filtered before boiling or adding bleach. This can be done with camping filters made for this purpose or by running the water through coffee filters, paper or cotton towels, or cheesecloth.

Store water in food grade water storage

CITY CONTACTS

Area Code 425

General Information	430-6400
Mayor	430-6500
City Council	430-6501
Municipal Court Judge	430-6550
Chief Administrative Officer	430-6500
City Attorney	430-6480
City Clerk	430-6510
Code Enforcement	430-7373
Community Services	430-6600
Community & Economic Development	430-6580
Finance & Information Services	430-6850
Fire/Emergency Services	430-7000
Graffiti Reporting Line	430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Public Works	430-7394
Police	430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov	
Street/Water/Sewer Maint.	430-7400
Utility Billing	430-6852

EMERGENCY 911

 **The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.**

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Thursday, November 22

Free Senior Thanksgiving Dinner.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Avenue North. Free dinner for seniors. Seniors must pick up ticket by Nov. 20. Call 425-430-6633.

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

2-4 p.m. Luther's Table, 419 S. 2nd Street, Renton. Free dinner for any age or size of family. To volunteer email Pastor Gretchen at pastor.gretchen@comcast.net.

Thursday-Friday, November 22-23
Thanksgiving Holiday. City offices closed.

Friday, November 30

Clam Lights Opening Night. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Entertainment begins 6 p.m. Official greeting 7 p.m. Rainier Yacht Club Parade of Boats begins 7:30 p.m. Argosy Christmas Ship arrives, performs 8-8:20 p.m.

Saturday, December 1

Downtown Holiday Activities. 3-5 p.m. Carolers, refreshments along 3rd Street.
Holiday Tree Lighting & Arrival of Santa. 5-7 p.m. Downtown Piazza, 3rd & Burnett. Visit Santa and enjoy music and lights. Sponsored by Piazza Renton and downtown businesses.

Sunday, December 2

K9 Candy Cane 5K Run & Walk. 8-9 a.m. registration. Race begins 9 a.m. Renton Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Highway. For fee and registration information visit rentonwa.gov or call 425-430-6700. Sponsored by Signature Apartments, Fairwood Chiropractic, and Budu Racing.

Friday-Saturday, December 7-8

Downtown Santa's House. Friday 5-7 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. Free. Downtown Piazza. Believers of all ages can have their picture taken for free, downloadable online. Sponsored by downtown businesses.

Sunday, December 9

Renton City Concert Band Winter Concert. 2 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 students and senior citizens. Directed by Michael Simpson.

Friday-Saturday, December 14-15

Downtown Santa's House. Friday 5-7 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. Downtown Piazza. Believers of all ages can have their picture taken for free, downloadable online. Sponsored by downtown businesses.

Sunday, December 16

Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert. 3 p.m. Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Highway. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 senior citizens, \$5 students.

Monday-Tuesday, December 24-25

Christmas Holiday. City offices closed.

Tuesday, December 25

Free Community Christmas Day Dinner. 2-4 p.m. Luther's Table, 419 S. 2nd Street, Renton. To volunteer email Pastor Gretchen at pastor.gretchen@comcast.net.

Tuesday, January 1

Polar Bear Dip. 11 a.m. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. Co-sponsored by The Reserve Sanctuaries Apartments at The Landing.
New Year's Day Holiday. City offices closed.

For more information visit rentonwa.gov

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER FLOODS AND SNOW

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removal equipment on the roadway around the clock. Fleet garage mechanics are also on modified work shifts in the event snow removal equipment is damaged and needs expedited repair.

Please Help the City Help You

We want to keep you safe this winter, so please follow these simple steps to help the city help you:

- During inclement weather conditions, do not abandon your vehicle along the side of any roadway, regardless of how heavily traveled it is.
- Be prepared and equip your vehicle with proper gear such as all-season tires, chains, coats, boots, and other personal items.
- Have your vehicle cooling system checked.
- Check wiper fluids and anti-ice/cleaning solution (do not use water).
- Check wiper blades for tears and cuts.
- Check your vehicles' heat and defrost and battery systems—have batteries tested if over 5 years old.
- Make sure your fuel tank is at least half full in case you are stranded and waiting for help.
- During inclement weather conditions, we encourage you to delay your travel as

much as possible until road conditions improve.



Flooding: Take Steps To Be Safe

Flooding is a force of nature that often cannot be controlled or prevented. The City of Renton monitors weather forecasts and river conditions continuously and participates in the King County Flood Warning System, which notifies the city when Green River and Cedar River flows reach established flood phases.

In the event of a flood warning, residents are notified through NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, television, CodeRED, and local emergency agencies.

Natural channels, wetlands, man-made ponds and open ditches can protect us from flooding. It is important that constructed storm drainage systems are maintained and kept free of debris to help prevent flooding.

Dumping debris into any watercourse is prohibited by city ordinance. Please report any violations to Development Services Code Compliance at 425-430-7373.

Flood losses are not covered under most homeowners' or renters' insurance policies. Renton participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which enables all Renton property owners, whether they are in a floodplain or not, to obtain flood insurance discounts of up to 20%. Contents coverage is available to renters.

To find out if your property is in a flood-prone area, obtain a Flood Insurance Rate Map, or obtain copies of existing Flood Elevation Certificates. Contact Gary Fink, Surface Water Utility, by phone at 425-430-7392 or by email at gfink@rentonwa.gov. For more information visit fema.gov or rentonwa.gov.

