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Edmonds City Bulletin



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COVID-19 information

90 Edmonds businesses get financial support

In June, the Council voted to use \$700,000 of Federal CARES Act money to financially support Edmonds businesses. Early July, the City released an application that invited businesses to apply and laid out scoring criteria that included special consideration for women and minority owned businesses, equitable distribution around Edmonds, amount of business loss, and whether the businesses previously received grant money.

The application deadline closed two weeks ago and we had 150 applications. We are able to award grants to 90 businesses with most getting \$8,000 each. Other data: 50% lived outside the bowl, more than 70 were women or minority owned, and

most recipients suffered a 70% or greater loss in business and many had between one and four employees.

We hope to have data about the Housing and Supplemental Assistance program in the coming week.

New resource guide online

If you are an Edmonds resident struggling due to COVID-19, the City and the Council worked together to provide a document, a single source of information that brings together dozens of organizations that provide food, shelter, financial support, mental health support and more. [It is easy to use. Just click on the tab that best describes your situation.](#)

See the smile

To support our deaf and hearing-impaired community, Edmonds ordered dozens of these clear masks for our public-facing staff. Now you can see us! Thanks to an @WAEdmonds twitter follower for the suggestion.



When and where to wear a mask

The general rule is wear a mask when you can't keep six feet between you and another person. This includes shared office space.

Outside, there's some flexibility. If you are at a park and can remain six feet from everyone else, you aren't required to mask up. Some of you have seen our Parks employees mowing grass without a mask. They are beyond the six-foot rule. Our Public Works employees wear masks when working close together. Because it is noisy, they may occasionally, lower their mask occasionally to communicate instructions.

Unique opportunities during COVID

Due to COVID, many in-person events are moving online which means more people can participate. It's a silver lining which is turning out to be a better opportunity for those who have trouble getting out but can get on the internet or have access to our local Edmonds Cable Channel.

Here are a few Edmonds events to consider.

Missing music?

The Hazel Miller Summer Concerts are recorded live and rebroadcast on our cable channels Sundays at 10:30am and 4pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4pm on Cable Channels 21 or 39. Or you can watch them anytime on [youtube here](#)

Write on the Sound

The very popular Write on the Sound writer's conference is virtual this year and organizers promise it will just as interesting. In fact, with zoom, it's means different opportunities and more people to get good feedback on those pieces they've been working on during quarantine! Registration is right around the corner – August 5. WOTS is scheduled for Oct. 1 - exciting. So get ready to zoom Oct. 1- 4! More information can be found here <http://www.writeonthesound.com/>

The Walk Back in Time event at Edmonds Cemetery

For 30 years, the Edmonds cemetery Boards hosted a Walk Back in Time at the 129 year old cemetery to acknowledge the famous Edmonds residents buried there. More recently, the Board has profiled the less famous but still fondly remembered, like former teachers or civic leaders.

This year, due to COVID 19, [the Board put the entire event online.](#) It is fantastic and must not be missed with its wonderful audio, old photos, and the great storytelling we are used to.

We're so pleased to make this event more accessible to everyone, especially those who have trouble making it to the cemetery to due age or mobility issues.



Other news

Bike lanes in Edmonds

The Edmonds City Council is reviewing a proposal to add bike lanes to several streets throughout Edmonds. This project is funded through a \$1.85 million Sound Transit grant.

City traffic engineers gathered and analyzed data about traffic, vehicle and bicycle safety, parking, and many other data sets to put together a proposal for discussion. They chose ideas that benefit drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Because there appears to be a misunderstanding about the proposal and the process, we have provided more [information on our blog](#). And, we have added your questions to our [Q and A which can be found here](#).



This week's Public Works question of the week... what is a sharrow?

The term "sharrow" was new to several people as council discussed adding more bike lanes. Sharrows are symbols painted on roadways to indicate that drivers are now sharing the road with bicycles. [Learn more about the types of sharrows, how, where and why they're used.](#)

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Boards and commissions



Housing Commission

The City's [Housing Commission](#) invites you to learn more about the many issues they are studying right now. Last week, we shared this blog to provide a bit more information about the Commission and the work they are doing right now. .

The commission and its consultant are **sharing their [virtual open house and a series of short videos](#)** to explain various housing concepts. The Commission will keep its open house and survey going through August. 16 to give folks more time to respond.

Need a quick refresh on the Housing Commission and what it does, [check out our story here](#) and [this Q and A provides answers](#) to questions you have posted on social media.



The Arts Commission and how they choose art

The 'I Can't Breathe' art installation on the Civic Field fence generated a lot of emotion. The Arts Commission [released this statement](#) to provide some context.

Planning Board

The Planning Board has a check in meeting with the Council last week to confirm the Board's priorities for the next year. The Council agreed that the highest priorities for the rest of this year and early next year are:

- tree regulation updates
- sidewalk requirements (as part of development)
- flood plain code update
- code amendments related to climate protection (such as for electric vehicle charging)
- low impact subdivide code
- input on updating the Climate Action Plan

The council also indicated how much they appreciated and valued the Planning Board's work.

More ways to get Edmonds City info

We know people gather information in different ways. Some folks check My Edmonds News every morning, some read the Edmonds Beacon paper copy every two weeks.

The City is expanding ways to get information from us. We are on facebook, [twitter](#), and [now have a blog](#) where we expand on more complex issues like bike lanes and the Housing Commission. Next up: sidewalks!

We believe that if we provide factual, contextual information, it will free up space to discuss issues without also wrestling with factually inaccurate information.

We hope you find this useful and we hope you share this information with friends and neighbors.

In case you missed it...



Look at this awesome mound of dirt! But wait, there's more!

We are installing rain garden in the Sierra Park neighborhood. [Here's the rest of the story.. and some video!](#)

In case you lost it...



“PLAY IT SAFE” PLAN

The City of Edmonds “Play It Safe” Plan aligns with Washington’s **phased approach to reopening businesses and modifying social distancing measures**. The goal is to balance the health and safety of residents with the physical and mental health benefits of using parks, being outdoors and recreating.

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	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
OPEN Park Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Trails (including beaches) • Fishing Pier • Informal Use of Athletic Fields • Temporary Restrooms • Underwater Dive Park <i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off Leash Dog Park • Skate Park • Permanent Restrooms • Outdoor sports courts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis/Pickleball Courts • Basketball Courts • Petanque • Sand Volleyball <i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playgrounds • Frances Anderson Center <i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter Rentals • Athletic Fields for Competition • Parks Open for Regular Use, except for specific CLOSED Park Facilities and CANCELLED Events and Programs listed below.
CLOSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yost Pool and Hazel Miller Spray Park at City Park for the Summer Season • Olympic Beach Visitor Station (near the Fishing Pier) for the Summer Season 			
CANCELLED Events and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonds SpringFest, Watershed Fun Fair, Health & Fitness Expo, Edmonds Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration, Edmonds Arts Festival, An Edmonds Kind of 4th (parade, race and fireworks), Live Summer Concert Series at City Park and Hazel Miller Plaza, Moonlight Beach Adventure, Classic Car Show, Outdoor Movies. • All Parks & Recreation indoor programming and athletic leagues until further notice (virtual classes still available). 			

Questions: call 425-771-0230 or email: edmondsparks@edmondswa.gov

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