



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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The Season of Giving and Sharing

Make a difference in Renton

November is a time to gather, share thanks, and support the community. Now, through the end of the year, the city will host several seasonal events adored by many. When thinking of ways to give back to the community and support one another, consider these upcoming opportunities:

Holiday Bazaar & Food Drive: Support small businesses at the [Holiday Bazaar](#) on November 17 and 18 at Renton Community Center. In addition, there will be a food drive held during the event, so be sure to bring any non-perishable food items for donation to local food banks.

Giving Tuesday/Gift of Play: Giving Tuesday is an annual campaign to create a movement of generosity. It is celebrated worldwide on Tuesday, November 28, encouraging people to do good. Contribute to the [Gift of Play](#) on Giving Tuesday. The Gift of Play is Renton's Parks and Recreation Department's scholarship program to make recreation activities attainable for low-income youth, older adults, and adaptive recreation participants.

Volunteer: Volunteering is a great alternative way to give if monetary donations are not an option. There are a few local opportunities to participate in:

- [Sustainable Renton's Free Grocery Store](#) is held every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
- [Renton Downtown Last Hurrah! Clean Up](#) with Renton Downtown Partnership on Saturday, November 25, from 9-11 a.m. to help pick up litter on the streets of downtown
- Volunteer with any of the following local organizations:
 - [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound](#)
 - [Renton Salvation Army](#)
 - [Sound Generations](#) (Community Dining, Meals on Wheels, and Volunteer Transportation Services)
 - [YWCA Renton](#)



Update: Road safety focus continues with Lind Avenue Bridge repairs

WSDOT has started preparations for the bridge replacement project on the I-405 Lind Avenue overpass.

Starting Friday, November 3, at 11 p.m. through Monday, November 6, until 4:30 a.m., southbound I-405 will close 24 hours a day so crews can demolish the damaged section of the bridge. The detour is via Talbot Road and Grady Way.

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

The bridge has been closed since it was damaged in June 2022 by a truck pulling a backhoe. The repairs will include the replacement of the entire north span and a portion of the south span, and will be complete in winter 2024.

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



Creative minds needed: Help shape Renton's art scene at the Arts & Culture Open House

The city has collaborated with community organizations and residents since the summer of 2023 to craft a 10-year master plan for arts and culture in Renton.

Join the conversation during the Renton Municipal Arts Commission's Arts & Culture Open House on Wednesday, November 8, from 4-6 p.m. at 204 Logan Ave. S. Learn insights from the community outreach efforts, discuss actionable topics, and celebrate the Renton Art Hub's opening.

The new comprehensive 10-year [Arts and Cultural Master Plan](#) will guide the arts and culture initiatives of the Community and Economic Development Department, the Renton Municipal Arts Commission, and other city departments and programs to align with the city's mission and values. The final product will be an archival plan based on clear actions and tasks that reflect the following long-term goals and action items:

1. Enhanced community engagement
2. Diversity and inclusion
3. Leveraging the arts for economic development
4. Authentic brand development
5. Pedestrian placemaking
6. Accessibility for all residents

Can't attend the open house? [Take the quiz](#) to help inform the future of arts and culture in Renton.



Honoring Veterans: Meaningful ways to show gratitude and support

Veterans Day is observed on November 11 to honor and thank all military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. In Renton, there are a few opportunities to celebrate, honor, and thank community veterans.

- United States Army Field Band is hosting a free public concert on November 4 at 7 p.m. at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center.
- Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center will hold a Senior Veterans Day Dance on November 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Through Compass Housing Alliance, the [Renton Veterans Center](#) offers permanent and transitional

housing for veterans, including singles, couples, and families.

- Renton VA Clinic provides veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with one-stop access to community-based, multi-agency services to promote permanent housing, health and mental healthcare, career development, and access to VA and non-VA benefits. Renton VA Clinic is located at 419 South 2nd Street, Suite 2, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional resources throughout the county and state are available on the city's Human Services site.



RENTON LIBRARY RESOURCE DAYS

Renton Library Resource Day available this week

Connecting people to resources is one of the many community services the Renton Library offers. Join their next Resource Day on Friday, November 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and connect with local social support providers who can connect residents to resources such as healthcare, addiction recovery, free job training, and access to ORCA cards. In addition, attendees receive free haircuts, phones, limited clothing and hygiene kits, and meals.

Registration is not required. Resource Days are held monthly at the Renton Library (100 Mill Ave. S). Visit their website to learn more about the program and the next event.

EVENTS & Activities



Around Renton

Mondays – Free Community Grocery Store, St. Matthew's Church (1700 Edmonds Ave. NE), 5:30–7:30 p.m. Presented by Sustainable Renton. Please note, this program will be ending on December 18.

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

December 1 - Holiday Lights Opening Night, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Wash. Blvd. N), 6-8:30 p.m. Holiday lights will run daily from December 2 through January 1 from 4-9 p.m.

In other news this week

NEWS



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)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)