



Renton City News

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Renton Regional Fire Authority

Ensuring stable, sufficient funding for Renton's fire and emergency services

If you've had a fire or medical emergency, you know how important it is for firefighters and medics to get to you as fast as possible, with the equipment they need to protect you and your property.

As Renton grows, so too does the need for more stable funding for fire and emergency services. To address this, the City of Renton and Fire District #25 (FD 25) have proposed a Regional Fire Authority, or RFA, to voters to ensure that first responders have the resources and tools they need to keep residents and businesses safe.

Renton and FD 25 staff have worked on an RFA plan for over a year with the Renton City Council, a Citizen's Advisory Committee, and first responders. Renton and FD 25 residents will vote on this proposal to create a RFA for Renton in April.

WHAT IS AN RFA?

An RFA is a special purpose district that provides stable and enhanced funding

for fire and emergency services. In Washington state, there are nine RFAs, two of them in south King County—Valley RFA (Pacific, Auburn, Algona) and Kent RFA (Kent, Covington, FD 37)—that have effectively addressed issues of adequate funding and enhanced service delivery.

WHY AN RFA NOW?

Renton's population is estimated to grow 40% in the next two decades. Renton and FD 25 currently provide fire and emergency services through property tax revenue, but this revenue source isn't enough to maintain adequate service for new families, future commercial developments, and senior housing facilities over time.

HOW WILL AN RFA IMPROVE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES?

It will improve services. Changing to an RFA would guarantee stable and improved funding for Renton's first responders. Additional revenues would add more firefighters and emergency



responders, fund additional facilities and equipment, and enhance public education programs to reduce fire risk.

WHAT WILL AN RFA COST?

An average homeowner (2,180 square foot, \$291,000 median assessed value) will pay the RFA approximately \$10 more per month than they currently pay for fire and emergency services. In 2017, the average Renton homeowner would pay the city an additional \$12 per month for the construction of a new North Renton fire station and a lesser amount in 2018 until the station is completed.

Learn more about the Renton RFA at RentonRFA.org.



Spirit of Renton

Boeing rolled out its first 737 MAX

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington, Mayor Denis Law, and 2015 Council President Ed Prince pause for a photo with Boeing CEO Ray Conner (third from left) at the 737 MAX unveiling on December 8th.



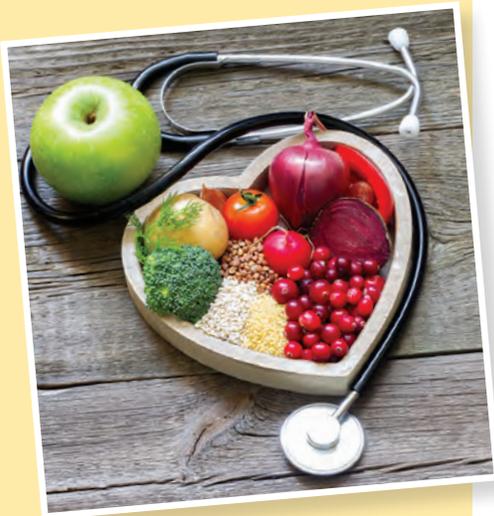
Learn How to Love Your Heart During Renton Heart Month

For 11 years, the City of Renton Heart Month Campaign has been working to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Since the campaign's inception, over 58,000 people have had their blood pressure and sugar levels screened, with over 10,000 citizens receiving alerts for elevated results. In 2015, over 3,400 students from 25 schools received an educational message and screenings.

In partnership with the Renton School District, the city will continue to promote preventative health care. Firefighters will visit Renton schools and other community locations to provide health screenings and share

information on steps to better health. The city has also partnered with Valley Medical Center on a media campaign, and formed partnerships with several other organizations including the regional chapter of the American Heart Association and the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

Cardiovascular diseases continue to be our nation's number one killer. In south King County, the statistics indicate even higher risk factors than the national average. In partnership with our diverse community we are dedicated to improving the safety and health of our citizens.



The mission of Heart Month 2016 is to combat hazards in several areas, including: reducing the rate of:

- » *uncontrolled high blood pressure*
- » *coronary heart disease*
- » *stroke*
- » *and eliminating the growth of obesity and diabetes*

Eco Film Series Coming to Carco Theatre

Carco Theatre: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, 6:30–8:30pm

The City of Renton's Solid Waste Utility is partnering with Renton Meaningful Movies and Sustainable Renton to screen captivating documentaries as part of its three-part film series, shedding light on what we can all do to preserve and sustain our growing region.

This free film series will feature environmental issues that impact every one of us who live, work and play in the Puget Sound area. Each screening will

be followed by a community discussion with speakers from local organizations working toward change such as the EPA, King County, the Ikkatsu Project and Puget Soundkeeper. Bring your family and friends for great films, discussions and prizes! **See back page for full film schedule.**

For more information, visit rentonwa.gov/ecofilmseries, or contact jkim@rentonwa.gov or 425-430-7391.



Randy Corman
2016 Council
President
Randy has been
serving since 1994



Armondo Pavone
2016 Council
President
Pro-Tem
Armondo has been
serving since 2014



Ryan Mclrvn
Ryan is a new
member, elected
in 2015 to begin
serving in 2016



Ruth Perez
Ruth was appointed
in 2013 to begin
serving in 2014,
then elected in 2015



Don Persson
Don has been
serving since 2000



Ed Prince
Ed has been serving
since 2012



**Carol Ann
Witschi**
Carol Ann is a new
member, elected
in 2015 to begin
serving in 2016

Meet Your Renton City Council

January is the beginning of another term for your City of Renton councilmembers. Members of the Renton City Council serve four-year terms—pictured above.

