

2024 Historic Edmonds Calendar



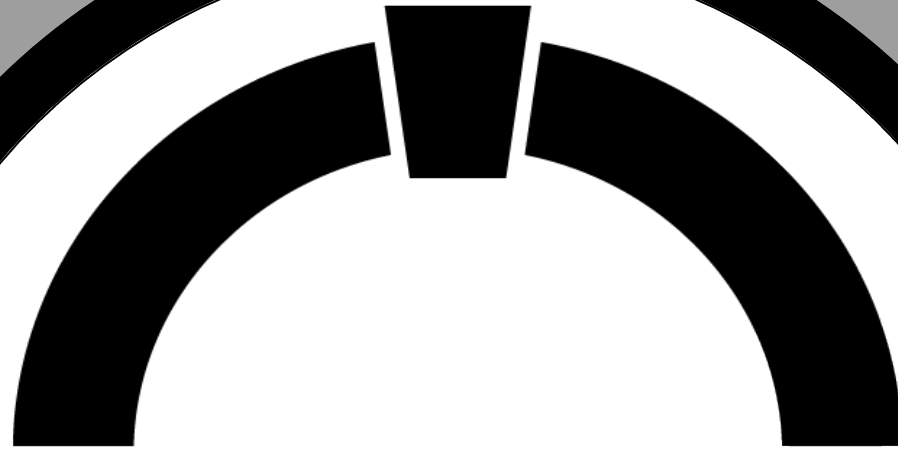
Built by the WPA in 1931, this sign welcomed ferry travelers to Edmonds

A production of the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission

Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission Mission Statement

The mission of the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission is to promote historic preservation and encourage the owners of historically significant properties to voluntarily add them to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places in order to raise awareness and appreciation of local history

The 2023 Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission: Chris Deiner-Karr, Katie Kelly, David Preston, Tim Raetzloff, Sam Spencer (vice-chair), Larry Vogel (chair), Dave Teitzel (City Council Representative)



**Edmonds
Historic
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Edmonds Theatre



The Theater today: In 1979, it was renamed the Edmonds Theatre.

In November 2023, the theatre marked 100 years in the same location, the oldest continuously operating business in Edmonds.



In 1917, the Princess Theater was housed in the current home of the Edmonds Bakery.

In 1923, the Princess Theater moved to its current location where it still stands today

"I recall going to the movie on Friday night at the Princess was a lot more about socializing with friends than actually watching movies. Kids would be laughing and yelling, roaming the aisles, throwing stuff from the balcony etc. and the movie would suddenly stop. An agitated lady would come on stage demanding order, threatening to call the police and/or shut down the joint. Order would be restored and kids went back to watching the movie, more or less. And a good time was had by all." —Clinton Wright reminiscing in 2022 about the notorious children's matinee matron, Mrs. Giezentanner, or Mrs. G. to the kids.



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	New Year's Day 1 Mrs. T.B. Hanna and Prof. Frank H. Darling purchase fledgling newspaper <i>Edmonds Review</i> , 1905.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	12	13
14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 15	16	17	18 Edmonds Art Walk	19 Allen M. Yost born in PA, 1856.	20
21	22 Treaty of Point Elliott, signed in Mukilteo, 1855. First town hall building, costing \$84, completed 1902.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Railroad Foreman's House



The house as it appeared when it was added to the Edmonds Register of Historic places in 2009.

This house was built in 1917 as the Section Foreman's House by the Great Northern Railway for its personnel. Originally located just north of Dayton Street on the east side of the railroad tracks; it was moved just across Dayton Street when the parking lot site was developed, and then moved again to the 200 block of Dayton. In 1978 it was moved a third time to its current location at 1011 Second Avenue where it was placed on a new foundation and renovated.



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Rural route mail service established, 1913.	Groundhog Day 2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	9	10
11	12	Mardi Gras 13	Valentine's Day 14	15 Edmonds Art Walk	16	17 Carnegie Library opens, 1911. Newspaperwoman T.B. Hanna born in Galveston, Texas, 1856.
18	President's Day 19	20 End of Seattle-Everett Inter-urban trolley, 1939.	21	22	23	24 Edmonds Clam Chowder Cook-Off
25	26	27	28 First female mayor, Alice Kerr, born in Chicago 1858.	29	1	2

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Dr. Palmer House



The Palmer House, circa 1915

The Palmer House, an excellent example of the Queen Anne style, was constructed in 1895 at 820 Maple Street. It was built for Dr. W. C. Palmer, a local dentist who lived in the house until 1914. After the Palmers moved, the house was rented for a short time to Matt Engels. Engels quickly became a prominent citizen and was elected mayor.

