



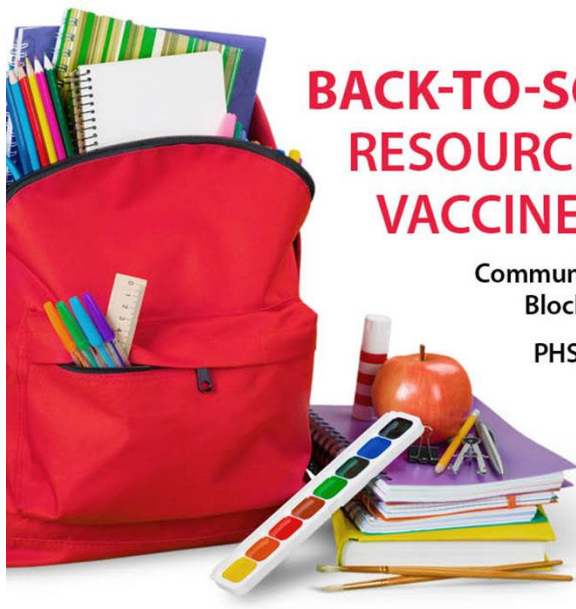
THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCES AND VACCINE CLINIC

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Back to School Block Party

Communities In Schools-Renton Tukwila hosts its fourth annual [back-to-school block party](#) on Sunday, August 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Liberty Park, 1101 Bronson Way 98057. Activities include a DJ and free backpacks, school supplies, shoes, haircuts, bicycle helmets, and more.

Vaccinations

Public Health-Seattle & King County hosts a back-to-school vaccination clinic on Wednesday, August 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Renton School District offices, 300 SW 7th St., 98057.

The clinic is one of several hosted by Stepping Stone Pediatrics, Seattle Children's Hospital/Odesa Brown Clinic, and MultiCare. Vaccines at the clinic are free; you will not need insurance or proof of immigration status. You may be asked for insurance information but will not be charged or turned away for lack of insurance.

The clinic will offer these vaccines for kids through age 18:

- MMR (protects against measles, mumps, and rubella)
- Tdap and DTaP (protect against tetanus, Diphtheria, and pertussis)
- Polio
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (protects against chickenpox)
- COVID-19
- HPV (protects against human papillomavirus)
- Meningococcal (protects against meningitis and other infections)

The flu vaccine will not be available. However, Public Health-Seattle & King County has a list of [upcoming flu clinics](#).



Rainier/Grady Junction TOD Subarea Plan open house

The city will hold an open house to collect input on the next phase of the [Rainier/Grady Junction Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\) Subarea Plan](#). This new phase includes planned action and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The [Zoom meeting](#) is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, at 6 p.m. The agenda includes a discussion of the project, the timeline, and the environmental impact. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are encouraged to participate in the discussion.

If you are not available to attend, written comments will be accepted until September 1, 2022. Comments should help inform what should be studied (e.g., land use, environmental topics, growth alternatives, etc.). Send comments via mail or email to:

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The city was awarded a \$250,000 competitive grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce to complete this phase. Designating a Planned Action streamlines environmental review for development proposals within the area. The city has successfully used this approach in developing Southport, The Landing, and Sunset Neighborhood Area.

The subarea plan, adopted in 2021, provides a vision and strategies to facilitate a mixed-use development, maximize multi-modal transportation options, and improve pedestrian connectivity. The result is an active urban neighborhood.



Working Washington Grants

Washington State Legislature has allocated the fifth round of grant funding for small businesses affected by the pandemic.

In this round of [Working Washington grants](#), \$70 million has been set aside for these specific targeted groups or sectors:

- 60% for the arts, heritage, and science sectors, including those that operate live entertainment venues
- 40% for most other sectors, including hospitality, fitness, and personal services

Applications are due September 9. The state department of commerce will notify grantees and disburse funding in early October.



2023 tourism promotion grants available

Our Economic Development division is accepting applications for [2023 tourism promotion grants](#). The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2022.

