



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Public Works Street Maintenance Division

SNOW & TELL

NOV 30 to DEC 3, 2022

1,990
PLOW TRUCK MILES



50
TONS OF 50/50 SALT/SAND



25
TONS OF STRAIGHT SAND



276
DEICER TRUCK MILES

7,000
GALLONS OF DEICER



24-HR
SHIFTS



RUNNING FOR 4 DAYS

8 RENTON POLICE RESPONDED TO

57

ESTIMATED WEATHER-RELATED CALLS OVER THE FOUR DAYS



Last week's snow and cold weather was no match for our [public works street maintenance](#) crews, who were equipped with 11 dump trucks with sanders and three additional trucks applying anti-icer.

Their annual preparations started the first week of October, which led to a coordinated 24-hour response that kept our streets safe for travel.

Once snow hits, the plows are dispatched around the clock in overlapping shifts. Our plowing strategy prioritizes main streets, secondary arterials and collectors, bridges, schools, hospitals, fire stations, and bus routes. The crews also put down sand, salt, or a sand/salt mixture on roads to aid traction and melt snow. Crews carefully document each street after it has been plowed and sanded, recording the date, time, and condition. Vehicles are GPS-equipped.

During the recent storm, they plowed 1,990 miles of roads and applied:

- 7,000 gallons of liquid deicer on 276 total miles of road
- 50 tons of salt/sand mixture to main arterials and hills to help melt snow and ice
- 25 tons of sand for traction

You can help our crews by:

- Not shoveling snow from your driveway and sidewalk into the street. Instead, push it onto your yard. This helps keep our plows from pushing that snow back onto your driveway.
- When salting your driveway or sidewalk, spray water on the salt to make it more effective.
- Treat our plows as you would an emergency vehicle, slow down and be patient.
- Check your tires and emergency supplies as you prepare to drive in the snow.
- If you become stuck, it is safer to stay in your vehicle if possible. If you must walk, avoid walking on the roadway.

Interrupted collection schedules

Winter weather can also affect [Republic Services'](#) collection schedules. Missed garbage and recyclable collections are collected the first Saturday following the missed days, weather permitting. Organics are collected on your next regular collection day. There is no additional charge for extra materials. Please remove carts from the streets and sidewalks, so our plows do not push snow onto them.

Our city website has more winter-ready tips to help you prepare your family, home, and vehicles for snowstorms and cold weather at rentonwa.gov/wintertips.

Facility schedules

During inclement weather, the status of Renton Community Center, Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, and Highlands Neighborhood Center follows that set by Renton School District. Therefore, our facilities will be closed or delayed when schools are closed or delayed. To find the latest information on activities, please call our inclement weather line at 425-430-6719.



Battle of the Badges is tonight

Tonight, join two dozen public safety organizations at Renton Police Department's Battle of the Badges Holiday Lights Display Drive Through and Winter Coat Drive from 6 to 8 p.m. at Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy).

The organizations spread holiday cheer by decorating their vehicles or tents. You get to drive through and vote for your favorite. Judging is based on three categories: Use of Lights, Overall Design, and Holiday Spirit.

Bring a new winter coat for donation to local youth in need through Communities In Schools Renton-Tukwila.



The Spirit of Giving

There are two other ways to give this season: Gift of Play and Gift Giving programs.

Giving Trees are in the lobby at:

- Renton City Hall, 1055 S. Grady Way
- Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy.
- Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N.

Take a "Gift of Play" tag from a giving tree and donate to the Gift of Play Renton Recreation Scholarship Program. The program makes activities attainable for low-income youth, older adults, and adaptive recreation participants. Your entire donation goes to pay for the recreation activity fees is tax-deductible. Tags are available through Dec. 23 and donations can be made at any time.

Take a "Gift Tag" from a giving tree and shop for one item on the tag for the Gift Giving Program. Return the UNWRAPPED gift to the same location by Wednesday, Dec. 14. Renton Salvation Army has identified and screened Renton families needing assistance. Your gift will provide needed items to children and senior adults in our community and will brighten a family's holiday!

For more information on both programs, contact Teresa Nishi tnishi@rentonwa.gov or 425-766-5157.

Holiday events

Holiday events continue around the city.

Through Jan. 1, 2023 – Holiday Lights, 5-9 p.m.,
Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park (1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N)

Dec. 9 – Battle of the Badges, 6-8 p.m.
Renton Community Center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy)

Dec. 10 – Downtown Santa House, 1-4 p.m.
Renton Theatre (507 S 3rd St.)

Dec. 11 - City Concert Band Winter Concert, 2 p.m.,
Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (400 S. 2nd St.)

Dec. 17 – Downtown Santa House, 1-4 p.m.
Renton Theatre (507 S 3rd St.)

