



This Week in Renton

Mayor Armando Pavone



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Coming to Renton!

Topgolf first multilevel entertainment location in Washington to open by The Landing in 2022



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Two new playgrounds earn "best of" from Seattle Times

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Renton schools hosts back to school vaccination clinic on Aug. 11

COVER STORY



Breaking ground on the new Topgolf Renton-Seattle (from left) are Renton City Councilmembers Angelina Benedetti and Valerie O'Halloran, Renton City Council President Randy Corman, Tanner Micheli, Topgolf Director of Real Estate, Renton Mayor Armando Pavone, former Topgolf Executive Chairman Erik Anderson, Topgolf Chief Customer Officer Lynda Firey Oldroyd, and Renton City Councilmember Kim-Khánh Văn.

[Topgolf is coming to Renton.](#)

Executives from Topgolf, a global sports and entertainment leader, joined Mayor Armando Pavone and city councilmembers Tuesday in a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of Topgolf Renton-Seattle, their first traditional multi-level entertainment venue in Washington.

Scheduled to open in 2022, Topgolf Renton-Seattle will be located off Logan Avenue near Boeing's 737 Factory and The Landing.

"This is an exciting moment for our community," said Mayor Pavone at the ceremony. "The addition of Topgolf by The Landing is not just another source of entertainment and more job opportunities for Renton residents, it's also another world-class business that has chosen Renton as their home. They reflect Renton in that we're innovative, fun, and a model of inclusivity. I look forward to the project's completion."

Topgolf Renton-Seattle will feature Topgolf's new skylit central atrium design, 102 outdoor hitting bays on three levels, plus a full-service restaurant and bar and private event rooms for corporate meetings, celebrations and more. It is expected to employ more than 500.

"We're thrilled to kick off the development of Topgolf Renton-Seattle and look forward to unveiling this state-of-the-art venue," said Topgolf Chief Development Officer Chris Callaway at the groundbreaking. "This exciting development will not only allow us to entertain the community but also further enhance the south end of Lake Washington by serving as an anchor in Renton's entertainment district."

Topgolf operates more than 70 venues in five countries. They have successfully pioneered a unique technology-driven experience that features an open-air and multi-level environment for their guests. Their signature experience features point-scoring games in outdoor hitting bays, chef-driven menu items, top-shelf drinks, music and year-round programming for all ages. In addition, their [Commitment to Play Safely](#) ensures guests can play with confidence.

COMMUNITY PARTNER



HealthPoint Day Proclamation

Next week, Renton City Council will recognize and honor HealthPoint by declaring Monday, August 9 HealthPoint Day. [HealthPoint](#) is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its investment in the health of Renton and King County communities.

In Renton since 2006, HealthPoint provides high-quality, integrated primary health care to all, regardless of ability to pay. They have 20 locations in King County including three in Renton: Renton Health Center, Sunset Neighborhood Center, and Renton High School.

The healthcare provider had an integral role in the development and implementation of the Sunset Neighborhood Center and the upcoming Family First Community Center. Additionally, HealthPoint's response to the COVID pandemic was extraordinary, including the transformation of an emissions check facility in Renton into a testing and vaccination site.

The recognition coincides with National Health Center Week, which is August 8-14.

RECREATION



Recreation & Neighborhoods gets grant to support STREAM

The Community Services Department's Recreation & Neighborhoods Division has received a \$25,155 grant from Washington Parks and Recreation Association.

The division has earmarked the grant for use in the [STREAM Team](#) program. STREAM Team provides high-quality, culturally appropriate after-school programming in science, technology, reading, recreation, environment, arts and math for ages five-to-14.

The program also receives partial funding through a King County's Best Starts for Kids grant. In addition, this partnership includes the city's participation in a Youth Program Quality Initiative that engages and supports sites in continuous quality improvement with a focus on promoting social-emotional learning.



Two Renton parks among Seattle Times list of 8 fantastic new playgrounds

The Seattle Times recently [visited and ranked 8 new playgrounds](#) in the Seattle area. Included on their list were [Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#) and [Sunset Neighborhood Park](#).

The Times named the new playground at Coulon as the "best overall" new park.

"This beautiful park stretching along the south end of Lake Washington has it all. The centerpiece of the playground is one sprawling fort with many ways up, in and around. There is also a separate fort for tots, a web climber and three banks of swings. There are teeter-totters and spinners that a whole mess of kids can pile on, and there are other teeter-totters and spinners designed for one or two ... When you're worn out from the playground, there's a sandy, lifeguard-attended beach and even a Kidd Valley and Ivar's right in the park."

The new 30-foot climbing tower at Sunset Neighborhood Park was named "Most terrifying for parents/thrilling for kids."

