



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Be Prepared: Register for the Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA)

Emergencies can strike unexpectedly and impact anyone. Calling 9-1-1 is the immediate response; having the necessary skills to address emergencies effectively is always beneficial. Having these skills can prevent further damage while waiting for help to arrive. Get prepared by registering for the Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy (REPA), organized by the city's Emergency Management Division.

Registration for the upcoming semester is now open. REPA offers a variety of classes, each focusing on specific hazards that can occur in Renton. Classes featured in the winter session include:

- **February 21:** Cybersecurity 101 - Securing Our World
- **February 29:** Surviving Mass Violence
- **March 7:** De-escalation in the Workplace
- **March 13:** Emergency Preparedness 101
- **March 21:** Volcano Hazards 101

All classes will be held at Renton Technical College in Room C-11. To secure a spot, please [register online](#) using the keyword "Emergency."

Remember, it's crucial to prepare for any emergency. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance skills and respond effectively. Register today and be ready for the first class starting next month.



Renton Parks and Recreation and Washington Alliance for Better Schools partner to provide career tour for Renton students

Last weekend, the city's Parks and Recreation Department and Washington Alliance for Better Schools (WABS) joined forces to provide Renton High School and Tally High School students with [a career tour](#).

WABS is dedicated to developing students' skills and fostering career connections through community and industry partnerships, particularly focusing on students affected by systemic racism and educational inequalities.

During the tour, students explored Renton's Parks and Recreation facilities, participated in small group brainstorming sessions to shape the programs they would like to see in their community, and engaged in a "career speed networking" activity. This activity allowed students to rotate between tables, where they learned about staff members' work in various Parks and Recreation fields, including recreation, golf course management, planning, maintenance, farmers market coordination, volunteering, urban forestry, and neighborhood programs.

This event provided a valuable opportunity for both the students and staff. The tour went beyond traditional recruitment practices by introducing a younger generation to the diverse functions of the city to increase community impact and foster workforce development. This tour also raised awareness of the city's role and service for the community.

We thank the WABS and Renton Parks and Recreation staff for coming together to support the future workforce within Renton.

The Parks and Recreation Department is ramping up its seasonal hires starting in February. If interested in working for the Parks and Recreation Department, visit [the city's job portal](#) and search under the Parks and Recreation category to see what positions are available.



Last chance! Apply by February 2 for the Renton Arts & Culture Grant

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission announced earlier this month that the Arts & Culture Grants applications are now open. Add to Renton's vibrant art scene and apply for the grant by Friday, February 2. During the application process, the Renton Arts Commission held two informational sessions for the public to help navigate the grant application and understand the process. The Q&A's were held at the [Black River Cultural Arts Center](#), a newly launched art lounge located at 204 Logan Ave. S.

To apply, visit the [Renton Arts Commission webpage](#).



Surface Water project on Aberdeen Avenue NE continues through February

Ongoing construction on Aberdeen Avenue NE, south of NE Sunset Boulevard, will continue into February. This project involves the replacement of deteriorated storm pipes.

Please note that road closures and detours will be in place during construction hours (7 a.m.-4 p.m.), which may impact traffic flow in the area. However, the city will provide access to all properties maintained throughout the project.

We are pleased to share that the project is progressing as scheduled, and construction is proceeding according to plan. Our team is dedicated to completing the project efficiently and with minimal disruption to the community.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the road closures and detours, and we appreciate the community's patience and understanding during the construction period.

For questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact [Jared McDonald](#). Updates on the construction progress will be provided as necessary.

We thank local residents for being so cooperative as we work to improve the stormwater infrastructure on Aberdeen Avenue NE.



Around Renton

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

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

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,

March 22 – [Paint 'n Pour](#), Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy), 6:30-9:30 p.m. 21+. Registration required.

April 14 – [Dragon Dash 5k/10k Fun Run and Walk](#), Renton Community Center, 9 a.m. Registration required.



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](#)