



# Renton City News

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June 2013

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### City To Host Comprehensive Plan Workshop June 25, 5 to 7 p.m.

After a successful vision workshop in February, the city is holding a second workshop to gather input on updates to the comprehensive plan. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Topics to be covered at the workshop include policies on: Land Use, Economic Development, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, and Housing and Human Services. For more information, please visit [rentonwa.gov/PlanUpdate](http://rentonwa.gov/PlanUpdate) or call Erika Conkling at 425-430-6578.

### Renton's Fabulous Fourth of July

Join us as we celebrate Independence Day in Renton with a professional fireworks display from the shore of Lake Washington at 10 p.m. Come to Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park or enjoy the fireworks display from boats, canoes, kayaks, or from several locations close to the park.



### Fireworks Ban Within City Limits

The city bans the use, sale, and possession of fireworks within the city limits as a way to protect citizens and their property. The ban is inclusive of all types of fireworks and residents should know that violators are subject to both criminal and civil citations, and fireworks can be confiscated.

### Renton Welcomes Seahawks Fans

Renton will be decked out in blue and green and 12th Man flags to welcome the fifth annual Seahawks Training Camp starting in late July. Thousands of people are expected to visit the Seahawks' spectacular Virginia Mason Athletic Center over a month-long period. Renton residents and businesses are encouraged to post Seahawks cheer cards, which will be downloadable starting mid-July through [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov), and to fly 12th Man flags. For more information and training camp schedules visit [Seahawks.com](http://Seahawks.com).



## CITY OPENS NEW DAY SHELTER

The City of Renton has partnered with the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) to open The Center of Hope, a day shelter at Renton City Hall.



The Center of Hope will provide a place of safety and support for homeless women and their children. The center will be focused on accompanying them and supporting them as they find their way back to stable housing.

The Center of Hope will have two parts: a day center housed at Renton City Hall and emergency overnight accommodations in local churches. The day shelter will be open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will provide breakfast, lunch, laundry facilities, showers, mail, computer and phone access, case management, vocational resources,

connection to community resources, and caring support.

Local churches will provide families who access support through The Center of Hope with emergency overnight accommodations. Participating churches will make space available from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.

For more information about The Center for Hope visit [reachrenton.org](http://reachrenton.org). Financial donations, donations of resources, and volunteers are needed. Please visit the REACH website to see how you can help. For more information contact REACH Executive Director Maggie Breen by email at [Maggie@standrewpc.org](mailto:Maggie@standrewpc.org) or call 425-238-7915, or Center of Hope Director Linda Smith by email at [lindasmith1@comcast.net](mailto:lindasmith1@comcast.net) or call 425-221-1504.

## FARMERS MARKET OPEN FOR BUSINESS

June 4 marks the opening of the 12th season of the Renton Farmers Market. Join us every Tuesday through September 24, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Piazza, Renton's beautiful urban park in the heart of downtown, at South 3rd Street & Burnett Avenue South and adjacent to the Renton Transit Center.

The Piazza will be packed with over 50 vendors selling farm fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, as well as herbs, bread and other baked goodies, cheese, honey and salmon, and of course, all those fresh cut flowers!

If that isn't enough to tempt you, we will once again feature kids' activities, live entertainment, local Renton restaurants in our Taste of Renton, and tips from Master Gardeners, all with free parking for up to two hours. New for this year will be recipe cards featuring in-season produce available at the Market.

Those interested may sign up for weekly emails with recipes, shopping guides, and

### New Face at Helm of Farmers Market

**Name:** Carrie L. Olson  
**Title:** Renton Farmers Market Coordinator  
**Previous Role:** Managed the Enumclaw Chocolate Festival and assisted running the King County Fair.

**Personal Note:** Carrie maintains a hobby farm and garden, with an assortment of animals, including horses. She also loves visiting local farmers markets and is excited to coordinate the Renton Farmers Market.



updates at [rentonfarmersmarket.com](http://rentonfarmersmarket.com). Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @RentonFarmersM.

