



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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After a successful pilot, Renton's Shift Green Program continues in the new year. Shift Green originated in 2021 to offer residents a way to recycle used oil filters and motor oil for free at AutoZone and O'Reilly stores in Renton.

The program exceeded expectations, showcasing the community's commitment to a greener future.

The program focused on supporting the collection of used motor oil and oil filters from Do-It-Yourself (DIY) oil changes while encouraging vehicle owners, in collaboration with local auto parts stores, to address fluid leaks that pollute local waterways.

The program achieved an impressive recycling rate that surpassed the city's annual DIY oil output. Participating auto parts stores in Renton have played a crucial role not only in collecting an estimated 38,299 gallons of used DIY oil between 2021 and 2022 but also in fostering awareness around identifying and fixing vehicle leaks that pollute our local waterways.

Whether done from home or at a dealership, we can all be part of the solution toward a cleaner and greener Renton. [Learn more about the program and find the nearest drop-off location](#). If a mechanic or dealership does the oil change, ask how they recycle oil filters.



Upcoming cold weather: Tools and resources to stay warm

The upcoming weather forecast calls for below-freezing temperatures and possible snow and ice starting Thursday evening. The well-being and safety of residents during extreme weather conditions are our utmost priority. Rest assured, the city and local organizations have implemented measures to keep the community informed and provide essential resources.

City Website and Social Media: The [city's website](#) and [social media platforms](#) will regularly update the latest news on weather-related service changes and resources. Check the city's website and follow their social media accounts for real-time information.

Streets and Road Condition Maintenance: In a snowstorm, plows will work four staggered 12-hour shifts to keep plows on the roads 24 hours a day. Primary and secondary arterials will be prioritized before neighborhoods. Trucks are assigned to a specific location in the city and follow a [priority mapping system](#) for that area.

Daytime Warming Centers: Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), Renton Library (100 Mill Ave S), and Renton Highlands Library (2801 NE 10th St) will be available as daytime warming centers. Hours of operations from January 11-14 include:

- **Renton Community Center:** Thursday- Sunday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- **Renton Library:** Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Renton Highlands Library:** Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday (closed)

Human Services and Additional Local Resources: A variety of local and regional human services, including services providing meals, shelters, and transportation, can be found on [the city's Human Services Division webpage](#). In addition to local partners, including:

- [Renton Salvation Army \(Community supper\)](#)
- [King County Regional Homeless Authority \(Additional severe weather shelters\)](#)
- [Center of Hope \(Emergency shelters\)](#)

The safety and well-being of our community is a collective effort. Let's stay informed, take necessary precautions, and support one another during this winter weather period. For the latest updates and information, visit [the city's current emergency information webpage](#).



Ceremonial Swearing In for Mayor and Councilmembers held at Monday night's council meeting

The first council meeting of 2024 was a special event, as family members, friends, and community members gathered in Council Chambers to witness the ceremonial swearing-in of Mayor Armondo Pavone and four re-elected councilmembers.

Each elected official had the privilege of selecting a person to administer the oath of office.

Mayor Armondo Pavone had his son, Dominic Pavone, swear him in. Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran chose her husband, Michael O'Halloran.

Council President Ed Prince selected Judge LeRoy McCullough. Councilmember Kim-Khánh Văn's choice was community leader Thu-Vân Nguyễn.

Lastly, Councilmember Ryan McIrvine had the honor of being sworn in by City Clerk Jason Seth.

This ceremony exemplified the commitment and responsibility these leaders have undertaken to serve the people of Renton.

Congratulations to Mayor Armondo Pavone and the four councilmembers as they embark on this journey of public service for the next four years.



Become a 2024 Renton Farmers Market sponsor

In 2024 the city will celebrate its 23rd season of bringing local farmers and the community together. The planning has already begun for the upcoming season, and part of that planning includes securing sponsorships from local businesses to help support the essential work of the market.

Becoming a sponsor of the Renton Farmers Market means businesses can promote their business directly to dedicated shoppers from all areas of Renton, Tukwila,

Kent, Bellevue, and Seattle while showing support for the community and local farmers.

