



# This Week in Renton

Mayor Armando Pavone



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**UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

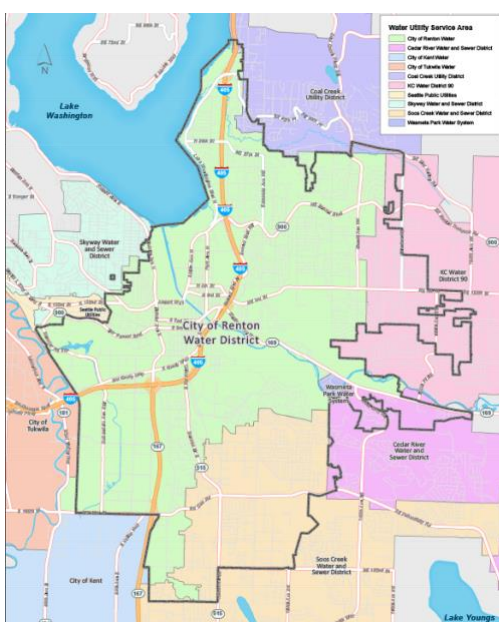
<p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>Civic leader Don Persson passes</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b></p> <p>Street maintenance starts preparations for winter</p>	<p><b>CITY HAL</b></p> <p>October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month</p>
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## Expiration of the utility rate moratorium; what does it mean?

The Sept. 30 expiration of the governor's moratorium on utility bill payment has brought uncertainty and questions for many Renton residents.

The end of the moratorium allows utility companies to start collecting outstanding charges on water, electricity, or natural gas service.

**The City of Renton is committed** to keeping our utility customers connected to essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers received a notice in September about the end of the moratorium. Since that notice went out, we have received either payment or set up a payment plan for almost half of the overdue accounts. We know this is a challenging time for many and are happy to help to avoid service interruption.



- [Click to open the water district map](#)

If you are experiencing hardship from the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for support, including a long-term payment arrangement or bill assistance. Contact our utility billing office to assist with setting up a payment plan to avoid service interruptions. Staff can be reached Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 425-430-6852.

Many of our customers also receive utility service from several other entities within the Renton city limits. Below is a list of contact information for some of the other agencies.

- [Cedar River Water and Sewer District](#)
  - 425-255-6370
  - Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- [Coal Creek Utility District](#)
  - 425-235-9200
  - Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- [King County Water District #90](#)
  - 425-255-9600
  - Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:40 p.m.
- [Puget Sound Energy](#)
  - 1-888-225-5773; 1-800-962-9498 (TTY)
  - Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- [Republic Services](#)
  - 206-777-6440
  - Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- [Soos Creek Water and Sewer District](#)
  - 253-630-9900, Option 3
  - Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Washington State Department of Commerce has established a [utility assistance page](#) to help connect with providers and information. The information is available in multiple languages.

## Eviction Moratorium extended to Oct. 31

Tenants behind in their rent got some help when the governor [extended the moratorium on evictions](#) through Oct. 31.

The department of commerce has several available assistance programs:

- [Organizations available to King County residents](#)
- [Resources in 36 languages](#), including applying for assistance and legal help.
- [Limited landlord relief program](#), may allow owners of six or fewer rental units to recuperate up to 80% of the unpaid rental payments where tenants are non-communicative or unqualified for the [Eviction Rental Assistance Program](#). Other restrictions apply.
- [Youth and Young Adult Eviction Rent Assistance Program](#) for those under the age of 25.

[Washington 2-1-1](#) has additional information.

## Social media

A recap of this week's news posted on the city's social media accounts. Follow the city @cityofrenton on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter. We're also on Nextdoor.

Civic leader Don Persson passes

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Street maintenance crews start winter weather preparations

Wastemobile at McLendon Hardware Friday to Sunday

Halloween activities

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## 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 McIrvine, Kim-Khánh Vãn, and Anaelina Benedetti.

## Council meets on Monday, Oct. 11

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m. and receive an update on B&O tax changes.

Residents and others who wish to speak during the meeting's audience comment period are asked to register by 5 p.m. on the meeting day. Those registering after will be asked to re-register for the next meeting.

The change was made to:

1. Ensure everyone who desires to speak during the audience comment portion is recognized and allowed to speak. There have been times speakers have tried to raise their hand and have been missed.
2. Allow city staff to collect contact information and provide timely responses.
3. Establish a more formal administrative process to manage records.

There are three ways to register:

- Complete the [Request to Speak Registration Form](#)
- Copy/paste the following URL into your browser to complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/g/bTJUj6NrEE>

### OR

- Call (425) 430-6501, mail [jsubia@rentonwa.gov](mailto:jsubia@rentonwa.gov) or [cityclerk@rentonwa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rentonwa.gov). Please provide your full name, city of residence, email address and/or phone number, and topic in your message.

## Sept. 20 meeting review

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (Sept. 27 meeting)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the city council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to [rentonwa.gov/council](https://rentonwa.gov/council). Past meetings are available at [rentonwa.gov/youtube](https://rentonwa.gov/youtube).

## IN-PERSON SERVICES



## In-person services available Monday-Wednesday at city hall

[Nearly all services are available online](#) and our staff is, in many ways, even more accessible than ever thanks to innovative improvements to our virtual environment.

That said, we recognize that not everyone has access to technology, so we are continuing to offer [in-person services](#) at city hall as follows:

- Finance and police counters are open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: Fingerprinting is not currently available.

- Our in-person permit counter is closed but is [available virtually](#). We can provide a computer and telephone to attend a pre-scheduled appointment in our lobby.
- Municipal Court Counter Services are available Thursdays and Fridays  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Note: Hearings continue to be via Zoom/virtual  
Note: Passports are not currently available

Masks are required to enter our buildings, including City Hall. You will be asked health screening questions and we are limiting the number of people inside at our counters so you may be asked to wait outside until space is available.

## COVID-19



# Vaccinate WA

### 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](#)

### King County

- [Getting vaccinated in King County](#)

## CALENDAR

**Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Free. Sustainable Renton** [drive-thru grocery store. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.](#)

**Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m., Renton Farmers Market,** Gateway Park, S. Third St. & Logan Ave. S. Through Sept. 28.

**Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Renton Live!** Online connection promoting business, non-profits, and activities within the Renton community. Find the weekly link on their new [Renton Live Facebook page.](#)

**Daily, King County Libraries,** resources and events. Filter by [event, program, and location.](#)

**Friday, Oct. 22, 5-7:30 p.m. Halloween Drive-Thru.** Free. Gather the ghosts and goblins for a Halloween experience at [Renton Community Center.](#) Cruise through trucks, themed stations, and special guests. Each vehicle will collect plenty of treats and a few tricks. Wear your costume. [Register online.](#)

**Oct. 23-30, Olde Fashioned Halloween Scavenger Hunt,** downtown. Free. [Renton Downtown Partnership](#) has your map to clues in storefronts. Solve the riddle and turn in your completed game card on Saturday, Oct. 30, in [Gateway Park,](#) from 1 to 5 p.m. to claim your goodie bag.

**When You Can't Go Home,** portraits by Karisa Keasey through Nov. 6, [Renton History Museum.](#) The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.