When the house was built, Maple St. didn't reach it and the house was connected to Dayton via a boardwalk.

Former Mayor Mike Cooper is proud to be the second Edmonds mayor to occupy the house.

The Palmer House was added to the register in 2010, but subsequently removed due to external modifications that did not meet current standards of authenticity. Since then, both the state and local preservation commissions have grown to understand that the cost and difficulty of matching original construction is huge, and that minor deviations from authenticity should not keep a building off the register. With that in mind, the Palmer House is now scheduled to be reconsidered for inclusion on the register by the end of 2024. It is important to preserve the historic character of Edmonds for future generations to enjoy. Registering your historic building helps to ensure and preserve the heritage and "small town" feeling of Edmonds.



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	13	14 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	15	16
St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19 Vernal Equinox	20	21 Edmonds Art Walk	22	23
24 Easter 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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The Edmonds Bakery



*Marcia Nielson and
Aldine Sibley behind
the counter, circa
1927*



The Edmonds Bakery, circa 1949



*The Bakery today, as it
prepares to mark 100
years in the same
location*

When the theatre moved out of the Lemley Building in 1923 to its present location directly across the street, it was replaced by a succession of bakeries. The first of these was the Edmonds Electric Bakery. Ever since, a bakery has operated in that building, making it Edmonds' second oldest continuously operating business in the same building (the Theatre is the older by one year). Currently, the bakery is owned by Ken Bellingham.



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	<p>April Fools' Day</p> <p>1</p> <p>George Brackett began logging in the Edmonds town site, 1876.</p>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	<p>Treaty of Point Elliott signed in Mukilteo, 1855.</p> <p>11</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00</p>	12	13
14	<p>Tax Day</p> <p>15</p>	16	17	18	19	20
<p>Earth Day</p> <p>21</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>Hotel Stevens (Bishop Hotel) opens, 1894.</p> <p>Inaugural run of the City of Edmonds ferry between Edmonds and Kingston</p>	<p>Administrative Professionals Day</p> <p>24</p>	25	26	27
28	<p>29</p> <p>Seattle-Everett Interurban Trolley service begins, 1910.</p>	30	31	1	2	3

IOOF Hall



The IOOF Lodge brought movies to Edmonds in 1909



Members of the IOOF and Rebekka Lodges pose for a photo, circa 1900



The IOOF Hall circa 1960 (above) and today (left)

In 1891, the Edmonds Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall was built at 542 Main St. and formally dedicated as an I.O.O.F. lodge. The Rebekka Lodge #65 Order for Women was organized here in 1896. The building has been continuously occupied for more than 100 years and was the first, and for a long time the only, public meeting place in Edmonds. Between 1909 and 1913 the Hall also served as Edmonds' first motion picture theater.

The building was purchased in 1974 by Reliable Floor Coverings which, 40 years later, still occupies the space. The owners have done a great deal to preserve this building which was one of the first additions to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places.



May 2024

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Miss Frances E. Anderson graduates from Edmonds High School, 1911.	2	3	4 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
Cinco De Mayo 5	6	7	8	9 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	10	11 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
Mother's Day 12	13	14	15	16 Edmonds Art Walk	17	18 Watershed Fair Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
19	20	21	22 George Brackett is born, Eastern Canada, 1841.	23	24	25 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
26	Memorial Day 27	28	29	30	31	1

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Edmonds' First Water System



The remains of the original water diversion can be seen off the main trail in Yost Park about 50 yards south of the intersection of Main St. and Olympic Avenue.



Part of the original water system, this fire hydrant on the SE corner of 4th and Main dates back to 1929 and has been faithfully serving the canine community since.

The early water system devised for Edmonds in 1902 by A.M. Yost is back in the news after 120 years. He built the original system by creating two concrete weirs (small dams) across Shell Creek in what later became Yost Park. These weirs suffered extreme flooding damage over the past few years and are associated with increased silting and erosion of the banks, which may adversely affect salmon habitat. The city is working to strike a balance between preserving part of these historic structures and mitigating their adverse environmental effects.



