



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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More than Renton's first responders

Members of the police department and regional fire authority give back through community engagement

It's National First Responders Day and what better time to remember that members of Renton Police Department and Renton Regional Fire Authority are more than just our first responders during an emergency.

They also have the knowledge and training to make our lives safer and they're very willing to share this information via social media, pop-up events, or in-person visits.

For example, Facebook followers of the [police department](#) or [fire authority](#) were made aware of the follow this week:

- A warning of increasing thefts of pre-2022 Kia and Hyundai automobiles. Thieves can break or pry out a rear window (which doesn't activate the vehicle's alarm). They can then use a screwdriver, pliers, USB cable to open the steering column and start the car. The department's post went on to offers ways to prevent theft.
- Tips on actions to take if you think you are being followed. Maybe you've hit a casino jackpot, withdrawn from an ATM, or work where it's known cash is on hand. They offer safety tips if you find yourself in those situations and what to do if you confirm you're being followed.
- The success the police department's Special Enforcement Team (SET) had in arresting shoplifters in conjunction with loss prevention staff at Target and Lowes.
- RRFA continues its public education through station open houses and school visits. Deputy Fire Marshall/Public Educator Sara Ferguson and a crew from Station 17 visited Renton Park Elementary this week.
- Their final open houses are this Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at Station 16 (12923 156th Ave SE, 98059) and from 1-3 p.m. at Station 17 (14810 S.E. Petrovitsky Rd, 98058).

It's worth your time to give them a follow:

Facebook: [Police](#) | [Fire](#)

Twitter: [Police](#) | [Fire](#)

Instagram: [Police](#) | [Fire](#)

Nextdoor: [Police](#)



U.S. Rep. Adam Smith is flanked by Mayor Armondo Pavone and Renton Housing Authority Executive Director Mark Gropper during his recent tour of the Sunset Redevelopment project.

Rep. Adam Smith tours Sunset Redevelopment project

On Monday, Mayor Armondo Pavone hosted U.S. Rep. Adam Smith on an informative walking tour of the ongoing redevelopment project in the Sunset area. They were joined by Renton city councilmembers, city staff, and Renton Housing Authority staff.

The Sunset project leverages public investments in housing and infrastructure to catalyze private investment. Since 2012, six affordable housing projects and three mixed-income projects have been finished or are under construction. All are near or within easy walking distance of the 3.2-acre Sunset Neighborhood Park.

The total investment in the project is \$150 million, with another \$230 million projected for current or planned projects over the next several years. The work is transforming this area from World War II-era housing into a compact, walkable, mixed-use neighborhood close to shopping, services, and public transportation.

We have more information on the plan and projects at rentonwa.gov/sunsetplan.



DIVERSITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 || RENTON, WA || 8:15 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

Presented by Valley Police Agencies: Renton, Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Tukwila, and Port of Seattle

REGISTER TODAY!

Register at: rentonwa.gov/valleypolicecareers

Diversity in Law Enforcement: Career Workshop

Are you or someone you know considering a career in law enforcement? If so, you'll want to attend a free Diversity in Law Enforcement: Career Workshop to help prepare candidates for the hiring process.

Hosted by Renton Police Department and departments in the cities of Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Tukwila, and Port of Seattle police, the workshop is Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Renton. The workshop will provide insight into all aspects of the hiring process and training. All registrants completing the workshop will be given a free practice test, a study guide, and a test fee waiver for the seven police sponsoring agencies. In addition, a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The sponsoring agencies are committed to recruiting participants who reflect the diversity of South King County, including those identifying as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, women, bilingual individuals, and those with no prior law enforcement experience.

The registration deadline is Oct. 28. Must be at least 18 to register. Register at rentonwa.gov/valleypolicecareers. The location will be sent upon completion of registration.



Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month in Renton

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 was Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month in Renton. Accepting the proclamation from Mayor Armondo Pavone were (left-to-right) Angelica Salgado, Ted Rodriguez, and Camila Lagow.



