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My weekly newsletter covers all that is happening in Renton, including the most current COVID-19 updates and information from state and federal officials and agencies.

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City continues support of small businesses

No one area of our city has been hit harder by COVID-19 than our small business community. So far, we've seen more than 40 small businesses close, and those that remain open are operating amid concerns for their future. As a city, we are continually working to ease those concerns.

Late last month, we distributed almost $1.4 million in CARES grants to 188 qualified Renton small businesses. The funds cover COVID-19 related expenses.

Several businesses have taken advantage of an ordinance the city passed in July, allowing them to expand their retail onto the sidewalk or onto an adjacent parking lot. This expansion aligns with Phase 2 of the governor’s "Safe Start Plan" and increases the number of customers they can serve. These areas can be used for sales, pick-up, and, in the case of restaurants, additional seating.

Last month we announced our partnership with Renton Chamber of Commerce and One Eastside to raise funds for Renton small businesses through Chip-In. It’s like GoFundMe, but Chip-In does not take a cut. Each dollar donated will support local Renton businesses meet payroll, keep their lights on and doors open.

Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our neighborhoods and a source of community pride. They've been enduring an unprecedented time. We're asking all of Renton to step up to support each other in these times. Never has it been more important to "shop local."

This week is Affordable Housing Week

We proclaimed Oct. 12-16 as Affordable Housing Week in Renton. All of us should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing within our city. That all our residents live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes is a goal we are working towards every day.

City leadership is working collaboratively to develop affordable and workforce housing for Renton residents with a diverse group of organizations: Renton Housing Authority, South King County Homelessness and Housing Partnership, Homestead Community Land Trust, Challenge Seattle and Habitat for Humanity, and private developers and partners including Microsoft. We are moving aggressively to meet the challenge of housing affordability and have several new projects that are planned or underway:

- **Sunset Oaks**, a 60-unit rental housing project under construction in the Sunset Neighborhood by Renton Housing Authority
- **Willowcrest Townhomes**, a 24-unit townhome complex by Homestead Community Land Trust
- **Sunset Gardens**, a proposed 75 affordable rental units for elderly/veterans on the site of RHA’s current headquarters in the Sunset Area

We are developing a Housing Action Plan and a Community Needs Assessment to ensure public investment is maximized and meet our residents’ needs. These plans will focus on near-term solutions to increase housing availability and affordability. The Housing Action Plan includes input from an advisory committee of community and housing stakeholders from private and non-profit sectors. Their recommendations will go to the City Council for adoption.

An exciting new proposal we are working on is creating a set of model plans for Renton property owners to acquire from the city for backyard cottages and carriage houses. These plans are pre-designed and pre-engineered and ready for approval in a streamlined permit process at little to no cost. The city plans to roll out this program very soon. We’ll keep you updated as we work through the process.

CED has saved applicants time and money by streamlining the permitting process and creating several pre-approved plans for Accessory Dwelling Units.

Cugini Florist has expanded retail space into their parking lot taking advantage of emergency ordinance.
For the fourth year, the Renton Multicultural Festival has celebrated the cultural diversity that is the very fabric of our city.

COVID-19 Update
King County Metro and Sound Transit offer new subsidized annual pass for riders in greatest need

October 18 deadline for comments on draft EIS for proposed county facility in the Highlands

Renton Chamber of Commerce, One Renton, offers small businesses up to a $45,000 energy efficiency and cosmetic upgrades makeover.

Renton COVID-19 economic recovery support for small businesses through Chip

We have General Election information available on o...
City Council

Meeting: Monday, October 19

City Council meeting video

Committee of the Whole

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Economic Development

cityclerk@rentonwa.gov

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, city council members will be attending this meeting remotely. This meeting is also being live-streamed during public hearings and audience comments will be accommodated through Zoom and by telephone, but the public is not permitted under the current C.O.R.C. to address the council directly. For those who would like to address the city council, you may email your testimony at email: ctyclerk@rentonwa.gov or @rentonwa.gov.

