



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Do you know where Renton's drinking water comes from? Or how many gallons Renton residents and businesses used in 2021? How about the best way to water your lawn or garden?

The answer to those questions and much more can be found in Renton's [2022 Water Quality Report](#).

Produced by our Public Works Department, the annual report traces our water supply from the source to your house or business. It also serves as your guide to water conservation.

You'll learn how many gallons of water were used in 2021, the source, and if it's treated. In addition, the report shows the steps Public Works has taken to comply with the Municipal Water Law and identify and correct leaks as part of our Water Loss Control Action Plan.

There are tips and strategies on building a beautiful, healthy lawn using minimal watering, how to protect salmon runs and available rebates through the city's membership in the Saving Water Partnership.

Conservation tips are also included. Find tips to help save salmon runs, create a sustainable garden, fix leaking toilets, "water-wise" your lawn, and save water while having summer fun.

The report is [on our website](#) as a downloadable pdf as a translatable document.



Councilmember James Alberson accepts the Juneteenth proclamation from Mayor Armondo Pavone at Monday's city council meeting.



City proclaims June 19 as Juneteenth in Renton

Sunday, June 19, is [officially Juneteenth in Renton](#).

First-year Renton City Councilmember James Alberson accepted the proclamation at last night's council meeting.

Mr. Alberson paid tribute to his late mother for teaching him the importance of the holiday.

"Living in Texas, Juneteenth for my mother was always a big deal. Unfortunately, she passed away last year. I wish she was around to see that it's become a federal holiday because I know she's saying, 'ain't that something.' So, I accept this (proclamation) on her behalf."

Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865, commemorating the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas. That date was two-and-a-half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. The proclamation declared, "all persons held as slaves with the Confederate states are henceforward free."

In Renton, we look back to 1888 when 300 Black men from Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky determined to escape the post-Civil War South. Among their number was James Shepperson, who settled in Roslyn and inspired many more Blacks to migrate to the Northwest to pursue new opportunities as miners.

"Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge African American freedom and their contributions and achievements to our community yesterday and today," said Mayor Armondo Pavone. "We affirm our commitment to being a city that is inclusive to all races, ethnicities, and nationalities."

For the first time, Juneteenth is a federal and city holiday. As a result, city offices will be closed on Monday, June 20, in observance.

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 Ave. S).
- **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.



Girls on the Run 5K in 2022.

Planning an event in the city

The City of Renton hosts many special events during the year. These range from large conventions to sporting events to small and large community-based events.

They may differ in size, but all raise the quality of life for our residents, visitors, and tourists and strengthen our economy.

If you're considering choosing Renton for your event, we've made the process easy through our Temporary Event Permitting process. Event permits are required, and the process ensures your event will take place in a safe environment.

A [Temporary Event Permit](#) is required if your event is:

- A pre-planned outdoor activity that involves the use of, or has an impact on, public property, parks, and facilities; and/or needs city public safety services provisions.

- On private property but may still impact public safety services.

Examples of events requiring permits include but are not limited to parades, demonstrations, concerts, run/walk events, celebrations, commercial or non-profit/fundraising, community events, and forms of entertainment, amusement, and cultural recognition.

Please submit your application at least 90 days before the event date.

Our City Event Permit Committee, representing multiple city departments, reviews each application. Committee members are chosen for their event expertise to ensure a safe and memorable experience for event planners, attendees, and our community.

For more information and questions, please [visit our website](#) or email eventpermits@rentonwa.gov.



Renton Police Chief Jon Schuldt and Renton Regional Fire Authority Chief Steve Heitman tape their July 4 safety message outside City Hall.

Fourth of July safety

Renton Police Chief Jon Schuldt and Renton Regional Fire Authority Chief Steve Heitman taped their annual July 4 fireworks safety video this week. Look for it soon on our social media channels. The chiefs also promoted the upcoming [4th of July event](#) at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.

Please remember that the [sale and discharging of fireworks is illegal](#) within the Renton City Limits. The ban has been in effect since 2005. This year, the same ban applies to all areas of incorporated King County.

Plans are still being finalized for the celebration at Coulon Park. However, we do know the evening's events will be capped by a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

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)