



# THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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## Construction to start at Coulon Park

Two projects include replacing the Trestle Bridge (above) and upgrading the north water walk

Our Parks Planning and Development division will start [two construction projects at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#) this month. The park will remain open, but both projects will require the closure of affected sections.

The first project at the park's north water walk will make critical repairs and upgrades to the structure and comply with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic lease.

These repairs will require closing the north water walk structure, day moorage/finger piers, and picnic floats. Construction on this project will start on Oct. 17. Completion is scheduled for September 2023.

The second project will replace the Trestle Bridge, located just north of the north restrooms and Sailing Center. The new clear-span steel bridge will provide a new viewpoint along the pedestrian trail and include interpretive signage. Replacing the bridge will require the closure of the park's north end, from the north turn around to the north pedestrian gate. The closure is required because emergency vehicles cannot access this area during construction.

Construction on this project is tentatively scheduled to start on Oct. 31. Completion is scheduled for March 2023.



## City continues to stress need for direct Bus Rapid Transit access into South Renton Park and Ride

Mayor Armondo Pavone, city council members, and city staff held a second meeting with key state legislators last week to reiterate the need for direct access for future STRIDE bus service from I-405 to the planned South Renton Park and Ride at Rainier Avenue South and South Grady Way.

STRIDE, a high capacity "Bus Rapid Transit" service operated by Sound Transit, will come to the new transit center in 2026. STRIDE will provide Renton residents a new public transit option along I-405 from Bellevue and continuing along State Route 518 into Burien, with Renton as a key hub.

The service connects its stations along I-405 via in-line stations or direct access ramps that bypass surface streets, reducing congestion and keeping busses on

schedule. Two stations will be in Renton—one at I-405 and NE 44th Avenue and one at the South Renton stop.

However, the only I-405 station in the plan without an in-line station or a direct access ramp is the South Renton Transit Center stop, built at the northwest corner of Rainier Avenue and Grady Way. The current plan is for STRIDE buses to exit the managed access lanes on I-405, merge with general purpose vehicles onto Rainier Avenue, and then navigate the Grady/Rainier intersection to get to the station. This will cause several minutes of delay for riders.

Preliminary work done for Renton by WSDOT shows several options to improve transit access to the new South Renton Transit Center. The city has requested an additional \$2 million in state funding to add more detailed analysis to the WSDOT work and arrive at the most efficient option for Renton residents and regional transit users. Improved access to South Renton is vital for STRIDE to reduce regional travel delays.

As part of the city's presentation, legislators went with city staff to the intersection of Grady and Rainier. This gave them a first-hand look at the obstacles when buses must navigate a crowded Rainier Avenue.

Renton will pursue the \$2 million during the 2023 Legislature and will work with its area senators and representatives on this high priority.



King County  
Best Starts for  
**KIDS** Child Care  
SUBSIDY

Do you  
need help  
paying  
for child  
care?

[www.bskchildcare.org](http://www.bskchildcare.org)

## Child Care Support available for King County families

King County's Best Starts for Kids (BSK) has launched [BSK Child Care Subsidy Program](#) to support the cost of child care for King County families.

Families living in King County with a household income below 85% of the State Median Income (approximately \$91,000 for a family of four) are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Due to limited funding, it is crucial to understand that submitting an eligibility form will NOT guarantee a family will receive support.

More [information and the eligibility form are online](#). The website and eligibility form are available in English, Spanish, Somali, Amharic, Oromo, and Vietnamese. All other languages can complete an application over the phone with an interpreter at 206-208-6865.



HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF  
**Wastemobile**  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, 10-5  
OCT 14-16, 2022

MCLENDON HARDWARE, 440 RAINIER AVE S

## Free Wastemobile in Renton on Oct. 14-16

[King County's Solid Waste's Wastemobile](#) will be in Renton at McLendon Hardware, 440 Rainier Ave. on Oct. 14 to 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge.

The Wastemobile will collect household hazardous waste such as paint thinner, fluorescent lights, pesticides, and car batteries. A list of acceptable items can be [found on the county's website](#).

WORKSource  
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# EASTSIDE VIRTUAL

Job fair 2022

November 10th 10Am-1PM

BUSINESSES  
REGISTER BEFORE  
OCTOBER 31ST, 2022



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## Need employees? Register for the free Eastside Virtual Job Fair

Renton business owners needing to hire employees can take advantage of the free [Eastside Virtual Job Fair](#) on Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The job fair is a partnership between Eastside Cities and WorkSource – Seattle/King County.

Registered businesses can view resumes and request appointments with job seekers before the event. They will also have access to resumes for six months after the event.

The registration deadline is October 31. Businesses will be contacted within two weeks of registration to confirm participation.

Questions can be directed to Fatoumata Traore, City of Renton economic development specialist, at 425-430-7270 or [ftraore@rentonwa.gov](mailto:ftraore@rentonwa.gov).

# NEWS



## 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 in Renton](#)

[Bronson Way Bridge seismic retrofit project](#) (Bridge closed to vehicles and pedestrians until Nov. 4, 2022)

[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. 18, 12:30-2 p.m., Sunset Neighborhood Park, 2680 Sunset Lane NE 98056)

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

[Renton Municipal Arts Commission 2023 Grants](#) (Deadline: Oct. 13)

[Tourism Grants](#) (Deadline: Oct. 21)

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