VIDEO OF THE WEEK
Hate Has No Home Here

What does the city's Hate Has No Home Here campaign mean? Watch as city leaders and residents respond.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK
Volunteers making a difference

Thanks to everyone who volunteered as part of our National Day of Service and Remembrance last Saturday.

Two groups met at Tiffany Park to perform maintenance and install storm drain markers and distribute educational materials in nearby neighborhoods. We have photos of the event on our Flickr page.

National Day of Service and Remembrance is held annually to honor those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, PA.

COVER STORY
Helping dedicate the new 20 miles per hour speed limit in the LaCrosse neighborhood are (left to right) Lead Public Works Maintenance Worker Russell McClurg, Public Works Administrator Martin Pastucha, Mayor Armondo Pavone, LaCrosse HOA President James Curtis and his daughter Alicia, and LaCrosse HOA Vice President Buddy Sliva.

At your service

There are many ways Renton residents can reach out to city departments to affect positive changes in their neighborhood and conduct necessary city business.

When the LaCrosse HOA wanted to reduce the speed limit in their neighborhood from 25 to 20 miles per hour to protect pedestrians, they contacted city staff.

Over the following months, public works staff and the HOA board worked together to bring about the change.

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This Week in Renton

Yesterday, the change became a reality. Mayor Armondo Pavone and city Public Works staff joined LaCrosse neighborhood HOA President James Curtis and Vice President Buddy Sliva as they unveiled the new speed limit signs.

“I appreciate LaCrosse's commitment to safety. It aligns with our mission as a city,” said Mayor Pavone at the unveiling. “We will use this experience to help other neighborhoods.”

“We appreciate the opportunity to work with the city and the support we received from them during this process,” said HOA President Curtis. “My thanks to Mayor Pavone and to Councilmembers Ruth Perez and Ed Prince for getting the ball rolling on the change.”

LaCrosse’s reaching out to the city is one of several ways our residents can get assistance from the city. We’ll highlight additional ways, including Renton Responds, that your voice can be heard in the coming weeks.

CITY COUNCIL

Process to address council updated

Starting with the Monday, Sept. 20 city council meeting, we will use an updated process for providing public comment to the council. Residents and others who wish to speak during the audience comment period are asked to register by 5 p.m. on the meeting day. Only those who have submitted the form before the deadline will be recognized. Those registering after will be asked to re-register for the next meeting.

The change was made for three reasons:

1. Ensures everyone who desires to speak during the audience comment portion is recognized and allowed to speak. There have been times speakers have tried to raise their hand and have been missed.

2. Allows city staff to collect contact information and provide timely responses.

3. Establishes a more formal administrative process to manage records.

The form collects the speaker’s full name, city of residence, email address and/or phone number, and comment topic. A link to the form will be included on all agendas, the council’s webpage, council agenda portal, and city social media sites.

Council next meets on Monday, Sept. 20

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m.

MAYOR’S DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY

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On Saturday, two events will collect non-perishable food items. The first is hosted by Emergency Feeding Program at 851 Houser Way N from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The second is part of our recycling event at Renton Technical College (NE 6th Pl and Monroe Ave. NE). Donations can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will benefit the Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank.

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Mayor Armondo Pavone (center front) is flanked by the 2021 Renton City Council. Ruth Pérez and Council President Randy Corman are seated in the front row. Standing: Valerie O’Halloran, Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvin, Kim-Khánh Văn, and Angela Benedetti.
Today is National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Today is POW/MIA Recognition Day, when we pause to think about the sacrifices of the men and women imprisoned or unaccounted for because of their military service.

Around 82,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf War, and other conflicts.

So please join with VFW Post 1263 and American Legion Fred Hancock Post 19 in Renton to keep these heroes and their families in your thoughts not just today, but every day.

