

Downtown Renton Selfie Quest

1. Now an office building, Renton's first brick building was built in 1898 located at Third Street and Mill Ave and has been listed on the Washington Heritage Register as a King County Landmark since 1982.
2. Listed on the Washington State Register of Historical Buildings in 1978, this home of local history on Third Street and Mill Ave was once Fire Station #1 and has managed to maintain its beloved Art Deco design from 1942.
3. Opened in 1966, this engineering marvel stretches 80 feet across the Cedar River and can be found at 100 Mill Ave S.
4. Located across from St. Charles Place Antiques on Wells Avenue between Second and Third Streets, this building was once the offices of the mayor and other city staff, as well as the fire and police departments.
5. Dubbed Erasmus after one of the key founders of Renton, this scaly guardian watches over downtown from above the River Valley Cheese Shop on Third Street and Wells Ave.
6. 120 years old, this establishment on Wells Ave and Houser Way has served as a tavern since the days of the horse and buggy! Now a grill restaurant, it also operated as a pool hall, soda shop and card room during prohibition.
7. The second and most recently historically landmarked building in Renton was originally constructed on the corner of Third Street and Williams Ave for a national department store chain in the fall of 1953, during a huge construction "Boon".
8. Home of the popular Renton Farmer's Market, this piazza-like setting on Third Street near the Renton Transit Center features a combination of paved surfaces, landscaping, benches, boulders, trees, and raised seat walls as well as a pavilion building for hosting events that was originally built as a car dealership facility in 1948.
9. Finished in 1911, just in time for graduation, this stately building on Second Street west of Logan Ave has gone through several remodels and additions, including the building of the adjacent Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center in 2003.
10. Originally a 1920s movie palace, this community building on Third Street across from King's Chapel was renovated in 1987 to host a variety of musicals from popular shows to unusual off-beat productions.
11. This organization began in 1909 with two dozen members and has since grown to hundreds while keeping with their mission to improve business and economic conditions, and the general welfare of the community. For 50 years they could watch Boeing 747s take their inaugural flights from their office near the airport, but since 2012 have been content to hear the rumbling of parts making their way down the train tracks in this renovated 1952 building on Fourth Street and Burnett Ave.
12. As part of a recent public art campaign, several of these utilities can be found around South Renton, each painted with a different creative theme. On the southwest corner of Fourth Street and Wells Ave, you can find one that celebrates Renton's coal mining history.



