



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## Renton police form Chief's Community Council

Renton Police Department is asking residents to serve on the initial [Chief's Community Council](#). The council is part of the department's ongoing efforts to engage with, learn from, and build stronger relationships with our community.

Council members will represent our diverse population. Prospective members will be interviewed and selected by the council's steering committee, composed of Renton residents and the chief of police or his designee.

The Chief's Community Council will:

- Develop Community Policing Strategies.
- Provide guidance on equity, transparency, and accountability issues.
- Advise on methods to better serve the public.
- Identify public safety issues.
- Collaborate with community leaders, local organizations, and stakeholders to create practical and effective solutions and equitable community policing practices.

The Chief's Community Council aligns with the city's Business Plan to provide a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. It also expands Renton Police Department's Mission of working together to provide unbiased law enforcement services.

[Please visit our website](#) if you're interested in learning more about the council or would like to apply. The application period closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12.



## National Night Out

Renton PD hosts its annual National Night Out at Renton Farmer's Market on Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 3 to 7 p.m.

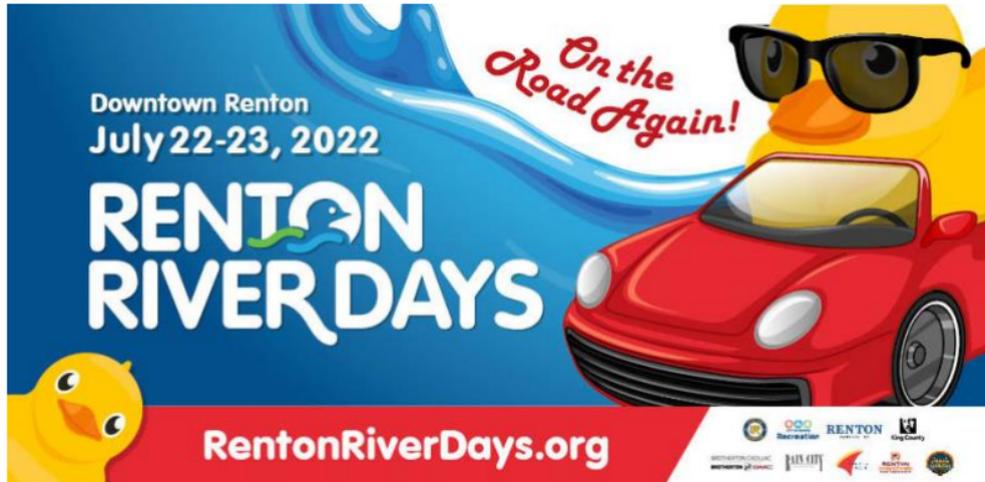
[National Night Out](#) lets residents across America send a powerful message about neighborhood unity, awareness, safety, and police-community partnerships. The event also sends an important message to criminals that our community is united and dedicated to building a safer and more caring America.

Renton police command staff, officers, and staff will be on hand at the market, and look forward to having thoughtful conversations about topics of concern to Renton residents. In addition to getting to better know your department, they'll be a chance to win fun prizes, play Plinko, or participate in a "stained-glass" art activity.

The department is also hosting a Junior K9 Riley coloring contest for the little ones. Entries from various age categories will be chosen to receive prizes. Download the coloring page and contest rules from our [National Night Out](#) page. You are welcome to submit your completed picture of Riley at the National

Night Out booth on Aug. 2 or email it to [cmorris@rentonwa.gov](mailto:cmorris@rentonwa.gov). Winners will be selected the week of Aug. 8.

See you at the market on Aug. 2.



## Renton River Days returns on July 22 and 23

Renton River Days, our annual family festival and community celebration, returns on July 22 and 23 with two days of family-oriented events and activities. This year's theme is "On the Road Again."

The first activity, Road Trip Around Renton, is already underway. The "trip" is a self-guided tour of the city with a chance to win prizes. You can [register online](#). Use the keyword "Road Trip."

Here's a look at the activities. For the latest updates, visit the [Renton River Days](#) website.

### Friday, July 22

#### 4:30–8:30 p.m., Piazza Park (233 Burnett Ave S.)

- Live music & entertainment
- Urban Market vendors
- Craft beer & wine garden
- Downtown restaurants

#### Dusk, Liberty Park (1101 Bronson Way N.)

- "Encanto," a free family movie.

### Saturday, July 23

#### 8 a.m., Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N.)

- 5K Fun Walks, 3 routes (Renton Hill, Downtown, or Gene Coulon); start table on the river side of Center

#### 10 a.m., S. Third St.

- Parade

#### 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N.)

- Antique & Classic Boat Show
- Free boat rides

#### 11:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Piazza Park (233 Burnett Ave. S.)

- Live music & entertainment
- Urban Market vendors
- Craft beer & wine garden
- Food trucks & downtown restaurants

#### 4:30 p.m., Houser Street Bridge

- Launch of Renton Rotary's Rubber Ducky Derby into Cedar River from Houser Way pedestrian bridge



## Parks and Recreation Month

At the July 11 council meeting, Mayor Armondo Pavone presented the [Parks and Recreation Month proclamation](#) to Cailín Hunsaker, Parks & Trails Director; Bryce Goldmann, Parks Maintenance Supervisor; Sonja Mejlender, Community Events Coordinator; and Steve Brown, Parks Maintenance Manager.

We're proud of our dedicated group of [Parks and Recreation](#) professionals and their commitment to provide our residents with beautiful parks, exceptional customer service, and engaging recreational opportunities.

# 988 24/7 Crisis & Support



## 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Starting Saturday, July 16, you can call, text, or chat 988 and connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The service is free, confidential, and available 24/7/365.

Services are available in English and Spanish. Interpretation services in over 250 languages are also available. For individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and TTY users, use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255.

You can dial 988 if you have:

- Thoughts of suicide
- Mental health crises
- Substance use crises
- Any other kind of emotional distress

You can also dial 988 if you are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

988 will not replace any crisis call centers in Washington state. Instead, it is in addition to the state's network of crisis center providers. In addition, the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), will remain active along with 988.

For questions, please email [988ProgramInfo@doh.wa.gov](mailto:988ProgramInfo@doh.wa.gov).

Concerts, movies & more!

# SUMMER EVENTS

[rentonwa.gov/events](http://rentonwa.gov/events)



## Summer events return

Parks and Recreation Department's summer fun has kicked off and includes [free outdoor movies, concerts, and family fun](#) around the city. Remaining events include:

### Family Fun Entertainment

July 19: Gansgango Music & Dance Co., Tiffany Park, 11 a.m.

Aug 1: Amazing Magic Show, Heritage Park, 1 p.m.

### Concert Series @ 7 p.m.

Aug 17: Danny Godinez Group, Sunset Neighborhood Park, 7 p.m.

Aug 31: Cory Wilds Band, Piazza Park

### Movies in the Park @Dusk

July 22, "Encanto," Liberty Park

Aug 5: "Jungle Cruise," Kennydale Lions Park

Aug 13: "Spider-Man: No Way Home," Piazza Park

Aug 26: "Sing2," Thomas Teasdale Park

## In other news this week

A recap of news posted on the city's social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

[City Council update](#) (agendas, documents, and video from the most current meeting)

[COVID-19](#) (vaccine locations, current mandates, resources)

[Parks Projects](#) (Kennedydale Beach, Kiwanis, Coulon)

[Pop-Up Lunches on Tuesdays](#)

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events)

[Renton Farmers Market](#) (Piazza Park, Tuesdays 3-7 p.m.)

[Summer Events Guide](#)

[Summer Meals Program](#)

[Traffic Projects](#) (information on impactful projects)