Grants are available to non-profit organizations operating events or installations designed to attract tourism to Renton. The activities need not be located within the Renton city limits. However, they must show measurable drive-in tourism within the city limits. Organizations may apply for multiple events. Capital expenditures are not eligible for funding.

Applications for multiday events, including athletics and events promoting diversity and inclusivity, are encouraged, as are projects with a proven record of attracting overnight visitors.

The city's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) reviews applications and invites finalists to present their proposals on November 8 via Zoom. The committee then forwards funding recommendations to Renton City Council, which makes the final determination.

We have the [application and more information online](#).

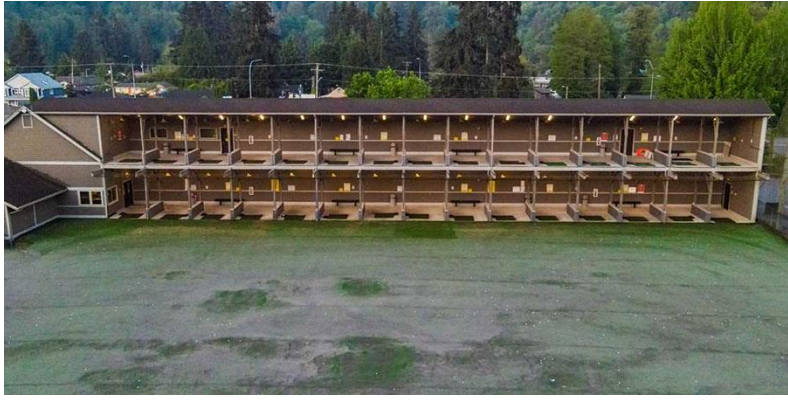
Washington state's Hotel-Motel Tax, collected on all in-city lodging stays of less than 30 days, funds Tourism Promotion Grants.



History Museum now open Tuesdays

[Renton History Museum](#) is now open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free on the first Friday of each month. Mask-required hours are Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Masks are also encouraged at other times. Current temporary exhibits include *With This Ring*, a history of marriage in Renton, and *Ukraine: Carpathian Mountain Villages*, a collection of photographs by Anna Mia Davidson.

With their expanded hours, the museum needs volunteers. Volunteers help the museum fulfill its mission to the community by leading tours, greeting Saturday visitors, or helping with special projects. If you're interested, we have more [information and an application online](#).



Maplewood driving range to temporarily close

The driving range at [Maplewood Golf Course](#) will be closed from Tuesday, August 23 through approximately Monday, September 5, to replace perimeter netting. Notifications will be sent if the project is completed ahead of schedule.



Renton Film Frenzy returns

The [Renton Film Frenzy](#) is back.

The Frenzy is a challenge to professional, amateur, and student filmmakers to work with a Renton organization and produce a short film. The final content must reflect the partnered organization's values, the filmmaker's personal style, and our city's diversity.

You have 72 hours to complete the project, from September 2 to 4. As a bonus, films will be premiered at Renton Civic Theatre on September 9. The winning films will be screened at the Seattle Film Summit, the Northwest's largest film industry event.

Interested? Find more [information, rules, and a link to register online](#).



Fill The Boot

[Renton Regional Fire Authority](#) (RFA) firefighters and staff volunteered their time to raise awareness and over \$5,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through their ["Fill the Boot" campaign](#).

RFA Lieutenant Dominick Shannon organized the effort, which saw Renton Firefighters IAFF Local 864 and RFA staff on the sidewalks collecting donations.

MDA and IAFF have a long-standing partnership, but COVID-19 restrictions had halted public fundraising for two years.

Thank you for your dedication to the community and congratulations on the success of your campaign.

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)

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

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

[Pop-Up Lunches on Tuesdays](#)

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

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

[Summer Events Guide](#)

[Summer Meals Program](#)

[Traffic Projects](#) (information on impactful projects)

[Wine Walk](#) (Downtown, Sept. 2, 5:30-9 p.m.)