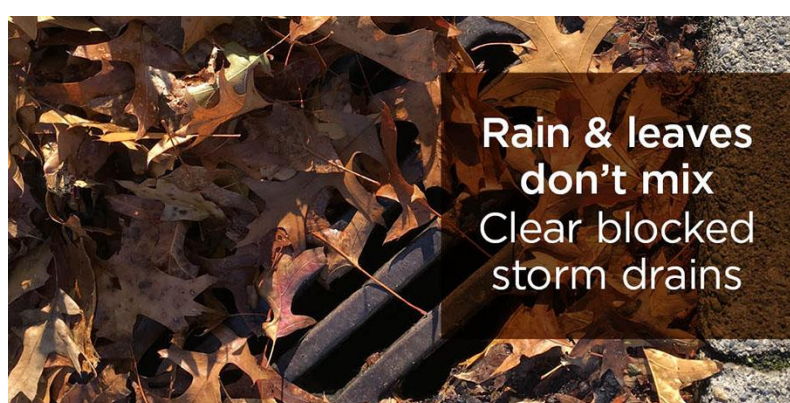
Celebrate Halloween downtown this Saturday

The [Olde Fashioned Halloween Scavenger Hunt](#) is Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gateway Park (510 S. 3rd St).

Activities include:

- **Spooky Decal Hunt:** Find 13 spooky decals in storefront windows and write the words on your scorecard. Turn in your card for the chance to win prizes. [Download your Scavenger Hunt Game Card](#)
- **Scarecrow Contest:** Downtown businesses are displaying their most creative scarecrows; vote for your favorite.
- **Costume Contest:** For all ages; wear your scariest costume and enter to win prizes.
- **Pet Costume Contest:** Dress up your four-legged friend and bring them to Gateway Park between 1 and 3 p.m. Each participant gets a bone. Awards will be given for best in show.

Plus, there will be food trucks, live music, and multiple photo opportunities. The Olde Fashioned Halloween Scavenger Hunt is presented by [Renton Downtown Partnership](#).



**Rain & leaves
don't mix**
Clear blocked
storm drains

Rain and fallen leaves lead to clogged drains

Falling leaves and rain can cause havoc on our street drains. You can help keep the drains clear to prevent urban flooding by:

- Placing leaves and debris from your yard into your yard waste bin. Please do not sweep or blow them onto the sidewalks or in the street.
- Trimming trees and vegetation along the sidewalks and streets to allow access. Trees and hedges over sidewalks should be trimmed up to 8 feet and should be 6 inches away from the sidewalk edge. Trees along the street should be 14 feet above the curb for sweeper and truck clearance.

Our Street Maintenance crews regularly check and clean storm drains, and they appreciate your help. You can report any questions or concerns to them by calling 425-430-7400 or using the city's Renton Responds app.

We thank you for your help.



New trestle bridge at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

Improvement projects start at Gene Coulon and Philip Arnold parks

October marks the start of three major park improvement projects lead by our Parks Planning and Development division.

Construction started on Oct. 17 to preserve and enhance the existing water walk structure at [Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#). Installing new decking, wrapping existing pilings to increase longevity, and refurbishing picnic float benches and tables are among the improvements. The

project will necessitate closing the north water walk structure, day moorage/finger piers, and picnic floats through completion in September 2023.

[Philip Arnold Park](#) was closed this past Monday for accessibility improvements. The over-60-year-old park will have a new playground, bathrooms, picnic shelters, an accessible looped walkway, and a renovated basketball court. Estimated date for the park to reopen is June 2023.

A second project will start at Coulon Park on Oct. 31. The project will replace the trestle bridge at the park's north end with a clear-span steel bridge. The new bridge features a pedestrian viewpoint and light-penetrating decking designed to enhance fish habitat. In addition, the existing 58 piles will be removed. Replacing the bridge will require closing the North end of Coulon Park, from the North turnaround to the North pedestrian gate through the project's scheduled end in March 2023. The closure is required because emergency vehicles cannot access this area as the bridge is removed and replaced.

At [Kiwanis Park](#), work continues on an accessibility improvement project. Completion is scheduled for early 2023.

Parks Planning and Development's [current projects page](#) has complete information on the projects.



[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 (Nov. 1, 12-1:30 p.m., 300 Rainier Ave. N)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

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