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CITY UNVEILS NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING SHUTDOWN

(Edmonds, WA) – The City of Edmonds, partnering with local business leaders and business organizations, is proud to announce a new, easier way to keep Edmonds residents informed and businesses in business. Today, the City unveiled a new site, LoveEdmonds to connect home-bound residents to business and services that are providing take-out, delivery, online shopping, gift cards and/or “shop-forward” options.

“This site is simple and effective,” said Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty. “In addition to helping the public easily identify where they can order take-out or delivered meals or order online, they can prepay now when they are staying at home and get products and services later when they’re free to move about. It’s a win-win and just that simple.”

In tandem with LoveEdmonds.com, some other great community resources are focusing on keeping Edmonds going. The Edmonds Downtown Alliance (aka Ed!) is constantly updating its website, www.edmondsdowntown.org, with information about Downtown businesses that are continuing to offer Edmonds residents goods and services from the wonderful restaurants, bars, boutiques and service providers located Downtown. MyEdmondsNews has a new dedicated listing of restaurants and other businesses, plus information about how to support local businesses individually. And a new, independent website has been created, as a collaboration between local civic and business leaders, called KeepEdmondsStrong that is a community-wide portal with information about shopping, donations, community support, as well as links to news media and social media during the COVID-19 crisis.
In order for the public to know what businesses are open for take-out delivery, online shopping, gift card or “shop-forward” options, the City encourages local business to visit LoveEdmonds, where at the bottom of the page there is an easy-to-use “submit your business” online form. Further, the City has produced a flyer, with information in five languages, to be distributed by volunteers to small businesses along the Highway 99 Corridor and other neighborhood business districts with this information.

“Kudos go out to a dedicated group of community partners, including Ed!, MyEdmondsNews, the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, as well as the technical skills of Hiatt Studios and Sound IT Solutions in standing up these new websites,” offered Doherty. “Not only do we want to connect local residents to local goods and services available today, we want to ensure these businesses can weather the current storm so as to help bring Edmonds back as strong as ever when this is all behind us.”

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