



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Bloodworks Northwest opens state-of-the-art donor center in Renton

Bloodworks CEO Curt Bailey cuts the ribbon to officially open the new donor center in Renton.

Yesterday, Mayor Armondo Pavone and city councilmembers joined Bloodworks Northwest staff and guests at the opening of [Bloodworks Northwest's Renton Donor Center](#).

"It's with a great sense of pride that we welcome Bloodworks Northwest to our community as they open this magnificent new donor center in Renton," said Mayor Armondo Pavone at the ribbon cutting. "We will continue to support Bloodworks Northwest and their mission to provide life-saving research and services to the community."

The new donor center is in Time Square Business Park (660 SW 39th Street #100), across from Bloodworks' testing and processing lab. Having the two facilities so close provides more efficient operations and faster processing times. In addition, the new center is designed to be donor-friendly with cell phone chargers at each bed, free parking, and easy freeway access.

"We are thrilled to bring a bigger and better donation center to our community," said Bloodworks Northwest President and CEO Curt Bailey. "Our new donor center in one of Washington's ten largest cities will make it easier for people to donate blood, encouraging them to step up and save lives."

The center is open seven days a week and has 10% more donor beds than their previous facility in Tukwila.

Bloodworks Northwest provides 95% of the blood supply to Western Washington and Oregon hospitals, including UW/Valley Medical Center. It takes approximately a thousand people each day to provide a safe and reliable blood supply for those needing transfusions for cancer, trauma, and surgeries in the Pacific Northwest.

To book a donation appointment at the new Renton Donor Center, please call 800-398-7888 or schedule online at www.bloodworksnw.org/donate.



Winter prep starts next week

When we last saw snowplows on the streets of Renton, our Public Works Street Maintenance Division crews were busy clearing roads of a storm that hit on Christmas Day.

Come early next week, you'll see [plows back on the streets](#). No, snow is not in the forecast; it's just one of many steps the crews take as they complete their meticulous preparations for winter weather.

Each year on the first week in October, they review and complete each step of the process needed to keep the roads clear. First, they meet to review procedures and share experiences with the new hires. Then they attach plows and mount sanders to each of the city's 11 dump trucks. They also test each of their nine sanders and three deicer trucks. The final step is what you will see next week: drivers taking plows out on their assigned routes to look for potential hazards.

In future editions, we'll share more information and tips to help you prepare for winter weather. These tips also make it safer for our crews to keep the streets clear for travel during inclement weather.



Multi-lingual housing repair brochures

Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP) brochures are now available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

HRAP provides free minor repairs to the home of qualified Renton residents. The type of repairs is designed to improve environmental health and safety. The brochure explains the services available to Renton residents and qualification guidelines.

The [brochures and application](#) are online. They can be requested by calling 425-430-6650 or emailing humanservices@rentonwa.gov. Please indicate which language you would like to receive.



Share your passion on a board, committee, or commission

Serving on one of the city's [boards, committees, or commissions](#) is a way to have a voice in city policies and give back to the community.

Members serve as advocates to the city council and mayor on items of vital interest to their neighbors. This donation of time and experience is a prime reason why Renton is a vibrant, progressive, and caring community.

We [currently have vacancies](#) on Parks Commission (including a youth position, age 15-20) and the [Lodging Tax Advisory Committee](#). These are just two opportunities. We [also have vacancies](#) on the Airport Advisory Committee, Civil Service Commission, Benson Hill Community Planning Board, and Human Services Advisory Committee (youth position).



Volunteers and staff remember 9/11 victims

To honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, over 50 Renton residents joined city staff at our annual Day of Service at Tiffany Park and Heritage Park on the morning of Sept. 10. The event was part of the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

- [Event Photos](#)

One group installed cautionary markers on storm drain markers in the neighborhood around Tiffany Park. The other spread 12 truckloads of play chips and bark across Heritage Park's two playgrounds, tree wells, and landscape beds.

Thank you to all our volunteers for taking the time to serve your community.



Employee Appreciation BBQ

Last week was the annual city employees' BBQ. It was a time to salute the employees for their work in 2022. From maintaining our roads to redeveloping parks to events and activities for all ages, all city employees have one goal: to deliver first-class services to the residents of Renton.

Several employees reached service milestones in 2022 and we salute their dedicated service.

Over 35 Years

- Dave Skelton, 44 years, Police, Patrol Operations
- Abdoul Gafour, 42 years, Public Works, Utility Systems
- George Stahl, 42 years, Public Works, Maintenance Services
- Craig Pray, 40 years, Public Works, Maintenance Services
- Mike Benoit, 37 years, Public Works, Utility Systems
- Dale Hall, 36 years, Parks & Rec, Parks & Trails
- Dennis McAskill, 36 years, Police, Patrol Services
- Gregg Seegmiller, 36 years, Public Works, Maintenance Services
- Patrick Zellner, 36 years, Public Works, Maintenance Services

35 years

- James Leathley, Public Works, Facilities
- Thomas Main, Community & Economic Development, Development Engineering

30 years

- Peter Kordel, Police, Investigations

Robert Onishi, Police, Investigations

Rocky Sittner, Public Works, Maintenance Services

Dean Stewart, Public Works, Maintenance Services

25 years

Sean Claggett, Parks & Rec, Recreation

Corey Jacobs, Police, Patrol Operations

Jason Renggli, Police, Investigations

Jennie Smith, Judicial Branch

Thomas Smith, Police, Investigations

20 years

Kelly Beymer, Parks & Rec, Admin

Dianne Ford, Police, Patrol Services

Craig Johnson, Police, Patrol Services

Kristin Lauterbach, Public Works, Maintenance Services

Robert Leverton, Police, Patrol Services

Jon Stillwell, Parks & Rec, Parks & Trails

Chandler Swain, Police, Investigations

Keith Woolley, Public Works, Transportation

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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](#).

[988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#)

[Arts and Tourism Grants](#)

[Arts in Renton](#)

[Bronson Way Bridge seismic retrofit project](#)

[City Council](#) (agendas, documents, and meeting video)

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

[Keep Storm Drains clear](#)

[Recreation Guide](#) (current classes, activities, leagues & events for September to December)

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

Pop-Up Lunch (Oct. 4, 12:30-2 p.m., Sunset Neighborhood Park, 2680 Sunset Lane NE 98056)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

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