



# Renton City News

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Fall 2011

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Outstanding Citizens Sought

Help identify individuals from the Renton community who improve the quality of life in Renton through acts of goodwill or public service. Visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) or call Renton Chamber of Commerce at 425-226-4560. Deadline for nominations is September 19.

### Renton International Festival & Night Market August 26-28

The second annual Renton International Festival & Night Market will be held Friday, August 26, to Sunday, August 28, at the VietWah Plaza, 2820 Sunset Blvd NE, in the Renton Highlands. The festival includes live bands, arts & crafts booths, food, games, cultural performances, a children fun center, and an import car show. Admission is free. Visit [rentonifest.org](http://rentonifest.org) for more information.



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### Fall Natural Yard Care Workshops Offered by City of Renton

Fall is an ideal time to tackle the yard and it's easy to introduce some environmentally friendly and natural garden and yard care techniques. Coming in September and early October, the City of Renton Solid Waste Utility will be providing an opportunity to learn from some of most notable natural yard care experts in the field. Learn how easy and rewarding natural yard care can be. The workshops are fun, informative and FREE! To register email [kjohnston@rentonwa.gov](mailto:kjohnston@rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-7391.

## ARE YOU READY IN RENTON?

Will you be ready when disaster strikes?

Two important things to do in any kind of an emergency are to be informed and prepared.

Ready in Renton, a city-wide campaign, works to help residents and businesses do just that by providing important information, tools and resources to help you be ready when a disaster or emergency occurs.

Communication is always important, but during a disaster, lives depend on it. The City of Renton has a number of systems in place to provide important emergency information. New this year, in partnership with the Renton School District, neighborhood information centers have been established. Look for an information board placed at the main entrance of all public schools in Renton School District that are within the city limits.

Under disaster conditions when normal communication methods are disrupted, important information like shelter locations, food and water distribution points, or evacuation routes can be posted at these information centers by trained volunteers.

A map of school locations with neighborhood information centers can be found at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).

It is important to know that normal communication systems may fail in a disaster. Therefore, it is critical that you and your family have a plan for contacting each other and also know how and where to get essential information. Having emergency information systems in place and available is the first step in being informed, but it is up to you to be sure you are ready to receive them.

Planning and preparing ahead of time is easy to do. Here are some things you can do to be sure that you're ready to receive important information you will need during an emergency or disaster:

- Locate your nearest neighborhood information centers. Put the map with your household emergency kit.
- Register with CodeRED, the automated telephone warning system used in some emergencies. Sign up at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).

See **EMERGENCY**, page 4

## CITY SEEKS YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS

Welcome! Bienvenida! Mengalu-alukan! Velcomin! Powitanie! We're listening. Renton Community Liaisons are invited by Mayor Denis Law and Renton City Councilmembers to come together to share ideas, events and ways to stay connected for all of Renton's many cultures and languages.

Past conversations have included creating understanding between one another, working to be sure our whole community is prepared for an emergency, and understanding changing demographics. In the future liaisons will continue to create connections and learn from one another, educate the public, and link with our schools and other



community groups. Connect, learn about the community, and find ways for us to share the richness of Renton's diversity.

Do you have ideas about how the city can reach out? Join the conversation. Call Marty Wine at 425-430-6500.

# MUSEUM TO OPEN NEW EXHIBIT

The Renton History Museum will open "Journey Stories," a Smithsonian



Institution traveling exhibit about American immigration, mobility, transportation, and migration, Thursday, September 8, 5 to 7 p.m. Every American family has a story that starts with leaving everything behind to start over in a new town, state, or country. This exhibit draws on the Smithsonian's collection of photos, maps, oral histories, and objects to explore those stories. This exhibit will be on display until October 15.

