

Just fifteen City staff – who work hard while flying under the radar – are dedicated to keeping our streets clear, paved and functioning, and our storm drains, culverts, and streams flowing free.

The statistics are awe-inspiring. Just a few highlights: this Crew maintains 290 miles of streets, 500 crosswalks, and 25 signalized intersections. They also maintain 140 miles of storm-drain pipes, 6,971 catchbasins, and 56 stream crossings – not to mention operating a Vector truck and running cameras through those underground pipes!

These dedicated City staff members deserve our praise and thanks, so when you're out and about seeing these folks hard at work, show them your gratitude with a wave, smile or hello!

Look for more up-close and personal pieces on our City's "unsung heroes" in future editions of "Our Edmonds."



Streets/Storm Crew

After our first edition last fall, the people spoke via survey and the title "Our Edmonds" won out. Thanks for your participation and here's to a long run ahead for "Our Edmonds"!

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## 2024 Comprehensive Plan Visioning:

Scan the QR code below to let us know your feedback to this draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan vision statement, inspired by input from last summer's community visioning process:

*Edmonds is a welcoming city, offering outstanding quality of life for all. We value environmental stewardship, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, safe and healthy streets, and a thriving arts scene. We are engaged residents who take pride in shaping our resilient future.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

In addition to an array of arts/culture events around town, look for these events over the next few months:

- **Winter Market:** Feb 25, Mar 25 & Apr 29
- **DeMiero Jazz Fest:** Mar 2, 3 & 4
- **Summer Market:** Saturdays starting May 6
- **Kids Plant for Moms Day:** May 13
- **Edmonds Jazz Connection:** May 20
- **Art Walk Edmonds:** On-going, every 3rd Thursday

Scan this QR code for event details.



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# Our Edmonds



## OPENING IN SPRING

**CIVIC PARK** will feature "Mika's Playground" and so much more

This much-anticipated Downtown Edmonds park is taking shape and is expected to open in late spring. Akin to a "Central Park" for Edmonds, this 8-acre public space will enhance community identity and civic pride, while promoting active lifestyles, energizing the local economy, and bolstering Edmonds' reputation as a prime destination.

Particularly poignant is "Mika's Playground" – a fully inclusive playground named after young Mika, a boy with cerebral palsy who loved playing outside with friends but was limited in accessing playground equipment from his wheelchair. His family worked to raise awareness and funds for an inclusive playground for kids of all abilities.

With a grand entrance off 6th Avenue N and bisected by the Sprague St Promenade, Civic Park will be fully integrated with the surrounding community and is ADA accessible throughout.

The Park will feature a Great Lawn, Hazel Miller pollinator garden, lighted athletic fields, pétanque courts, sports courts, skate park, exercise stations, picnic areas, and much more.

In addition to parkland, the site will provide space for a new Boys & Girls Club.

Particular thanks go to contributors, including Hazel Miller Foundation, Verdant Health, Edmonds Rotary, Snohomish County, State of Washington, and National Park Service.



## RECOGNIZING UNSUNG HEROES AMONG CITY STAFF:

### Public Works Streets and Storm Crew

While most of us were safely indoors enjoying Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, the Streets and Storm Crew was hard at work outside, clearing drains to manage the flooding after the big snow storm.

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This mosaic of Mika was created by his classmates and will be placed on site.

## MAYOR MIKE'S MESSAGE

### Hello from City Hall!

I'm excited to report that, thanks to you, your neighbors, many visitors, and our wonderful retail community, last year proved to be financially the strongest year for Edmonds so far! So with 2022 now in our rear-view mirror, I'm happy to let you know that 2023 will bring important and significant developments.

This second edition of "Our Edmonds" will update you about how your tax dollars continue to support our community, including more

officers and emergency equipment for our Police Department, more investment in the Uptown/Highway 99 Corridor, our new Civic Park, the carbon-recovery project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and much more.

I also want to share with you a new feature – an up-close and personal look at some "unsung heroes" among City staff: the Streets/Storm Crew.

There's so much going on in your community. I encourage you to get involved, discover our parks, programs, and volunteer opportunities, or just get out and enjoy our amazing shops, restaurants, and venues.

