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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

When COVID prevented us from holding our annual Juneteenth celebration last year, we produced a video highlighting some of the performances from past years.

No such issue this year. We invite you to join us on Saturday, June 19, from 12 to 5 p.m. at Renton Chamber of Commerce (625 S. 4th St. 98057) for our 2021 celebration of Juneteenth.

We have more on the day’s events below.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Mark Santos-Johnson is flanked by Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude and Mayor Armondo Pavone.

Mark Santos-Johnson wins WASA Community Leadership Award

Mark Santos-Johnson, the city’s community development & housing manager, was awarded the Washington Association of School Administrators’ 110 Community Leadership Award. The award is given “in recognition of outstanding leadership and contributions to the improvement of public education.”

The award recognizes Mark’s many years of working with Renton School District on several transformative projects. These include the Sunset Area Community Revitalization (which started in 2008), the Sunset Area Transformation Plan, and, more recently, the Renton Innovation Zone Partnership.

Renton Schools Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude nominated Mark and presented the award to him on Wednesday.

Mark Santos-Johnson is a Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Damien Pattenaude and Mayor Armondo Pavone.
Juneteenth 2021: “Rising Above the Ashes”

The city’s fourth annual Juneteenth celebration will be Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Renton Chamber of Commerce, 625 S. 4th St., 98057. This year’s celebration is hosted by the city, Renton Police Department, and Renton African American Pastoral Group (RAAP).

For the past three years, the city has celebrated this significant milestone in our country’s history. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when the last remaining slaves were set free in Galveston, Texas. This date was two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. The theme of this year’s celebration is “Rising Above the Ashes.” Saturday's event features speakers, a variety of performers, vendors, and exhibits.

Information and resources available at the event include eviction prevention, voter education, and forum on hate crimes. Also, available meeting information will be shared on our social media channel and on our website.

Juneteenth events: King County Library System

Juneteenth: An Introduction to African-American Genealogy
Thursday, June 17, 10-11 a.m.
Family program, all ages welcome with an adult.
Facilitated by Jaimi Love

Art and Educator Courtney Clark will read the story Common by Camilla Venegas. Also, enjoy a poetry reading by Kiana Davis and music by Joe Williams. Registration is required.

Juneteenth: Stories of Migration with Fabric Art
Wednesday, June 16, 7-8 p.m.
For all ages.
Presented by Fabric Artist Alita Beasley.

About her favorite piece: Growing up in New Orleans, Matt will also share stories about the importance of June 19.

Create a Juneteenth Picnic
Friday, June 18, 12-1 p.m.
For adults.
Presented by Chef Matt Lewis.

Chef Matt Lewis, owner of Where Ya At, Matt?, will demonstrate making some of his favorite picnic items. Growing up in New Orleans, Matt will also share stories and the importance of Juneteenth.

Juneteenth: Journey of Remembrance Celebration
Saturday, June 19, 10-11 a.m.
For all ages.

Contributing artists: Courtney Clark, Kiana Davis, Abigail Ferrell (We. APP Youth School), Damien Geter, Black Stax and Joe Williams.

Experience Juneteenth through the lens of local artists and creatives. Learn the history, traditions, and story of the African American journey from slavery to emancipation and beyond.

Celebrating Juneteenth Through Poetry with Silver Kite Arts
Saturday, June 19, 10:30-11 a.m.

Ages 18 and older.
Facilitated by LaKia/2esenia Rodriguez Brown.

Learn to define poetry as a healing passage of concern from the inside to the outside. Explore what it means to use the feelings inside of us and put them on paper using poetry.
Juneau events: Northwest African American Museum

The Northwest African American Museum presents "Juneteenth Week 2021," a series of programs for all ages over nine days. Programs include in-person and virtual events in various locations throughout Seattle and online events accessible to all.

Interactive Storytime: ‘Lift Every Voice’ with interactive art session from Seattle Parks and Recreation for Art projects

Sunday, June 13, 12-3 p.m. (Virtual)

Immediately following the story, there will be an art session with a local artist. Anyone who wants an art kit can pick them up at ICHS on Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Artwork will be featured online in a Goals Art gallery.

The History and Future of Juneau: Annette Gordon-Reed with Marcus Harrison Parker

Monday, June 14, 7-9 p.m. (Virtual)

In conversation with South Seattle Emerald’s Marcus Harrison Green, Annette Gordon-Reed weaves together American history, a dramatic family history, and searing episodes of memoir chronicled in her book "On Juneteenth.”

