



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Save the date for a spooky good time: Renton's annual Truck or Treat Halloween Drive Thru this week

Spooky, sweet, with all the treats. Join city staff at Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway, for the city's annual Truck or Treat Halloween Drive Thru this upcoming Friday, October 20.

What started as a way to bring the community together safely and offer an alternative way to trick-or-treat during the pandemic has become a well-loved and attended annual event.

For those with varying sensory needs, there will be a timeslot from 5-5:45 p.m. with reduced noise and flashing lights. The main event will kick off at 6 p.m., with the last timeslot available at 7:30 p.m.

Each vehicle will collect plenty of treats and a few tricks. Staff will be working to make this the best possible experience for all, but ask for patience while waiting in line and for all attendees to remain in their vehicles for the entirety of the event. Emails will be sent to the primary registrant with event details the week of October 16.

Come ready in costume and practice the best way to say "trick-or-treat!" [Register online](#) using the keyword 'treat.'

EASTSIDE VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 6
10AM-1PM



Connect with industry leaders and dedicated candidates during the annual Eastside Virtual Job Fair

The city is partnering again with WorkSource – Seattle/King County and Eastside cities, including the City of Issaquah, City of Redmond, City of Bellevue, and City of Kirkland, to bring employers and job seekers together during the annual Eastside Virtual Job Fair. The fair will be held on Monday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. via Zoom.

[Employers can register for the free Eastside Virtual Job Fair.](#) Space is limited, and the final registration date to participate in the job fair is October 26. The fair is an excellent opportunity for employers to view resumes and request appointments with job seekers, find the best candidates, and actively hire for hundreds of positions ranging from entry-level to management.

Looking for a job? [Register to attend the Eastside Virtual Job Fair at no cost.](#) Over 40 employers plan to attend the fair, making this the perfect opportunity to connect with leaders from various industries, including government agencies, non-profits, and other local businesses. Upon

attending, directly connect with employers through chat, audio, or video interviews.

Need resume support? Connect with free resume review during the event to help make improvements and attract interested employers.



2024 Tourism Promotion Grant applications are due this Friday

2024 Tourism Promotion Grant applications are due on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. 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. Capital expenditures are not eligible for grant funding.

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. Projects with a proven record of drawing overnight visitors will receive priority.

Finalists will present proposals to LTAC on Thursday, November 9. Funded projects will be announced in December.

Interested parties can find the application and further information online. Tourism Promotion Grants funding comes from Washington state's Hotel-Motel Tax, derived from in-city lodging stays lasting fewer than 30 days.

Get Ready to ShakeOut.



Oct 19, 2023
Register at
ShakeOut.org



One day until ShakeOut Day!

This year's International ShakeOut Day is October 19. At 10:19 a.m. (local time) on Thursday, October 19, millions worldwide, including Renton, will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home.

This will help residents prepare for an earthquake. During the drill, practice the 'Drop, Cover, and Hold On' training, or put some thought and planning into other earthquake preparations, including securing furniture to keep it from falling, building a communications plan with friends and family, connecting with colleagues on a work plan in case you are unable to get to or from work.

While earthquake hazard varies from region to region, most of Washington is prone to earthquakes, and everyone is encouraged to participate to help best prepare before an actual earthquake. Register online on the [ShakeOut website](https://ShakeOut.org).

ShakeOut day is also a great time to practice tsunami evacuation routes. Learn more about [tsunami preparedness](#).

Another way to stay up-to-date with emergencies in Renton is to [sign up for ALERT Renton](#). [ALERT Renton](#) is a free and secure voluntary emergency notification system that allows the city to send critical emergency information via phone, TDD, text, or email.



Take a hike with Renton's Parks and Recreation Department

Renton's Recreation Division has started a new guided hikes program to support people of all ages and experiences with an opportunity to explore the beautiful Pacific Northwest. There are two upcoming events, one for kids and one for advanced hikers:

- **Saturday, October 21:** Kids Hike at Coal Creek & Primrose Trail Loop from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 28:** Advanced Hike at Big Si from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

[Register online](#) using the keyword 'hike'.