The Renton Farmers Market is coordinated by the City of Renton with the generous support of volunteers. For more information about the market, including sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, call 425-430-7214 or visit [rentonwa.gov/farmersmarket/](http://rentonwa.gov/farmersmarket/).

## FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

This summer the City of Renton and the Renton School District have again partnered to offer a free lunch for children ages one to 18.



There are several community sites where a child can go to get a free lunch, regardless of where they live and family income level. Registration is not required. Lunches must be eaten on-site and are served Monday to Friday, starting June 24 and ending on August 16. For specific site locations, dates, and times visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) or call 425-430-6694.

## IKEA RENTON RIVER DAYS RETURNS

Join us at Liberty Park Friday to Sunday, July 26-28, for a fabulous lineup of performing artists, food and fun during the 2013 IKEA Renton River Days. An estimated 400 performers will take the stage during the three-day festival.

Celebrate this year's theme "Specquackular" while enjoying the festival's diverse offerings that highlight Renton's passion for music, art, food, and more. With events and activities for all generations, IKEA Renton River Days brings the community together for a

mid-summer celebration of fun, food, and entertainment.

Festival favorites include Wenatchee Youth Circus, Senior Day Picnic, Sam Chastain Memorial Gold Tournament, a fantastic lineup of stage entertainment, Nibble of Renton, Art Market, Renton Annual Art Show, Quilt Show, Chalk Art Contest, Petting Zoo, a parade Saturday morning at 10 a.m., and the Rubber Ducky Derby Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

**For directions, parking, and more information visit [rentonriverdays.org](http://rentonriverdays.org).**

## 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>Administrative Services</b> .....	430-6850
<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>Fire &amp; 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)**

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## OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### Saturday, June 15

#### Swimming beaches open for season.

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kenndale Beach Park, 1201 and 3501 Lake Washington Blvd. N., respectively. Lifeguards on duty from noon to 8 p.m. daily thru Sept. 2.

**Henry Moses Aquatic Center open for swimming season.** Sessions at noon and 4 p.m. daily. 1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy. Call 425-430-6780.

### Sunday, June 16

**Renton City Band Concert.** 2 p.m. Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 senior/student. Call 425-430-6700.

### Thursday, July 4

**Renton Fabulous Fourth of July.** Noon to 10:30 p.m. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N. Park opens at 7 a.m.

### Sunday, July 7

**Return To Renton Car Show.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett. Call 425-430-7589 or visit [GoRenton.com](http://GoRenton.com).

### Thursday, July 25

**Renton River Days Senior Day.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway. Tickets required, call 425-430-6633.

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

### Friday-Sunday, July 26-28

**IKEA Renton River Days.** Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Liberty Park. Parade Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m., S. 3rd Street between Shattuck and Mill Ave.

### Tuesday, August 6

**National Night Out.** 4 to 7:30 p.m. Philip Arnold Park, 720 Jones Avenue South. Call 425-430-7521.

### Saturday, August 24

**Downtown Art & Antique Walk.** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown Renton. Art and displays by over 75 artists. Call 425-407-8719.

### Recurring Summer Events:

**Tuesdays: June 4 to September 24**

**Renton Farmers Market.** 3 to 7 p.m. Piazza Park, 3rd & Burnett.

**Wednesdays: July 10 to August 14**

**Kidd Valley Concert Series.** 7 p.m.

 Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. Call 425-430-6700 or visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) for performance schedule.

**Fridays: July 19 to August 16**

**Family Fun and Films.** 7:45 p.m.

Call 425-430-6700 or visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov) for schedule and locations.

## NEIGHBORHOODS TO HOST PICNICS

Each summer, various recognized neighborhood associations host picnics in their respective areas to bring residents together, play games, honor the uniqueness and accomplishments of their neighborhoods, and give back to the community by completing a service project.

When neighborhoods become "Officially

Recognized" through the Neighborhood Program, they develop connections with city staff and community resources, have access to matching grant funds, and are eligible for funding for neighborhood picnics. For an application to become an "Officially Recognized" neighborhood, and to view the 2013 Picnic Schedule, visit [rentonwa.gov](http://rentonwa.gov).