



# This Week in Renton

Mayor Armando Pavone



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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Renton Municipal Court Judge Jessica Giner is sworn in by King County District Court Judge Michelle Gehlsen.

### Jessica Giner sworn in as municipal court judge

Jessica Giner was sworn in Tuesday as a full-time [Renton Municipal Court](#) judge. Judge Giner has served as a pro-tem judge in Renton for the past eight years. King County District Court Judge Michelle Gehlsen conducted the ceremony in front of family, friends, and city staff in Courtroom #2.

## COVER STORY



### Henry Moses Aquatic Center opens on June 26

The city is excited to open the [Henry Moses Aquatic Center](#) on June 26. The center will be open in a reduced capacity from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On Fridays, it will open from 2:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Each day will offer a variety of activities. At 10:30 a.m., it's splash-n-play, lap swim, and water walking. The rest of the day has two-hour open swim sessions at 12, 2:45 and 5:30 p.m. Friday mornings are reserved for staff safety training. Friday afternoons will have two sessions for open swim at 2:45 and 5:30 p.m.

"We prioritized scheduling activities that benefitted the most community members," explained Maryjane Van Cleave, the city's recreation & neighborhoods director. "That's why we have multiple open swim sessions each day but are unable to offer individual swimming lessons."

The schedule is also affected by the ability to hire staff, including lifeguards. In a unique arrangement, the city is sharing lifeguards with several surrounding cities.

"It's been hard to rebuild staff after last year," she said. "We're always looking for the best ways to adapt to current conditions. Fortunately, we've been able to work with other cities who were in the same situation."

The most significant change is pre-registration for a session using [links found on the city's website](#). Pre-registration is required as current COVID-19 restrictions do not allow walk-up payments.

The cost for each session:

- Half-pint splash-n-play: \$28 for residents (4 weekly sessions)
- Lap swim and water walking: \$5.00
- Open swim: Ages 1-4: \$4.50; Ages 5+ \$8.50

Refunds can be processed up to 48 hours ahead of your scheduled reservation time. If a reservation needs to be canceled or rescheduled, please email [recreation@rentonwa.gov](mailto:recreation@rentonwa.gov).

Guest and staff safety is at the forefront of the preparations. The city has followed Washington Recreation & Parks Association, Washington State Department of Health, and Public Health – Seattle & King County guidelines.

Guests will have access to the lazy river, water slides, activity pool, wave pool, and lap pool. There will be no food and drink service, but guests will be allowed to bring in small coolers. As in past years, glass containers, lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, wagons, barbecues, and pets are not allowed.

Lounge chairs will be available during open swim sessions with recommended sanitization procedures. Hand sanitizing stations have been added.

"We will always err on the side of caution," Ms. Van Cleave says. "We are following strict state and local protocols and have implemented safety measures used by Renton School District."

These protocols require staff to always wear face coverings. Guests will be required to complete a COVID-19 screening before entry. They also must wear face coverings when entering the facility and when not engaged in water activities.

The center will also be closed between each session for 30 to 45 minutes allowing staff to clean.

Henry Moses will host two special events this summer. First, July 29 is National Waterpark Day, which will feature water safety tips and other fun activities.

Second, Pooch Plunge returns on Sept. 11 and 12. Bring your best friend and watch as they frolic in the lap and wave pools and float down the lazy river. Pooch Plunge registration starts June 30.

As the county emerges from COVID-19 restrictions, the recreation and neighborhoods staff knows change is inevitable.

"We expect COVID restrictions to be in place into summer," says Ms. Van Cleave. "But if we get new directives from the county or state, we'll be ready. Our staff desperately wants to expand our programs and serve the community."

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

**Rising Above the Ashes**

**- A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION -**  
Saturday June 19, 2021 12pm-5pm

Location: Renton Chamber of Commerce 625 S 4th St. Renton, WA 98057

**Virtual Panel Discussion**  
Friday June 18, 2021 @ 6pm via zoom

Logos: SRP, WA State, King County, RAAP, Renton

### Juneteenth celebration tonight and Saturday

Juneteenth 2021 started with Mayor Armondo Pavone [proclaiming June 19 as Juneteenth 2021 in the City of Renton](#) at the June 14 council meeting. Renton City Council unanimously adopted the proclamation. The celebration continues with events happening this weekend.

"Rising Above the Ashes" is the theme for the city's [2021 Juneteenth celebration](#).

