



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Henry Moses Aquatic Center to operate on a full schedule starting June 25

We're excited to return to a full seven-day-a-week schedule at [Henry Moses Aquatic Center](#) (HMAC). HMAC will offer a variety of activities for all ages starting on Saturday, June 25.

- [Make your reservation](#)

Each day will offer two open swim sessions from 12 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Water Walking and Lap Swims for those 18 and older are 9 to 11:30 a.m. every day except Friday. Half Pint Splash-n-Play for ages six months to five years is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every day except Friday.

New for 2022 is an Open Swim Pass valid for open swim sessions. Price at \$150 for residents and \$180 for non-residents, the pass is perfect for those who plan at least 10 HMAC visits. The pass does not guarantee admission. It requires an online reservation and a \$1.00 reservation fee. Single-session open swim prices are \$8 for ages 1 to 4 and \$16 for five and older.

The cost of a single session of Water Walking and Lap Swim is \$7. A season pass card is \$60 for residents and \$72 for non-residents.

Friday nights will feature special events ranging from adaptive recreation nights to a parks and recreation celebration in July. The [HMAC webpage](#) will have more details.

Swim beaches will not have lifeguards

Cities across the state and country have experienced a shortage of lifeguards, and we are not exempt. According to the [American Lifeguard Association](#), the nationwide lifeguard shortage will likely affect about a third of the country's 300,000 pools this summer.

We've been fortunate to hire enough lifeguards to offer a full HMAC schedule. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough applications to hire lifeguards for our swim beaches at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park. These swim beaches will be open starting June 25, but swimming is at your own risk.

We are still actively [hiring lifeguards](#). The pay ranges from \$17 an hour for Lifeguard I to \$25 an hour for Lifeguard III. Lifeguards II and III perform lead and supervisory duties. Placement and rate of pay depend on the successful applicant's experience and qualifications. Hours vary up to 40 hours a week. Applicants must be at least 15 years old.



Don Persson served the residents of Renton for 53 years as a police officer and city council member.

City Council approves renaming Senior Center in honor of Don Persson

The Parks and Recreation Department received city council approval Monday to rename Renton Senior Activity Center in honor of Don Persson.

Mr. Persson, who passed away on October 4, 2021, served the residents of Renton for 53 years, 33 years as a member of the Renton Police Department, and 20 years as a city council member. He's being honored for his accomplishments, tireless volunteerism, and dedication to the community.

Mr. Persson was one of the founders of Renton River Days and a board member of Communities In Schools. He provided food and other supplies to REACH's Center of Hope. For 27 years, he was the driving force behind the city's annual Thanksgiving dinner for seniors at Renton Senior Activity Center. In addition, he gave his time, money, and considerable culinary skills at many neighborhood picnics, community events, employee recognition lunches, and more.

City staff is currently reviewing suggested names for the facility with the family. They will bring recommendations for approval by the Mayor and Council in the next few weeks.



Celebrate Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the celebration commemorating the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas. For the first time, it's now a city holiday.

Several community groups have activities planned for June 18 and 19:

- **Annual Community BBQ** presented by Doug Baldwin Jr. and United Way of King County. Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Renton Memorial Stadium. [Tickets are \\$10 per person.](#)
- **And Still We Rise** free community celebration. Saturday, June 18, at 12 p.m., BLM Mural (302 Lake Street).
- **Juneteenth Celebration and Festival** Free presented by Renton School District. Saturday, June 18, 2 to 6 p.m., Campbell Elementary (6418 S 124th St, Seattle 98178). Activities will include a BBQ, games, a job fair, & more. [Register](#) for the event.
- **Inaugural Juneteenth Royal Ball** (SOLD OUT) Presented by [Black-Owned Business Excellence](#) (BOBE). Sunday, June 19, 7-11 p.m. Renton Pavilion Events Center.