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	<p>Quality Shingle Co., the last operating cedar shingle mill in Edmonds, closes its doors for good, 1951.</p> <p>Puget Sound Bird Fest</p> <p>Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Puget Sound Bird Fest</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Frances E. Anderson passes away in Edmonds, aged 99, 1990.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>City purchases 10 acre site of future City Park, 1908.</p>	5	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm</p>
9	<p>10</p> <p>F. R. Beeson, former mayor and businessman (Beeson Building), dies 1927.</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>Flag Day</p> <p>Edmonds Art Festival</p> <p>Mrs. T. B. Hanna, pioneer newspaper woman, dies 1926.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Edmonds Art Festival</p> <p>Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm</p>
<p>Father's Day</p> <p>16</p> <p>Edmonds Art Festival</p> <p>Mrs. T. B. Hanna, pioneer newspaper woman, dies 1926.</p>	17	18	19	<p>Summer Solstice</p> <p>20</p> <p>Edmonds Art Walk</p>	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1st U.S. flag to fly in Edmonds received at post office (13 stripes, 38 stars), 1887.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Korean War begins, 1950.</p>	26	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm</p>

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First Congregational Church Parsonage



*The Parsonage
today*



The Parsonage as it appeared in 1903



*The Parsonage, circa
1960*

The Parsonage was built at 610 Dayton Street in 1900 for the First Congregational Church of Edmonds, located across the street on the northeast corner of 6th and Dayton. Added to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places in 2009, it was one of the first homes to be listed.

When you register your property, qualifying rehabilitation costs may be deductible from the assessed value of your property for 10 years. This means that you may qualify for a financial break on your property taxes after the restoration of your historic property.



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	Independence Day 4 "An Edmonds Kind of 4th"	5	Fire destroys block at 4th and Main, 1909. 6 Edmonds Summer Wine Walks Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
7	8	9 Summer Concert Series returns	10	11 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	12 In 1944, \$291,900.75 war bonds were purchased in the district.	13 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 15	16	17	18 Edmonds Art Walk	19	20 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
21 Edmonds in Bloom Edmonds Garden Tour	22	23	24	25	26	27 Korean War ends, 1953. Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
28	29	30	31 First telephone, operated by Ruth Hyner, 1900.	1	2	3

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Brackett's Landing



Brackett's Mill, circa 1880



In 1976 Edmonds celebrated the bicentennial with a reenactment of George Brackett coming ashore



In 1870, George Brackett pulled his canoe ashore at what is today Brackett's Landing North Park. Drawn by the tall stands of cedar and the easy slope of the beach, two years later he purchased 147 acres of land at the site and in 1876 brought in oxen and logging equipment to begin the systematic logging of Edmonds. In 1880 he built a sawmill on this site, the first of what would become dozens of mills lining the Edmonds waterfront.

Today Brackett's Landing is one of Edmonds' most visited and beloved parks. Its underwater dive park attracts scuba enthusiasts from throughout the region, and every January 1 it hosts the annual Polar Bear Plunge where hundreds welcome the new year with a dive into Puget Sound.



August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	1 <i>Edmonds Review</i> newspaper established by Richard Bushnell Jr., 1904.	2	3 Carnegie Library renovated as museum, opens to public, 1973. First child born to a settler, Fanny Brackett Sill, dies aged 74, 1953. Edmonds Summer Wine Walks Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
4	5	6	7	8 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	9 A Taste of Edmonds	10 A Taste of Edmonds Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
11 A Taste of Edmonds Old Settler's Picnic Town of Edmonds officially incorporated-600 acres, 1890.	12	13	14	15 Edmonds Art Walk	16 Allen M. Yost dies, 1915.	17 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
18 19th Amendment grants women the right to vote, 1920.	19	20 First official town council meeting, 1890.	21	22 Edmonds Library Association formed 1907.	23	24 George and Etta Brackett file plat for Edmonds town site, 1884. Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Allen House



The Allen House today. Note commemorative plaque located on post by sidewalk



Zachary Taylor Allen, circa 1910



The Allen house, circa 1909



Mayor Dave Earling helps owner John Pauls affix the plaque designating the 2012 addition of the Allen House to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places

The Allen House located at 310 Sunset Avenue was built in 1906 for mill owner Zachary Taylor Allen. The House is a prime example of the Queen Anne Free Classic style, which replaced the more ornate Victorian style of the late 19th century. It remained in the Allen family for many years, with ownership passing from generation to generation. The present owners, John and Shirley Pauls, purchased the home in 1975 from Zachary Taylor Allen's granddaughter, making them only the second family to live there in 107 years. The house was added to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places in 2012.



