PHOTO OF THE WEEK
Renton Municipal Court Judge Jessica Giner is sworn in by King County District Court Judge Michelle Gehlsen.

Jessica Giner sworn in as municipal court judge
Jessica Giner was sworn in Tuesday as a full-time Renton Municipal Court judge. Judge Giner has served as a pro-tem judge in Renton for the past eight years. King County District Court Judge Michelle Gehlsen conducted the ceremony in front of family, friends, and city staff in Courtroom #2.

COVER STORY
Henry Moses Aquatic Center opens on June 26
The city is excited to open the Henry Moses Aquatic Center on June 26. The center will be open in a reduced capacity from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On Fridays, it will open from 2:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Each day will offer a variety of activities. At 10:30 a.m., it’s splash-n-play, lap swim, and water walking. The rest of the day has two-hour open swim sessions at 12, 2:45 and 5:30 p.m. Friday mornings are reserved for staff safety training. Friday afternoons will have two sessions for open swim at 2:45 and 5:30 p.m.

“We prioritized scheduling activities that benefit the most community members,” explained Maryjane Van Cleave, the city’s recreation & neighborhoods director. “That’s why we have multiple open swim sessions each day but are unable to offer individual swimming lessons.”

The schedule is also affected by the ability to hire staff, including lifeguards. In a unique arrangement, the city is sharing lifeguards with several surrounding cities.

“It’s been hard to rebuild staff after last year,” she said. “We’re always looking for the best ways to adapt to current conditions. Fortunately, we’ve been able to work with other cities who were in the same situation.”
City institutes "vaccine verified" program for employees

Cityhall will be in nearby Tonkin Park. The city's risk manager, Kelsey Ternes, has announced a "vaccine verified" program for employees. This program will require employees to complete a form and show proof of vaccination.

To become "vaccine verified," employees must complete a form and show proof of vaccination. The program is designed to ensure that ingredients are safe and that the public can trust the food served.

The city is working toward a gradual, safe reopening of city hall in July with limited days and hours. In the meantime, we continue to provide innovative options for services online and appreciate your patience. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

On Thursday, President Biden signed legislation establishing June 19 as Juneteenth, a national holiday.

Juneteenth celebration tonight and Saturday

Juneteenth 2021 started with Mayor Armondo Pavone proclaiming June 19 as Juneteenth in the City of Renton and the Northwest African American Museum in last week's newsletter.

The city council unanimously adopted the proclamation. The celebration continues with events happening this weekend.

On Thursday, June 17, the City of Renton will host a Juneteenth celebration on June 18 and 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Liberty Park (101 Bronson Way N, 98057). The event will feature vendors, live performances, educational speakers, small businesses, information for those facing evictions and much more.

Saturday's festivities are from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Renton Chamber of Commerce. The center will also be closed to the public during Monday's Committee of the Whole meeting.

As the county emerges from COVID-19 restrictions, the recreation and neighborhood staff knows change is inevitable.

Second, Pooch Plunge returns on Sept. 11 and 12. Bring your best friend and frolic in the lap and wave pools and float down the lazy river. Floss-Phleg-Plunge registration starts June 5.

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Rooted in Renton: urban forestry management plan update

The Urban Forestry & Natural Resources division is in the process of developing a 10-year update to the city’s Urban Forest Management Plan. The plan will serve as a road map to support the long-term dedication to maintain and enhance the urban forest. We invite you to visit the project website and provide input as we move through the process.

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King County’s mask directive ends June 29

On Tuesday, King County reached an important milestone. Now 70% of residents age 16 and older have completed their vaccine series. That means that in two weeks (allowing for full vaccine protection), King County’s mask directive will end on June 29. Washington state’s mask guidance will be in effect.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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, 1st Pro Tem; Council President Ken Ayers; Kim Khàn Andradé; and Adrianne Bennett.

June 14 meetings:

• Meeting documents (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendars)
• Council meeting video
• Committee of the Whole video
• Approved Meeting Minutes (June 7, 2021)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renton City Council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to rentonwa.gov/council. Past meetings are available at rentonwa.gov/youtube.

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 21. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT

City jobs: instructors, guest services and recreation

Do you have talents, skills, and experience that you want to share with our community? Then the city’s Recreation and Neighborhood Division invites you to become a partner in providing recreational programming. The division seeks individuals and organizations to teach fitness/wellness, art, and enrichment classes for preschool students thru seniors. If interested, please email recreation@rentonwa.gov.

They also need supplemental/part-time staff to assist with recreation programs and building operations.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Free summer meals program starts June 30

Renton School District will provide free summer meals for all children ages 1-18 beginning June 30. A 7-day meal pack will be provided each Wednesday at several schools and community locations. All students and families are encouraged to pick up meals. Students in summer school programs will be provided a meal on-site.

Pre-ordering is strongly recommended but not required.
Pop-up events to serve homeless

The Emergency Feeding Program SOS pop-up is a free lunch event designed for the unsheltered and residents with food insecurities. 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 and 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Liberty Park in the parking lot off Houser Way N.

Wine Walk

Join us at three locations around downtown for the Downtown Renton Wine Walk on Saturday, July 10, from 3 to 8 p.m. Over 12 Northwest wineries will be featured along with local vendors, food, and more. Tickets are limited, so don’t delay.

CALENDAR

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

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sustainable Renton. Join drive-through presentations at Renton Pavilion Event Center, 233 Burnett Ave. N. (Free/

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Saturday & Sunday, June 26 & 27, Plantasia!, Renton Downtown Partnership presents Plantasia! at Renton Pavilion Event Center (233 Burnett Ave. N), a houseplant and garden show featuring unique products and plants from local and regional businesses. Live entertainment, food samples courtesy of Renton businesses, a plant-themed cocktail bar, and a raffle are part of the fun. Tickets are on sale and priced at $30 for one and $50 for two. Free parking available in the City Center Parking Garage, one block from the event center.

Renton History Museum is hosting an exhibit from the Prichard Gallery at the University of Idaho titled “Facing the Inferno: The Wildfire Photography of Kari Greer.” She is the official photographer for the National Interagency Fire Center. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COVID-19 VACCINE

King County Fire District 20

• Vaccinations for those 12 and older every Wednesday through June 23 at headquarters, 12424 76th Ave S., Seattle, 98178.

• 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 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• Schedule an appointment.

HealthPoint

• Drive-through vaccination site (505 SW 10th St, 98020), available for the Pfizer vaccine.

• Appointments for 12–16-year-olds or new patients can be made by calling 866-835-1717.

• Current patients over age 18 can use MyHealthPoint Portal to schedule an appointment.

Kaiser Permanente

• Glisan Building and the Rainier Building are accepting appointments. You do not have to be a Kaiser Permanente member.

Pop-up Events Free Lunch & in a Home
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

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Car-side vaccination in Auburn

Auburn vaccination site offers car-side service on Mondays.

Mass vaccination sites

Kent: The ShoWare Center, 625 W. James St., Kent, WA 98032
Auburn: 1101 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1313, Auburn, WA 98001

• Register for your appointment (available in English only)

• Schedule your appointment (available in English only)

• Schedule via phone: If you need language interpretation or online help, you can call: WA State COVID-19 Assistance hotline: 1-800-525-0127 or 1-888-567-0126, 6:00 a.m.-10 p.m. (Monday), 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (Tuesday-Sunday)

• King County COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

• For telephone-to-text relay service, dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

• For tactile interpretation, contact: http://seattledbsc.org/.

• Walk-in vaccination (no appointment required) is also available Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., while supplies last.