

# EDMONDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Historic  
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*The Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission was created in February 2002 by City Ordinance 3392. The ordinance specifically charges the Commission to "actively encourage the conservation of the City's historic resources by initiating and maintaining a register of historic places...; to raise community awareness of the City's history and historic resources; and to serve as the City's primary resource in matters of history, historic planning and preservation."*

## HISTORIC ALLEN HOUSE JOINS EDMONDS REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling and the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission announce the latest addition to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places, the Allen House at 310 Sunset Avenue.

Overlooking the spot where George Brackett first set foot in Edmonds and later set up his pioneering lumber and sawmill, the Allen House was built in 1906 for Zachary Taylor Allen. He and his wife Seraphina Van Vleet Allen raised a family and lived there for many years. Over the years they watched from their front porch as the booming shingle industry took over the waterfront and forged Edmonds into an early

20th century industrial powerhouse.

The Allen House now officially joins fifteen other properties on the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. Homes and buildings on the register are associated with the early development of Edmonds, and retain their original architectural integrity.

The Allen House is a prime example of the Queen Anne Free Classic style, which replaced the more ornate Victorian style of the late 19th century. While the rear of the house was enlarged in 1929, the facade facing Sunset Avenue is largely intact, retaining its original appearance.



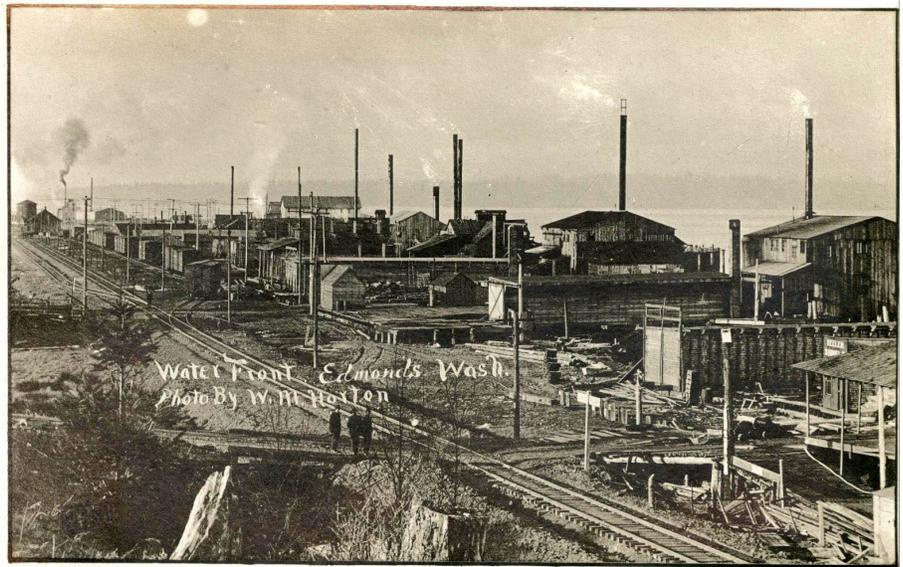
*The Allen House today. The west facade of the house faces Sunset Avenue and retains its original integrity, reflecting the Queen Anne Free Classic Style popular just after the turn of the century.  
(Courtesy of Larry Vogel)*



*The Allen House, circa 1909. Standing on the porch L to R are Seraphina Allen, Zachary Taylor Allen, Charles Allen (brother of Zachary).  
(Courtesy of John and Shirley Pauls)*



Mayor Earling addresses the group at the August 29 dedication ceremony officially adding the Allen House, 310 Sunset Avenue, to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. (Courtesy of Larry Vogel)



The Edmonds waterfront as it appeared at the time the Allen House was built in 1906. The waterfront was lined with mills, and the boilers burned day and night filling the air with wood smoke. This was the view from the Allen House front porch in the early years of the century. (Courtesy of the Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society)

“It’s a great day for Edmonds,” said Mayor Earling. “Sunset Avenue occupies a special place in the history of our town. The Allen House is one of many Sunset Avenue homes that deserve to be recognized and valued as key pieces of our heritage.”

The house remained in the Allen family for many years, with ownership passing from generation to generation. The current owners, John and Shirley Pauls, have lived in the house for 37 years.



Mayor Earling presents owners Shirley and John Pauls with the brass plaque to mount on their home identifying it as being on the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. (Courtesy of Larry Vogel)

“We moved in just after we were married in December 1975,” said Shirley Pauls. The Pauls rented for a couple of years before purchasing the home from Zachary Taylor Allen’s granddaughter.

“That makes us only the second family to live here,” she added. “We feel privileged to live in a piece of local history, and still love the place as much as the day we moved in.”



