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Man kills daughter over baby gate

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Event to push Benson Hill family center to the end zone

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Former Seahawk Doug Baldwin fell in love with Benson Hill when he first moved there in 2011. But he noticed

the local youth didn't have much to do, he stated in a video produced by the city of Renton.

The city, Renton School District, HealthPoint and Baldwin are getting closer to the end zone of the Family

First Community Center, a new services and recreation center in the Benson Hill area, pushed for by Baldwin.

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Parking limits for large vehicles reviewed

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If there's a trailer or delivery truck sitting parked on your street, it may need to move soon. And those same vehicles sitting on yards could be next.

The city is looking to prohibit oversized vehicles from parking on Renton public streets. This could go into effect in the coming months.

The ordinance would apply to vehicles longer than 23 feet, wider than 84 inches or taller than 9 feet, vehicles with gross vehicle weight greater than or equal to 10,000 pounds or vehicle weight rating greater than 14,500 pounds.

"The message is that public right-of-ways are not designed to be a place of storage for commercial vehicles, or vehicles so large as to create issues with livability of a neighborhood," Senior Planner

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Doors supporting Pride Month in Renton repeatedly vandalized, but the display stands



Photo courtesy of United Christian Church in Renton.

Failing to keep them down

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The United Christian Church in Renton remains persistent in its message of love and pride, despite multiple attempts to damage its display.

The church put up six doors reading "God's doors are open to all," in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride month, a symbol that is part of a greater city-wide message of visibility this year.

Renton Police Department tweeted Wednesday morning

that FBI Seattle Division is now in charge of the investigation of the most recent damage, which is considered possible arson and an explosion.

The morning of Monday, June 17, staff came to the church to find the last door that reads "All,"

had not only a large rip in it, but some signs of an attempt to set it on fire.

Then on the morning of Wednesday, June 19, posts on social media showed more

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Honoring heritage, achievement



While not all of the 15 Native American graduates could attend the ceremony, those who did were honored with certificates, song, dance and handmade stoles. Photo courtesy of Renton Schools.

A special ceremony honoring a few graduates' heritage took place at Renton High School.

On Thursday, June 13, a special graduation ceremony took place for 15 Native American seniors, according to Renton School's Facebook page. The students were celebrated for their hard work to complete requirements for graduation while also representing their heritage and culture.

The ceremony included special music and dance, and then concluded with a presentation of hand-made stoles.

The students included:

- Michael Berndt
- Charlotte Brock-Alexander
- Megan Decoteau
- Saul Hernandez
- Jennifer Lee
- Emma Murdy
- Nathaniel Spears
- Timothy Harris
- Tyler Holbrook
- Elijah Montgomery
- Tyjion Rath
- Jaimie Sullivan
- Olivia Ventura
- Bethany Mitchell
- Brianna Mitchell
- Julia Zepeda

Doors

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damage was done to two other doors at the display. The photos appeared to show "Leviticus" written on one door, damage and some sort of firecracker taped to the back of one of them, and a possible explosion on another.

The Reporter was unable to get more information on the Wednesday attack before the print deadline. This story will be updated at Rentonreporter.com.

The damage done to the doors reflects the damage that those in the LGBTQ+ community experience far too regularly, Pastor Cynthia Meyer said.

"Seeing that response to the sign helps people see that it happens and is wrong and people shouldn't be treated that way," Meyers said. "It's sending a good message to encourage people to be more active in their support and care."

Meyer saw it later in the day Monday, and said she was sad it happened but not totally surprised. Offended people sometimes do things that are inappropriate, and even criminal as in this case, she said.

Someone in the neighborhood who saw the damage on Monday, stated on social media they reported it to Renton Police Department as a hate crime. According to police, it was only being investigated as malicious mischief as the intent of the suspect was unknown. Now the



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investigation is in the hands of FBI Seattle, after the Wednesday attack appeared to involve arson or small explosions.

The same day the door was hit on Monday, a group of families connected to the Montessori school on the church grounds came together quickly to help.

At 4 p.m. Monday, about 40 people got the door replaced, painted and ready, thanks to Amy Helland, who organized folks on the Cascade Buy Nothing Facebook group. On top of that, they decorated the sidewalk in front of it with chalk messages and art.

"It was a great outpouring of care and support," Meyer said.

Last week, there were two reports from social media that the doors had been knocked down. Meyer said they were put up quickly by people walking by, before any church staff even had a chance to fix them.

It's encouraging and uplifting to see folks take time to help them keep the sign up and be persistent with their message, Meyer said.

The doors are part of a national movement from different united churches, which can be viewed at GodsDoors.org.

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