## CITY CONTACTS

Area Code 425

<b>General Information</b> .....	430-6400
<b>Mayor</b> .....	430-6500
<b>City Council</b> .....	430-6501
<b>Municipal Court Judge</b> .....	430-6550
<b>Chief Administrative Officer</b> .....	430-6500
<b>City Attorney</b> .....	430-6480
<b>City Clerk</b> .....	430-6510
<b>Code Enforcement</b> .....	430-7373
<b>Community Services</b> .....	430-6600
<b>Community &amp; Economic Development</b> .....	430-6580
<b>Finance &amp; Information Services</b> .....	430-6850
<b>Fire/Emergency Services</b> .....	430-7000
<b>Graffiti Reporting Line</b> .....	430-7373
<b>Human Resources &amp; Risk Management</b> .....	430-7650
<b>Public Works</b> .....	430-7394
<b>Police</b> .....	430-7500
or <a href="http://epolice.rentonwa.gov">epolice.rentonwa.gov</a>	
<b>Street/Water/Sewer Maint.</b> .....	430-7400
<b>Utility Billing</b> .....	430-6852

**EMERGENCY ..... 911**

 **The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.**

**TDD.. 711 (425-430-6511)**

[rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)

[RentonCityNews@rentonwa.gov](mailto:RentonCityNews@rentonwa.gov)

# OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

## Saturday, August 20

**Downtown Art & Antique Walk.** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Downtown Renton. Painting, photography, pottery, and sculpture displays from over 75 artists. Plentiful parking. Call 425-407-8719.

## Sunday, August 21

**Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.** Noon to 4 p.m. Parking lot off Talbot Rd. Valley Medical Center booth: Sleep Center.

## Tuesday, August 23

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Chef's Demo: Seattle Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center.

## Friday-Sunday, August 26-28

**Renton International Festival & Night Market.** Friday 3-9 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Vietwah Plaza, 2820 Sunset Blvd. NE. Import car show, live bands, arts & crafts, food, cultural performances, and more.

## Sunday, August 28

**Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.** Noon to 4 p.m. Parking lot off Talbot Rd. Valley Medical Center booth: imaging services.

## Tuesday, August 30

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Chef's Demo: Renton Technical College. Entertainment: Sunday Speedway.

## Sunday, September 4

**Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.** Noon to 4 p.m. Parking lot off Talbot Rd. Valley Medical Center booth: vascular surgery.

## Tuesday, September 6

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Chef's Demo: Whistlestop Ale House. Entertainment: Cultural Day.

## Saturday, September 10

**Fall Recycling Day.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Renton Technical College, north parking lot. Renton residents can recycle large items and hard-to-recycle materials at one convenient location. Call 425-430-7396.

## Sunday, September 11

**Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.** Noon to 4 p.m. Parking lot off Talbot Rd. Valley Medical Center booth: Stroke Center - risk assessment blood pressure checks.

## Tuesday, September 13

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Chef's Demo: Merrill Gardens. Entertainment: Acoustic Couti.

## Sunday, September 18

**Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center.** Noon to 4 p.m. Parking lot off Talbot Rd. Valley Medical Center booth: breast health, face painting for kids.

## Tuesday, September 20

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Chef's Demo: Renton High School Culinary.

## Wednesday, September 21

**Fall Natural Yard Care: Fall Groundwork.** 7 to 8 p.m. Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. Call 425-430-7391.

## Tuesday, September 27

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Chef's Demo: A Terrible Beauty.

## Wednesday, September 28

**Fall Natural Yard Care: Start with the Soil.** 7 to 8 p.m. Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. Call 425-430-7391.

## Wednesday, October 5

**Fall Natural Yard Care: Sustainable Garden Design.** 7 to 8 p.m. Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. Call 425-430-7391.

## Friday-Sunday, October 7-9

**Renton FilmFrenzy Filming Weekend.** Friday 5 p.m. to Sunday 7 p.m. Throughout Renton.

## Saturday, October 8

**Fall Harvest Festival/Chamber Business Expo.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Piazza, 3rd & Burnett. Vendor booths include produce, food, flowers, arts, crafts, and Master Gardeners. Visit [www.piazzarenton.com](http://www.piazzarenton.com) or call 425-228-1977.

