



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## Traffic Calming Techniques New speed cushion installation next week

As part of this year's [City Transportation Systems Division Traffic Calming Project](#), construction will begin on Monday, September 18, to install speed cushions between Houser Way N and Burnett Ave N on Lake Washington Blvd N.

Construction will occur during the weekdays, with expected completion early next month. Crews will be directing traffic, but please plan routes accordingly and expect slower traffic in this area.

Speed cushions are speed humps that include wheel cutouts to allow unimpeded passage by emergency vehicles while reducing passenger car speeds. They also have a secondary effect of reducing cut-through traffic.

Thanks to residents for their participation and patience during this process to increase safety for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.



## 2024 Tourism Grants

Applications available  
[rentonwa.gov/tourismgrants](https://rentonwa.gov/tourismgrants)

### Exciting Opportunity: Apply now for grants to boost Renton's tourism promotion with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

The City of Renton is currently accepting [2024 Tourism Promotion Grant applications](#). These grants help bring new and innovative events to the city to expand the economic impact of tourism and introduce Renton's unique charm to fresh audiences.

Non-profit organizations with creative vision for events or initiatives attracting visitors to Renton are encouraged to apply. Event locations are not limited to Renton's city limits, but they should undeniably contribute to boosting tourism within the city. Organizations can seek funding for multiple events. However, capital expenditures are not eligible for grant funding.

[The application window closes on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.](#) Finalists will present their proposals to the committee on Thursday, November 9. Announcements for projects receiving funding will happen in December.

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) comprises experienced advisors and meticulously evaluates all applications. They make funding recommendations to the Renton City Council, which makes the final decision. LTAC members are looking to recommend funding for innovative projects that bring a fresh perspective and attract diverse audiences. Priority goes to multi-day events, sports activities, and initiatives championing diversity and inclusivity. Events with a proven record of drawing overnight visitors also receive priority.

Interested parties can find the application and further information online. For inquiries, please contact the city's Economic Development Manager, [Jessie Kotarski](#).

Tourism Promotion Grants funding comes from Washington state's Hotel-Motel Tax, derived from in-city lodging stays lasting fewer than 30 days.



## Join the conversation: SoundTransit hosts an in-person pop-up for South Renton Transit Center design

For anyone living, working, or taking transit in Renton, share your thoughts and ask questions this month at an in-person SoundTransit pop-up or virtual webinar about the South Renton Transit Center.

During these sessions, the team at SoundTransit plans to provide project updates and designs for the South Renton Transit Center, answer questions, and collect input from transit riders.

There are two ways to participate in the conversation:

- [Virtual Webinar: Thursday, September 14: 12–1 p.m.](#)
- [In-Person Pop-Up: Wednesday, September 20: 6:30–8 a.m. at the South Renton Park-and-Ride Lot, 205 S 7th Street.](#)

For more information on the upcoming webinar, visit [SoundTransit's website](#).



## In Remembrance of September 11, 2001: Thank you to our 2023 Day of Service volunteers

Many volunteers dedicated their Saturday morning to marking 146 "Only Rain Down the Drain" storm drain markers, hanging 300 doorhangers with stormwater pollution prevention tips around Sunset Neighborhood area, and spreading 55 yards of play chips throughout Heritage Park, then enjoyed lunch and heard words of appreciation from city leadership.

Each year, city staff organizes [this event](#) the weekend prior to September 11 to honor and commemorate the sacrifices that day by remembering the heroes, armed forces, first responders, and countless others' acts of service.

Thank you to volunteers for their contributions to the community.



## Superhero 5K registration ends this week

Grab a cape, running shoes, and superpowers, and meet at Renton Community Center for the first-ever Superhero 5K Fun Run & Walk on Friday, September 22, at 6 p.m.



Registration is open for this action-packed, family-friendly event. Tickets are \$20 for ages 17 and under and \$30 for ages 18 and older. [Registration](#) ends Friday, September 15.



## Enhancing the cityscape: New park signage throughout Renton

Renton's Parks and Recreation Department has been working on a rejuvenated look for the city's parks and facility signs. The community can find the new signage at the Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center and Kiwanis Park.

The park signage design aims to support park patrons with enhanced visibility of park locations, what amenities each park offers, and cohesive design and branding that represents the city.

Find out more about the [Kiwanis Park renovation](#) and the [naming behind Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center](#).



## Welcoming Week

[Welcoming Week](#) is an annual online campaign to build strong community support, celebrate the benefits of an inclusive society, and deepen a city's commitment to creating places that welcome everyone, including immigrants and refugees.

Each day during the celebration (September 8 through 17), the city will share daily posts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) highlighting the City of Renton's commitment to creating opportunities for the immigrant population and the progress the city has made to become a more inclusive community.

Immigrants and refugees make Renton a great place to live by bringing innovative thinking, diverse perspectives, and a rich culture that adds depth to the city's fabric.

Learn more about the campaign and keep up with the daily posts on [our website](#).



**Mondays** – [Free Community Grocery Store](#), St. Matthews Church (1700 Edmonds Ave. NE), 5:30–7:30 p.m. Presented by [Sustainable Renton](#).

**Tuesdays** – [Renton Farmers Market](#), [Piazza Park](#), through September 26. The last two farmers markets will be held from 2-6 p.m.

**Free Museum Days** – First Wednesday and third Saturday monthly, [Renton History Museum](#) (235 Mill Ave. S), 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

**September 15** – [Free Fall CERT Class registration closes](#). Search the keyword "Emergency." Classes start September 21, with the final drill on Saturday, November 4, 7 a.m.–1 p.m. Free.

**September 22** – [Superhero 5K Fun Run & Walk](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), 6-8 p.m. \$20 for ages 17 and under and \$30 for ages 18 and older.

**September 29** – [Age Friendly Senior 50+ Resource Expo](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave N), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. [Pre-registration is encouraged](#). Free.

**September 29** – [Mooncake Festival](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), 5-7 p.m. Free.

# NEWS



## In other news this week

*A recap of the news posted on the city's social media accounts. 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)

[Neighborhood Program](#)

[Park Projects](#) (Arnold)

[Pet Microchipping](#) (free for Renton residents)

[Rainier Avenue South Phase 4](#) construction project

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

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[Traffic Construction Projects](#)