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Walkable Main Street Ends This Weekend

However Curbside Dining Continues Through Nov. 8

(Edmonds, WA) There are signs of fall in the air: cooler days, falling leaves and two of the most popular events of the summer come to a close. This weekend, Oct. 10-11, will be the last weekend of Walkable Main Street as well as the Edmonds Summer Market. We encourage residents to come out and enjoy these activities on their final weekend.

Walkable Main Street has been a popular program that closed Main Street to vehicles on Saturdays and Sundays since mid-June, allowing pedestrians to stroll freely and at a safer distance than on the narrow downtown sidewalks. Restaurants and retailers have taken advantage of the pedestrianized street to spill out and engage passers-by. With cooler, wetter weather in store, the program is ending for the season.

However, curbside dining in the downtown area has been extended through Nov. 8th. This will allow restaurants to continue to offer outdoor eating areas, which both helps them overcome the ongoing capacity restrictions and provides what many customers want – a safer place to dine than indoors. During the added month, City staff will work on drafting provisions that could allow for longer-term curbside dining arrangements. Such provisions will require City Council review and approval, including consideration of public comment.

Curbside dining has not only been popular with residents, but has also provided a much-needed shot in the economic arm for restaurants still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many residents want to go out to eat, but are still reluctant to be in an enclosed space.

The City wishes to thank our local restaurants, retailers, workers, residents, and visitors for supporting our local community. Edmonds is working hard to weather this storm.

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