Viewing the Meeting

City Council

[Streaming]

Telephone: 425-450-7171 and entering code 0365594

Meeting Notes

Provisioning Public Comment

Commenting on the Agenda Orders

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Dietary/Volunteer

Bloodworks Northwest is on short supply. Find a

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Cross of Hope Food Pantry is registered with United Way.

King County Regional Donations

Monetary contributions can be made via

The Plate Fund

Production operations

April 5

King County Council

Small Business Hotline

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Small Business Administration

Thrive@Rentonwa.gov

It's more important than ever that we share

resources and information in real

of 19 Daily Update

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Main Street Lending Program *Update*

If you would like a

businesses to receive supp

Renton Business Minute

and is meant to be a safe space where business leaders can support

Renton's small business owners and employers.

This group is a networking platform for Renton's small business own

@RentonBusiness

Facebook Discussion

Let your customers know you are back with a free "Open for Business"

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Support Renton

All In WA launches a


during this current situation with a professional, the city's

business's Economic Development staff

King County: Renton

The Federal Reserve Board announced an expansion of its

Technical assistance

Funding

If you need assistance filing for

Funding

To serve the general public.

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Main Street Lending Program Update "Immediately" The Federal Reserve Board announced an expansion of its "Main Street Lending Program" to allow for more small- and medium-sized businesses to qualify for these loans and to increase the maximum loan amount, raised the maximum loan limit, adjusted the principal

mainstreetrenton.org
Housing

Mental Health

Health Care/Mental Health Resources

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Events/Volunteer Opportunities

Food Banks/Resources

Volunteering

Facilities/Services

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Informational Resources

Fish Hawk

1.000 are available to fund your innovative projects that fill

Video production and support, help to get other services and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.

Health/Mental Health Resources

Health Care

Volunteer activities.

Cultural gaps and inspire new forms of creative participation, particularly for underserved.

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission offers grants to individuals,

Renton Community Meals

1. Take care of your body. Take deep breaths and stretch, eat healthy

The Hassle Free Holiday Bazaar

Renton Community Foundation has launched a Covid-19 Response Fund

United Way of King County is a supplemental food program for women who are

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Second Harvest, Food Lifeline and Northwest Harvest.

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Renton Community Men’s House

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Open 5 Online Payments
L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

Regarding worker safety and health are subject to enforcement action under adopted as rules by a federal, state or local regul

Home, Stay Healthy
These COVID requirements necessary for an onsite inspection:

- training, physical distancing, PPE, sanitation and cleanliness and monitoring contractors and workers. The plan includes requirements related to safety

The safety plan was developed as part of a working group that included

Under phase 2, all construction, including those activities for which social

limited to construction that was previously authorized under Proclamation 20

Building Division: 425
interested in more information about virtual inspections, please cont

Building COVID-19 site requirements may be present at all times during construction activities.

Swim beach
Swim at

visit.

A site-specific COVID-19 Supervisor shall be designated by the contractor at each job site to monitor physical distancing, PPE, sanitation and cleanliness and symptom monitoring; incident reporting; site decontamination procedures; COVID

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The Sophia Way
7 a.m. Men allowed on host locations for overnight stay. The Sophia Way offers showers, laundry, meals, healthcare. Open every day 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

ARISE
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Resource referrals, showers, laundry, meals, healthcare. Open Sunday – lunch. Open every day 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Hospitality House
9 p.m. Men allowed on
7:30 a.m. Men allowed on
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Women allowed on out/delivery:
Hosted by a different Renton church every week.

Jury service is suspended per an emergency order issued by Presiding Judge for the King County District Court.

Renton Municipal Court is serving as a mentor court to other courts for order recall hearings are being held via video conference with parties.

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All for shelter/day center intake.

Opens at 6 p.m. every night.

Custody hearings are being held via video conference with parties.

In-custody hearings are being held via video conference with parties.

