

EDMONDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

THE PRESERVATIONIST

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 1 FEBRUARY 2010

THE RAILROAD FOREMAN'S HOUSE

This edition of the Preservationist welcomes one of our newest additions to the Edmonds Register of Historic places, the Great Northern Railway Section Foreman's House, located in the 1000 block of Second Avenue S.

This vernacular-style house was built in 1917 as the Section Foreman's House by the Great Northern Railway for its personnel.

Originally located just north of Dayton Street, on the east side of the railroad tracks (now the railroad parking lot), it is simple in form with a steeply pitched side-gable roof and tall double-hung windows on either side of the entry. Section Foreman Hogart was the first stationmaster to occupy the house at its original location. It was moved just across Dayton Street when the parking lot site was developed, and then moved again to the 200 block of Dayton. In 1978 it was moved a third time to its current location at 1011 Second Avenue where it was placed on a new foundation and renovated. The commission is unaware of any other properties in the town that were actually



Originally located east of the railroad tracks, present site of the railroad parking lot, the Railroad Foreman's House was moved across Dayton Street, moved a second time to the 200 block of Dayton, and again in 1978 to its current location at 1011 Second Avenue S.

moved three times!

The house now sits in a quiet corner of Edmonds, a peaceful landing spot for a lovely old house that for many years was a neighbor to rumbling steam locomotives, blaring train whistles and twice was on the back of a flatbed loader! Congratulations to owners Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, and welcome to the register!

BANNER YEAR FOR EDMONDS PRESERVATION

The past year, 2009, was extremely productive for the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission. Great strides were made in identifying and designating historically significant structures in our city. At the beginning of the year the Edmonds Regis-

ter of Historic Places consisted of one property. By the end of 2009 the number of historic structures/places and sites on the register had grown to thirteen. The awareness of the register and its benefits and a desire to preserve the character and

continued on pg 2



EDMONDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Commissioners: Andy Eccleshall (chair), Jennifer Anttila, Susan Bauer, Christine Deiner-Karr, John Dewhirst, Alan Macfarlane, Eric Norenberg, Larry Vogel, Stephen Waite.

Phone: 425-771-0220
Fax: 425-771-0221
E-mail: hpc@edmonds.ci.wa.us

*The Preservationist is published by the City of Edmonds, Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission. Editor and desktop publishing, Larry Vogel.
Back Issues available at: http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/hpc_newsroom.stm*



The mission of The Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission is to actively encourage the conservation and retention of the city's historic resources through initiating and maintaining a register of historic places. Toward this end, the Commission works to raise community awareness of the city's history and historic resources and serves as the city's primary resource in matters of history, historic planning, and preservation.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! [HTTP://WWW.CI.EDMONDS.WA.US/HPC.STM](http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/hpc.stm)

BANNER YEAR FOR EHPC (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

history of our town is growing in our community, and the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission is ready to help and answer your questions.

The Edmonds Register of Historic Places is a growing collection of properties and sites that have historic and/or architectural significance to the city of Edmonds. Consisting of residential, commercial and city-owned properties, and historically significant sites, it offers the following benefits:

1. Pride in preserving Edmond's history. Registering your historic building helps preserve that special Edmonds character, and encouraging others to do the same will help assure that the "small town" feel of Downtown Edmonds will continue be available for all to enjoy.
2. Special tax valuation. Under special valuation, qualified rehabilitation costs are deducted from the assessed value of the property for 10 years.



Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission chair Andy Eccleshall presents the commemorative plaque to Molly Stoullil, owner of the newly-listed home at 533 3rd Avenue S.

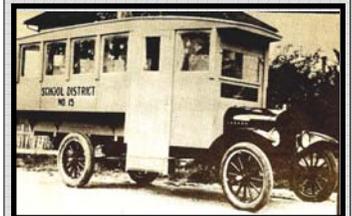
3. Non-conforming building restoration.
4. Special parking provisions.

In addition, the property earns the prestige of being recognized as an important contribution to the heritage of the city of Edmonds. More information on the benefits of being on the register is available on the EHPC website, http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/hpc_register.stm

In 2010 the EHPC will continue to recommend heritage properties to the historic register and we encourage homeowners and commercial property owners to consider joining. The EHPC offers information on our local, county, state and national registers, all of which offer their own benefits. We meet at 4:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month in City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

VIGNETTES FROM EDMONDS PAST

FIRST SCHOOL BUS DOUBLES AS TEETER-TOTTER!



Edmonds' first school bus, provided by the Yost Auto Company, would not meet today's safety standards! Former students recall with glee how they would all move to the back of the bus, shifting the load and causing the front wheels to rise completely off the road.

(photo courtesy of The Edmonds Historical Museum)