On behalf of the City, I wish you all the best for 2023 and hope to see you around town!



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## Your Police Department – Always Improving

This year will bring needed enhancements to your Police Department.

Top among them is the addition of a new patrol district to the current three – in response both to increased calls for service in areas such as Uptown/Highway 99, as well as to provide more community engagement. Five new officers will be added to the force to accomplish this expansion.

We will also add a commissioned police officer to the Uptown Neighborhood City Hall, located in the Safeway-anchored Aurora Marketplace on Highway 99, enhancing safety, police responsiveness, and community outreach in that area.

Now with only two detectives, the Problem-Solving Emphasis Unit will add another – under the leadership of a sergeant. This unit takes a proactive approach to detecting and deterring crime, using both conventional and more creative approaches, including input from the community. ■

## 30% Women by 2030!

The International Chiefs of Police have set an important new goal for local forces to reach 30% women officers by 2030. And we are already just one officer shy of this goal – at 28%!

What's more, a full 46% of the force is made up of women and/or persons of color.

Reflecting the diversity of the local and regional population is a source of pride for the Department. ■

## AN OVERVIEW OF THIS YEAR'S

Mayor Nelson and the City Council have put together a financially solid 2023 City Budget that provides many positive enhancements to our community, while maintaining a healthy reserve of 20%. This pie chart illustrates the amount each Department is allocated, and you'll read about key projects and programs that will take shape this year. Scan this QR code for more information.

- 1 Public Works: 50%
- 2 Administrative Services: 4%
- 3 City Attorney: 1%
- 4 City Council: <1%
- 5 Community Services: 1%
- 6 Development Services: 4%
- 7 Human Resources: 1%
- 8 Mayor's Office: <1%
- 9 Municipal Court: 1%
- 10 Neighborhood City Office: <1%
- 11 Nondepartmental: 2%
- 12 Non-Departmental: 15%
- 13 Parks: 8%
- 14 Police Services: 13%



## GRANTS AVAILABLE!

Several grant opportunities are available to qualifying Edmonds households and businesses.

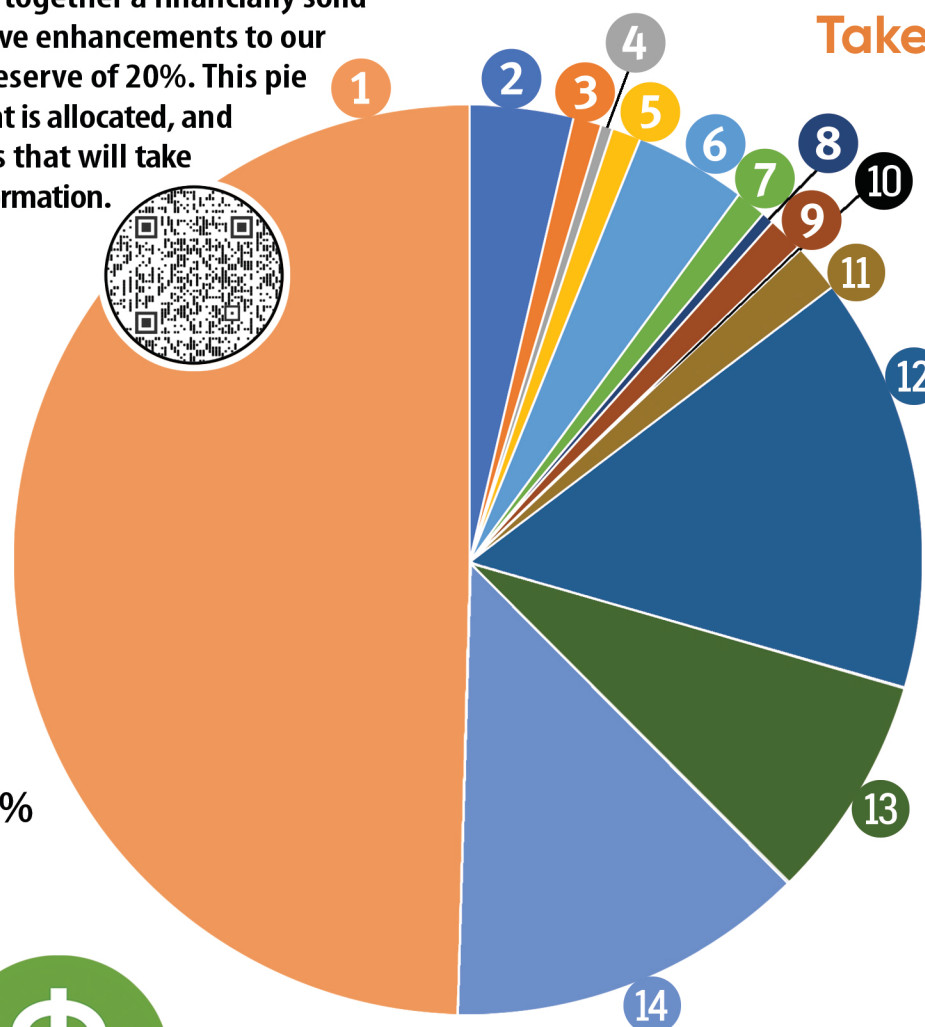
**Household Support Grants** of up to \$2,500 for households earning up to 60% of Average Median Income or qualifying for specific Federal programs to help with rent, utilities, and other bills.



