



Renton City News

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Prevent Auto Theft

The Puget Sound area is a hotbed for auto thieves. Vehicles are often stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up, or when the keys are left at the ignition at convenience stores, gas stations, and ATM's.

To help protect your vehicle, please follow the following tips:

- » Don't leave your car running unattended. Park in a well-lit area when possible.
- » Lock your car and keep your keys with you (or give to parking lot attendant.)
- » Close your windows and lock your trunk.
- » Do not leave important identification papers in glove compartment or console.
- » Don't leave valuables in plain view.

For more information visit rentonwa.gov and search for auto theft prevention safety.

Renton History Museum's Pet Photo Contest

Deadline to enter: Jan. 15, 2015

For our upcoming exhibit on Furry Friends: From Fads to Family, the museum invites you to submit photos of you with your pets to be considered for display in the exhibit.

Here's how to enter:

1. Check our Facebook page or web page for a selection of photos of historic Rentonites with their dogs, cats, and other animal companions.
2. Select a photo and recreate it with your furry friends.
3. Submit the digital photo file to the museum no later than January 15, 2015 (nothing smaller than 1 MB, please).



Your photo may be one of a select few featured in the exhibit. For more information, go to www.rentonwa.gov/rentonhistorymuseum.

City Mourns Passing of Councilmember Briere

A dedicated public servant with deep roots in the community

Councilmember Terri Briere, who served on the Renton City Council since 2000, passed away on November 9, following an extended illness. She was 63 years old.



Mayor Denis Law said, "Our city mourns the loss of Councilmember Terri Briere, a dedicated public servant with deep roots in this community. She played a significant role in moving our city forward in the economic development arena, and helped bring The Landing, Seahawks, Federal Reserve Bank and other major investments to Renton. Terri's death is a huge loss to the city and the entire community. She has been a tremendous leader and truly deserves much credit for helping to improve the quality of life in Renton."

Council President Don Persson said, "I have served with Terri for the past 14 years, and she was a trusted colleague and friend. Her passion for Renton and our citizens never diminished."

Terri Briere was born and raised in Renton. She served as the Chair of the Council Finance Committee, Vice Chair of the Planning & Development Committee and was on the Public Safety Committee. She was active through the years with the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Renton High School, Renton Rotary, Renton Historical Society, PTA, and Children's Home Society of Washington. For these and other efforts, Terri was named an Outstanding Renton Citizen for 2003. She was also named Woman of the Year in 2011 by Renton Business and Professional Women's Foundation.

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FLOODING: Dealing With a Force of Nature

Flooding is a force of nature that often cannot be controlled or prevented. The City of Renton monitors weather forecasts and river conditions continuously and participates in the King County Flood Warning System, which notifies the city when Green River and Cedar River flows reach established flood phases.

In the event of a flood warning, residents are notified through NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, television, Renton RedAlert and local emergency agencies.

Natural channels, wetlands, man-made ponds and open ditches can protect us from flooding. It is important that constructed storm drainage systems are maintained and kept free of debris to help prevent flooding. Dumping debris into any watercourse is prohibited by city ordinance. Please

report any violations to Development Services Code Compliance at 425-430-7373.

Flood losses are not covered under most homeowners' or renters' insurance policies. Renton participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which enables all Renton property owners, whether they are in a floodplain or not, to obtain flood insurance discounts of up to 25%.

To find out if your property is in a flood-prone area, obtain a Flood Insurance Rate Map, obtain copies of existing Flood Elevation Certificates, or learn more about Flood Insurance, contact Gary Fink, Surface Water Utility, at 425-430-7392 or by email at gfink@rentonwa.gov. For more information on flood insurance and flood preparation visit rentonwa.gov or Floodsmart.gov.



Pet Licenses Available

The City of Renton requires that all dogs and cats aged four months and older be licensed. Pet owners are allowed up to three animals (any combination of cats and dogs) per household. An additional license is required for keeping four to six household pets and has a fee of \$50 per year. Licenses are renewed every year and must be on the animal at all times. For information and rates call 425-430-6850.

