Schools open next week; please drive safely

The first day for Renton School District students in grades 1-12 is Wednesday, August 31. That means increased pedestrian traffic around schools and activation of the 20-mph speed limit in school zones.

In school zones, please remember to:

• Obey the 20-mph speed limit and watch for students crossing the street, especially near school buildings and bus stops. The minimum fine for a violation is $214. RCW 46.61.440.01-05
• Obey school bus and school zone laws. For example, passing a stopped school bus with an extended stop sign and lights flashing is illegal. The minimum fine for a violation is $419. RCW 46.61.370
• Look for and obey crossing guards.
• Talk to your children about traffic safety.
• Always be on the lookout for children, even if flashing school beacons are not active.
• Be patient.

Mayor honors Kid’s Passport program participants

On Tuesday, Mayor Armando Pavone honored the six children who completed this season’s Kid’s Passport at Renton Farmers Market. The program was started seven years ago by Carrie Olson, market coordinator, and Anna Kitchin, from Washington State University SNAP-ed.
This Week in Renton

The program is eight weeks of activities designed to educate children about the importance of farmers' markets and help them make healthier food choices.

Styrofoam and document recycling on Sept. 17

We will be collecting Styrofoam and documents for shredding at our final 2022 recycling event on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Renton Technical College’s North Parking Lot, NE 6th Place & Monroe Ave. NE.

Eligible items:
- Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap
- Bagged packing peanuts
- Clean white block Styrofoam (look for #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol)
- Paper, blueprints, mail, photographs, and file folders (no need to remove staples, paper clips, or rubber bands)
- No binders, plastics, or discs
- No 10 badges or driver’s licenses
- No cardboard or hardcover books

We will also be accepting non-perishable food items for donation to Renton food banks. We reserve the right to refuse oversize vehicles and unacceptable materials/items. In addition, no business waste will be accepted.

Our website has more information, or call 425-430-7398.

Pooch Plunge returns on Sept. 10 and 11

Henry Moses Aquatic Center goes to the dogs as Pooch Plunge returns on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. So bring your four-legged friend to frolic in the lap and wave pools and float the lazy river.

Reservations are open and required for each 50-minute session. The cost is $12 per dog per session. For safety and manageability, registration allows for a maximum of two dogs per registrant. Those with additional dogs will need additional handlers who are registered for the event. The final day for humans to use Henry Moses is Monday, September 5.

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 (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)

Wine Walk (Downtown, Sept. 2, 5:30-9 p.m.)