



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## On-track

Family First Community Center is on schedule for a spring 2023 opening



Last week, [Family First Community Center](#) (FFCC) reached another milestone: the building is now 100% framed.

Activity continues at the construction site next to Cascade Elementary School in the Cascade/Benson Hill area. Insulation is being added to the roof, siding is being attached, and sidewalks are being poured. Inside, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and fire suppression systems are in various stages of being installed.

Work remains on schedule for a spring 2023 opening.

- [Construction photos](#)

When open, the center's partners and service providers—Family First Community Center Foundation under the direction of Executive Director Doug Baldwin, Jr., community healthcare provider [HealthPoint](#), and Renton School District—will bring much-needed recreation, education, and wellness programs and services to the Cascade/Benson Hill community.

Baldwin's foundation will offer after-school programs; art, music, and technology classes; youth sports, drop-in sports, and adult sports leagues; group exercise and personal training; health education, cooking, and nutrition classes; and activities for infants, toddlers, and children.

HealthPoint will provide medical, behavioral health, and dental care. In addition, Renton Public Schools will offer their popular STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes.

In addition, many transportation and financial barriers currently experienced by families in the community will be eliminated, making health care and other programs more accessible.

To date, approximately \$14.4 million in funding has been committed to the project. This includes \$4.4 million from the City of Renton, \$4.4 million in grant funding from the State of Washington, a \$3 million grant from the First Financial Northwest Foundation, \$1 million from Doug Baldwin Jr., \$338,000 from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust, \$250,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, \$200,000 from the Premera Social Impact fund, \$25,000 from Paccar Foundation and numerous grants and donations from organizations and individuals. The project's budget is \$16.25 million.



Mayor Armondo Pavone presents the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation to Tina Harris, Renton Police Department domestic violence victims advocate, Deputy Chief of Police Jeffery Hardin, and Police Commander Ryan Rutledge.

## Proclamations highlight Indigenous People and Domestic Violence

Mayor Armondo Pavone issued two proclamations at Monday's city council meeting.

Oct. 10 was proclaimed [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#). It's a day to recognize, respect, and understand our region's indigenous community, its long history, and its continuing contribution to contemporary society. It's also a small act of restitution for the hardships endured by Indigenous Peoples since the European colonization of the Americas.

October is [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#).

Throughout the month, the cherry trees outside of City Hall are adorned with purple lights symbolizing the community offering support and resources plus honoring and remembering those who have lost their life to domestic violence.

- [Tina Harris, Renton Police Department Domestic Violence Awareness Victim Advocate speaks to mayor and city council](#)

In this country:

- It is estimated that a woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend every nine seconds. In more than half of those instances, children under 12 are present.
- One in fifteen children has been exposed to domestic violence annually.
- More than half of abusers responsible for domestic violence-related fatal shootings were prohibited by law from owning firearms.

Domestic violence does not discriminate. It affects all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers. Domestic violence systematically uses physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse to violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity. For police officers, it's one of the most dangerous calls.

In Renton, we are working to stop the cycle of domestic violence through our [Domestic Violence Victim Advocate](#). The advocate is available Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall or by calling 425-430-6654.

The advocate can provide the victim(s) with the following support:

- Safety planning and problem-solving
- Domestic violence prevention and education
- Protection orders
- Emergency short-term hotel shelter
- Food and clothing
- Transportation
- Interpreter services

Additional resources are available through:

- [DAWN](#) (Domestic Abused Women's Network), 877-465-7234
- [Consejo](#), 206-461-4880
- [API Chaya](#) (Asian & Pacific Islander Women), 877-922-4292
- [King County](#)

Thursday, Oct. 20, is "Wear Purple Day" to raise awareness of and support victims of domestic violence. If you do wear purple, please post your photos on social media with #purplethursday.



## October is Fire Prevention Month

Renton Regional Fire Authority (RRFA) has several tips on its [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page to keep you safe during Fire Prevention Month.

For example, did you know today's homes burn faster than ever? Residents may have no more than two minutes to safely escape once the smoke alarm is heard. Therefore, active alarms and having and practicing an escape plan will significantly increase your survival chances.