Flood Safety & Precautions

- Turn off your main electricity switch and gas valve before flooding inundates your property.
- Remember that during a storm it is possible for streams to rise and for some parking lots, streets, and parks to fill with water. Never cross fast-flowing water, neither on foot nor in a vehicle, and stay off unstable stream banks.

LEADERS CELEBRATE IMPROVEMENTS



City, state and community leaders came together recently to celebrate the completion of infrastructure work in the Exit 7/Port Quendall area and to break ground on the May Creek Trail.

The Exit 7 Area Improvements Project was funded in the 2009 session of the State Legislature. Thanks to the leadership and support of local legislators, \$1.7 million was included in the 2009-11 state capital budget.

The Exit 7 Area Improvements Project includes three elements: a new water line on Lake Washington Blvd. to provide

fire protection to nearby developments; construction of storm system improvements to provide water quality treatment that helps protect water quality and fish habitat while reducing the potential for downstream flooding; and development of a soft surface trail along May Creek.

The three-acre May Creek park and trail will be the first City of Renton-developed portion of the May Creek Greenway, which will extend from the mouth of May Creek at Lake Washington east to King County's Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, a distance of approximately six miles.

This portion of the soft-surface trail will be a quarter mile long, starting at Lake Washington Blvd. North and stopping before I-405. Invasive plants will be removed, and the area will be replanted with over 2,500 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers. All existing trees will remain.

RENTON IS AN ALL-AMERICA CITY

The City of Renton and six other South King County cities, along with the City of Seattle, were recently named All-America Cities by the National Civic League.



The award was presented in recognition of the region's plan to make sure more students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade. The joint proposal was submitted by the Road Map Project, a cradle-to-college-to-career initiative aimed at improving education in South Seattle and South King County.

The objectives of this program include building and sustaining regional commitment to improving grade level reading and developing broad public awareness efforts to make third grade reading a regional priority.

RENTON "FILMFRENZY V" WINNERS ANNOUNCED



A record number of filmmakers registered to compete in the fifth annual Renton FilmFrenzy short-film competition held in October. Seventeen films were screened at the Renton Civic Theatre Oct. 22, and the winning films were screened and awarded prizes at the Curvees Award Gala October 23, hosted by Jim Dever and Adam Gehrke.

The 2012 Curvee Award Winners are:

- Best Picture — **"Between the Lines"** by Mitch Shepherd.
- Best Actor — **Jason Pead**, **"Between the Lines."**
- First Prize Open Division — **"The Missing Piece"** by Chris Iley.

- First Prize Student Division — **"The Knocking"** by Jake Gabrielson.
- Second Prize Open Division — **"Technology. The Movie"** by Steven Heller.
- Second Prize Student Division — **"Skitsophrenia"** by Coi Dai Tran.
- Third Prize Open Division — **"Oblivious"** by Stefeny Anderson.
- Third Prize Student Division — **"The Drive"** by Khali Crowl.
- Renton FilmFrenzy Screening Award — **"Technology. The Movie"** by Steven Heller.
- TheFilmSchool Outstanding Screenwriter

- **Chris Iley**, **"The Missing Piece."**
- Reel Grls Outstanding Woman Producer — **Mary Kawamura**, **"SIFF-Renton 3: The Reckoning."**
- Best Use of Renton — **"The Capsule"** by Jimmy Cho.
- Special Judges Award — **Delaney Jensen**, **"School of Dolls."**
- *Renton Reporter* People's Choice Award — **"Girls in Ghostland"** by Lief Zimmerman.

To view all of this year's Renton FilmFrenzy entries, tune your TV dial to Channel 21, or view Channel 21 online at rentonwa.gov.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE MUSEUM

Join storyteller Naomi Baltuck and her son Eli Gerrard Saturday, December 8, at 11 a.m., at the Renton Historical Museum, as they take you on a trip around the world to enjoy delightful and inspiring holiday celebrations. These

holiday stories from many traditions bring light and laughter to the dark days of winter. Naomi and Eli will make sure you leave amused, enlightened, and ready to share your own holiday stories. Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S, one block south of the library. Call 425-255-2330 or email drahn@rentonwa.gov for details.



SHARE IN THE JOY OF GIVING!

The Renton Salvation Army has identified and screened a number of Renton families needing assistance this holiday season. If you would like to help there are several ways to participate in the program.

One: Select a tag from the Holiday Angel Tree at either Renton City Hall, 1055 South Grady Way (beginning November 19) or the Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway (beginning November 16) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Return the unwrapped gift (and packages of gift wrap if you wish) with tag attached to either location by December 19.

Two: Adopt a family for the holidays. Gift certificates to stores that carry housewares, groceries, toys, and clothing in all the same location work great. The gifts will be part of the "Toy 'N Joy Program." Families arrive at appointed times before the holidays and select two gifts for each child. Holiday food baskets are distributed at the same time. To donate to the Toy 'N Joy Program please contact Captain Lisa Aird at 425-255-5974 or

email lisa.aird@asw.salvationarmy.org.

Three: Bell ringing. There are a number of locations in Renton and individuals or groups are welcome. Contact Captain Chris Aird at 425-255-5974 or 425-255-5969, or by email at chris.aird@usw.salvationarmy.org.

To volunteer for any of these programs call The Salvation Army at 425-255-5974.

CITY SEEKS INPUT ON CITY WEBSITE

The City of Renton is looking at ways to improve its website and has posted a short online survey to get feedback and input from the community. The survey provides the community an opportunity give their input on changes and upgrades they would like to see on the city's website. The brief survey asks questions focusing on website navigation, information, transparency, clearness, and attractiveness. The survey will be open until December 3. Please visit rentonwa.gov to complete the survey.