



This Week in Renton

Mayor Armando Pavone



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RIISING ABOVE THE ASHES

<p>VIDEO</p> <p>A look at past Juneteenth celebrations</p>	<p>PROCLAMATIONS</p> <p>June is Pride Month; June 4 was gun violence awareness day</p>	<p>COVID-19</p> <p>Free walk-in clinic at Viet-Wah Saturday; pop-up lunch event on Tuesday</p>
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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

[\[video will embed online\]](#)

When COVID prevented us from holding our annual Juneteenth celebration last year, we produced a [video](#) highlighting some of the performances from past years.

No such issue this year. We invite you to join us on Saturday, June 19, from 12 to 5 p.m. at Renton Chamber of Commerce (625 S. 4th St. 98057) for our 2021 celebration of Juneteenth. We have more on the day's events below.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mark Santos-Johnson is flanked by Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude and Mayor Armando Pavone.

Mark Santos-Johnson wins WASA Community Leadership Award

Mark Santos-Johnson, the city's community development & housing manager, was awarded the Washington Association of School Administrators 110 Community Leadership Award. The award is given "In Recognition of Outstanding Leadership and Contributions to the Improvement of Public Education."

The award recognizes Mark's many years of working with Renton School District on several transformative projects. These include the Sunset Area Community Revitalization (which started in 2008), the Sunset Area Transformation Plan, and, more recently, the Renton Innovation Zone Partnership.

Renton Schools Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude nominated Mark and presented the award to him on Wednesday.

COVER STORY



Juneteenth 2021: "Rising Above the Ashes"

The city's fourth annual [Juneteenth Celebration](#) will be Saturday, June 19, from 12 to 5 p.m. at Renton Chamber of Commerce, 625 S. 4th St. 98057.

This year's celebration is hosted by the city, Renton Police Department, and [Renton African American Pastoral Group](#) (RAAP).

For the past four years, the city had celebrated this significant milestone in our country's history. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when the last remaining slaves were set free in Galveston, Texas. This date was two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Rising Above the Ashes." Saturday's event features speakers, a variety of performers, vendors, and exhibits. Information and resources available at the event include eviction prevention, voter education, *Hate Has No Home Here* campaign, how to respond to everyday bigotry, and activities for youth.

The day's events will be videotaped and broadcast on Channel 21 in Renton and on the city's [YouTube channel](#).

On Friday, June 18, at 6 p.m., there will be a forum via Zoom. The featured speaker is Maurice Mitchell of the National African American Caucus and Service Employees International Union. Once available, meeting information will be shared via our social media channel and [on our website](#).



Juneteenth events: King County Library System

King County Library System has a whole week of Juneteenth [programming](#) and [reading materials](#). Registration is required.

Juneteenth Family Story Time

Tuesday, June 15, 10:30-11 a.m.
Family program, all ages welcome with an adult.
Presented by Courtney Clark.

Artist and Educator Courtney Clark [will read the story Cornrows by Camille Yarbrough](#). Also, enjoy a poetry reading by Kiana Davis and music by Joe Williams, composer and pianist.

Juneteenth: Stories of Migration with Fabric Art

Wednesday, June 16, 7-8 p.m.
For all ages.
Presented by Fabric Artist Alice Beasley.

World-renown fabric artist, Alice Beasley, [will share her story, techniques and inspiration](#). She will discuss her work, [Blood Line](#), concerning the African diaspora and African American experience.

Juneteenth: An Introduction to African-American Genealogy

Thursday, June 17, 7-8:30 p.m.
For adults, 18 and older.
Presented by Dr. Janice Lovelace.

Are you looking for information about your African American ancestors? Many researchers struggle to break through the wall of slavery and legalized segregation. This presentation [looks at unique resources along with standard censuses, probate and vital records](#) to identify emancipated slaves and their prior slave owners.

Create a Juneteenth Picnic

Friday, June 18, 12-1 p.m.
For all ages.
Presented by Chef Matt Lewis.