RENTON CITY COUNCIL 2016 COMMITTEES

FINANCE

2nd & 4th Mondays

5:00pm

Don Persson, Chair
Armondo Pavone, Vice Chair
Ruth Pérez, Member

PUBLIC SAFETY

2nd & 4th Mondays

4:00pm

Armondo Pavone, Chair
Don Persson, Vice Chair
Ed Prince, Member

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2nd & 4th Thursdays

4:00pm

Carol Ann Witschi, Chair
Ed Prince, Vice Chair
Ryan Mclrvn, Member

UTILITIES

1st & 3rd Mondays

4:30pm

Ryan Mclrvn, Chair
Ruth Pérez, Vice Chair
Carol Ann Witschi, Member

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2nd & 4th Thursdays

3:00pm

Ed Prince, Chair
Ryan Mclrvn, Vice Chair
Armondo Pavone, Member

TRANSPORTATION

1st & 3rd Mondays

5:00pm

Ruth Pérez, Chair
Carol Ann Witschi, Vice Chair
Don Persson, Member

Councilmember Salary Review

The Renton City Council recently established an Independent Salary Commission to review councilmember compensation. As an independent decision-making body, the commission evaluated full compensation including salaries and benefits of City of Renton councilmembers, studied the relationship of salaries to the duties of Council President and councilmembers and the costs personally incurred by councilmembers while performing those duties, the relationship of City of Renton councilmember salaries and benefits to those of other jurisdictions, and adjusted salary and benefits.

The committee recommended an increase in councilmember salary from \$950 per month to \$1,250 per month, and provided an additional \$200 per month stipend for Council President compensation. An additional recommendation was made to convene an independent salary commission every four years to review councilmember salary and benefit compensation. The full report can be obtained through the Renton City Clerk's office, at **425-430-6510**.

Neighborhood Grants

The Neighborhood Grant Program provides funds to help participating neighborhoods implement projects to improve the livability of their neighborhoods. A neighborhood match is required for Project and Mini Grants. Matches may include neighborhood volunteer labor, professional services and cash or donated materials. Neighborhood matching funds have resulted in many physical improvements in the neighborhoods as well as community building activities.

- » **Communication Grants** provide for development of communication materials to relay information about what is happening in the city and in your neighborhood. Applications open in January 2016.
- » **Project Grants** encourage physical improvement projects which enhance a feature of the neighborhood and promote networking between residents and city government. These matching grant applications will be available in January 2016.
- » **Mini Grants** are for projects under \$1,000 and are intended for small neighborhood projects, programs, and educational opportunities. Mini-grant applications are available mid-April, 2016 (pending funding) and must be completed by November 11, 2016.

For more information, contact Norma McQuiller at **425-430-6595** or Nmcquiller@Rentonwa.gov



Mayor Denis Law with performers at the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force Winter Celebration.

Out in the Community

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

City offices closed for New Year's observance

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Polar Bear Plunge

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 11:00am. Start your New Year with an exhilarating dip into the icy waters of Lake Washington. No registration is required, lifeguards will be on duty. Visit rentonwa.gov for more information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Eco-Film: JUST EAT IT

Carco Theatre, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Learn how we can adjust our expectations and actions to more responsibly manage our own food consumption.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Eco-Film: BAG IT

Carco Theatre, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Find out what you can do to live a life with less plastic.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SAVE THE DATE: Community Forum with Renton Police & African-American Pastors. Visit rentonwa.gov for more information.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Neighbor to Neighbor Leadership Forum

Renton Senior Activity Center, 8:00am.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Summer Job Fair

Renton Community Center, 10am-12noon. Preview seasonal positions with the City of Renton.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Eco-Film: SOUND AND VISION

Carco Theatre, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Look at how to improve the health of our waters and shorelines.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Mayor's State of the City Address

Renton Pavilion Events Center, 7:30am. Mayor's annual city update.

ONGOING UNTIL MAY 21

Birth, Life & Death: Early Medicine in Renton

Renton History Museum, 235 Mill Ave S. Explores the role that doctors and nurses played in the lives of early Renton residents. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm.

Renton Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Award recognizes growth planning efforts

The City of Renton has been honored by Washington governor Jay Inslee with a Lifetime Achievement Award, as the Washington state Growth Management Act marks its 25th anniversary in 2015. The award recognizes extraordinary efforts by communities throughout the state to envision and plan for the future. The honorees were selected from the pool

of past Governor's Smart Communities Award winners. As a four-time recipient of the Governor's Smart Communities Award, Renton has been recognized for identifying goals and implementing strategies that ensure growth will occur in a way that enhances and sustains essential elements of a livable community.

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- Code Enforcement 425-430-7373
- Community Services 425-430-6600
- Community & Economic Development 425-430-6575
- Fire & Emergency Svcs. . . 425-430-7000
- Graffiti Reporting Line . . . 425-430-7373
- Human Resources & Risk Management 425-430-7650
- Public Works 425-430-7394
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- Utility Billing 425-430-6852

EMERGENCY 911
 Non-Emergency # 425-235-2121



The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.

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