Raising the Pride Flag were Councilmember Carmen Rivera, Mayor Armondo Pavone, Councilmembers Ryan McIrvine, Councilmember Ed Prince, Police Chief Jon Schuldt, and Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran.



Alex Shockey accepts the Pride Month proclamation from Mayor Pavone at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Pride Month starts with the raising of the Pride Flag and proclamation

Monday Councilmember Carmen Rivera, the first openly queer person to serve on Renton City Council, raised the Pride Flag over Renton City Hall.

- [Pride Flag raising photos](#)

Later Monday, the city council unanimously passed a proclamation designating June as [Pride Month in Renton](#).

"These two actions show our pride in being an incredibly inclusive city," said Mayor Armondo Pavone. "We work daily to promote and develop an inclusive and welcoming community for everybody. The raising of the Pride Flag is representative of that. We want members of the LGBTQIA+ community to know we hear you and support you."

Before raising the flag, Councilmember Rivera said, "It's an incredible honor to be the first openly queer council member elected to Renton City Council. This flag represents the community, and I am very proud to have been raised here. And I hope it sends the message that we welcome everyone."

Throughout June, Renton LGBTQIA+ Community encourages all to support local businesses and organizations that have been allies through the [Renton Pride Passport](#). Visit them and collect a sticker. Email a photo of your passport to rentonlgbt@gmail.com for the chance to win a gift certificate to a local business.



Mayor Pavone presents Presidente Municipal Juan Manuel Torres Arreola a Seattle Sounders FC jersey.

Cuatla delegation visits Renton

Mayor Pavone and Councilmembers Valerie O'Halloran and Carmen Rivera welcomed Juan Manuel Torres Arreola, Presidente Municipal, and a delegation from our Sister City of Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico, to city hall on Tuesday. Renton and Cuautla have been Sister Cities since 2001.

With 2,000 former residents of Cuautla now calling Renton home, the Sister City program enhances cultural awareness and mutual appreciation, creates lasting community friendships, provides opportunities for professional exchanges, and strengthens international relationships.



Renton Farmers Market opens

[Renton Farmers Market](#) opened its 2022 season under sunny skies at [Piazza Park](#). The market is held every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. through September 27.

- [Opening Day photos](#)

RECYCLE EVENT
Mattress, Cardboard, Styrofoam & Tire Collection
Saturday, June 11, 10am–2pm
RTC, NE 6th Pl. & Monroe Ave. NE
rentonwa.gov/recycleevents

Recycle Event on Saturday

[Recycle mattresses, box springs, cardboard, and tires](#) this Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Renton Technical College’s north parking lot (NE 6th Place and Monroe Ave NE).

There is a \$15 per piece charge for mattresses and box springs. They also must be dry with no excessive stains, bed bugs, or blood stains.

Cardboard brought for recycling must be flattened.

Car, pickup, truck, and motorcycle tires, including bias ply, steel belted and studded will be accepted. We will not accept semi-truck or tractor tires. There is a limit of 10 tires per load. Please remove tires from rims.



Clean Economy Strategy survey closes June 22

There’s a little less than two weeks remaining to help shape our Clean Economy Strategy 2.0.

Please share your ideas on building resilience and sustainability by [completing our survey](#) by June 22. The survey is available in 5 languages: English, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, and Spanish. Everyone completing the survey can enter a raffle to win a gift card.

The developed strategy will lead to a series of local policies to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, enhance environmental sustainability, and prepare for climate change.

In other 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](#).

[City Council update](#) (agendas, documents, and video from the most current meeting)

[Clean Economy Strategy 2.0 Survey](#) (closes June 22)

[COVID-19](#) (vaccine locations, current mandates, resources)

[Parks Projects](#) (Kennydale Beach, Kiwanis, Coulon)

[Pop-Up Lunches on Tuesdays](#)

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events)

[Renton Farmers Market](#) (Piazza Park, Tuesdays 3-7 p.m.)

[Traffic Projects](#) (impactful traffic around the city)