"Some people like wine pairings; I'm into playground pairings. Sunset Neighborhood Park is a six-minute drive from Gene Coulon Park, making it an easy twofer."

There's a ton of new construction going up around Sunset Neighborhood Park. Imagine how amazing it would be to live in one of the completed units, just upstairs from the Renton Highlands Library and across the street from a 30-foot-tall rope climber. The top of that pyramid is level with a nearby four-story building! There's a squishy rubber ground surface, but still, I nearly had a heart attack while my kids had a blast.

The three rope webs are connected for maximum Spidey fun, and the brand-new on-site restrooms are an extra bonus. If heights aren't your thing, try out the cool misters, the smaller play fort and a set of exercise equipment."

A promotional poster for 'Night Out in the Neighborhood'. The background is dark blue with yellow stars. The text 'NIGHT OUT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD' is written in large, white, stylized letters. On the right, there is a photo of a woman in traditional attire. Below the photo, it says 'AUG 13, 7PM' and 'Thomas Teasdale Park, 601 S 23rd St'. At the bottom, it says '7pm: Entertainment & Food Truck' and 'Sunset: "Raya & The Last Dragon" (est 8:30pm)'. Logos for 'RENTON RIVER DAYS', 'Recreation & Neighborhoods', and 'ARTS' are at the bottom right.

Second "Night Out" with music and a movie

Spend another "Night Out in the Neighborhood" Friday, August 13 at [Thomas Teasdale Park](#). Enjoy live entertainment and a movie with the community.

Renton Road Shows will kick off the evening at 7 with live music. The movie "Raya and The Last Dragon" will follow at sunset (approx. 8:45).

"Night Out in the Neighborhood" is presented by the city's Recreation & Neighborhoods Division in partnership with Renton River Days.

ART IN RENTON



Volunteers needed for mural project

Volunteers are needed to create a community mural in downtown Renton. Help Renton Arts Commission by adding your splash of color. No experience is necessary.

The exact date is not set but should be in mid-to-late August. Email arts@rentonwa.gov to volunteer and get more details.



Middle school art club creates community art

Art Club students at Nelsen Middle School have been busy [creating public art for community enjoyment](#). Art teacher Sheri Bendis Stephens started the club in February, collaborating with Hanna Dillingham, an AmeriCorps VISTA with the city's [Renton Community Services Department](#).

The club creates community engagement through art and allows students to experience the public art process.

You can find more about this project and upcoming projects on the [Cascade Neighborhood Facebook page](#).

COMMUNITY



Community Feeding Event on Aug. 10 and 17

In partnership with the city, the SOS pop-up is a weekly FREE lunch event targeting the unsheltered and those Renton residents with food insecurities.

- Amazon Fresh ready-to-eat food & drinks
- Personal hygiene kits
- Cleaning supplies
- Socks

The event is held in the parking lot near the baseball field bleachers off Houser Way (I-405 side).



Check those recycle bins

Our solid waste division has a couple tips for recycling a couple of everyday items: fluorescent bulbs/tubes and pizza boxes.

Take your old fluorescent bulbs/tubes to one of these four recycling locations in Renton:

- McLendon Hardware, 440 Rainier Ave S., 98057
- Ace Hardware, 4601 NE Sunset Blvd., 98059
- Ace Hardware, 14100 SE Petrovitsky Rd., 98058
- Lowe's, 1000 Garden Ave. N, 98055

Those bulbs or tubes can release mercury into the environment, so it's essential to dispose of them properly.

Did you know it's okay to put soiled pizza boxes and food-soiled paper in your yard waste container? Check out this complete list of items that are accepted, courtesy of [Cedar Grove Composting](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL



Back-to-school vaccination clinic

Renton Schools are working with Public Health-Seattle & King County and HealthPoint to host a [back-to-school vaccination clinic](#).

It will be Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Renton High School's Health Center, 400 S. Second St. It's intended for all students ages 4-18. The clinic will offer all vaccines required for school and COVID, plus Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccines.

HealthPoint also offers free COVID vaccinations for everyone 12 and older every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cynthia A. Green Family Center (12704 76th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98178) in Skyway. Walk-ins are welcome or you can schedule an appointment by calling 206-839-3540.

MUSEUM



WHEN YOU CAN'T GO HOME

Portraits of Refugees in the Pacific Northwest
by artist Karisa Keasey

Museum exhibit focuses on Pacific Northwest refugees

Renton History Museum's newest exhibition is *When You Can't Go Home: Portraits of Refugees in the Pacific Northwest*.