[Download the online form to apply.](#) For more information, contact info@rentonfarmersmarket.com.

The Renton Farmers Market is a collaborative effort between Piazza Renton and the City of Renton, with support from private sponsors and community contributions.



Williams Ave S Streetscapes Project halfway to completion

As part of the latest downtown streetscapes project, the 200 block of Williams Avenue South (between 2nd and 3rd) has reached the halfway mark toward completion. Construction began in October 2023 and thus far has completed the following efforts:

- Demolition and removal of existing sidewalk, curb, street trees, and some streetlights on the west side
- Relocation of six existing street trees to selected downtown locations
- Installation of new streetlight electrical and irrigation infrastructure, curb, and sidewalks
- Opening the new sidewalk to the public
- Demolition of sidewalks, streetlight foundations, and driveways on the east side in preparation for installation of electrical and irrigation conduits and storm drainage downspout pipe

The project is currently focusing on the east side portion, working on:

- Grading of demolished areas in preparation for new curb, sidewalk, and tree grates
- Installation of streetlights and irrigation conduits
- Pouring concrete for streetlight bases and curb
- Landscaping and tree replanting on the west side of the block

The west side sidewalk and parking lane have reopened. Still, portions of the west sidewalk will have cones, barricades, and temporary covers for future tree grates, planter areas, and utility boxes for safety purposes.

The City of Renton started improving the streets and sidewalks of downtown blocks in 2017 in conjunction with several key initiatives. These public rights-of-way improvements, collectively known as "streetscapes," help improve the appearance and safety of sidewalk and street areas and provide a more vibrant pedestrian experience. Over the past several years, several street intersection projects have installed streetscape improvements, including 2nd, 3rd, and Houser and Main and along the 200 block of Wells and Williams.

We thank downtown businesses and visitors for their patience while this project is underway.

Despite a brief pause to resolve federal requirements for the street light system, the project is still on track for an early 2024 completion. For the latest project update, [visit the website](#). Updates are posted weekly on the project's progress.



New 2024 events: Paint 'n Pour & Pongal

A new year means an opportunity to experience something fresh. Start 2024 with two brand new events in the city.

The first combines discovering inner artistic ability... while also sipping local wine. Join the city's Recreation Division Paint 'n Pour event on Friday, January 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renton Community Center. [Tickets are available online.](#) Tickets are \$45 with happy hour pricing before January 15 and will increase to \$55. Reminder: this is a 21 and over event only.

Pacific Northwest-inspired painters will create an art piece featuring a majestic salmon. In the next series, the focus will be on a bouquet of lavender. Whether a seasoned artist or just starting out, this event promises a fun and creative evening.

Can't attend? There will be another Paint 'n Pour opportunity [in March.](#)

Pongal is an event hosted by residents who are part of the Tamil community. The Tamil community invites Renton to celebrate the free Pongal Harvest Festival on Saturday, January 20, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center.

Pongal is a joyous celebration of the bounties of the harvest and a spirit of togetherness cherished by the Tamil people. Enjoy traditional music, games, art displays, and dance performances, including performances by the UW Youth Band.

For more information about the celebration, please contact pngalRH@gmail.com.



Around Renton

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

January 19 – [Paint 'n Pour](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-8:30 p.m. 21+. Happy hour pricing: \$45 (Increases to \$55 on February 26).

February 7 – [National Girls & Women in Sports Day Celebration](#), Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave N, 6-9 p.m. Tickets: \$15.

February 16 – [Shooting Star Soiree Family Dance](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6-8 p.m. Free. Registration required.

March 1 – [Paint 'n Pour](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-8:30 p.m. 21+. Happy hour pricing: \$45 (Increases to \$55 on February 26).

March 17 – [New Voices, New Music: Renton City Concert Band Spring Concert](#), Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St.), 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$13, Students/Seniors \$10.

In other news this week



Below is a recap of the news posted on the city's social media accounts. Find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [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](#)

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

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

[Recreation Guide](#) (classes, activities, leagues, and events for January through April)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Street Maintenance Winter Preparation](#)

[Traffic Construction Projects](#)