Renton earns “Age-Friendly” city status

We are charged with taking care of the most important people in our community. That’s why I was so pleased that Renton earned the designation as an “Age-Friendly” city by AARP and the World Health Organization.

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We are just the second city in the state to join a global network of cities. We’ll learn their best practices and bring them back to Renton.

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We started by establishing a Senior Citizen Advisory Board. They reviewed our current program offerings to gauge their effectiveness and identify what we are missing. Their work will continue to be instrumental as we reach out to residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and faith-based communities.

This project’s inspiration came from former city councilmember Don Persson. For as long as I can remember, Don has passionately advocated caring for our seniors, or as he called them “the most important people in our world.” He deserves a big part of this award, and I look forward to his input as we proceed.

My thanks also to our community services recreation and neighborhood division for securing this designation. Over the past months, our focus has narrowed on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of our “Age-Friendly City” designation, we are initiating a monthly Renton Virtual Series via Zoom on the second and fourth Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m. The series will cover various topics using expert presenters, city staff, and include your ideas. The first will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. Topics include an explanation of the “Age-Friendly City” designation and the upcoming community-wide survey for seniors. Register to reserve your spot using course #9383. For help, call 425-430-6633.

Tourism grant applications being accepted

Our community & economic development department has opened the application process for 2021 Tourism Grants. The deadline is Fri., Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. Eligible entities include convention and visitors’ bureaus, destination marketing organizations, nonprofit like chambers of commerce and lodging associations, and municipalities. The grants support Renton’s tourism marketing and operations and are funded through the state’s Hotel-Motel Tax.

Lodging tax income has been affected by COVID-19, and the amount of funding available is yet to be determined. We advise grantees that distribution of 2021 awards may be delayed or suspended if tourism promotion and/or events are prevented due to state or local COVID-19 mandates.

Eastside cities virtual job fair on Oct. 29

Renton is partnering with Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond for the free Eastside Cities Virtual Job Fair. The Fair is next Thursday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events like the Renton Multicultural Festival receive part of their funding from lodging tax revenues.

Event: Renton Multicultural Festival makes return of their Funding Day to lobby longer tax benefits.

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Renton joins Seattle as the only two cities in the state of Washington to earn “Age-Friendly” city status from AARP and WHO.

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.

Google Translation is available on the website. For additional translation services contact communications@rentonwa.gov.

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County establishes eviction prevention and rent assistance program

King County has launched a $41 million eviction and rent assistance program to help households affected by COVID-19. Tenants, property landlords and managers, manufactured home park owners and managers, and non-profits are eligible to apply. Applications are available in 25 languages.

The fund will provide up to $20,000 per household, and those whose incomes have fallen below 50% of the area median household income will be prioritized.

[For more information, visit the County’s website.]

State accepting applications for COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund

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Update on impact of COVID-19

Impact of COVID-19 on King County

• Case Indicators of COVID-19 Activity in King County
• Washington State Coronavirus information
• Get tested if you have any of these symptoms
• Public Health – Seattle & King County COVID-19 Dashboard
• Senate COVID-19 Testing Site

Impact of COVID-19 on the City of Renton

• City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Most services are available via telephone and online.
• CDC guidelines for screening employees have been implemented. Health screening questions will be asked.
• Increased frequency for disinfecting common spaces, counters and doors handles in all facilities throughout our hours of operation.
• Created COVID-19 hotline to handle COVID-19 related questions.
• Enacted a telework policy for eligible employees until further notice.
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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, councilmembers will be attending this meeting remotely because of social distancing guidelines. Meetings and audience comments will be accommodated through Zoom and by phone. For the public, the Blue Room is open to receive a live feed of the meeting.

### City Council

#### Next meeting – Monday, October 26
- Topic: State of Renton and Legislative Update
- Committee of the Whole: 4:30 p.m. (department budget presentations)

#### Zoom: 7 p.m. – citycouncil@rentonwa.gov

#### City’s response to governor’s order of “Stay Home, Stay Healthy”
- March 24
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#### To get your banner:
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Main Street Lending Program • Update

The Federal Reserve Board announced an expansion of its Main Street Lending Program to support previously excluded small and medium-sized businesses to receive support. The board lowered the minimum loan advance from $100,000 to $25,000, adjusted the principal repayment schedule to begin after five years, and extended the term to 15 years.

