



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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LIND AVE BRIDGE REPAIRS BEGIN

WSDOT will begin overnight preparations on the damaged I-405 Lind Avenue overpass starting Monday, October 30 through Thursday, November 2, weather permitting.

The preparation work will be done next week ahead of the scheduled I-405 Southbound closure from 11 p.m. Friday, November 3, through 4:30 a.m. Monday, November 6. At this time, crews will remove the damaged overpass, and traffic will detour via SR 515/Talbot Road and Grady Way.

Once this portion of the project is complete, there will be one final full closure to place the girders for the new overpass, but the remaining work will take place overnight and impact will focus on lane reductions to reduce the effects on people who rely on I-405.

Pedestrian and bicycle access will also be closed once construction begins.

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.

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



Wetland work party at Cemetery Pond!

Celebrate Halloween with an environmental slant at a work party at Cemetery Pond on Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will help King County remove invasive weeds and clean up the Cemetery Pond wetland.

The event is a chance to help support local wetlands that benefit the larger community. In addition, guests can learn about the restoration plan, find other ways to get involved, and ask questions such as, "How did Cemetery Pond wetland get its name?" or, "Does King County plan to improve water quality, water retention, and restore habitat for the Cemetery Pond wetland and provide amenities?"

Cemetery Pond is a 13-acre wetland area outside Renton city limits at SE 128th St. and 165th Ave SE. The pond is a stream where Chinook salmon begin their lives and return to spawn. Chinook salmon play a critical role in supporting and maintaining the region's ecological health and are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Outside of protecting the salmon population, this wetland helps filter and trap sediment and pollutants, slow and filter rainwater runoff, making it safer for people, fish, and wildlife, and provides equitable access to a greenspace and park to promote healthy communities for King County residents.

No sign-up is required. Follow the King County event signs to the gathering spot at SE 128th St and 165th Ave SE.



Get outside with Renton's Parks and Recreation Department

Renton's Recreation Division has started two new outdoor opportunities for residents interested in exploring more of the outdoor charms of the greater Pacific Northwest. First up is Recreation's guided hike program to support people of all ages. The last hike of the program is for advanced hikers to take on Big Si on Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The 7.9-mile guided hike is tailored for hikers who are up for a strenuous adventure. This hike offers a unique opportunity to test endurance, build strength, and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the Cascade Range and the Snoqualmie Valley below.

Register online using the keyword 'hike.'

Interested flora and fauna? Find out more about our natural surroundings with Recreation's Ecology Tours. The city has partnered with the Environmental Science Center to take residents on a nature journaling experience of Belmondo's Reach. This will be a 90-minute nature journaling experience designed for adults to explore and experiment to capture nature's beauty artistically. The tour will be held on November 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. Dive into the local ecosystems in Renton's parks, waterways, and forests. Transportation is available from Renton Community Center to the designated start location of the tour.

Register online using the keyword 'ecology'.



Last chance to join the Cedar River Salmon Journey

The last few days of Salmon Season are approaching. Join trained naturalists from the Seattle Aquarium to learn about the salmon lifecycle. The last two Cedar River Salmon Journey events in Renton are October 28 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at:

- Renton Library, 100 Mill Ave S.
- Cedar River Park, 1717 Maple Valley Hwy
- Riverview Park, 3201 Maple Valley Hwy

This is an excellent opportunity to view spawning salmon on the Cedar River and learn about the salmon lifecycle.

In addition, join the "Don't Wait to Inflate" effort. Scientists recently discovered a chemical in tire dust called 6PPD-q that's highly toxic to coho salmon. Help reduce tire pollution and improve safety by maintaining and inflating tires monthly.



Last Renton Regional Fire Authority open house event this weekend

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.

The last open houses of the month will be held on Saturday, October 28, at Station 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. and at Station 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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.

EVENTS & Activities



Around Renton

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 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.

November 17 & 18 – [Holiday Bazaar](#), Renton Community Center (1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy), Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

November 18 – [Gobble Wobble Wine Walk](#), Check-in at 507 S 3rd St., 2-5 p.m. [Tickets are \\$25.](#)

November 25 – [Small Business Saturday](#). Support small businesses during this all-day event.

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, and events for September through December)

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