



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## CERT Community Emergency Response Team

Help the community when disaster strikes by participating in the Spring 2024 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes.

CERT teaches how to prepare for and respond to disasters. Topics include personal preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, terrorism, and team organization.

During the eight-week course, participants will be involved in classroom and practical "hands-on" training. CERT graduates can serve as neighborhood "first responders" during the critical period after a disaster when existing resources are overwhelmed.

CERT will be held at Renton Regional Fire Authority Fire Station #14 starting Thursday, April 18, from 6-9 p.m. for eight weeks. The final drill is Saturday, June 1, from 7:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Register by April 16 at [rentonwa.gov/register](https://rentonwa.gov/register) using the keyword "Emergency".



## Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Renton proclamation celebrated

During the council meeting, Mayor Pavone issued a proclamation designating March as Developmental Disabilities Month in Renton. Accepting the proclamation was the city's Adaptive Recreation Coordinator, Steven Kurtz. In the audience, several active Adaptive Recreation participants joined in on the celebration and the acceptance of the proclamation.

"We are so proud and grateful for the residents we have in here tonight. They are beautiful people who choose Renton for their social and recreational programming." - Maryjane Van Cleave, Parks and Recreation Administrator.

As part of programming offered by the Parks and Recreation Department, Adaptive Recreation has been providing persons with disabilities in Renton a variety of inclusive recreational opportunities as well as adaptive programs for all ages for many years.

"I am very proud of our Adaptive Recreation Program in Renton, and I am eternally grateful to all the participants and their families that not only made it out

tonight but continue to make it to our programs regularly.” - Steven Kurtz, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator.

National Developmental Disabilities Month is recognized during the month of March to raise awareness about the support and rights of people with disabilities and to celebrate their contributions to our society.



### Tomorrow: State of the City 2024 on March 21

We are only a little more than 24 hours away from the 2024 State of the City. Mayor Armondo Pavone will present his 2024 State of the City address on Thursday, March 21, at 6 p.m. The event will take place at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, located at 400 S 2nd St. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. with light refreshments served.

The State of the City address is a valuable opportunity for the public to come together, gain insight into the past year's accomplishments, and hear what's on deck for the future. It is a chance to hear firsthand about the progress made in Renton and to receive a glimpse of the exciting initiatives and plans for 2024. Tickets are free; make a reservation at [rentonwa.gov/sotc](https://rentonwa.gov/sotc).



### Grand opening of the Black River Cultural Arts Center

Last week, a new art space in downtown Renton opened its doors. The Black River Cultural Arts Center held its grand opening on Thursday, March 14, at its new location connected to the city parking garage at 204 Logan Ave. S.

Black River Cultural Arts Center has been inhabiting this new arts lounge space in partnership with the Renton Arts Commission for the past few months but has now officially made its residence permanent.

CreNative Designz, led by artist Tommy Segundo, fosters artistic expression and community engagement, highlighting works of art inspired by his Indigenous heritage, belonging to both the Haida and Katzie First Nation tribes. In addition, the space will be used for community programming, such as drum-making classes, and educational opportunities, including language classes.

This partnership creates a lively space where residents can gather, connect, and support the intersection of arts, culture, and community.



Government Finance Officers Association

### Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Presented to

**City of Renton  
Washington**

## City's Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Renton for its annual comprehensive financial report for the December 31, 2022, fiscal year. The City of Renton's Finance Department is a long-standing recipient of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the program's high standards, which include demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Congratulations to the city's Finance Department on promoting financial transparency for residents.

**RENTON POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY**  
In Partnership with King County Sheriff's Office, Newcastle PD & DEA's Operation Engage

Join us for a FREE, action-packed, hands-on learning experience designed exclusively for middle school students to engage with public safety workers in a fun and friendly environment.

**June 24-27 // 9am-4pm**

**At the Academy**

- Mock Crime Scene
- Police K-9 Demo
- Basic First Aid
- Guardian One Helicopter
- Fire & EMS Service
- Drug Awareness
- Drones
- Forensics
- Swimming at Aquatic Center
- Rec Time with Officers
- Graduation Ceremony
- And much more!

**Eligibility**

- Youth entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2024
- Priority given to Renton residents or RSD students

Apply at [Rentonwa.gov/PDYouthAcademy](https://rentonwa.gov/PDYouthAcademy)  
Questions? Contact Stephanie Hynes at [shynes@rentonwa.gov](mailto:shynes@rentonwa.gov) or 425-430-7519

## Renton Police Youth Academy returns

Renton Police Department is now accepting applications for the department's Youth Academy. The academy collaborates with the King County Sheriff's Office, Newcastle Police Department, and DEA's Operation Engage.

This free, one-of-a-kind, fun, and action-packed four-day program allows middle schoolers to explore public safety fields and establish meaningful connections with those who serve and protect the community.

- **When:** June 24-27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Who:** Students entering 6th-8th grade in the fall of 2024-2025
- **Apply online at:** [rentonwa.gov/pdyouthacademy](https://rentonwa.gov/pdyouthacademy)

# EVENTS & Activities

## Around Renton

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

**March 21** – 2024 State of the City, Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S 2nd St.), 6 p.m. Free admission. [RSVP online](#).

**April 14** – [Dragon Dash 5k/10k Fun Run and Walk](#), Henry Moses Aquatic Center 1719 Maple Valley Hwy, 9 a.m. Registration required.

**May 11** – [Community Garage Sale](#), Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Register online. Non-Residents \$36 / Residents \$30.

# NEWS



## 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](#)