Community feeding event returns

The SOS pop-up is a free lunch event to benefit the unsheltered and those Renton residents with food insecurities. Among the available items:

- Amazon Fresh ready-to-eat food & drinks
- Personal hygiene kits
- Cleaning supplies
- Socks

The next two events are Tuesday, Sept. 27 and 28, 12:00-2 p.m. at 300 Rainier Ave N. The location is on the west side of the Renton Municipal Airport and north of the Rainier Ave N & Airport Way intersection.

Community invited to comment on transportation and forestry issues

Renton residents can provide input on two critical issues. A draft copy of the Public Work’s 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is available in draft form. In addition, public comments are being collected before a public hearing during the city council meeting on Oct. 4. These comments will be reviewed for incorporation into the 2022 update.
The Urban and Community Forestry Division seeks input to develop its 10-year Urban Forest Management Plan. The plan will use the input to create a road map to guide the city’s growth. The 11 questions will define values and preferences for maintaining and enhancing the urban forest now and for future generations.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Tourism grants available for 2022
Organizations with programs or activities that promote tourism in Renton can apply for **Lodging Tax Grants** for 2022. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22.

Eligible events are not limited to within the Renton city limits. However, events must show measurable drive-in tourism within the city limits. Organizations may apply for multiple events. You can find more information and the application online.

**METRO TRANSIT**

Metro and Sound Transit seek input on proposed bus changes
As East Link light rail expands to serve 12 new Eastside light rail stations in coming years, King County Metro and Sound Transit seek public feedback on conceptual bus changes to provide riders faster and more frequent connections.

Metro and Sound Transit are hosting discussions on the upcoming restructure of Metro and Sound Transit bus service on the Eastside. Attendees will be able to preview potential route changes, talk with service planners, and provide feedback.

- Information session 1: 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021
- Information session 2: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021

Register for one of these free virtual events at elc.participate.online. Both events will have Spanish translators and closed captioning/CART available. For questions, additional language translation, and/or accommodations, please contact HaveASay@kingcounty.gov or leave a message at 206-263-9768.

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom meeting link.

Renton-area bus lines affected include Routes 111, 114, 240, 555, and 556.

**RECREATION**

Pooch Plunge photos
Last weekend, Henry Moses Aquatic Center hosted its annual Pooch Plunge, two days of four-legged fun. If your dog was part of the 12-12:45 p.m. session on Saturday, Sept. 11, we have posted over 300 photos of that session to an album on our Flickr page.

Enjoy!
COVID-19

Valley Medical Center
- Walk-in at Piller and Moderna for those 17 and older. Noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HealthPoint
- Drive through at 3005 SW 10th St., 98032. Offers drive through access for the Pfizer vaccine.
- Appointments for 12-16 year-olds or new patients can be made by calling 866-893-5717.
- Current patients over age 18 can use MyHealthpoint to schedule an appointment.

Kaiser Permanente
- Glacier Building and the Rainier Building are accepting appointments. You do not have to be a Kaiser Permanente member.
- Schedule appointment: 877-832-9915, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Interpreters are available. Patients who are 16-17 years old must have a parent or guardian call to schedule their appointment.
- Schedule online.

King County
- Getting vaccinated in King County

CALENDAR

Weekdays, Senior Meals. Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up at Renton Senior Activity Center, 209 Burnett Ave. N, limited quantities.

Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m., Sustainable Renton (Free Drive Through Shredding event at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave. NE, Renton.

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m., Renton Farmers Market, Gateway Park, S. Third St. & Logan Ave. S. Please Note: Market will start on Sept. 29.

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Renton Live! Online connection promoting business, non-profits, and activities within the greater Renton community. Find the weekly link on their new Renton Live Facebook page.

Library resources and events, ongoing. Filter by event, program, and location on kcls.org.

Renton History Museum hosts When You Can’t Go Home, portraits by Karisa Keasey through Nov. 6. The exhibit couples inspiring stories with the facts surrounding the global refugee crisis. The museum is open: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mini Bicycle Event accepting Skyview Bikes for children accepting donations.

Renton Technical College, North Parking Lot, NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE. See rentonwa.gov/recycleevents for details on accepted materials.