



## City of Edmonds Media Release

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### **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY MAIN STREET RETURNS AND EXPANDS JUNE 27-28**

*Area around Fountain will close in addition to Main Street for more pleasant pedestrian experience*

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Last weekend's Walkable Main Street Pilot Project was so popular that Edmonds City Mayor Mike Nelson announced the City will do it again this weekend, June 27 and 28. Based on feedback, more street sections will close for outdoor dining and walking, and the timeframe will expand.

#### **Street closures and timeframe**

- In order to provide a safe pedestrian experience around the Fountain, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will also be closed, in addition to Main Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues.
- Regarding 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue closures:
  - Fifth Avenue will be closed between the alley next to the Historical Museum on the north and Dayton Street on the south.
  - Drivers must use 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue or 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue both days as cross streets.
- These street closures will be in effect as follows:
  - On Saturday, June 27 from 10 am to 10 pm
  - On Sunday, June 28 from 10 am to 9 pm

"We have had a lot of positive feedback about the pilot project last weekend," said Mayor Nelson. "We had some suggestions, and we are now incorporating many of these suggestions. We believe that providing more space for safe and comfortable pedestrian flow helps promote

social distancing while still patronizing our local businesses. We strongly encourage everyone to continue to wear masks while enjoying their visit to Main Street.”

Mayor Nelson encourages businesses in other areas, like Westgate, Five Corners, and in the Highway 99 Corridor to also move tables outside. If it is private property, no additional City permits are needed for these temporary, pop-up events.

In addition to parking on streets in the area, the Edmonds Downtown Alliance has worked with local businesses to make after-hours parking available in various parts of Downtown Edmonds, including:

- Bank of America parking lots at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main (after 1pm Saturday, all day Sunday)
- US Bank parking lot at 4<sup>th</sup> and Dayton (all day Saturday and Sunday)
- Sound Credit Union parking lot at 5<sup>th</sup> and Dayton (after 1pm Saturday, all day Sunday)

In addition, the owner of the future Main Street Commons project, Mike McMurray, will continue to make the parking lot at 6<sup>th</sup> and Main open to the public during these hours on weekends.

Public porta-potties will be available next to the temporarily closed public restroom building next to City Hall.

The City wants to thank local businesses for their participation in Walkable Main Street. It wouldn't happen without you. We encourage residents to come downtown and enjoy local restaurants and retailers. Our businesses have been through a lot these past few months, and your patronage will go far to bringing back the Edmonds business community.

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