Kenny Rogers, owner of Rain City Catering and Rain City Market, is the grand marshal of Saturday’s 2022 Renton River Days parade.

Headquartered downtown, Kenny and his business partner and life-long friend Jeremy Bryant have shared a passion for food and catering. In 1999 they established New Century Catering and re-named it Rain City Catering in 2010. Since then, they have established a reputation for delicious food and professional service. In addition, they added a food truck, Rain City Too, which has become a fixture at events in Renton.

Earlier this month, Kenny increased his investment in downtown Renton by opening Rain City Market at the corner of Burnett Avenue N. and S. Third Street.

Road Closures
Saturday’s River Days activities will necessitate two road closures downtown:

- All lanes of S. 3rd Street (through Houser Way N.) will be closed from 7 a.m.-12 p.m.
- At noon, the right lane of S. 3rd Street (through Houser Way N.) will re-open. However, the left lane will remain closed until 5 p.m.
- Logan Ave. S., will close between S. 2nd Street and S. 3rd Street from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

River Days schedule
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
- “Encanto,” a free family movie.

Saturday, July 23
8 a.m., Renton Senior Activity Center (211 Burnett Ave. N.)
- “Encanto,” a free family movie.

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• 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
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

• Free boat rides 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N.)

4:30 p.m., Housey Street Bridge

• Launch of Renton Rotary’s Rubber Ducky Derby into Cedar River from Housey Way pedestrian bridge

Engage with Renton PD as part of Chief’s Community Council

Applications are being accepted for the Chief’s Community Council.
Renton Police Department is forming the council as part of its continuing efforts to engage with, learn from, and build stronger relationships with our community.

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.

If you’d like more information or would like to apply, please visit our website. The application period closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12.

Backpacks Drive

Communities In Schools of Renton-Tukwila (CISR-T) annual backpack drive has begun.
Renton Regional Fire Authority is providing drop-off locations at three stations:

• Station 12 (1209 Kirkland Ave. NE)
• Station 13 (18002 108th Ave. SE)
• Station 15 (1416-1340 N. 30th St)

Donations can also be dropped off at the CISR-T office, 3407 NE 2nd St., 98056. The building is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items needed:
*2" Binders
*Alarm Clocks
*Backpacks
*Binder Dividers
*Composition Notebooks (Wide & College-Ruled)
*USB Drives
(*highest need)

#2 Pencil Boxes
Colored Pencil Boxes
Crayon Boxes
Drawing Paper
Erasers
Glue Sticks and Glue Bottles
Graph Paper
Hand Sanitizer
Highlighter Boxes
Lunch Boxes
Markers Boxes (thin and wide)
Mechanical Pencil Boxes (& lead refill)
Notebook Paper (Wide & College-Ruled)
Pen Boxes (Blue, Black & Red)
Pencil Pouches (with holes to put in 3-ring binders, not plastic)
Pencil Sharpener
Post-it Notes
Protractor
Ruler
Scientific Calculators
Sharpies
Water Bottles

Housing Repair Assistance Program

Renton homeowners who meet specific income guidelines can receive help with minor repairs through the city’s Housing Repair Assistance Program.

The program focuses on conducting minor repairs that improve residents’ environmental health and safety. These include repairs to plumbing, electrical, weatherproofing, heating, ADA fixtures, and roofing.

Go to the Housing Repair Assistance Program webpage for eligibility requirements. You may also contact the program at humanservices@rentonwa.gov or by phone at 425-430-6650.

Senior Public Safety Academy

Renton Police Department, in partnership with Renton Regional Fire Authority, recently completed its first Senior Public Safety Academy. During the six-week class, Renton seniors learned about police and fire operations and how the departments serve the community. Additionally, they met the men and
women behind the badge who respond to assistance calls. Participants also engaged in interactive activities, including fingerprinting, bingo with the police and fire chiefs, observing a K9 demo, and more.

Summer events

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**
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. 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)

National Night Out (Aug. 2, 3-7 p.m., Renton Farmers Market)

Parks Projects (Kennydale 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)