



King County Fire District #40

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SUMMER 2020

Upcoming Events:

- **June 20**
Summer Solstice
- **June 21**
Father's Day
- **July 4**
Independence Day
- **July 9**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **July 15**
Tax Extension Deadline
- **July 24-26**
Renton River Days (Cancelled)
- **July 31-August 2**
Seattle SeaFair (Cancelled)
- **August 13**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting
- **August 27**
First Day of School (Kent School District)
- **September 2**
First Day of School (Renton School District)
- **September 7**
Labor Day
- **September 10**
Fire District 40 Board Meeting

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SHERIFF
KING COUNTY

Fire District 40 holds regular public meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 5 PM at the King County Sheriff's Fairwood Substation Office:

17620 140th Ave SE #C10,
Renton, WA 98058.

FD40: Looking Towards the Future

In an effort to provide the best and most cost-effective fire and emergency services to you (those we serve), Fire District 40 has hired a consultant to help provide some answers.

Consequently, the experts at ESCI are reviewing all options available to Fire District 40:

- Continue contracting with the Renton Regional Fire Authority (\$5.6 million in 2020)
- Join the Renton Regional Fire Authority as a voting

member (requiring a vote of the people)

- Contract with the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (terms and cost to be negotiated)
- Merge into either Fire District 20 (Skyway), 37 (Kent), or 43, (Maple Valley)
- Return to being a stand-alone fire department.

Each one of these options has advantages and disadvantages.

Your elected officials believe it's their duty to save your tax dollars whenever possible, but never at the expense of your safety.

As this fire department prepares for the future, we believe that your right to representation in your fire department is essential.

Therefore, we look forward to receiving the report from ESCI and the opportunity to review their recommendation.



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Fireworks Update



Last Fourth of July, a 70-year old man died in a house fire in White Center. Another home caught fire in Renton. Both incidents were caused by fireworks. Elsewhere around the state, numerous wildfires have been triggered by fireworks. In the eyes of many leaders, fireworks present both a public safety risk and health hazard.

To that end, King County Councilmember Joe McDermott introduced legislation to ban fire works in unincorporated King County this last February.

Fireworks are already banned in 25 other jurisdictions in King County, and many types of fireworks are illegal outside of tribal lands. But in unincorporated King County, restrictions are limited and enforcement is often challenging when law enforcement and fire officials must review multiple details to determine a particular firework's place in the law.

McDermott's proposal would make enforcement clear: If it's a firework—not a novelty or trick device—it would not be legal.

This would apply to all fireworks, including sparklers and other "safe and sane" fireworks. It would not ban properly permitted fireworks displays nor would it impact fireworks on tribal trust lands.

The status of this legislation is unclear at this time due to the impacts of the Coronavirus. However, if approved, state law requires a one-year waiting period before the ban could take effect, during which time the County would undertake an educational campaign about the new law.

From Metropolitan King County Council News:
February 27, 2020



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Just like you know to call 911 in an emergency, **remember to call 811** at least two business days before you start digging on your property.

A representative will take down your project details and send out utility companies who will then locate their buried lines (for FREE) that are near your proposed digging area.

Cedar River Water & Sewer	425-255-6370
Century Link	800-491-0118
Comcast Cable (XFINITY)	888-266-2278
Fairwood Library	425-226-0522
King County Fire District 40 (office)	425-225-0931
King County Sheriff's Office	206-296-1311
Metro (Hazardous Waste)	206-684-1233
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Puget Sound Energy (Gas & Electricity)	800-321-4123
Puget Sound Energy (Street Lights)	888-225-5773
Republic Services/Allied Waste	206-682-0735
Renton Regional Fire Authority (office)	425-276-9500
Securitas (Fairwood Greens)	425-221-8170
Waste Management	800-592-9995

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Summer Water Safety

With stay-at-home restrictions easing, most of us will want to take advantage of the warm summer weather and enjoy the many lakes, rivers, and beaches in the Puget Sound area. At any time of year, Washington waters can be appealing and dangerous at the same time.

- **Know The Water** — Water that is warm on the surface may be much colder below. Use caution when swimming and always supervise young children playing in or near the water. Waterways may look calm enough, but always be aware of your surroundings.
- **Know Your Limits** — Swimming in open water (lakes, rivers, ponds, Puget Sound, and the ocean) is harder than in a pool. People tire faster and can get into trouble more quickly. Stay sober when on or in the water. Alcohol and other drugs increase the effects of weather temperature, and wave action.
- **Wear a Life Jacket That Fits You** — Even the best water enthusiasts can misjudge changing water conditions when boating or swimming in open water. Be prepared at all times by wearing a life jacket—you'll never know when you may be tossed into the water.