ELEVATE (v.) raise or lift to a higher position

Wednesday, June 16, 5-6:30 p.m. (Virtual)

ELEVATE is a showcase of Black and Brown voices uplifting one another through the art of the spoken word. This project will share untold and unseen work centered around local and national historical events, the impact of systemic racism and individuals challenging racist ideologies. Most importantly, ELEVATE is the celebration and empowerment of the people. This event is created for the community, by the community.

Juneteenth Jamboree!

Saturday, June 19, 12-3 p.m. (Virtual)

Northwest African American Museum

NAMM and the 17th Street Inn of City Parks & Rec present the Juneteenth jamboree, full of family fun, recreation, and activity from local letter artists. Ages 10 & older.

Juneteenth En Core – Black Music Month Monday Program

Monday, June 21, 6-8 p.m. (Virtual)

Paul Porter, the author of the critically acclaimed book "BlackOut," unveils his latest collection of poetry, "Elevation," which portrays music and radio as a form of resistance. Porter shares his hands-on experiences with detailed insight as an insider into the music community and radio’s highest levels. A thought leader in the recording and radio music industry, he is a go-to expert on music, race and culture for major radio, print, and broadcast organizations like the BBC, MSNBC, Entertainment Tonight, FOX News, Billboard and Rolling Stone.

Volunteers needed for park projects

Our park divisions and park trio projects have ongoing community needs, and we are always looking for volunteers. These are great opportunities to fulfill community service hours or for business and community groups.

Elevate: Reimagining the Space Needle for Juneteenth

Friday, June 18, 10-11:30 a.m. (Virtual)

Annette Gordon

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Walk-in vaccination clinic at Viet-Thanh on Saturday

Piper (age 12 and up) and Johnson (Johnson age 10 and up) vaccines will be available at a walk-in clinic this Saturday from 12-2:30 p.m. at Viet-Thanh Market (25 E Sunset Blvd, 98055).

The clinic is presented by International Community Health Services (ICHS) and Viet-Thanh. Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese language support will be available, should you be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Contact Jessica at ICHS to reserve a vaccine or have questions answered. She can be reached by email or by calling 206-346-9425.
Lunch pop-up to serve homeless

The Emergency Feeding Program SOS pop-up is a free weekly lunch event designed for unhoused and those residents with food insecurity. A variety of products will be available, ranging from ready-to-eat food and drinks to personal hygiene kits, socks, and cleaning supplies.

The first two events are Tuesday, June 22 & 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Unsheltered First, in the parking lot off House Way N.

Plantasia!

Renton Downtown Partnership presents Plantasia! on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, at Renton Pavilion Event Center (233 Burnett Ave. S). Plantasia! is a houseplant and garden show featuring unique products and plants from local and regional businesses. Live entertainment; food and drink; personal hygiene kits, socks, and cleaning supplies are available. Tickets are on sale and priced at $30 for one and $50 for two. Free parking is available in the City Center Parking garage, one block from the event center.

SALUTING PRIDE MONTH AND GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The city council unanimously approved two resolutions at Monday’s meeting. The first designated June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Renton. In accepting the Pride Month proclamation on behalf of Renton’s LGBTQIA+ community, Winter Cashman said, “When a city flies a Pride Flag, it shows there’s a government that is trying to affirm. We are extremely appreciative of the last two years the city has accepted our gifts of new Pride Flags with more inclusive designs and continued to fly them.” He also called attention to the newly-created Renton Pride Passport. The passport was created to promote businesses and organizations that are allies of Renton’s LGBTQIA+ community. Download the passport and visit as many of the 30 businesses as possible before the end of the month. Then email a photo of the passport to enter to win a gift certificate.

The second proclamation designated June 4 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Renton.

Moms Demand Action For Gun Safety in America participants wear orange on and around June 4 in honor of all victims and survivors of gun violence. One of the victims was 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot in the back while standing with friends at a park in January 2013. One week earlier, she had performed at President Barack Obama’s second inauguration. Hadiya’s friends wore orange in her honor. It is now the movement’s accepted color.

Kim Monroe Bass accepted the National Gun Violence Awareness Day proclamation on behalf of the Renton Chapter of Moms Demand Action For Gun Safety in America.

