



# This Week in Renton

Mayor Armondo Pavone



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## City to open cooling centers; tips to safely beat the heat

### SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

City partners with county's Health Through Housing Initiative

### SUMMER EVENTS

Coulon open on July 4; check out summer activities

### YOUR DRINKING WATER

2021 Water Quality Report available

## MAYOR'S UPDATE



The Extended Stay America hotel in Renton has been bought by King County as part of the county's Health Through Housing initiative.

### County's hotel purchase signifies new chapter in housing for those experiencing homelessness in Renton.

On Tuesday, June 22, King County Executive Dow Constantine announced the purchase of the Extended Stay Hotel located in Renton. This is one of many hotels King County plans to purchase across several cities within its borders, through their [Health Through Housing](#) program.

King County is the owner and operator of the facility. The county's human services department will consult with us on potential providers and services organizations that could offer 24/7 staffing and onsite services for approximately 115 people.

The county's purchase marks an important new chapter in housing in Renton for those experiencing homelessness. King County's emergency shelter (located at the former Red Lion Hotel) was intended as a short-term solution to house residents from a Seattle facility during the early stages of the pandemic. As the current residents of the emergency shelter transition to other locations across the county, the county will also be working to convert and staff the Extended Stay facility with an expected opening in late summer or fall.

Additionally, we will continue working with our other partners, such as [Renton Housing Authority](#), who seek to bolster our affordable housing options and put permanent housing within reach for more people.

We expect improved safety of our shared spaces and an overall improvement in the quality of life within our community by working to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Renton and South King County.

For more information, please contact the [King County Department of Community and Human Services \(DCHS\)](#) via email, [DCHS@kingcounty.gov](mailto:DCHS@kingcounty.gov) or (206) 263-9105 TTY Relay: 711.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Front row (left to right) Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone; Renton Schools Foundation Board member Christina Park; Dale Walker, owner, Walker's Renton Subaru; Renton Schools Foundation Chair Pam Teal; Renton School Board member Shelby Scovel; Walker's General Sales Manager James Capestany; Renton Schools

**Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude. Back row (left to right) Walker's Renton Subaru sales team members.**

## Walker's Subaru donation to Renton schools tops \$700,000

Dale Walker, the owner of Walker's Renton Subaru, donated nearly \$62,000 to benefit students and teachers in the Renton School District. Walker's Subaru pledges \$250 to the [Renton Schools Foundation](#) for each Subaru sold as part of Subaru of America's national [Share the Love](#) event. The donation represents every new Subaru purchased or leased between November 2020 thru January 2021. This is the ninth year they have donated to Renton schools, totaling more than \$700,000.

Renton Schools Foundation will use the money to continue funding programs that benefit students in every school in the district, including teacher grants for classroom instruction, STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs, music, arts, literacy programs, and more.

## COVER STORY



## City to open cooling centers in response to record high temperatures

With record high temperatures are forecast for this weekend and into next week, the city will open two facilities to serve as cooling centers.

"Throughout the city, we're making our response to this emergency a priority to help protect our residents," said Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone. "The temperatures we're seeing are record-breaking and a threat, especially to our seniors. Opening these city facilities will provide a place to relax and stay cool."

The [Senior Activity Center](#) (211 Burnett Ave. N., Renton, 98057) will open for senior residents only from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 through Tuesday, June 29. Capacity will be limited to 100 people.

A [study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) showed seniors are more prone to heat stress:

- Older adults do not adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in temperature.
- They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat.
- They are more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body's ability to control its temperature or sweat.

The [Renton Community Center](#) (1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton, 98057) will also be open from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 through Tuesday, June 29. All ages are welcome. Capacity will be limited to 100 people.

No pets will be allowed, and face coverings are required for all who enter either facility. City staff will have a supply of masks. Please bring personal entertainment devices (including headphones), and books, and relax in a cool and quiet environment. WiFi is available.

We've also looked to our trusted partners to find these tips to help you heat the heat. Public Health – Seattle & King County has prepared a fun [Stay Safe in the Heat](#) mini comic book in multiple languages to help cope.

[Renton Regional Fire Authority](#) (RRFA) has these tips to stay cool and hydrated:

- Drink plenty of water.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- If you are outside, find shade.
- Avoid high-energy activities.
- Use plenty of sunscreen and reapply often.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a vehicle.
- Check sidewalk temps before walking pets.
- Check on family members and neighbors.
- Learn to recognize the warning signs of exhaustion and heatstroke.

Many of us will head to a pool, lake, or river to cool off. RRFA has your safety in mind with these reminders:

- Always supervise children on, in or around water.
- Do not drink alcohol while swimming or boating.
- Do not attempt a rescue unless you have specialized training and/or equipment.
- Be aware of your surroundings and potential water hazards.
- Moving water (rivers) is very dangerous. Good swimmer or not, always wear a life jacket.
- Pay attention to the weather and tide tables.
- Know the temperature of the water to prevent hypothermia.
- Learn to swim.
- Take water safety class, [learn first aid and CPR](#).
- If operating a boat in the state of Washington – you must have a Boater Education Card.