**College Tuition Grants** of up to \$5,000 per year for qualifying students at Edmonds College and Shoreline Community College.

We hope to add more grant opportunities in 2023. Scan this QR code for information on existing and future grant programs.

## CITY BUDGET



## Public Works Projects Take Center Stage in 2023

The Highway 99 Center Median and Gateway Project will be completed this spring, bringing a raised and landscaped median to this busy highway between 210th St SW and 244th St SW. Together with a new signalized crossing near 234th St SW, this project will substantially reduce vehicle and pedestrian accidents, as well as enhance the area's aesthetics. Plus our 2-mile stretch of Highway 99 will be identified with new Gateway signage at the city's northern and southern boundaries. For more information, scan this QR code.



Our Wastewater Treatment Plant will see a substantial upgrade. A new carbon-recovery system will be put in place this year, replacing the existing incineration process. This system is expected to reduce carbon emissions, operational costs, and truck trips through town, and is a more sustainable, eco-friendly approach to disposing of waste solids.

Lower Perrinville Creek has seen frequent flooding, causing substantial damage to streets, structures and property. Our current plan is to install fish-passage structures under the BNSF railway and Talbot Road and remove a diversion structure in the stream's flow. This year City staff intend to secure funding to complete design and obtain permits in 2024, then proceed to construction in 2025-26.



The 2023 Pavement Overlay Program will repave approximately 6 miles of streets, while also upgrading pedestrian curb ramps to ADA standards, primarily in the Lake Ballinger and Seaview/Maplewood areas. ■

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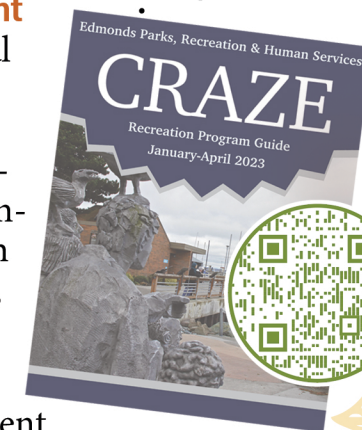
## So Much is Happening at Parks and Recreation

The Summer Day Camp returns, serving kids grades 2-6. Kids will engage in activities promoting self-awareness, responsible decision-making and relationship skills through art, games, environmental education, and other fun activities.

Winter/Spring programs are underway and it's not too late to register! Programs for all ages are offered at the Frances Anderson Center, the Edmonds Waterfront Center, as well as various parks. From Drawing to Cake Decorating; Gymnastics to Pickleball; T'ai Chi to Zumba; Ballroom Dancing to Spanish lessons – we've got it all!

Summer continues many of these activities and adds more.

Scan this QR code to visit the CRAZE recreation guide online.



## Your City Serves You!

If you or someone you know may be in need of assistance or support – from financial to emotional – we offer links to a wide array of resources on our website or by calling

Mindy Woods at 425.563.8348.

Scan this QR code for more information.