WINTER SAFETY: City Ready for Inclement Weather

The City of Renton is geared up and ready for inclement weather and prepared to minimize challenges to Renton drivers this coming winter. The city's emergency management and maintenance teams closely monitor the National Weather Service forecast for regular updates during storm events. Depending on road conditions, the city's maintenance crews begin de-icing roads according to the city route maps (visit rentonwa.gov for maps) one to two days prior to the weather event.

Because temperature and road conditions are key to the effectiveness of the de-icer, there are times when crews are unable to spray it onto the road-

ways. If snow accumulates on the roadway, plows and sand/salt trucks are dispatched according to the city route maps. Crews work in two 12-hour shifts, keeping snow removal equipment on the roadway around the clock. Fleet garage mechanics are also on modified work shifts in the event snow removal equipment is damaged and needs expedited repair.

During inclement weather conditions try to delay your travel as much as possible until road conditions improve. Follow these simple steps to stay safe:

1. Be prepared and equip your vehicle with proper gear such as all-season tires and chains, plus coats and boots for driver and passengers.
2. Check your vehicle's cooling system, wiper fluids, anti-ice/cleaning solution, wiper blades, and heat, defrost and battery systems.
3. Don't abandon your vehicle on the road. If you must abandon your car during a snowstorm, pull as far off the road as safely possible to avoid blocking other vehicles and snow removal equipment. Cars left in travel lanes may be towed and impounded.
4. Make sure your fuel tank is at least half full.



CITY CONTACTS

Area Code 425

General Information	430-6400
Mayor	430-6500
City Council	430-6501
Municipal Court Judge	430-6550
Chief Administrative Officer	430-6500
Administrative Services	430-6868
City Attorney	430-6480
City Clerk	430-6510
Code Enforcement	430-7373
Community Services	430-6600
Community & Economic Development	430-6580
Fire & Emergency Services ...	430-7000
Graffiti Reporting Line	430-7373
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Public Works	430-7394
Police	430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov	
Street/Water/Sewer Maint.	430-7400
Utility Billing	430-6852

EMERGENCY 911
Non-Emergency # 425-235-2121

 **The City of Renton provides reasonable accommodation upon request.**

TDD... 711 (425-430-6511)

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

■ **Friday, December 5**

Ivar's Clam Lights Opening Night.
 Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Entertainment begins 6:15pm Official greeting 7pm Rainier Yacht Club Parade of Boats begins 7:30pm Argosy Christmas Ship arrives, performs 8-8:20pm

■ **Saturday, December 6**

Downtown Holiday Activities.
 3-5pm Roasted chestnuts, holiday music along 3rd Street. Holiday Tree Lighting & Arrival of Santa. 5-7pm Downtown Piazza, 3rd & Burnett. Visit Santa and enjoy music and lights. Sponsored by Piazza Renton and downtown businesses.

■ **Sunday, December 7**

K9 Candy Cane 5K Run & Walk.
 8-9am registration. Run/walk begins 9:15am Renton Community Center, 1715 SE Maple Valley Highway. To register Signmeup.com/0k2vxh7 or call 425-430-6700.

■ **Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-20**

Downtown Santa's House.
 Friday 5-7pm, Saturday 1-4pm Free. Downtown Piazza. Believers of all ages can have their picture taken for free, downloadable online. Sponsored by downtown businesses. Call 206-914-0198.

■ **Sunday, December 14**

Renton City Concert Band Winter Concert. 2pm Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 South 2nd St. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 students and senior citizens. Directed by Michael Simpson. Call 425-430-6700 to purchase tickets.

■ **Sunday, December 14**

Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert. 3pm Carco Theatre, 1717 SE Maple Valley Highway. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 senior citizens, \$5 students. Call 425-430-6700 to purchase tickets.

■ **Thursday-Friday, Dec. 25-26**

Christmas Holiday. City offices closed.

■ **Thursday, January 1**

Polar Bear Dip. 11am Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, 1201 Lake Washington Blvd. Co-sponsored by Ivar's.

■ **Thursday, January 1**

New Year's Day Holiday. City offices closed.