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Labor Day 2	3	4	5	6	7 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
8 The Edmonds Classic Car and Motorcycle Show	9	10	Patriot Day 11	12 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	13	14 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
15	16	17	18	19 Edmonds Art Walk	20	21 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24	25	26	27	28 Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Beeson Building



Art deco motifs flank the arched windows



F.R. Beeson, circa 1920



The Beeson Building at 406 Main Street shortly after construction, circa 1911



The Beeson Building today



The Edmonds Uplift Society, a prohibition era drinking club, met in the basement during the 1920's

Built in 1911 by Florence Roscoe Beeson (who served as mayor between 1918-1923), the Beeson Building stands as Edmonds' first true office building. Utilizing the then-cutting-edge reinforced concrete technique, the building's art deco ornamentation, arched upper windows, and sculpted roof line make it a lasting gem of Edmonds' historic downtown. In addition to the parade of businesses that have occupied retail space in the building, during the 1920's its basement hosted meetings of the Edmonds Uplift Society, a prohibition era drinking club. The Uplift Society has since reformed as the host organization of the annual Edmonds New Years Day Polar Plunge.



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Edmonds Historical Museum Scarecrow Festival starts	2	3	4 Write on the Sound Writers' Conference 1st liquor license granted, 1890.	5 Write on the Sound Writers' Conference Edmonds Museum Summer Market 9am-2pm
6 Write on the Sound Writers' Conference	7	8	19	10 Lewis and Clark enter Washington near Snake River, 1805. Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	11	12
13	14 Indigenous Peoples Day	15	16	17 Edmonds Art Walk	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 National Prohibition Act (18th Amendment) adopted by Congress, 1919.	28	29	30	31 Halloween Edmonds Halloween Trick-or-Treat	1	2

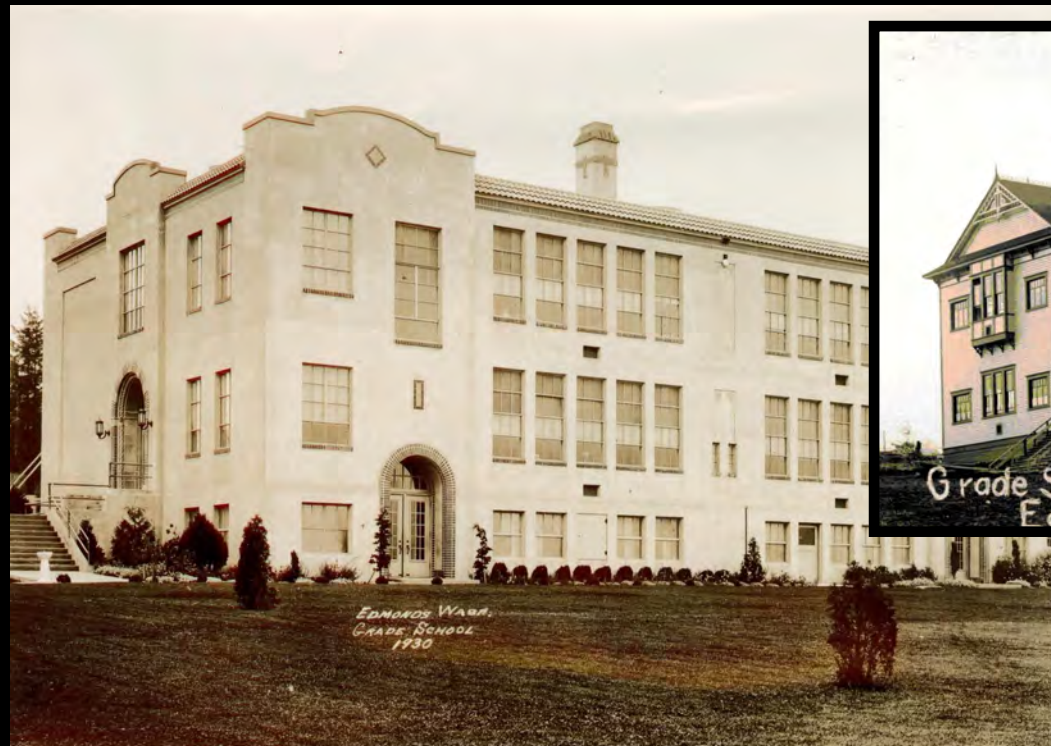
Edmonds Elementary



Frances E. Anderson served as teacher and principal from 1918 to 1959



Edmonds first one-room school opened in 1887 at Third and Main to six original students



Edmonds Elementary, built in 1927, still stands today as the Frances Anderson Cultural and Leisure Center



The 3-story Edmonds Grade School, now demolished, was built in 1891 to accommodate the town's mushrooming student population

Edmonds Elementary School was built in 1927 at 701 Dayton Street, replacing the Victorian-style Edmonds Grade School which had occupied the site since 1891. There were six grades and in 1929, 262 students were enrolled. Massive population growth following World War II brought a surge in the student population and the building was expanded in 1948, 1952 and 1961 to accommodate this.