The two-day event kicks off tonight at 6 with a virtual panel discussion [via Zoom](#). The ID is 879 8496 5900.

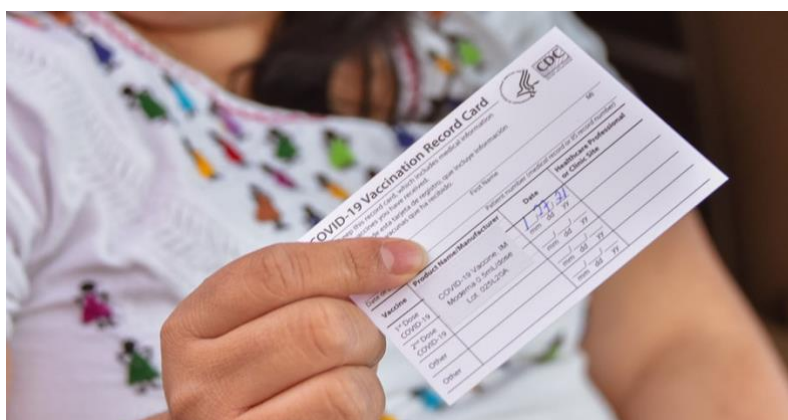
Saturday's festivities are from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Renton Chamber of Commerce, 625 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Additional booths will be in nearby Tonkin Park. There will be educational opportunities, vendors, artists, spoken word, small businesses, information for those facing evictions and much more.

[Sweet Tweets](#) will host a Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 and 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Liberty Park (101 Bronson Way N, 98057). The event will feature vendors, live performances, educational speakers, food, and a live DJ.

We [included a list of Juneteenth events](#) hosted by King County Library System and the Northwest African American Museum in last week's newsletter.

On Thursday, President Biden signed legislation establishing June 19 as [Juneteenth National Independence Day](#), a national holiday. Similar to the State of Washington, Renton will establish this as an official city holiday beginning in 2022.

## CITY HALL



### City institutes "vaccine verified" program for employees

We have updated our mask and social distancing policy for employees. These new rules are based on [guidance from the Department of Labor & Industries](#).

Fully vaccinated employees (those two weeks after their last shot) are no longer required to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing while working with other employees. City employees will continue to wear masks when interacting with members of the community.

To become "vaccine verified," employees complete a form and show proof of vaccination to the city's risk management staff. Employees are given a "V" sticker to place on their ID badge.

Kelsey Ternes, the city's risk manager, [presented the program](#) to city council during Monday's Committee of the Whole meeting.

While employees are hard at work, many remotely, our buildings remain closed to the public—including city hall. We are working toward a gradual, safe reopening of city hall in July with limited days and hours. In the meantime, we continue to provide innovative options for services online and appreciate your patience. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

## URBAN FORESTRY



# ROOTED IN RENTON

### Rooted in Renton: urban forestry management plan update

The Urban Forestry & Natural Resources division is in the process of developing a 10-year update to the city's Urban Forest Management Plan. The plan will serve as a road map to support the long-term dedication to maintain and enhance the urban forest.

We invite you to [visit the project website](#) and provide input as we move through the process.

## RECREATION & NEIGHBORHOODS



### Swim beaches to get lifeguards starting June 28

Renton's two swimming beaches at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park will have lifeguards on-site starting June 28. They will be on duty from 12:30-7:30 p.m. seven days a week.



### Book Maplewood GC tee times online

Your next tee time at [Maplewood Golf Course](#) is now just a click away. Earlier this month, online booking was introduced.

Maplewood staff have also posted new [flyover videos](#) of each of their 18 holes.

FUN FOR ALL AGES		
Families with children of all ages are welcome to participate in this <b>free</b> event. Add a little American pride to your bike, scooter, or non-motorized ride!		
DATES AND LOCATIONS		
Tuesday, <b>June 29th</b> Noon-2pm Cascade Elementary School	Thursday, <b>July 1st</b> Noon-2pm Highlands Elementary School	Saturday, <b>July 3rd</b> 10am-Noon Renton Community Center
VISIT <a href="http://rentonwa.gov/events">rentonwa.gov/events</a> for more information!		
		Register Now!

### Red, White & Bike neighborhood celebrations

Join a Red, White and Bike Parade in your community hosted by City of Renton Recreation & Neighborhoods Division, in collaboration with City of Renton Transportation, Renton Police Department, and Renton Regional Fire Authority.