Hot weather means dry conditions, which increases the risk of fire. Following these tips will help prevent unwanted fires.

- Dispose of smoking materials properly in non-combustible ashtrays or extinguish them in water or sand.
- Avoid using welding, grinding, or mowing equipment near dry weeds and grass.
- Avoid parking vehicles in dry, weedy areas. The temperature of vehicle exhaust components can easily ignite dry grass and weeds.
- Don't overload electrical outlets with portable fans, air conditioners, or extension cords. Likewise, don't use extension cords with air conditioners.
- Keep a fire extinguisher, water hose, or bucket handy in the event a fire occurs.
- Observe no-burn regulations and fireworks restrictions.
- A burn ban is still in effect.

And let's not forget about our pets:

- Limit exercise on hot days.
- Keep indoors or provide ample shade and water.
- Watch out for hot pavement.
- Never leave pets in parked vehicles.

We've also [compiled answers in 18 languages to the most frequently asked questions](#). [link to come]



## JULY 4



### July 4 at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

[Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#) will be open on Sunday, July 4, for modified day use from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ivar's and Kidd Valley restaurants will be open until 6:30 p.m.

The park's picnic shelters are closed but individual picnic tables are open as are the open areas of the park.

Both the south beach at Coulon and Kennydale Beach Park will have lifeguards on duty from 12:30-7 p.m. Renton police will be on patrol and Renton Regional Fire Authority water rescue will be stationed at the boat launch.

The boat launch is open around the clock. Launch permits [can be purchased online](#) or by calling 425-430-6700 and selecting option 8. Please follow the informational signage for launching and retrieving your vessel. The parking area is open only to tow vehicles with trailers and car toppers. All other vehicles may be cited.

We ask all who use the park to remember to bring hand sanitizer and continue to practice safe social distancing. Face coverings are recommended if unvaccinated.

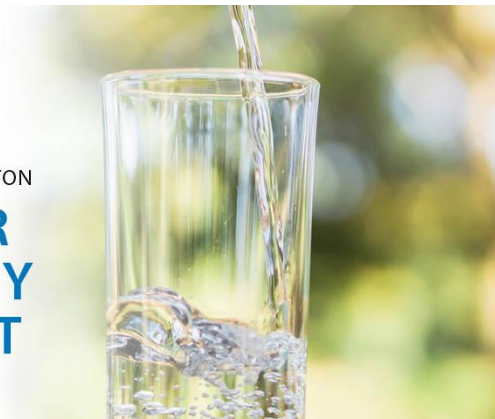
There will be no program or fireworks display. However, we are working on scheduling the fireworks for an upcoming event.

## WATER QUALITY



2021 CITY OF RENTON

## WATER QUALITY REPORT



### Water quality report available

The city's annual Water Quality Report is now [posted on our website](#).

Providing our residents drinking water that is safe and of the highest quality is the city's top priority. The Water Quality Report has detailed information on the source, mineral content, quality standards, protection, and conservation efforts we have in place.

The report also provides several easy water-saving tips from the Saving Water Partnership that you can use at home.

For a printed copy of the report, call 425-430-7287 or [email](#) Lauren Imhoff.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The city has several events for all ages on our summer calendar:

**CITY OF RENTON  
RECREATION & NEIGHBORHOODS**

# RED, WHITE & BIKE

**NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES**  
Families with children of all ages are welcome to participate in this **free** event. Add a little American pride to your bike, scooter, or non-motorized ride!

<b>Tuesday, June 29th</b> Noon-2pm Cascade Elementary School	<b>Thursday, July 1st</b> Noon-2pm Highlands Elementary School	<b>Saturday, July 3rd</b> 10am-Noon Renton Community Center
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**FREE! Register at [rentonwa.gov/register](https://rentonwa.gov/register)**

### Red, White, & Bike

Families with children are invited to participate in the first Red, White, & Bike Neighborhood Celebration.

- Tuesday, June 29, 12-2 p.m. at Cascade Elementary School
- Thursday, July 1, 12-2 p.m. at Highlands Elementary School
- Saturday, July 3, 12-2 p.m. at Renton Community Center

Red, White, & Bike is free to the public. It is presented by the city's recreation & neighborhoods division, in collaboration with the transportation division, Renton Police Department, and Renton Regional Fire Authority.

All registrants will receive star-spangled embellishments for their bicycle. There will be water activities to keep riders cool and tasty summertime treats after crossing the finish line.

[Register to reserve your spot](#). All riders are required to wear a helmet. Questions? Email [recreation@rentonwa.gov](mailto:recreation@rentonwa.gov).



### Summer sports camps

There are also [a variety of camps](#) this July and August. The choices include ultimate frisbee, basketball, baseball, soccer, and Skyhawks Sports. In addition, [recreation scholarships are available](#) for those most in need.



### Wine Walk

One of the city's most popular events, Renton Wine Walk, returns on Saturday, July 10. There are three available time slots, 3-4:30 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. This year will feature over 10 Northwest wineries along with local vendors, food, and more.