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission offers grants to individuals, organizations, businesses, and nonprofits in Renton.

Volunteering

These facilities are closed until further notice. Renton Community Center, Renton Senior Activity Center, Highlands Community Center, North Highlands Community Center, Renton Senior Activity Center, Highlands Community Center, and the Renton Senior Activity Center are closed to the public until further notice.

The city has a variety of volunteer opportunities for residents looking to give back to the community.

Food Banks/Resources

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Public Works

To request service or report a problem call 425-432-7400 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call the Renton Police Department dispatch at 425-750-7200 (option #4) to request assistance from an on-call representative. If the problem is an emergency, call 911.

25 MPH flashing school zone beacon are disabled.

Recreational Fishing

Contact: John Heiner, 425-750-7200 x7850 or jheiner@rentonwa.gov.

Restrooms at Coulon and Kennydale Beach parks open.

All other restrooms will close by 5:30 p.m. each day.

Virtual Inspections

Whenever possible, virtual inspections will be accomplished. If you are interested in more information about virtual inspections, please contact the Building Division at 425-750-7200 x7430.

Online Payments

The online payments service is available to update homeowners and contractors regarding how the city is implementing the Governor’s “Safe Start” plan. Please contact the Business Licensing & Tax Permitting Portal at 425-750-7202 or via e-mail to: bizpermits@rentonwa.gov.

Before calling for an inspection, please make sure you have met the minimum requirements necessary for an onsite inspection:

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General questions about how to comply with the agreement practices may be submitted to the L&I (800) 472-7200; or via e-mail to: DOSH.SafetyCallCenter@dol.wa.gov.

Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you feel.

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The City of Renton and Kentwood back beach parks. WARNING - Lifeguards will not be on duty! Swim at your own risk - children should always be supervised by an adult at all times. Virtual and neighborhood-based programming is underway.

Men’s Shelter

Shelters

Renton Municipal Airport

Renton School District/Education

Updates from the Chief of Police

Renton Municipal Court

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There is a 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (7:30 a.m. Men allowed on site) open/remote basis. Overnight shelter operations are held via video conference with parties appearing remotely.

Out of courtesy, recall hearings are now being held via Zoom and streamed on YouTube. More information can be found online.

Renton Municipal Court is serving as a mentoring court to other courts.

Domestic violence no-contact order recall hearings are being held via Zoom in a manner that affords the necessary safety protocols for protected parties and streamed on YouTube.

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Hospitalizations from COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

ARISE

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Prospect for Reopening Plan. The Sophia Way

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King County Response

Public Health – Seattle King County COVID-19 Dashboard

King County creates a new $41 million program to assist Washingtonians impacted by COVID-19. Effective immediately, King County will direct $41 million to new localized response grants to aid in response and recovery of COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown. This program is in addition to the recently published COVID-19 State of Emergency or modified Phase 1 (April 25) which includes

King County awards $1 million to provide immediate assistance to those who have lost income due to COVID-19. (April 30)

Puget Sound Energy establishes a new customer hardship fund to aid in response and recovery of COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown. PSE will launch a new energy assistance portal to aid customers who have no income or very low income.

City continues to waive late fees and penalties and will not shut off water service to anyone whose payment was due on March 19, 2020, whichever comes first (September 30).

City will extend service cuts to September 19, 2020, whichever comes first (September 30).

Puget Sound Energy has additional dollars available in its Energy Assistance Program for income eligible customers. PSE will not disconnect customers for non-payment, will waive late fees and work on payment plans, and will continue to facilitate access to funds available to income-qualified customers.

King County Executive announces plan to re-open limited business activity in King County (September 31).

Utility Bills: 425-574-2970

Facial masks, gloves, and all other personal protective equipment must be worn at all times on transit until further notice.

Sound Transit to temporarily reduce service on Link light rail, Sounder, and Metro buses. These materials do not belong in your blue recycle container.

Chairman Pavone of the County Council announces supplemental budget to aid in response and recovery of COVID-19 services to frontline community groups. (June 12)

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King County Council approves $70 million to aid small businesses, small farms and homeless Fund homeless youth programs.