This celebration features star-spangled embellishments provided to any rider who registers, water activities to keep riders cool, and a tasty summertime treat once you cross the finish line.

This event is free to the public. All riders participating in the parade are asked to wear a helmet. For any questions, please email [recreation@rentonwa.gov](mailto:recreation@rentonwa.gov).



### Summer recreation programs

**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. Sign up at [rentonwa.gov/register](http://rentonwa.gov/register) for [June 21-25](#) or [July 12-16](#) at Cedar River Park or [July 26-30](#) at Philip Arnold Park.

**Renton Youth Baseball League** runs June 29-Aug 19 for ages 5-6 (T-Ball) and ages 7-8 (Coach-Pitch) at Kennydale Park or Maplewood Park. Register soon at [rentonwa.gov/register](http://rentonwa.gov/register). Parent volunteers are essential for making this league work—applications can be found at [rentonwa.gov/volunteer](http://rentonwa.gov/volunteer).

**Basketball Skills Training 3-Day Camp**, July 20-22, for ages 13-18, is designed to help players who play recreationally and competitive players

looking to make their high school team. Register at [rentonwa.gov/register](https://rentonwa.gov/register) with code 9816. (For the upcoming August 3-5 camp, use [code 9817](#).)

[Recreation scholarships](#) are available.

## COVID-19 UPDATE



### King County's mask directive ends June 29

On Tuesday, King County reached an important milestone. Now [70% of residents age 16 and older](#) have completed their vaccine series.

That means that in two weeks ([allowing for full vaccine protection](#)), [King County's mask directive](#) will end on June 29. [Washington state's mask guidance](#) will be in effect.

## 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 14 meetings

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (June 7, 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](https://rentonwa.gov/council). Past meetings are available at [rentonwa.gov/youtube](https://rentonwa.gov/youtube).

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 21. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m.

## EMPLOYMENT



### City jobs: instructors, guest services and recreation

Do you have talents, skills, and experience that you want to share with our community? Then the city's Recreation and Neighborhood Division invites you to become a partner in providing recreational programming. The division seeks individuals and organizations to teach fitness/wellness, art, and enrichment classes for preschool students thru seniors. If interested, please email [recreation@rentonwa.gov](mailto:recreation@rentonwa.gov).

They also need [supplemental/part-time staff](#) to assist with recreation programs and building operations.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### Free summer meals program starts June 30

Renton School District will provide free summer meals for all children ages 1-18 beginning June 30. A 7-day meal pack [will be provided each Wednesday at several schools and community locations](#). All students and families are welcome to pick up meals. Students in summer school programs will be provided a meal on-site.

[Pre-ordering](#) is strongly recommended but not required.



# LUNCH POP-UP!



## EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM/SOS

### Pop-up events to serve homeless

The Emergency Feeding Program SOS pop-up is a free lunch event designed for the unsheltered and 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 and 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at [Liberty Park](#) in the parking lot off Houser Way N.



### Wine Walk

Join us at three locations around downtown for the Downtown Renton Wine Walk on Saturday, July 10, from 3 to 8 p.m. Over 10 Northwest wineries will be featured along with local vendors, food, and more. [Tickets are limited, so don't delay.](#)

## 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.](#)

**Tuesday, June 22 & 29, 12:30-2 p.m.,** Emergency Feeding Program at Liberty Park, a weekly FREE lunch event for the unsheltered and residents with food insecurities. Ready-to-eat food and drinks, personal hygiene kits, socks, and cleaning supplies will be available.



**Saturday & Sunday, June 26 & 27, Plantasia!** Renton Downtown Partnership presents [Plantasia!](#) at Renton Pavilion Event Center (233 Burnett Ave. N), 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 part of the fun. [Tickets are on sale](#) and priced at \$30 for one and \$50 for two. Free parking available in the [City Center Parking Garage](#), one block from the event center.



**Renton History Museum** is hosting an exhibit from the Prichard Gallery at the University of Idaho titled "Facing the Inferno: The Wildfire Photography of Kari Greer." She is 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.

## COVID-19 VACCINE



## VACCINE FINDER

### King County Fire District 20

- [Vaccinations for those 12 and older](#) every Wednesday through June 23 at headquarters, 12424 76<sup>th</sup> 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://seattledbcs.org/>.
- Walk-in vaccination (no appointment required) is also available Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., while supplies last.