



This Week in Renton

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EVENTS

Check out holiday events planned through New Year's Day

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Renton PD's drive nets 454 coats for Communities In Schools

COMMUNITY

Enter "Start Your Story in Renton" to win hotel stay and more!

Shop local, shop unique; it's Small Business Saturday

This Saturday we celebrate Small Business Saturday throughout Renton and light the city's Christmas tree.

Small businesses are at the heart of our community. Friends, family, and neighbors are the owners of these unique businesses that serve as our unofficial civic gathering places.

During this holiday season, it's essential to support these businesses. When we do, we help create a thriving local business community and support our local economy.

In addition to downtown, the city has five more distinctive local neighborhoods where you'll find [unique shops and restaurants to enjoy during the holidays](#).

Downtown stores will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday. In addition, [Piazza Park](#) and [Renton Pavilion Event Center](#) (233 Burnett Avenue S) will [host activities starting at noon](#).

There will be an outdoor [Holiday Farmers Market](#) in Piazza Park from 12 to 4 p.m. Vendors will be selling fresh produce, honey, ciders, salsa, hummus, wine, meats, cheeses and more. In addition, the SNAP Market Match incentive program for SNAP and P-EBT shoppers will be available. SNAP is a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$40 per day to buy fresh produce.

The pavilion event center will host [live music and a holiday craft market](#) featuring over 25 local vendors from 12 to 7 p.m.

Shoppers can take advantage of up to 10 hours of free parking in the [City Parking Garage](#), just one block from the market.

At 5 p.m. Mayor Pavone will light the downtown Christmas tree, and Santa Claus will arrive. Santa will be available for photos until 7 p.m. inside the pavilion event center at the holiday craft market.

All current COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. That includes requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72-hours to enter the event center. We also recommend masks for shoppers and that you maintain physical distance between shoppers and vendors.

The "[Start Your Story in Renton](#)" contest invites you to explore all our city has to offer. Enter to win a trip for two, including an itinerary of your choice, a two-night hotel stay and dining (\$1,200 value). The deadline for entries is Nov. 30.

This Saturday also marks the beginning of Renton's more than a month of holiday events. We have the latest information at rentonwa.gov/events.

Dec. 3 – Holiday Lights display, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Piazza Park, along S Third Street. The lights

will come on at 5 p.m. and will be on every day from 5 to 9 p.m. through Jan. 1, 2022.

Dec. 4 – Santa House, Renton Civic Theatre, 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 5 – Candy Cane K9 Fun Run and Walk, Renton Community Center, 9:15 a.m. [Pre-registration required.](#)

Dec. 9 – Holiday Gift Drive, Renton Community Center, 12:30-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 10 – Battle of the Badges: Holiday Edition, Renton Community Center, 6-7:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 – Santa House, Renton Civic Theatre, 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 18 – Elf Academy Graduation (drive-through), Renton Community Center, 10-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 18 – Santa House, Renton Civic Theatre, 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 19 – Santa House, Renton Civic Theatre, 5-7 p.m.

Dec. 28 – Bloodworks Blood Drive, Renton Community Center, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [Pre-registration required.](#)

Dec. 29 – Bloodworks Blood Drive, Renton Community Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [Pre-registration required.](#)

Jan. 1 – Polar Bear Plunge, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 10-10:20 a.m. or 11-11:20 a.m. [Pre-registration required.](#)



Police donate 454 coats for students

Congratulations to Renton Police Department for their generous donation of 454 coats to Communities In Schools- Renton & Tukwila (CISR) earlier this week. CISR will deliver them to in-need students.

The department solicited donations of coats or cash to buy coats from commissioned and civilian staff, friends, family, and business partners.

Leading with 148 donated coats was patrol south, followed by special operations (111) and investigations (104).

Their success in this great cause is another example of the positive impact Renton police has on our community.

If you're looking for a way to help our in-need families, donate new unwrapped toys or clothes during our annual Holiday Gift Drive.

Holiday Gift Drive

City staff will be collecting on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 12:30-6:30 p.m., at Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy. 98057). This a drive-through event.

Drop off new unwrapped toys or clothes (jackets, hats, gloves, and socks). We will donate your gift to our local red cross or a group in partnership with them.

Thank you!

In the news this week

A recap of news posted on the city's social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

[ADA Transition Plan](#): public comment period closes Dec. 6.

[City Council update](#)

[Equity Commission](#): Applications due on Nov. 30 by 5 p.m.

[Holiday Events](#)

[In-person services at city hall](#)

[Keep storm drains clear](#)

[Lunch Pop-Up](#): Nov. 30

[Recreation programs](#) for November and December

[Renton History Museum](#): *Life on the Rivers* exhibit

[Traffic Projects](#)

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Upcoming

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

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

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

Life on the Rivers, [Renton History Museum](#), Nov. 17-Feb. 11, 2022. Explore the day-to-day lives of Renton residents for whom the Black and Cedar rivers were a primary part of their lives.