## Wednesday, October 12

**Fall Natural Yard Care: Love Your Lawn.** 7 to 8 p.m. Highlands Neighborhood Center, 800 Edmonds Ave NE. Call 425-430-7391.

## Monday, October 24

**Renton FilmFrenzy Screening.** 7 to 9 p.m. Renton Civic Theater. [rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://rentonfilmfrenzy.com).

## Tuesday, October 25

**Renton FilmFrenzy Curvee Awards.** 7 to 9 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. [rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://rentonfilmfrenzy.com).

## Wednesday, October 26

**Renton FilmFrenzy Downtown FilmTalk.** 7 to 8:30 p.m. at various Renton locations. [rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://rentonfilmfrenzy.com).

## Saturday, October 29

**Boo Carnival.** 10 a.m. to noon. Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway. Spirited fun for children ages 2 to 8 with parent or guardian. \$6 admission. Costumes welcome. 425-430-6700.

**For more information visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov)**

# IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE — PUT A LID ON IT!

Did you know that most home fires and related fire injuries begin in the kitchen? In fact, the leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.

The Renton Fire & Emergency Services Department reminds you to:

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or

boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

- Remember to keep things that can burn, such as dishtowels, potholders, curtains or plastic bags a safe distance away from cooking surfaces.
- Keep your cooking area clean and avoid grease build up on the stove, or in the oven.

If you discover a fire while it is small and confined to a pan, put a lid on it, this will smother the flames. Be sure to turn off the burner/heat and keep the lid on the pan

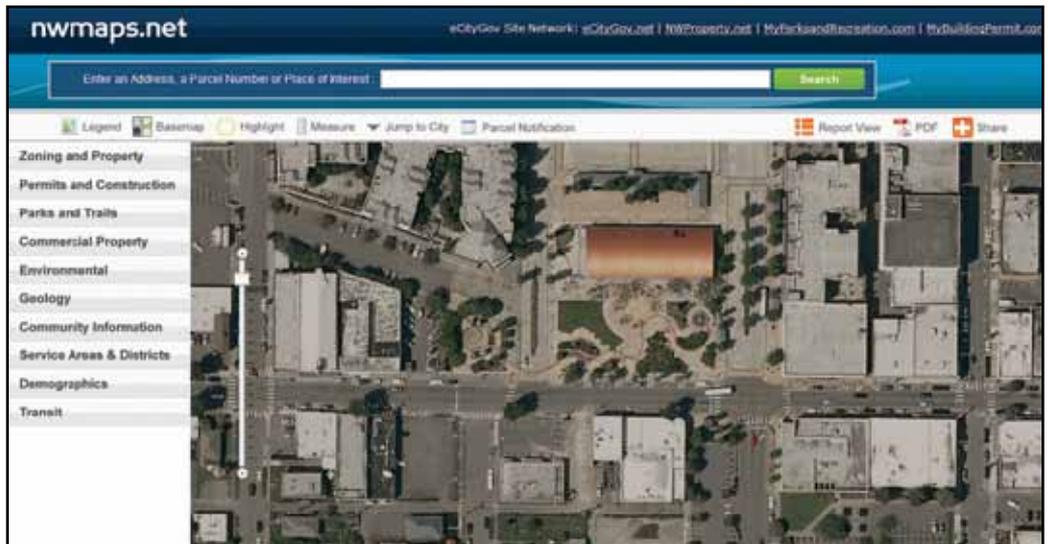
until it is cool. Never try to move or put water in the pan — this will cause the fire to spread and you may suffer a severe burn injury. If you have a fire in your oven, turn the oven off and leave the door closed.

Statistics show that one in eight households will experience a cooking fire and it is important to know what to do. If you're unable to put the fire out, quickly get everyone out of the home and call 9-1-1.