Zachary Taylor Allen, circa 1910. (Courtesy John and Shirley Pauls)



John and Shirley Pauls at dedication ceremony. (Courtesy of Larry Vogel)

# MEET YOUR COMMISSIONERS

## EDMONDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NAME	DATE OF APPT.	BIOGRAPHY
<b>Stephen Waite</b>	5/02	Stephen is a local Edmonds architect. He has been a member of the EHPC since 2002. His profession takes him all over the world. He is currently doing consulting in Europe.
<b>Christine Deiner-Karr</b>	10/05	Great-Great Grandchild of Lund's Gulch's Matilda Deiner Lund, family historian, member of Edmonds Museum and lifelong Edmonds resident.
<b>Andy Eccleshall</b>	11/07	Edmonds resident of 11 years and professional artist. Owner of The Mural Works, Inc. 44 years old. Originally from the UK.
<b>Larry Vogel, Chair</b>	2/08	Larry, a New York native, moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1970 to attend graduate school at the University of Washington. After earning his degrees, he taught college-level science for several years. He later joined Seattle City Light where he worked for 25 years in communications and public affairs. He retired in 2006. A 20-year Edmonds resident, Larry does free-lance writing and photography in addition to his work on the Historic Preservation Commission.
<b>Eric Norenberg</b>	4/09	Member since May 2009 and is active in the local Edmonds Community.
<b>John Dewhirst, Vice Chair</b>	1/10	John has been a member of the EHPC since January of 2010 and is on other City Council Committees. John is also on the Edmonds Economic Development Commission and past member of the Edmonds Planning Board.
<b>Lora Petso</b>	1/12	Lora is appointed by City Council to serve on the Commission as a City Council member.
<b>Gerald Tays (Gerry)</b>	3/12	Thirty-year veteran of National Park Service with experience in park management as well as legislative affairs relating to park establishment and operation. Twelve-year veteran of Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission as a park planner/educator in the field of historic preservation. Responsible for establishing the Commissions Cultural Resources Management Policy and Historic Preservation Program.
<b>William Muller (Bill)</b>	3/12	Life Member and former Board Member of the San Pedro Bay Historical Society (Headquarters: The Muller House Museum); past President of The Los Angeles Maritime Museum Foundation; past Secretary and Current Board Member of The Banning Museum; current Docent Tour Interpreter of The Banning Museum.
<b>Margaret Keogh (Meg)</b>	3/12	Member of the Commission since March 2012. Has lived in historic houses on the East Coast and California for many years. Currently has a Commercial Interior Design Business in Seattle.
<b>Tim Raetzloff</b>	3/12	Seattle native. Edmonds resident for 25 years. Member of Edmonds and various other historical societies. Organizer of Alpine Advocates, preservation group to save remains and history of storied lost ghost town of Alpine, Washington.
<b>Kristiana Johnson</b>	6/12	Edmonds native, resident from 1950's - 1970's and the 1990's to present. Professional background in City and Regional Planning. Restored a 1906 Colonial Revival home in New Jersey.
<b>Emily Scott</b>	7/12	Emily Rose Scott is a professional archaeologist and curation specialist at AMEC Environment & Infrastructure and part-time faculty member at Edmonds Community College. She is also a volunteer docent at the Edmonds Historical Museum.
<b>Valerie Claypool</b>	8/12	Membership and Events Manager for the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce.

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## DO YOU OWN OR LIVE IN AN HISTORIC HOME?

Would you like to join the other proud owners of homes and properties on the Edmonds Register of Historic Places? Learn more about the benefits of listing and how to make this happen at Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission web site:

[www.edmondswa.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/commissions/historic-preservation-commission](http://www.edmondswa.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/commissions/historic-preservation-commission)

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## STICK 'EM UP!

The Edmonds Museum is celebrating 100 years of the Edmonds Police Department. The "Stick 'Em Up!" Exhibit will be on display until November 4th from 1 - 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sunday. Edmonds City Ordinance #254 created the Edmonds police Department on October 15th, 1912. A.C. Hayes was the first Chief. The next Preservationist will feature the history of the Edmonds Police Department.

## COMING EVENTS

Oct. 11th	EHPC Meeting
Oct. 18th	Edmonds Art Walk
Oct. 23rd	Edmonds City Council Meeting
Thru Nov. 4th	Stick 'Em Up!
Nov. 8th	EHPC Meeting
Nov. 15th	Edmonds Art Walk
Nov. 19th	Completion of Edmonds Main St. Decorative Lighting & Sidewalk Enhancements Project
Nov. 20th	Edmonds City Council Meeting
Nov. 24th	Edmonds Tree Lighting Ceremony



## MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS AMID RELICS OF EDMONDS' PAST

You can hardly visit downtown Edmonds these days and not notice the construction activity on Main Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. The new street improvements are scheduled to be complete by mid-November, in plenty of time for Edmonds' traditional holiday season festivities.

What you may not know is that this section of Main Street is home to some significant and interesting pieces of Edmonds history.

The old Odd Fellows Hall at 542 Main Street, built in 1891 for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, served for many years as a community hall and was Edmonds' first movie theater. It now houses Reliable Floors.



*The Odd Fellows Hall was Edmonds' first movie theater in 1909. Today it's the home of Reliable Floor Coverings and the scene of much construction activity. (Left: Courtesy of the Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society) (Right: Courtesy of Larry Vogel)*

Across the street at 535 Main, the Aria Studio and Gallery occupies the former site of the Edmonds Independent Phone Company. Operated by the Yost family, the company provided phone service to Edmonds between 1909 and 1943. The old switchgear room is still in the back of the building.

In the 1920's this section of Main Street was also home to the Edmonds Used Car Market. By this time many of Edmonds' first wave of automobile owners were upgrading to new rides. This created a supply of used cars, allowing citizens of more humble means to join the motoring public. And the place to find them was the vacant lot adjacent to the Independent Phone Company where the Loft restaurant stands today.

So please don't let the construction deter you! Businesses are open, and will remain so during construction. The improvements are just the latest step in the ongoing evolution of our town.



*Interior of Independent Phone Company offices, 535 Main Street, circa 1920. Dan Yost standing in 3-piece suit. (Courtesy of the Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society)*