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City of Seattle and King County launches Joint Data & Analysis Center and Task Force to Support COVID-19 response, help small businesses, arts and culture, and independent live music venues.

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March 18: King County postpones payment deadline to June 1 for individual property taxpayers.

March 20: A King County task force, and other unfurlable items can create a sewer backup in your home. Flush only toilet paper and protect your plumbing.

March 24: Governor issues proclamation requiring agricultural workers to wear face coverings in King County.

March 25: King County issues proclamation requiring agricultural worker to wear face coverings.

March 25: King County Public Health launches CORONA and FreeCorona.Wash.

March 30: Governor announces relief funds to help immigrants and agricultural workers.

April 7: Governor announces new state group for COVID-19.

April 13: Governor announces updates to Safe Start reopening plan.

April 17: Governor announces updates to Safe Start reopening plan.

May 1: Governor announces updates to Safe Start reopening plan.

May 8: Governor announces updates to Safe Start reopening plan.

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May 29: Governor announces updates to Safe Start reopening plan.

June 8: Governor announces relief funds to help small businesses (1-10 employees including proprietor). The grants provide up to $10,000 in emergency funds to businesses with up to $10,000.

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July 28: Governor announces updates to Safe Start reopening plan.

August 10: Governor announces relief funds to help immigrants and agricultural workers.

August 11: Governor issues guidance for agricultural events, updated guidance for outdoor fitness and religious and faith-based services.

March 18: Prevention is the key to containing COVID-19 (Public Health - Seattle & King County).

June 14: Racism is a public health crisis. The transformation starts here. (Public Health - Seattle & King County).

June 26: COVID-19 Economic Relief: Grant program will provide a limited number of business with up to $10,000.

March 30: Businesses that violate the governor's Stay Home, Work Safe directive may be fined; up to $10,000.

May 28: Misinformation about COVID-19 can create fear and make it harder for people to keep each other safe.

July 17: It starts with us. - The Do's and Don'ts of staying at home - Washington State DOH.

May 18: King County resid...ent can participate in the grant program.

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July 17: It starts with us. - The Do's and Don'ts of staying at home - Washington State DOH.
August 31 - Governor announces education recommendation for 2020-2021 school year

July 29 - Governor issues contact tracing proclamation, protects personal information

July 28 - Governor directs "pause" in phased re-opening on indoor dining and bars

July 27 - Governor opposes extension of stay-at-home order

July 23 - Governor announces rollbacks to some activities to slow COVID-19 spread

July 20 - Governor extends Stay Home, Stay healthy proclamation, issues face coverings guidance

July 19 - Governor releases plan to restart higher education in the fall

July 19 - Governor announce statewide mask mandate

July 17 - Governor cancels cancellation of some state employee raises and furloughs

July 2 - Governor extends eviction moratorium

June 9 - Governor issues directive to state agencies to hire new labor and contracts

May 27 - Governor announces contact tracing initiative

May 20 - Governor releases additional Safe Start Phase 1 guidance

May 19 - Governor announces three Safe Start advisory groups

May 15 - Governor signs new COVID-19 order for phased re-opening of Washington's economy

March 24 - Washington, Oregon & California in Western States Pact

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March 18 - Governor announces free mortgage payments

March 17 - Financial Institutions

March 10 - Governor's statement on Century Link field hospital

March 9 - Governor announces education recommendations for the start of the 2020-2021 school year

March 3 - Governor signs bill package to support state effort to contain COVID-19

March 2 - Governor announces a new federal stimulus package

March 1 - Governor announces Washington's COVID-19 recovery plan

February 27 - Governor extends eviction moratorium

February 21 - Governor issues protections for high risk workers

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May 1 - Governor announces additional Safe Start Phase 1 guidance

April 29 - Governor signs new COVID-19 order for phased re-opening of Washington's economy

April 27 - Governor announces extension to federal stimulus package

April 21 - Governor announces easing of outdoor restrictions

April 13 - Governor rolls out COVID-19 personal information collection system

April 10 - Governor extends eviction moratorium

April 8 - Governor provides additional guidance on school closures and restaurant limitations

April 7 - Governor signs emergency proclamation to provide for a minimum of two weeks. The governor indicated that even though the order is voluntary, it is enforceable by law. Resident who violate the order may be exposed to criminal penalties.