Chef Matt Lewis, owner of Where Ya At, Matt?, [will demonstrate making some of his favorite picnic items](#). Growing up in New Orleans, Matt will also share stories and the importance of Juneteenth.

Juneteenth: Journeys of Remembrance Celebration

Saturday, June 19, 10-11 a.m.
For all ages.
Contributing artists: Courtney Clark, Kiana Davis, Abigail Ferrigno (We.APP Youth Scholar), Damien Geter, Black Stax and Joe Williams.

[Experience Juneteenth through the lens of local artists and creatives](#). Learn the history, traditions, and story of the African American journey from slavery to emancipation and beyond.

Celebrating Juneteenth through Poetry with Silver Kite Arts

Saturday, June 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Ages 18 and older.
Facilitated by AvionaCreatrix Rodriguez Brown.

Learn to define poetry as a [healing passage of oneself from the inside to the outside](#). Explore what it means to use the feelings inside of us and put them on paper using poetry.



Juneteenth events: Northwest African American Museum

The [Northwest African American Museum](#) presents [Juneteenth Week 2021](#), a series of programs for all ages over nine days. Programs include in-person activations at various locations throughout Seattle and online events accessible to all.

Interactive Storytime: "Lift Every Voice" with interactive art session from Seattle Sounders "Goals for Art" program

Sunday, June 13, 1-2 p.m. (Virtual)

Immediately following the story, there will be an art session with a local artist. Anyone who wants an art kit can pick them up at NAAM on Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artwork will be featured online in a Goals for Art gallery.

The History and Future of Juneteenth: Annette Gordon-Reed with Marcus Harrison Green

Monday, June 14, 7-9 p.m. (Virtual)

In conversation with South Seattle Emerald's Marcus Harrison Green, Annette Gordon-Reed weaves together American history, a dramatic family chronicle, and searing episodes of memoir chronicled in her book "On Juneteenth".

Juneteenth: Lift Every Voice

Tuesday, June 15, 7-8:30 p.m. (Virtual)

Ten leading Black museums and historical institutions from coast to coast will join forces for blkfreedom.org to commemorate Juneteenth. The annual collaboration has produced a film documenting the national exploration of the deep-rooted anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing" through the eyes of historic museums and anthropologists from across the United States.

Carol Anderson, "The Second" Book Event with Christopher Sebastian Parker

Wednesday, June 16, 5-6:30 p.m. (Virtual)

Historian Carol Anderson speaks about her book, "The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America," with Christopher Sebastian Parker.

ELEVATE (v.) raise or lift to a higher position

Wednesday, June 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Virtual)

ELEVATE is a showcase of Black and Brown voices uplifting one another through the art of the spoken word. This project will share untold and unseen work centered around local and national historical events, the impact of systemic racism and individuals challenging racist ideologies. Most importantly, ELEVATE is the celebration and empowerment of the people. This event is created for the community, by the community.

2021 Artist Collective

Friday, June 18, 7-8:30 p.m. (Virtual)

The Diversity, Equality, and Inclusivity Committee of the Space Needle & Chihuly Garden and Glass, alongside the Northwest African American Museum, One Vibe Africa, and Wa Na Wari, celebrate this day by raising the voices of Black and African American artists in an Artist Collective broadcast premier.

Juneteenth Jamboree

Saturday, June 19, 12-6 p.m.

Northwest African American Museum

NAAM and Rec'N'The Streets (City of Seattle Parks & Rec) present the Juneteenth Jamboree!, full of family fun, recreation, and activity from local professional sports teams.

Juneteenth Encore + Black Music Month Monday Program

Monday, June 21, 6-8 p.m. (Virtual)

Paul Porter, the author of the critically acclaimed book "BlackOut," unveils the real nature and motivations behind the music played on radio and TV. Porter shares his first-hand experiences with detailed insight as an insider and decision-maker at the industry's highest levels. A thought leader in the radio and music industry, he is a go-to expert on music, race and culture for major media outlets like CNN, MSNBC, Entertainment Tonight, FOX News, Billboard and Rolling Stone.

