Looking out for our senior population

Our senior population is one we are monitoring closely during COVID-19. The Renton Senior Activity Center plays a major role in the social activities of our communities. When COVID forced the center’s closure, local events were canceled, but we were determined to continue the popular weekday lunch program.

I’m happy to report that because of hard work by center staff and Sound Generations, our nutrition partner, we have not only continued the program but, by the Friday of the second week (March 20) as we served almost the same number of meals as we did prior to the closure. Our center has served 494 meals so far, and if this trend continues, the numbers could climb, reaching a high of 800 on Wednesday. Through March 18, the center has served 457 meals and 400+ meals.

Perhaps more importantly, there will be direct cash payments, extended unemployment insurance payments, and forgivable loans and financial assistance for small businesses and large corporations alike. I will do my best to stay up to date on this funding, at least indirectly, but we will know more. Staff is developing a survey to help guide future programs.

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King County Regional Donation Center is a virtual donation management center.

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  - Renton Retail
  - Renton Economic Development

**Economic Development**
- CED has compiled list of resources for businesses and employers.
- King County Business Resource Center provides emergency disaster loans to small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- King County Business Resource Center has launched a COVID-19 resource hub.
- Greater Seattle Partners is asking businesses to take an active role in economic recovery.

**Facilities Services**
- The following facilities are closed at least through April 24: Renton Community Center, Renton School District Administration Building, highlands Community Center, Renton History Museum, Renton Public Event Center
- Lunch program continues at the Community Center. Senior (Cafeteria) open 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting March 23.
- Public Works, Parks and Facilities shop are closed to the public until further notice.

**Online Payments**
- Business, lien, license, court, tax and licensing staff can all be reached.

**Permitting**
- Renton Restaurant Permitting is closed to the public until further notice. Applicants can reach the restaurant permitting staff for payments and technical applications.

**Public Works**
- Maintenance facility is closed to the public until further notice.
- To prevent run-off, all rainwater should be directed towards city streets and public and private driveways. All organic and recyclable materials must be placed in a can or cart, or secured in bags. Bulk waste collection and Clean Sweep collections are suspended until further notice. All extra garbage must be placed in a cart, can, or secured in bags. Bulk waste collection may be suspended until further notice. All collection routes are on a normal schedule. Questions? Contact Republic Services.

**Property Taxes**
- Republic Services will waive late fees and penalties and will not activate any collection procedures in the interest of safety for both the public and their employees during work.

**Public Health**
- Continuity of operations mandated to isolate water treatment operators from other employees during work.
- **Republic Services** has had to make important temporary guidelines for waste disposal. Extra garbage must be placed in a cart, can, or secured in bags. Bulky waste collection may be suspended until further notice. All collection routes are on a normal schedule. Questions? Contact Republic Services.

**Public Works**
- Republic Services will waive late fees and penalties and will not activate any collection procedures for a period of 90 days.

**Recreation**
- All parks.
- All playgrounds, sport courts, fields, and other active recreation areas within city parks are closed.
- All classes, events and activities at least through April 24.
- Rec centers through April 24 will be closed.
- Refunds processing for March cancellations; April to follow.
- Registrations through April 26 will be refunded.

**Renton Municipal Airport**
- Flight operations are on normal schedule. Questions? Contact 425-740-7203.

**Renton Police Department**
- Courts are closed until further notice and traffic is flowing normally.
- In-person interviews are no longer being held at City Hall.
- All legal calendars have been held via video conference with prosecutors and public defenders.
- Work will continue to document Criminal Violence and their Contact Order Records.
- Jury service and police suspect service is suspended until at least April 1 until further notice.

**Renton Transit**
- Cuts service to families in need due to pandemic.
- **Chief Ed VanValey updates procedures.**
- **Utility Bills:** 425-430-3810.
- **Public Health – Seattle-King County** (206-243-6991) handles complaints of non-emergencies.
- **School zone cameras turned off.**
- **Message from Chief Ed VanValey.**

**Renton Regional Fire Authority**
- **Fees and permitting**
- **Permitting (General information):** 425-430-3810.
- **Public works:** 425-740-4300.

**Renton Regional Community Foundation**
- Doug Baldwin has organized food deliveries through REACH Center of Hope and Meal Coalition.
- Monetary contributions can be made via Seattle Foundation.

**Renton Senior Activity Center**
- **Businesses impacted by COVID-19:**
  - Small Business Administration Fund
  - Renton Regional Community Foundation has launched a Response Fund
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**Renton Community Center**
- **COVID-19 Daily Update**
  - Operators from King County Council of Nonprofits.
  - Message from Chief Ed VanValey on governor’s “Stay at Home” order.
  - 19 Daily Update
  - Sound Transit to temporarily reduce service on Link light rail.
  - Sound Transit to suspend fare collection.
  - 20 MPH flashing school zone beacons disabled.
  - 19 - 206 6852; 21 - 425 6851; 22 - 425 6850.

**Renton Restaurants**
- All restaurants are open for take-out service.
- Gift cards are also appreciated.
- General information on unemployment, workers’ comp, defenders.
- **Jury service and passport service is suspended until at least April 27.**

**Renton Regional Courthouse**
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**Renton Regional Park and Trail System**
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State/Federal actions

County

COVID-19 Data Dashboard from Public Health–Seattle & King County.

State

- Governor announces stay at home order, banning all gatherings and closing all but those businesses deemed by the federal guidelines as essential. The ban will take effect on March 25 and be in place for a minimum of two weeks. The governor indicated the order is voluntary in nature, it is enforceable by law. Residents will be able to conduct essential business (shopping, doctor’s appointments) and restaurants can still conduct business via to-go and delivery orders.

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

- Governors waive one-week wait for unemployment benefits.

- Governor signs bill package to support state effort combating the COVID-19 outbreak.

- Governor issues statewide shutdown of restaurants, bars and limits on size of gatherings expanded.

- Governor expands school closure/gathering ban statewide.

Federal

- President approves major disaster declaration for Washington.

Important Links

- Public Health – Seattle & King County
- King County Emergency Home
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Washington State’s COVID-19 Resources
- Washington State Coronavirus Resources
- Coronavirus Fact Sheets in multi-language resources
- King County Emergency Preparedness Standards
- State Resources for Business
- Washington State Human Services Resources