But the 1960's saw population increasingly shifting to surrounding suburban areas and new schools were built to accommodate this. Enrollment at Edmonds Elementary dwindled, and it closed in 1972. The City of Edmonds purchased the building in 1978 and reopened it in 1979 as The Frances Anderson Cultural and Leisure Center.



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2 Edmonds officially becomes a city, 1908.
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Washington votes to prohibit manufacture and sale of liquor, 1914.	6	7	8	9
10	Veteran's Day 11 Washington admitted as 42nd state, 1889.	12	13	14 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	15	16 Frances E. Anderson born Dumont, MT, 1890.
17	18	19	20	21 Edmonds Art Walk	22	23
24	25	26	27	Thanksgiving Day 28	29	30 Edmonds Tree Lighting Ceremony

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Ganahl-Hanley Log Cabin



The cabin starts its journey from Seaview to downtown Edmonds, July 1975



The cabin in its original location near today's Seaview Elementary School

Edmonds' Log Cabin was built in 1930 by Gaston Alfred Beck Ganahl as a guest house on his large Seaview estate. In 1947 he sold the part of his property that included the cabin to the Hanley family, who occupied it as their main home until 1975. They sold the property that year, but donated the cabin to the City of Edmonds. With the land sold the cabin had to be moved, and the City immediately took on the arduous tasks of lifting it off its foundation onto a trailer, and removing and reattaching utility lines along the route from Seaview to its current location at Fifth and Bell.

It first served as headquarters for the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, and in 1990 became the Edmonds Visitors Center, a role it continues to play today. Every holiday season the cabin's rustic charm is put on display when, decked out with festive lights, it brings a warm seasonal touch to our downtown.



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30-7:00	13	14 Port of Edmonds created with 94% of voter approval, 1948.
15	16	17	18 Mrs. Anna V. Bassett, pioneer and civic leader, dies 1933.	19 Ord No. 3338 creates the Edmonds Historic Preservation, 2000. Edmonds Art Walk	20	21 Winter Solstice
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Edmonds Opera House (now Masonic Temple) dedicated, 1909.	26	27	28 Thieves blast a safe door at Edmonds Bank into Mrs. J. Thompson's backyard, 1906.
29 George Brackett dies, aged 86, 1927.	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4

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The Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission maintains the **Edmonds Register of Historic Places**, listing sites that have been formally designated as historic places in Edmonds. To apply to be on the Register, simply download the application form available on the commission's website. If you have questions or need help completing the form, contact the Commission and a member will be glad to help you. Completed applications may be mailed or dropped off at the Edmonds Planning Division.

There are a number of potential benefits available to properties listed on the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. These include:

- **Pride in Preserving a Piece of Edmonds' History:** It is important to preserve the historic character of Edmonds for future generations to enjoy. Registering your historic building helps to preserve this heritage and ensures that the "small town" feeling of Edmonds will endure. All properties listed on the Edmonds Register receive special recognition by the City Council and display a bronze plaque recognizing their historic value.
- **Special Tax Valuation:** Qualifying rehabilitation costs may be deductible from the assessed value of your property for 10 years. This means that you may qualify for a financial break after the restoration of your historic property.
- **Building Code Relief:** Special building codes may be used in the remodeling or alteration of historic buildings. These codes provide more flexibility for historic buildings in meeting current code standards.
- **Zoning Code Relief:** In certain zones, more flexibility may be granted to buildings on the Edmonds Register of Historic Places when portions of the building don't conform to existing zoning standards. More flexibility is also granted to enable the restoration or rebuilding of an historic building if it doesn't otherwise meet current zoning codes.
- **National Register Benefits:** Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to obtain benefits for façade easements or rehabilitation tax credits. These benefits may result in tax deductions or credits that can significantly benefit the historic property owner.

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The Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (meetings are subject to change and will be posted). The commission is composed of volunteers appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Members include active residents of Edmonds and two professionals who have experience in identifying, evaluating and protecting historic resources. The meetings are open to the public and new members are welcome to apply.

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