PARKS AND TRAILS



Volunteers needed for park projects

Our parks and trails division has three park maintenance projects coming up, and are looking for volunteers. These are great opportunities to fulfill community service hours or for business and community groups.

[Earlington Park](#) (272 Thomas Ave., 98057). A restoration project on Friday, June 18, 9-11:30 a.m. Ages 14 & older.

[Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#) (1201 Lake Washington Blvd., 98056). Litter pick-up on Monday, July 5, 8-10 a.m. Ages 10 & older.

[Liberty Park](#) (1101 Bronson Way N, 98057) & Cedar River Park (171 Maple Valley Hwy, 98057). Litter pick-up on Monday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ages 10 & older.

COMMUNITY

Walk-in vaccination clinic at Viet-Wah on Saturday

Pfizer (age 12 and up) and Johnson & Johnson (age 18 and up) vaccines will be available at a free walk-in clinic this Saturday from 12-3 p.m. at Viet-Wah Asian Food Market (2825 NE Sunset Blvd, 98056).

The clinic is presented by International Community Health Services (ICHS) and Viet-Wah. Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese language support will be available. Minors should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Contact Jessica at ICHS to reserve a vaccine or have questions answered. She can be reached via [email](#) or by calling 206-462-7166.



Lunch pop-up to serve homeless

The Emergency Feeding Program SOS pop-up is a free weekly lunch event designed for unsheltered and those residents with food insecurities. A variety of products will be available, ranging from ready-to-eat food and drinks to personal hygiene kits, socks, and cleaning supplies.

The first two events are Tuesday, June 22 & 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at [Liberty Park](#) in the parking lot off Houser Way N.



Plantasia!

Renton Downtown Partnership presents [Plantasia!](#) on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, at Renton Pavilion Event Center (233 Burnett Ave. S).

Plantasia! is a houseplant and garden show featuring unique products and plants from local and regional businesses. Live entertainment, food samples courtesy of Renton businesses, a plant-themed cocktail bar, and a raffle are also part of the fun.

[Tickets are on sale](#) and priced at \$30 for one and \$50 for two. Free parking is available in the [City Center Parking Garage](#), one block from the event center.

PROCLAMATIONS



Saluting Pride Month and gun violence awareness

The city council unanimously approved two resolutions at Monday's meeting. The first designated June as [LGBTQIA+ Pride Month](#) in Renton.

In accepting the Pride Month proclamation on behalf of Renton's LGBTQIA+ community, Winter Cashman said, "When a city flies a Pride Flag, it shows there's a government who is willing to listen and trying to affirm. We sincerely appreciate that for the last two years the city has accepted our gifts of new Pride Flags with more inclusive designs and continued to fly them.

"We appreciate the continual work done by the Renton Police Department to address concerns found in our community. Many of us look forward to more changes which will continue creating a city where LGBTQIA+ people not only feel safe and like they belong, but also feel affirmed and respected and totally free to express themselves without hesitation."

He also called attention to the newly-created [Renton Pride Passport](#). The passport was created to promote businesses and organizations that are allies of Renton's LGBTQIA+ community. Download the passport and visit as many of the 30 businesses as possible before the end of the month. Then email a photo of the passport to enter to win a gift certificate.

The second proclamation designated June 4 as [National Gun Violence Awareness Day](#) in Renton.

[Moms Demand Action For Gun Safety in America](#) participants wear orange on and around June 4 in honor of all victims and survivors of gun violence. One of the victims was 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot in the back and killed while standing with friends at a park in January 2013. One week earlier, she had performed at President Barack Obama's second inauguration. Hadiya's friends wore orange in her honor. It is now the movement's accepted color.

Kim Monroe Bass accepted the National Gun Violence Awareness Day proclamation on behalf of the Renton Chapter of Moms Demand Action For Gun Safety in America.

