



THIS WEEK IN RENTON

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Family First Community Center remains on schedule

Mayor Armondo Pavone takes a tour



Mayor Armondo Pavone took a first-hand look at the [Family First Community Center](#) earlier this week.

"It's exciting to see how what started as a dream is rapidly becoming a reality," said the mayor. " Soon, our residents will have access to a wide variety of activities and services designed for all ages."

- [View the construction](#)

The tour was conducted by Martin Pastucha, the city's public works administrator, and Russ Woodruff, parks & recreation capital project coordinator.

The approximately 25,000-square-foot center is being built next to Cascade Elementary School and remains on track for completion in February 2023. This project has developed through a strong public/private partnership between the city, Family First Community Center Foundation, led by former Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin, Jr., HealthPoint, and Renton School District. The facility will house sports, art classes, music classes, and technology classes for youth. In addition, adults can take health and wellness programs, including group exercise, health education, cooking classes, personal training, yoga, sports recreation, and others.

Earlier this month, the center received \$500,000 in construction funding from King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove.

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



Happy Holidays!

Mayor Armondo Pavone's holiday greetings

[View the video](#)

"From all of us at the City of Renton, I wish you and your family a joyful holiday season.

"The holiday season is a time for hope, reflection, and gratitude. Our community reflects your values and makes me proud to be your mayor. During this busy season, I hope you and your family find time to enjoy the many holiday events in Renton.

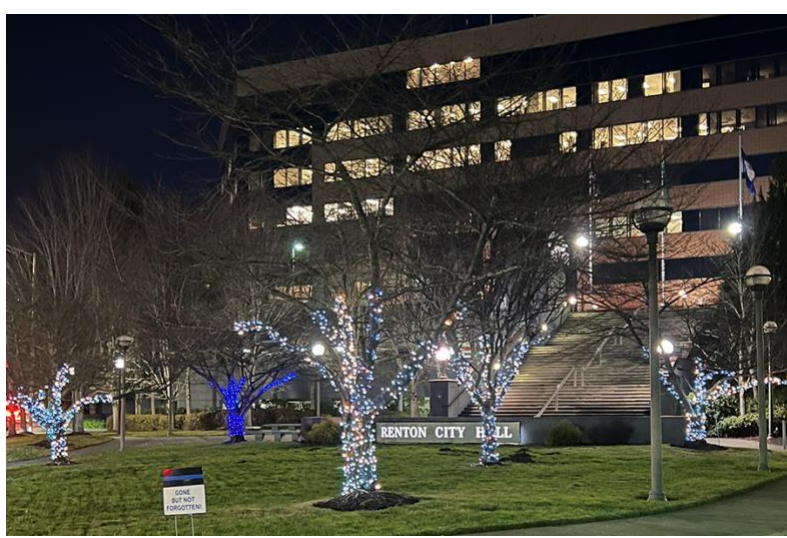
"Thank you for allowing us to serve you, and I wish you all the happiness and joy the season can bring."



Registration open for recreation activities

Registration is open for classes and activities through our Recreation Division. Youth volleyball, STREAM Team Spring Break Camp, and Renton Emergency Preparedness Academy classes are offered from January through April.

The [Let's Go, Renton!](#) recreation guide has all the information you need to know to pick an activity and register.



Project Blue Lights

For Project Blue Light this month, trees outside City Hall are strung with blue lights to support law enforcement and honor those lost in the line of duty. In Renton, we're fortunate our police department not only models "Integrity, Service, Valor, and Professionalism" every day but is deeply involved in the community. Their work with community groups, attendance at community events, and hosting "Coffee with a Cop" and National Night Out events help remove barriers and build strong relationships with residents.



New rules for puppy sales start Jan. 1

Starting Jan. 1, 2023, the city will [prohibit the sale, delivery, and marketing for sale of dogs sourced from puppy mills](#). Ordinance 6072 was passed unanimously by Renton City Council on Jul. 11, 2022. The intent is to promote humane breeding and prevent unwitting or hidden support for the puppy mill industry. It also provides purchasers with additional information about their new pets.

For any dog costing \$1,000 or more, sold online or in-person, the breeder (or salesperson if not sold by the breeder) must provide an affidavit regarding the history and source of the dog for review before the dog is sold. Affidavits for breeders and businesses to complete are [on the city's website](#).

The purchaser cannot be required to or agree to waive the terms of the ordinance, including providing the affidavit. The affidavit may be reviewed if a complaint is made regarding a seller, deliverer, or marketer of dogs in Renton. The city will investigate complaints submitted using the "Animal Issue" category on [Renton Responds](#).

If individuals or businesses are found in noncompliance with the ordinance, they are subject to criminal penalties and/or loss of their business license.

Polar Bear Plunge!

January 1, 2023
Sunday, 10 am

Swim Beach
at Coulon Park

Participants meet at the South Beach of Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.
The plunge starts promptly at 10:00am. Bring your towel and dry clothes!



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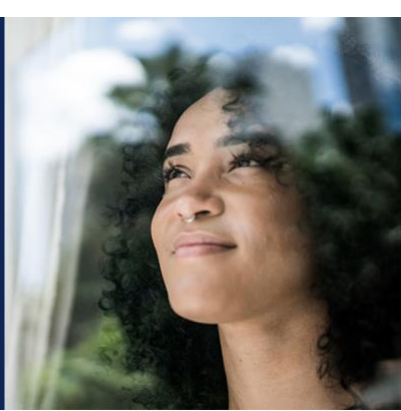
Grab your friends and family and join us on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at 10 a.m. for [Polar Bear Plunge](#) from the South Beach of Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. When you're done, we'll have heaters and warm beverages. No registration is required.



Holiday event photos

Relive our recent holiday events by viewing and downloading photos on our [Flickr account](#). Small Business Saturday, Holiday Tree Lighting, K9 Candy Cane Fun Run, Battle of the Badges, Elf Academy Graduation, and Don Persson Senior Activity Center events are all included.

988
24/7
Crisis &
Support



988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

For most, the holidays are a time for friends and family. But for others, the holidays are a time of struggle. If you or someone you know needs help now or anytime, the 24-hour crisis line can provide immediate help. Dialing 988 will provide free, immediate confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress. Crisis line operators are committed to improving crisis services and suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness. Help is available in English and Spanish.

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](#)

[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)