**For more information on cooking safety go to [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).**

# NEW ONLINE MAPS PUT CITY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Do you have questions about a piece of property? Would you like to find maps of local parks, trails and recreation areas? View maps of environmentally critical areas, zoning, or commercial property for sale or lease? How about exploring your neighborhood? Are you interested in finding demographic information about where you live? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, or just want to explore your community, visit [nwmaps.net](http://nwmaps.net). Renton is proud to launch [nwmaps.net](http://nwmaps.net), a new G.I.S.-based, easy-to-use mapping resource developed for residents and businesses that puts your city at your fingertips.



## OVER 5,000 FANS "LIKE" RENTON

The City of Renton recently celebrated its Facebook fan page achievement of 5,000 fans. Renton has more friends than any other city in the region. The city's Facebook page is a useful way to connect with and engage the Renton community, create avenues of dialogue between city residents, and share information in a timely manner. The city's next goal is to reach 10,000 fans. If you haven't already, go to [www.facebook.com/CityofRenton](http://www.facebook.com/CityofRenton) and sign up now.



## HOUSING REPAIR ASSISTANCE

The City of Renton Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP) provides free services focused on health and safety to resident homeowner families meeting the size and income criteria on the chart below. Program information, eligibility guidelines, FAQs, and downloadable applications are available at [humanservices.rentonwa.gov](http://humanservices.rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-6650, press 2.

Family Size	Max. Annual Income
1	\$44,950
2	\$51,400
3	\$57,800
4	\$64,200
5	\$69,350

## TUNE IN TO CHANNEL 21

Have you watched TV lately? Channel 21, Renton's new and improved government access TV station, presents programs on cable television Channel 21 and via the internet to help citizens connect with their city. Programming includes live broadcast of City Council meetings and programs on a variety of topics such as special events, festivals and special features. These programs are designed to reflect, inform and inspire our community and showcase the diverse civic and cultural landscape of Renton. The city's website offers streaming video worldwide, and includes an archive featuring video on demand of all programs. Tune us in at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).

# Picture Renton



*Snapshots of Renton (clockwise, from top left): Renton River Days Parade Grand Marshall Meeghan Black of King5 TV and Evening Magazine waves to the crowd; Seattle Seahawks Vice President of Community Relations Mike Flood joins Mayor Denis Law and the Renton City Council to declare August 2011 "Renton Welcomes Seahawks Fans to Training Camp Month"; Mayor Law proclaims Renton "Charge Ready" during an electric vehicle event at The Landing; Blue Thunder entertains participants of the 2011 National Night Out event at Earlington Park.*

## EMERGENCY (cont. from page 1)

- Bookmark the Critical Emergency Information page at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) for up-to-date emergency information on Renton roads, utilities, shelters, etc.
- Subscribe to the free e-Alert service at [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) to receive urgent automated emails and text messages for your specific areas of interest, including updates to the Critical Emergency Information web page.
- Put a NOAA Weather Radio in your home and office to sound an alarm when severe weather or Emergency Alert System messages are issued. Look for one with the Public Alert logo and the Specific Area Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.) feature.

## BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION

- Register for the September evening forum "Creating a Disaster Resilient Community" by calling 425-430-6700.
- Follow Renton Emergency Management on [www.facebook.com/RentonEM](http://www.facebook.com/RentonEM) and Twitter (RentonEM). Watch for #readyinrenton during the month of September to share tips and hear stories of what others are doing to be better prepared for emergencies.

Visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) for details.



## CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS

Ever wondered what it's like to be a police officer? Are you curious about how the police department works? Now's your chance to find out. The next session of the Renton Police Department's Citizen Academy will begin September 13. Members of the police department and law enforcement community will speak on a variety of topics including Patrol Operations, Hostage Negotiations, K9 Unit, SWAT Operations, Gangs, Drugs, and more. Applications will be accepted until September 5. A background check will be conducted on all participants. Call 425-430-7520 or visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) for details.