The exhibition is the life work of Karisa Keasey, local artist, author, and advocate. With the help of World Relief, Karisa spent hours with each refugee and helps viewers feel as if they have too. *When You Can't Go Home* couples inspiring stories with the facts surrounding the on-going global refugee crisis.

The exhibition opens Aug. 11 and runs through Nov. 6.

CITY HALL



Renton's finances in good hands

The City of Renton Finance Department (previously Finance Division) has been awarded both the [Distinguished Budget Presentation Award](#) and the [Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting](#) by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Kari Roller, Finance Department Administrator, is proud of her department. "The city has received these annual awards many years in a row. This takes a tremendous amount of time and effort on the part of our entire staff. It's an amazing achievement and I'm so proud of our team!"



In-person services continue, limited days/hours

We're continuing to open our City Hall lobby for [limited hours of in-person services](#) for those without access to technology. [Online services continue to be available](#).

Finance and Police counters are open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Court Services are available Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The in-person permit counter is closed but our virtual permit center is [available online](#). Passports and fingerprinting are also not yet available on site.

CITY COUNCIL



Mayor Armondo Pavone (center front) is flanked by the 2021 Renton City Council. Ruth Pérez and Council President Randy Corman are seated in the front row. Standing: Valerie O'Halloran, Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvin, Kim-Khánh Vãn, and Angelina Benedetti.

Aug. 2 meeting

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (July 19 meeting)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renton City Council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to rentonwa.gov/council. Past meetings are available at rentonwa.gov/youtube.

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m.

CALENDAR

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m., Senior Meals, free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up at [Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.](#) Limited quantities.

Mondays, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Sustainable Renton free drive-through grocery store at [St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave. NE.](#)

Tuesdays, 3–7 p.m., Renton Farmers Market, Gateway Park, South Third Street & Logan Avenue South. Through Sept. 28.

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Renton Live! Online connection promoting business, nonprofits, and activities within the greater Renton community. Find the weekly link on the [Renton Live Facebook page](#).

Library resources and events, ongoing. Filter by event, program, and location. kcls.org

Renton Outdoors Coast & Forest presents an outdoor adventure in city parks. On Sunday mornings, discover local feathered friends and other wildlife in Birding Education, Birding Social, or River Walks series. [Register online](#) and type "Renton Outdoors" in the search box for the full lineup.

Thursday, Aug. 19, Kickball League begins! Registration is open now for adults 18+ so gather your friends, family and co-workers and get ready to kick some red rubber balls! It's easy, fun and social. Games are played on Thursday evenings 6-10 p.m. Four men and four women must be on the field at the start of a game. Register at rentonwa.gov/register with code [#9818](#).

COVID-19



Free PPE available to restaurant workers

King County is distributing free PPE masks and sanitizing wipes to county restaurant workers.

The drive-through event is Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the King County elections building, 919 S.W. Grady Way.

Each restaurant worker is permitted 10 KN90 masks, 10 cloth masks and one packet of sanitizing wipes.

The county asks that you [pre-register](#) and please remember to wear your mask.

COVID-19 VACCINE



VACCINE FINDER

Valley Medical Center

- Walk-in Pfizer and Moderna [free clinic for anyone 12 and older](#) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- [Schedule an appointment.](#)

HealthPoint

- Drive through [testing and vaccination site](#) (805 SW 10th St., 98057), offers drive-through access for the Pfizer vaccine.
- Appointments for 12–16-year-olds or new patients can be made by calling 866-893-5717.
- Current patients over age 18 can use [MyHealthPoint Portal](#) to schedule an appointment.

Kaiser Permanente

- [Glacier Building](#) and the [Rainier Building](#) are accepting appointments. You do not have to be a Kaiser Permanente member.
- Schedule appointment: 877-832-9915, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Interpreters are available. Patients who are 16-17 years old must have a parent or guardian call to schedule their appointment.
- [Schedule online.](#)

Car-side vaccination in Auburn

- [Auburn vaccination clinic](#) offers car-side service on Mondays.

Mass vaccination sites

Kent: The ShoWare Center, 625 W. James St., Kent, WA 98032

Auburn: 1101 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1333, Auburn, WA 98001

- [Register for an appointment](#) (available in English only)
- Schedule via phone: If you need language interpretation or online help, the following hotlines are available. Please say your preferred language when connected:
 - WA State COVID-19 Assistance hotline: 1-800-525-0127 or 1-888-856-5816 (then press #), 6 a.m.-10 p.m. (Monday), 6 a.m.-6 p.m. (Tuesday-Sunday)
 - King County COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
 - For telephone-to-text relay service, dial: 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384. For tactile interpretation, contact: <http://seattledbsc.org/>.
- Walk-in vaccination (no appointment required) is also available Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., while supplies last.