April 6 - Governor releases additional guidance on the "Stay Home, Stay healthy" order related to essential businesses. It clarifies as "essential" those who are deemed essential if they are "in the home taking care of children of essential workers," automotive repair facilities and repair shops, "business" and delivery services, and sales and leasing activities, and renewable energies. The bulletin also includes guidance that recreational fishing facilities and limited automotive sales and leasings and "not deemed essential.

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April 2 - Governor extends protections for utility ratepayers and truck drivers

April 2 - Governor announces ban for large expansions moratorium and adds additional protections for residential and some commercial tenancy.

April 2 - Governor issues protections for high risk workers

April 1 - Washington, Oregon and California announce Western States Pact

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March 27 - The governor welcomes Army doctors to a field hospital in Seattle to help with COVID-19

March 25 - The governor announced a stay at home order, banning all gatherings and closing all businesses, echoing the proposal for the federal stimulus package

March 24 - Governor announces that construction projects will take effect on March 25 and be in place for a minimum of two weeks. The governor indicated that even though the order is voluntary, it is enforceable by law. Residents will be able to conduct essential business (shopping, doctor’s appointments and medical care, and more) and delivery orders. In addition, the governor extends the stay at home order, banning all gatherings and closing all businesses, echoing the proposal for the federal stimulus package

March 22 - Governor orders a halt to elective surgeries and dental services to reserve critical equipment for COVID-19 health care workers

March 21 - Governor waives the one-week wait for unemployment benefits

March 19 - Governor announces plan to gradually reopen the state's economy

March 18 - Governor extends eviction moratorium

March 17 - Governor extends stay at home order, banning all gatherings and closing all businesses, echoing the proposal for the federal stimulus package

March 16 - Governor announces plan to combat COVID-19 spread and take action to prevent social distancing

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February 6 - The state is seeking to fill shortages of specific personal protective equipment (PPE) and essential products to support our medical system, first responders, public health and care facilities

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Washington state is currently in Phase 1, with core restrictions to help keep COVID-19 disease burden low and prevent hospitalizations;

As noted above, each phase will be at least three weeks, data and metrics will determine when the state can move from one phase to another.

Phase 1

Phase 1 will carry into the start of Phase 2, which will include outdoor activities in small groups with people from outside one’s household, as well as limited non-essential travel within proximity of one’s home.

Phases 1, 2, and 3 will carry into the start of Phase 4 which will re-open in phases with adequate social distancing and good hygiene practices.

Federal Response

President Joe Biden's administration rescinded the Trump administration’s order to ban entry to the United States of individuals who have visited China in the past 14 days, effective April 27.

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• The SBA is also offering low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses who have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

• April 3 – CDC recommendation regarding the use of cloth face coverings, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

• April 27 – Congress passes CARES Act a $2.2 trillion federal stimulus package to aid economic relief and economic stimulus.

• March 23 – President approves major disaster declaration for Washington.

Important Links

• Public Health - Seattle & King County
• King County Emergency Help
• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
• Governor's Coronavirus Response (coronavirus.wa.gov)
• Washington State Construction Reopening
• Coronavirus forfact sheets in multiple language resources
• King County Emergency Preparedness Standards
• State Resource for Business
• Information Service Provider Resources

Information for Businesses and Employees

For Businesses
• Stay Home – Stay Healthy Guidance for essential business
• What do I do if an employee tests positive for COVID-19
• CDC guidance for preparing workplaces for COVID-19

For Employees
• Employment Security Division: for workers affected by COVID-19
• SHRM's Paid Family and Medical Leave Program
• ShareYourProgram
• Tangible (health, identity and credentials)
• Unemployment Assistance
• Instead Way of King County: Where to get help

Financial Resources

• U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance
• Keep Workers Safe and Healthy Fund Seattle Metro Chamber
• Washington State Department of Revenue: Business Relief During COVID-19 Pandemic
• IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief
• Facebook Small Business Grants Program
• Association of Washington Businesses
• Business Washington COVID-19 Business Resources
• Restore Your Economy.org: COVID-19 Resources for Economic Development