



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## Clean Economy Strategy 2.0

### Voice your thoughts: CES 2.0 Plan available for public feedback

The city has completed the first update to its initial climate action and mitigation plan, Clean Economy Strategy 2.0 (CES 2.0), and is requesting community feedback. The draft plan is ready for comments from Renton residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders.

CES 2.0 plan was adopted in 2011 and is a roadmap of local policies to reduce Renton's greenhouse gas emissions, enhance environmental sustainability, and prepare for climate change. The update responds to changing conditions, including significant population growth and new regional and state policies.

The CES 2.0 was developed in a phased approach, starting with a review of existing city and regional climate efforts, including a review of the original CES and measuring progress made in the decade since the original plan was adopted.

Next, project consultants completed a greenhouse gas inventory to quantify city and community emissions, followed by a qualitative multicriteria analysis to score CES actions based on carefully selected criteria that reflect Renton's goals and priorities.

Implementing the strategies and actions within the CES 2.0 will support the creation of local green jobs, public health benefits, safer walking and biking routes, more accessible transit, long-term energy cost savings, and more robust emergency management systems. The city will lead implementation, but success will depend on collaboration across the Renton community: from residents, workers, and the business community.

The plan outlines 32 detailed actions across five focus areas to achieve Renton's goals of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to climate change impacts, and providing co-benefits to Renton's community. The five focus areas are:

1. Transportation and Land Use
2. Buildings and Energy
3. Consumption and Materials Management
4. Water and Natural Systems
5. Community Resilience and Wellbeing.

The draft plan is [uploaded and available for review](#) and the public comment period will remain open through October 4.

In addition, the public is invited to attend the Planning Commission briefing and public hearing on October 4 (in person or via Zoom) or send public comment to [kbuchl-morales@rentonwa.gov](mailto:kbuchl-morales@rentonwa.gov) or via mail:

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Background information on CES 2.0, including a complete project timeline and additional opportunities for community member involvement, can be found on the [project's website](#).

## Embrace the vibrancy of Renton's art and culture scene through two opportunities

Public art plays a role in Renton's vibrancy and economic development. The work done by community organizations, artists, the [Renton Municipal Arts Commission](#), and city staff to shape Renton's arts and culture scene is exceptional.

Take advantage of two opportunities to help shape Renton's cultural future.

First, the city is crafting a comprehensive [10-year Arts and Cultural Master Plan for 2023](#). This plan will steer the direction of Renton's arts and culture initiatives, fostering community engagement, diversity, economic development, and accessibility.

[Take this quick quiz](#) to help shape the plan.

In addition, the Renton Municipal Arts Commission is accepting [applications for the 2024 Arts & Culture Grants](#). Individuals, organizations, and community groups are welcome to apply and enrich Renton residents and visitors.

These grants support diverse artistic programming, encompassing art exhibitions, concerts, dance performances, festivals, educational workshops, readings, and theatre productions.

The grant application process for 2024 includes four distinct funding rounds. The first round's deadline is October 13 at 4:30 p.m. The primary emphasis for this round is on projects and events scheduled for January through March 2024.



## Time is ticking: Attend the last Renton Farmers Market on September 26

What a great 2023 [Renton Farmers Market](#) season! The last market will be open from 2-6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, at Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave S.

Here are a few reminders and activities to look forward to:

- Live performance by Biff Moss, courtesy of [Renton Municipal Arts Commission](#)
- Master Gardeners are available throughout the market to help provide landscape tips and advice on gardens, plus address environmental priorities
- Use [the online vendor map](#) to see which vendors will be at the market that day
- Bring reusable grocery bags to carry market treats
- Up to 10 hours of free parking through December 2023 during operating hours is available at [Renton's City Center Parking Garage](#)
- Renton Farmers Market continues its successful [SNAP \(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program\) Bucks program](#) and offers a dollar-for-dollar match through the SNAP Market Match Bucks



## First-ever Mooncake Festival

Celebrate the fall harvest and full moon at [the city's first Mooncake Festival](#) on Friday, September 29, from 5-7 p.m. at Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy.

Children and families are welcome to attend a night of joy and togetherness. Enjoy live performances, refreshments, mooncakes, crafts for kids, photo opportunities, and more. In addition, a screening of 'Over the Moon,' in the gym, will be at 7 p.m. This event is for all ages.

Celebrated in China and other Southeast Asian countries, the Mid-autumn Festival, also known as Mooncake Festival, falls on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month. The full moon is considered a symbol of reunion, and the Mooncake Festival is celebrated by gathering with family and friends to enjoy each other's company, eat mooncakes, and celebrate togetherness.



## Age-Friendly Senior 50+ Resource Expo is next week

Join us for a day of information and conversation at our annual Age-Friendly Senior 50+ Resource Expo. Over 35 vendor exhibit displays with various presentations on health, finance, transportation, housing, and more will be at the expo on Friday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center. Free transportation is available for Renton residents. Pre-registration for the expo is encouraged. Book online using the keyword 'expo' or call 425-430-6633.

For a list of all vendors and workshops, visit our website for all details.



**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.

**September 29 & 30** – Puget Sound Puppetry Festival, Carco Theater (1717 Maple Valley Hwy), 8 p.m. Tickets required.

## 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)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)