Tickets are \$30 and include 10 one-ounce drink tokens and a souvenir wine glass, which are available at check-in at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. Free event parking is available in the [City Center Parking Garage](#), one block from the event center.



### Renton Farmers Market

[Renton Farmers Market](#) is open every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. On Tuesday, June 29, Healthy Kids Corner returns. Representatives from Washington State University's Extension SNAP-Ed and Piazza Renton volunteers will hand out homemade playdough and fun kid's activities to take home to your kids. Free parking is available in the [City Center Parking Garage](#), one block away.

1719 SE MAPLE VALLEY HWY, RENTON

## Henry Moses Aquatic Center Summer 2021 Schedule

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
			Water Walking, Lap Swim, Half Pint Splash-n-Play 10:30-11:30am  Open Swim 1 12-2pm  Open Swim 2 2:45-4:45pm  Open Swim 3 5:30-7:30pm	Open Swim 2 2:45-4:45pm  Open Swim 3 5:30-7:30pm	Water Walking, Lap Swim, Half Pint Splash-n-Play 10:30-11:30am  Open Swim 1 12-2pm  Open Swim 2 2:45-4:45pm  Open Swim 3 5:30-7:30pm	Water Walking, Lap Swim, Half Pint Splash-n-Play 10:30-11:30am  Open Swim 1 12-2pm  Open Swim 2 2:45-4:45pm  Open Swim 3 5:30-7:30pm

Registration information at [rentonwa.gov/hmac](http://rentonwa.gov/hmac)

### Henry Moses Aquatic Center

[Henry Moses Aquatic Center](#) will open tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. The center will operate 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.

Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays will feature Half-pint splash-n-play (\$28 for residents for 4 weekly sessions) and lap swim and water walking (\$5.00) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. In addition, there are three, two-hour open swim sessions (ages 1-4: \$4.50; ages 5+ \$8.50) at 12, 2:45 and 5:30 p.m. Friday features two open swim sessions at 2:45 and 5:30 p.m. The center will also be closed between each session for 30 to 45 minutes allowing staff to clean.

Pre-registration is required as current COVID-19 restrictions do not allow walk-up payments. Refunds can be processed up to 48 hours ahead of a scheduled reservation time. If a reservation needs to be canceled or rescheduled, please email [recreation@rentonwa.gov](mailto:recreation@rentonwa.gov).



### Swim beaches to get lifeguards starting July 4

Renton's two swimming beaches at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennedydale Beach Park will be staffed with lifeguards starting July 4. Lifeguards will be on-site from 12:30-7:30 p.m. daily.

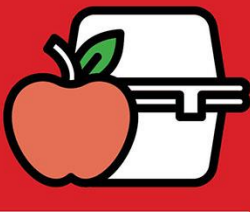
## COMMUNITY






### 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 event to serve homeless

The Emergency Feeding Program’s SOS pop-up provides a free lunch for unsheltered residents or those with food insecurities. In addition, a variety of products will be available, including ready-to-eat food and drinks to personal hygiene kits, socks, and cleaning supplies. The next pop-up is Tuesday, June 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at [Liberty Park](#) in the parking lot off Houser Way N.



## Cascade Vista

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# SANDLOT SATURDAY

JULY 17<sup>th</sup>

FREE EVENT FOR AGES 4-12  
REGISTER NOW AT [CVAC.ORG](#)

### Cascade Vista Baseball Sandlot Saturday

Register your son or daughter for Cascade Vista Athletic Club’s (CVAC) free [Sandlot Saturday](#) on July 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CVAC will provide all registered participants a t-shirt and a retro CVAC baseball cap, as well as a chance to win great prizes. Be sure to bring your baseball glove and a helmet. Space is limited so [register by July 5](#).

While you’re at the event, we’ll have free *Hate Has No Home Here* yard signs and posters available. Thank you, Cascade Vista Baseball, for displaying our ‘Hate Has No Home Here’ banners at the field.

## 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 Angelina Benedetti.

### June 21 meetings

- [Meeting documents](#) (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
- [Council meeting video](#)
- [Committee of the Whole video](#)
- [Approved Minutes](#) (June 21, 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](#).

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 28. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m.

## CALENDAR

**Daily, Senior Meals, Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.**, 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. Find the weekly link on the [Renton Live Facebook page](#).

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

**Saturday & Sunday, June 26-27, 2-7 p.m.**, [Urban Market Pop-Up](#) at [Hyatt Regency Lake Washington](#). Local vendors in this outdoor market on their dock.

**Tuesday, June 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. Along with ready-to-eat food and drinks, personal hygiene kits, socks, and cleaning supplies will be available.

**Saturday, July 10, 3-8 p.m., [Downtown Renton Wine Walk](#).** Three 90-minute time slots available to sample offerings from 10 Northwest wineries. Local vendors, food, and more will be part of the fun.



**Sunday, July 11, 1-6 p.m., [Return to Renton Car Show](#)** at New Life Church on Maple Valley Highway. Free for spectators. Donations are appreciated and will be used to fund local youth educational and recreational programs.

## 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.