Upcoming I-405 closures to repair Lind Ave Bridge

Starting October 23, travelers can expect nighttime closures on I-405 in late October and early November as part of WSDOT's Lind Avenue SW bridge repair project. Closures will include:

- **Monday, October 23:** I-405 SB full closure from 11 p.m. – 4:30 a.m. (weather permitting)
- **Tuesday, October 24:** I-405 NB full closure from 11 p.m. – 4:30 a.m. (weather permitting)
- **Wednesday, October 25:** I-405 SB right lane closure from 10 p.m. – 4:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, October 26:** I-405 NB HOV lane closure & I-405 SB HOV lane closure from 9 p.m. – 4:30 a.m.
- **Friday, November 3-Monday, November 6:** I-405 SB full closure from 11 p.m. – 4 a.m.

The bridge was damaged in June 2022 by a truck pulling a backhoe and has been closed since. The bridge is slated for completion in winter 2024, where the entire north span and part of the south span of the bridge will be replaced as a result.

For project updates, visit [WSDOT's website](#).

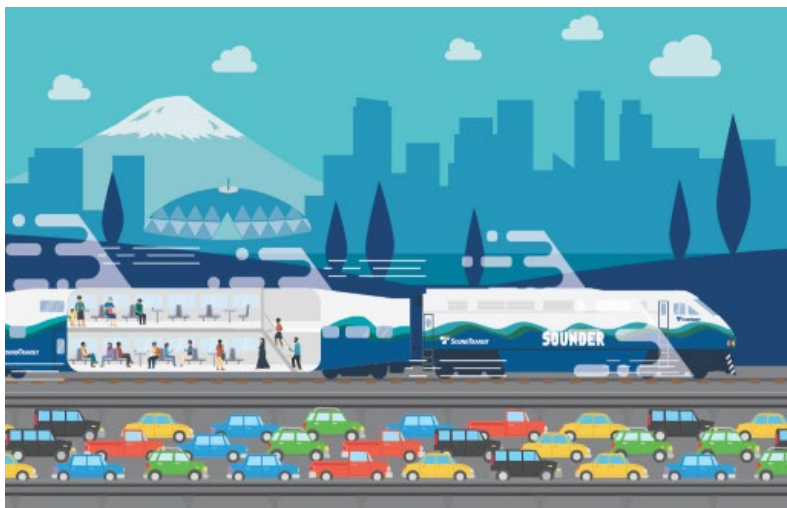


Renton Regional Fire Authority holds open house events throughout October

Meet firefighters, tour fire engines, learn about fire safety and more with open houses at the Renton Regional Fire Authority stations every Saturday for the remainder of October, including Saturday, October 21 and Saturday, October 28.

[On Saturday, October 21](#), Station 13 will host an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.; [Station 15](#) will host from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

[On Saturday, October 28](#), Station 16 will host an open house from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; [Station 17](#) will host from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Sound Transit seeks public input on Sounder operating hours

As part of the [Sounder South Strategic Plan](#), Sound Transit has opened a survey to the public through October 29 to help inform Sound Transit priorities, such as potential new trips.

The Sounder South Strategic Plan, created in early 2020, prioritized commuters using Sound Transit's Sounder S Line train. Currently, the S Line runs thirteen round-trip trains every weekday as a dependable, traffic-free trip between Seattle, Tacoma, and Lakewood, with stops in Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent, and Tukwila.

Since then, travel patterns have changed with the increase of hybrid and remote work; the survey will ask whether riders prefer new trips on weekends, evenings, or midday, rather than longer trains with more capacity, and will help inform adjustments to the plan.

Take the survey and be entered to win two tickets to the November 12 Seahawks game vs. the Washington Commanders, a \$100 gift card (five available), or Sound Transit swag bags (10 available).

The survey can be found [online](#) and is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Somali, Russian, and Ukrainian.



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

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

October 20 – [Truck or Treat Halloween Drive Thru](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), 5-7:30 p.m. Free. Register online.

October 28 – [Olde Fashioned Halloween Scavenger Hunt](#), Gateway Park (510 S 3rd St.), 1-4 p.m. Free.

October 28 – [Senior Holiday Bazaar](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

October 28 & 29 – [KingCon NW 2023](#), Renton Pavilion Events Center (233 Burnett Ave. S), Saturday – 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

November 6 – Eastside Virtual Job Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Register by October 26 for Employers. [Job seekers are required to register online.](#)

November 9 – [Senior Veterans Day Dance](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N), 5:30-7:30 p.m.



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](#)

[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)