Additionally, RRFA is hosting open houses at their fire stations. No RSVP is necessary. It's a perfect opportunity to:

- Tour the fire engines and aid unit
- Check out firefighter gear and equipment
- Meet firefighters, staff, and executive leadership
- Receive educational fire safety and career information
- Take home Renton RFA safety swag
- Spray the fire hose (weather permitting)

Open house schedule:

### October 15

Station 11, 211 Mill Ave. S, 98057, 9-11 a.m.

Station 12, 1209 Kirkland Ave. NE, 98056, 1-3 p.m.

### October 22

Station 13, 18002 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, 98055-6445, 9-11 a.m.

Station 15, 1404 N 30<sup>th</sup> St., 98056, 1-3 p.m.

### October 29

Station 16, 12923 156<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE 98059, 9-11 a.m.

Station 17, 14810 SE Petrovitsky Rd., 98058, 1-3 p.m.



## Renton Film Frenzy premieres tonight

Tonight at 7 is the public screening of [Renton Film Frenzy](#) at Renton Civic Theater (507 S 3rd St., 98057).

Teams had 72 hours over Oct. 6-9 to film in our downtown businesses district and make a seven-minute-or-less piece of content that "reflects the personal style of the filmmaker, the values of the partnered organization, and the diversity of the City of Renton." Eleven teams took on the challenge and will be featured.

The program will also feature Best Picture, Heart of Renton, Audience Choice, Best Cinematography, and Best Director awards.

Emmy-winner Tom Skerritt will be the event's special guest. Admission is free.



## Philip Arnold Park construction starts Oct. 24

[Philip Arnold Park](#) will close on Monday, Oct. 24, as construction starts to modernize facilities and improve community access. The project is scheduled to extend into early summer 2023.

The project includes new restrooms, a walking trail, play equipment, and picnic shelters. In addition, the basketball court, parking lots, and drainage will be refurbished.

Funding comes from the 2019 Renton Parks Bond funds, Parks Impact Mitigation Fees, 2019 King County Proposition No. 1 Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy funding, and local sources.

Our Parks Planning and Natural Resources division will oversee the projects. Their [current projects page](#) has more information.



## Startup425 offers free help for entrepreneurs

If you have ever considered owning your own business but didn't know how to start, [Startup425's Fall Foundations](#) series can help.

The free series covers various topics presented by local specialists and subject experts. It's held every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. You can [register online](#).

The remaining schedule:

- Tuesday, Oct. 18: Risk Management and Cybersecurity
- Tuesday, Oct. 25: Managing Your Small Business Finances
- Tuesday, Nov. 1: Understanding How Marketing Can Help You Launch Your Small Business



## State schedules Lind Avenue SW bridge repair

WSDOT has established a timeline for replacing the [Lind Avenue SW bridge spanning I-405](#).

Replacement of the northern span will take place in the spring of 2023, with work expected to be completed in the fall. Until then, the overpass will remain closed to vehicles. The pedestrian walkway will remain open until construction begins.

The bridge was hit by a truck pulling a backhoe last June 13. So far, \$1.6 million in emergency funding has been allocated to the project.



## Recycle recap

During our three recycling events this year, Renton residents recycled:

- 2,000 pounds of Styrofoam
- 20,000 pounds of scrap metal
- 118 mattresses & box springs
- 514 tires
- 34,000 boxes of shredded documents

We also collected 1,050 pounds of canned foods for donation to Renton food banks.

Thanks to everyone who took that extra step to reduce the amount of waste in our landfills. Our solid waste utility has [tips to help with recycling and waste prevention](#).



## 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](#).

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

[Arts in Renton](#)

[City Council](#) (agendas, documents, and meeting video)

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

[Keep Storm Drains clear](#)

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events for September to December)

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

Pop-Up Lunch (Oct. 18, 12:30-2 p.m., [Sunset Neighborhood Park](#), 2680 Sunset Lane NE 98056)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Tourism Grants](#) (Deadline: Oct. 21)

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