

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 29, 2016

City of Renton Contacts:

Karen Bergsvik, Human Services Manager, 425-430-6600

Deborah Needham, Emergency Management Director, 425-430-7027

Preeti Shridhar, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator, 425-430-6569

Cold weather shelter open Saturday, December 31 through Wednesday, January 4

RENTON, WA - In preparation for dangerously low temperatures, the City of Renton and the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) will open the cold weather shelter from Saturday, December 31 through Wednesday, January 4. The cold weather shelter is located at the Old Chamber building at 300 Rainier Avenue N.

The shelter will open at 8 p.m. and close at 7 a.m. each day and all must vacate.

Where: Old Chamber building, 300 Rainier Avenue N, Renton, WA.

Dates: Saturday, December 31 through Wednesday, January 4.

Check-in and registration: 8 p.m.

Check-out: 7 a.m. each morning the shelter closes and all must vacate.

All are welcome. The cold weather shelter (CWS) is barrier free and available for single women and men, couples, and homeless families with children who are living on the streets or in vehicles. Separate sleeping spaces have been prepared for men, women, and families with children. The CWS will be operated by Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches staff from the greater Renton community. All must register at the door. As with all shelters, rules for the health and safety of clients, staff and the broader community will apply.

If you wish to bring a food donation, please drop it off after the shelter is open. Snacks (individually wrapped granola bars, trail mix, sunchips, etc.) fruit like bananas and mandarin oranges; or individually wrapped breakfast pastries are needed. Blankets will also be accepted when the shelter is open.

Please contact the Crisis Clinic by dialing 2-1-1 to access shelter information. For more information please contact the City of Renton Human Services office at 425-430-6600 during business hours or visit the City of Renton's website at rentonwa.gov.

PLEASE HELP BY SHARING, POSTING, AND DISTRIBUTING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. A FLYER IS ALSO ATTACHED, WHICH YOU CAN POST ON YOUR DOOR.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 101,300 (2016), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our website (rentonwa.gov), Facebook page ([CityofRenton](https://www.facebook.com/CityofRenton)) and Twitter ([@CityofRenton](https://twitter.com/CityofRenton)).

###