MUNICIPAL COURT

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BACK ON TRACK

Bench Warrant Removal Program

Do you have a Renton Court arrest warrant?
Call 425-430-6550 or email rmcourt@rentonwa.gov
In most cases, you can have the warrant removed & a new court hearing scheduled

LIMITED TIME
Apr 1 - June 30 2021

"Back on Track" available through June 30

A reminder that the ["Back on Track"](#) program expires at the end of the month.

"Back on Track" allows individuals to quash qualified bench warrants issued by any King County municipal. The program is active through June 30, 2021.

For more information, contact Renton Municipal Court at 425-430-6550 or rmcourt@rentonwa.gov.

EMPLOYMENT



Jobs with the city: Recreation Leaders

Our Recreation & Neighborhoods Division is [hiring recreation leaders](#) for youth and adult programs, and fitness and wellness programs. Bring your enthusiasm and get our community moving and having fun.

CONGRATULATIONS



Renton Technical College Foundation raises \$103,000

Congratulations to the [Renton Technical College Foundation](#) for raising more than \$103,000 to support students during its virtual Student Success Week. In years past, the foundation hosted an in-person breakfast as its largest fundraiser of the year. This year's event was via Zoom.

"Our supporters have enabled us to continue to equitably serve students and help them all succeed," said RTC President Dr. Kevin McCarthy. "Through rapid and constant change, our donors showed up for students."

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Registration open for summer recreation programs

[Recreation scholarships are available.](#)

Seattle Cascade Ultimate Frisbee Camps for ages 8-13 are open to all skill levels! Ultimate Frisbee combines the non-stop movement of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football. Camps are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Register: [June 21-25](#) or [July 12-16](#) at Cedar River Park or [July 26-30](#) at Philip Arnold Park.

Adult Volleyball Outdoor League begins June 23 for intermediate-level players. Rules include a minimum of two men and two women on the court at all times. Games are at Cedar River Park Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. [rentonwa.gov/register](#).

Renton Youth Baseball League runs June 29-Aug 19 for ages 5-6 (T-Ball) and ages 7-8 (Coach-Pitch) at Kennydale or Maplewood parks. [rentonwa.gov/register](#). Parent volunteers are essential for making this league work. [Applications are online.](#)

Basketball Skills Training 3-Day Camp, July 20-22, for ages 13-18, is designed for recreational and competitive high school-aged players. [rentonwa.gov/register](#). [August 3-5 camp](#)

COVID-19 VACCINE



VACCINE FINDER

King County Fire District 20

- [Vaccinations for those 12 and older](#) every Wednesday through June 23 at headquarters, 12424 76th Ave S., Seattle, 98178.
- No appointments are necessary at this free clinic, open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

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.

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.

June 7, 2021 meetings

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (May 24, 2021 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.

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, S. Third St. & Logan Ave. S. Through Sept. 28.

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

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



Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Recycling Event**, Renton Technical College. Accepted items are unusable tires, cardboard, mattresses and box springs (\$15 for each piece). Please remember to secure your load and wear a face covering. We have [event guidelines and a list of accepted items](#) on our website.



Monday, June 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., **Blood drive** with Cascade Regional Blood Services at [Renton Community Center.](#) [Register here](#) or call 877-242-5663 for help scheduling an appointment.

Skyway Resource Center Pop-Up!



Friday, June 18, 3-5 p.m., **Skyway Resource Center** at [Campbell Hill Elementary.](#) This event, held every other Friday, is a FREE drive through, multi-service center with access to various resources. Find the events on the Renton Innovation Zone Partnership [Facebook page.](#)

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Through July 30, **Renton History Museum** hosts [Facing the Inferno: The Wildfire Photography of Kari Greer.](#) The exhibit features over 60 dramatic photographs of wildfire and smokejumpers from six western states, taken by the official photographer for the National Interagency Fire Center. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.