MUNICIPAL COURT

“Back on Track” program expires at the end of the month.

A reminder that the “Back on Track” program expires at the end of the month. “Back on Track” allows individuals to quash qualified bench warrants issued by any King County municipal. The program is active through June 30, 2021. For more information, contact Renton Municipal Court at 425-430-6550 or rmcourt@rentonwa.gov.
EMPLOYMENT

Jobs with the city: Recreation Leaders
Our Recreation & Neighborhoods Division is hiring recreation leaders for youth and adult programs, and fitness and wellness programs. Bring your enthusiasm and get our community moving and having fun.

CONGRATULATIONS

Renton Technical College Foundation raises $103,000
Congratulations to the Renton Technical College Foundation for raising more than $103,000 to support students during its virtual Student Success Week. In years past, the foundation hosted an in-person breakfast as its largest fundraiser of the year. This year’s event was via Zoom.

“Our supporters have enabled us to continue to equitably serve students and help them all succeed,” said RTC President Dr. Kevin McCarthy. “Through rapid and constant change, our donors showed up for students.”

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Registration open for summer recreation programs
Recreation scholarships are available.
Seattle Cascade Ultimate Frisbee Camps for ages 8-13 are open to all skill levels! Ultimate Frisbee combines the non-stop movement of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football. Camps are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Register: June 21-25 or July 12-16 at Cedar River Park or July 26-30 at Philip Arnold Park.
Renton Youth Baseball League runs June 29-Aug for ages 5-6 (T-Ball) and ages 7-8 (Coach-Pitch) at Kennydale or Maplewood parks. Rentonwa.gov/register.
King County Fire District 20
• Vaccinations for those 12 and older every Wednesday through June 23 at headquarters, 12424 76th Ave S., Seattle, 98178.
• No appointments are necessary at this free clinic, open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.
Valley Medical Center
• Walk-in Pfizer and Moderna free clinic for anyone 12 and older Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• 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.

COVID-19 VACCINE

VACCINE FINDER

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HealthPoint
• Drive through testing and vaccination site (805 SW 10th St., 98057), offers drive-through access for the Pfizer vaccine.
• Appointments for 12-17 year olds or new patients can be made by calling 866-893-5717.
• Current patients over age 18 can use MyHealthPoint Portal to schedule an appointment.
Kaiser Permanente
• Glacier Building and the Kaiser 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.

Car-side vaccination in Auburn

Auburn vaccination drops offers car-side service on Mondays.

Mass vaccination sites

King. The Kent/Des Moines Drive-Thru, 426 W. James St., Kent, WA 98032
Auburn: 1111 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1313, Auburn, WA 98001
Renton: 1200 Renton-Seattle Hwy S.

• Register for an appointment (available in English only)
• Schedule via phone (if you need language interpretation or online help, the following hotlines are available. Please say your preferred language when connected)
  - WA State COVID-19 Assistance hotline: 1-800-232-0175 or 1-888-555-1872
  - WA State COVID-19 Call Center: 360-232-0011 or 1-800-565-9080.

• For telephone text relay service, dial: 711-1-1-1-800-477-6384.

• For tactile interpretation, contact
  healthinterface.org
• Walk-in vaccination (no appointment required) is also available Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last.

CITY COUNCIL

Miguel Arreola, PwC (Council seat 1) is joined by the 2021 Renton City Council. At right, Arredondo and Council President Randy Doman are seen in the rear row.

CALAER

Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m., Senior Meals. Free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up at Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.

Meeting documents (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and attachment handouts)

• Committee meeting notes
• Committee of the Whole video

CALENDAR

Monday, June 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Blood drive with Cascade Regional Blood Service at Renton Community Center. Register here or call 877-242-3666 for help scheduling an appointment.

Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Recycling Event. Renton Technical College. Accepted items are usable tires, cardboard, mattresses and box springs ($15 for each piece). Please remember to secure your load and wear a covering. We have event guidelines and a list of accepted items on our website.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., Renton Live! Online connection promoting business, nonprofits and products within the greater Renton community. Link on Renton Live Facebook page.

For tactile interpretation, contact: 1-800-565-9084, dial: 711-1-1-1-800-477-6384. The event, held every other Friday, is a FREE drive through, multi-service event at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.

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