Purpose referrals, showers, laundry, breakf

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Renton police Department

If you suspect a business is

Google Document

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General information

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Renton Parks & Recreation

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King County Response

King County’s COVID-19 Response

• King County dedicates $41 million to COVID-19 related rental assistance and eviction prevention

• King County awards COVID-19 relief grants to regional science organizations, arts and culture, and independent live music venues

• King County partners with King County Library System to distribute face coverings to community and faith-based organizations, and individuals

• King County’s Local Food Finder supporting local farms. A competitive grants program is available for farmers hit by the COVID-19 pandemic (deadlines are August 31 and October 15)

• Seattle Sounder trains, some ST Express routes.

• Public Health-Seattle & King County COVID-19 Data Dashboard

• King County submits plan to facilitate COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown.

• PSE’s Safe Start Kit program provides up to $200 reimbursement for purchase of new electric stove, dryer, water heater, refrigerator, or energy efficient fixture

• PSE Foundation launches new competitive grants program for income or very low income.

• Mayor Murray announces plan to re-open limited business activity in CDP

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• King County postpones payment deadline to June 1 for Utility Bills: 425-6440. This program is in response and recovery of COVID-19 pandemic (deadlines are August 31 and October 15)

Transportation

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• Metro plans September service change amid budget

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Governor announces statewide mask mandate
Governor announces cancellation of some state employee events due to coronavirus
Governor extends eviction moratorium
May 13 - Governor issues directive to state agencies to freeze hiring and contracts
May 17 - Governor announces contact tracing initiative
Governor releases five phases in "Plan 1" guidance
Governor announces three Safe Start advisory groups
Governor signs new COVID-19 order for phased re-opening of Washington's economy

Information for Business & Workers

- Governor issues four-phase plan to gradually reopen the state's economy

- Governor rolls out COVID-19 risk dashboard with daily data
- The governor's clarifying memos by phase for businesses
- Additional guidance from the governor
- The governor is seeking to fill shortages of specific personal protective equipment (PPE) to combat the COVID-19 pandemic
- The ban will take effect on March 25 and be in place for a minimum of two weeks. The governor indicated that even though personal protective equipment (PPE) is in short supply, it is a priority to let essential businesses operate.
- The ban will allow essential medical services, public safety services, and limited automotive sales and leasing activities to continue. The ban prohibits routine elective surgeries and dental procedures. The ban does not apply to skilled nursing facilities or assisted living facilities.
- The ban will apply to all non-essential businesses beginning March 25
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Washington's Phased Reopening

- Governor announces new COVID-19 order for phased reopening of Washington's economy

What's open in each phase

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additional sales and retail activities begin Tuesday, May 5. When the state moves to Phase 2, all components of Phase 1 will continue.

Phase 2

1. Build on uptake of recent decisions made to re-open some activities, including continuing construction; allowing additional back-to-school plans and testing; playing golf and some park access, which Browne announced last week.

2. Also adds outdoor activities, including:

• Drive-in spiritual activities with one household per vehicle.
• Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 activities.
• Retail for outdoor pick up only.
• Car parks
• Some pet services (not including grooming)
• Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 activities.

Phase 3

1. The state’s COVID-19 dashboard is curving down and decreasing the four capabilities (health care system readiness, testing capacity and availability, contact investigations and ability to protect high risk populations) are met, the governor will issue an order for the state to move into Phase 3. As noted above, each phase will last at least three weeks, and data and metrics will determine the ability to move from one phase to another.

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1. Remaining manufacturing and construction phases.

2. Restaurant/tavern reopening.

3. Public health system readiness; testing capacity and availability; case and contact investigations; and ability to protect high risk populations; the governor will issue an order for the state to move into Phase 4.

Phase 4

1. The state’s COVID-19 disease burden stays low and the four capabilities (health care system readiness, testing capacity and availability; case and contact investigations; and ability to protect high risk populations) are met, the governor will issue an order for the state to move into Phase 4 which represents a return to normalcy. The state will move to Phase 4 when:

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