Jan. 1 – Polar Bear Plunge, 10 a.m., Gene Coulon
Memorial Beach Park South Beach (1201 Lake
Washington Blvd. N)

Councilmembers O'Halloran and Prince elected president and president pro-tem

Councilmembers [Valerie O'Halloran](#) and [Ed Prince](#) were elected unanimously by their fellow councilmembers to serve as Council President and Council President Pro-Tem in 2023.



Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran

The council president sets the agendas and conducts the Committee of the Whole meeting that precedes the city council meeting. The president pro-tem runs that meeting in the president's absence.

Councilmember O'Halloran is in her first term on the council and currently serves as chair of the Finance Committee. She also serves on the Renton Regional Fire Authority Governance Board, Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee, King County Flood District Advisory Committee, the I-405/I-167 Executive Advisory Group, and WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council.

Councilmember Prince is serving his third term, first winning election in 2011. He is the chair of the city's Planning & Development Committee and current Council President Pro-Tem. In addition, he's the executive director of the Washington State Commission on African American Affairs, past president of the Sound Cities Association, a member of the Sound Transit Board of Directors, and co-chair of the King County Regional Homeless Authority.



Councilmember Ed Prince

[Councilmember Ryan McIrvine](#) was council president in 2022.

"When communities support local businesses, memories are made, employment opportunities are created, and business-to-business camaraderie fuels engagement at a level that extends further than people realize. The result is an increased sense of belonging."

— Shaunn and Frank Bickersons, owners,
Bickersons Brewhouse

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT Bickersons Brewhouse // Est. 2019
4710 NE 4th St, #C105



Patronize Renton small businesses

Small Business Saturday may have passed, but small businesses in Renton are still open and ready to serve.

As Mayor Armondo Pavone wrote in his latest [Mayor's Update](#):

"... [small businesses] are the heart and soul of our community. Their owners and employees are our friends and neighbors. These businesses also give life to entrepreneurs and promote innovation, creativity, and competition.

"Buying from a small business means your money stays in Renton and supports your community. Studies show an estimated two-thirds of each dollar spent at a local business stays in the community. In addition, small

business owners donate 250% more to local nonprofits and community causes than larger businesses."

This holiday season is an excellent opportunity to try a new business or return to an old favorite. Your support benefits our community.



(from left): Kelly Beymer, parks and recreation administrator, Renton City Councilmembers Kim-Khánh Vãn, James Alberson, Jr., Carmen Rivera, King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Renton City Councilmembers Ed Prince, Valerie O'Halloran, and Ruth Pérez.

King County donates \$500,000 to Family First Community Center

The Family First Community Center has received \$500,000 in funding from King County [Councilmember Dave Upthegrove](#).

Councilmember Upthegrove presented the check to the city at last night's city council meeting. The funding is included in the county's 2023-2024 budget and helps close the gap in construction funding.

The building is on track for completion in February 2023. It is a partnership between the city, Family First Community Center Foundation, led by former Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin, Jr., [HealthPoint](#), and [Renton School District](#).

Please find more information on the project on our website, including a donation link at rentonwa.gov/ffcc.



Coulon Park projects update

Work on two significant projects at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park continues.

A clear-span steel bridge is being installed, replacing the trestle bridge at the park's north end. This new bridge includes a light penetrating deck to enhance fish habitat, a viewpoint, and interpretive signage. In addition, the project removes all existing in-water piles. Because emergency access is not available during the project, the north end of the park from the turnaround to the pedestrian gate will be closed through the project's completion date of March 2023.

The park's north water walk is being repaired and upgraded to comply with our Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic lease. The project will improve decking, pilings, guardrails, and picnic floats. Due to construction, the water walk, day moorage/finger piers, and picnic floats will be closed through the completion date of September 2023.

Find more information at rentonwa.gov/currentprojects.

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Application deadline extended

The deadline to apply for vacant positions on the [Renton Equity Commission](#) and [Human Services](#)

[Advisory Committee](#) has been extended to Jan. 20, 2023. The first review of applicants will take place on Jan. 5, 2023.

The Equity Commission has a vacant youth position for those aged 18-25.

The Human Services Advisory Committee is accepting applications for one youth position under 21 years of age and three regular positions open to all ages.

Community service credit is available for youth members.

If you're interested in shaping your community and learning about equity and inclusion, human services, and local government, submit an application at rentonwa.gov/application. They can also be printed and emailed to humanservices@rentonwa.gov.



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](#)

[Boards, Committees, and Commissions](#): openings

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

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

[Keep Storm Drains clear](#)

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

[Pet Microchipping](#) (free for Renton residents)

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

[Report issues via Renton Responds](#)

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