



A Message from Police Chief Bennett

With spring here and summer close behind, the season for community events is upon us. The **Spring-Summer Market** has just started, and we look forward to the **Fourth of July parade** and festivities, **Taste Edmonds**, **concerts in the parks**, and several others. These long-standing events bring our community together and offer an opportunity to celebrate our City's traditions, culture, and diversity. And I want you to know that, in conjunction with the valuable cooperation of other City departments and agencies, your Police Department will be right there with you – helping make these events safe, trouble-free, and enjoyable.

I want to emphasize that safety remains our top priority for these events and the community. We are committed to working with other City departments to enhance public safety and engagement. Our partnerships have allowed us to respond quickly and effectively to incidents, and I am grateful for the continued collaboration.

I encourage everyone to remain vigilant, report any suspicious activity, and continue to support the Police Department and all the City departments that work to serve you. Together, we can ensure that our community remains a safe place to live, work, and participate in community events. ■

Thank you for your continued dedication and support!



Police Chief Michelle Bennett

RECOGNIZING UNSUNG HEROES AMONG CITY STAFF

Parks Maintenance Crew

Whether it's playing at the Spray Park, beach-combing at Marina Beach Park, enjoying a concert in the park, or hiking in Yost Park, we've all enjoyed Edmonds parks.

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A WORD FROM MAYOR MIKE

Spring and summer in Edmonds bring us out and about in our community – **whether attending our many community events or enjoying walks along the beach, picnics in the park, or strolling the streets to shop and dine.** And it's for this reason I get to see so many more of you out around town. No matter what we may be working on at City Hall, the most important thing of all is you – our residents and business owners who make Edmonds great.

Recently I had the chance to have lunch with a resident at Edmonds Landing who had written to me about an issue she cared about. I thought it would be better to meet her in person rather than simply write back. I had a wonderful time talking with one of our senior citizens who is passionate about local issues, and it reinforced my belief that it is through face-to-face interactions that we all learn the most about our community.

As we all enjoy this lovely time of year and see more of each other around town, if you see me, please take a moment to say hello and share a thought or two. It's really you who know our city best, and every interaction I have with you helps me serve our community that much better. ■



Mayor Mike Nelson with Edmonds Landing resident Nadine

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Front and Center in Public Works



Two key stormwater projects are underway

Seaview Infiltration Project Phase 2. With this project stormwater infiltrates in the neighborhood where it falls, thereby decreasing the volumes of stormwater entering Perrinville Creek. This will improve creek aquatic habitat by reducing large-volume events that can scour the stream bed.

Edmonds Marsh/SR104 Water Quality Improvement. Currently in predesign phase, this project will retrofit or replace catch basins that currently drain runoff from SR 104 directly into the Marsh without treating pollutants. Expect construction by summer 2025.



The City prioritizes environmental sustainability and reducing our impact on climate change on a daily basis.

While an attractive feature in any neighborhood, rain gardens belie their importance in managing stormwater runoff. Over the past 15 years the City has established over a dozen rain gardens to capture and filter runoff from more frequent, higher-volume rain events.

Since stormwater flows largely untreated into Puget Sound and Lake Ballinger, we must reduce pollutants from this stormwater, which is why the Stormwater Crew is out cleaning miles of streets, catch basins and other stormwater facilities. The City manages a staggering 8,700 stormwater structures and has staff on duty 24/7 to help

clean up pollutants from accidents, spills and illicit discharges before they reach our waterways.

The City's Stormwater Management Plan (SMAP) lays out a strategy to enhance Perrinville Creek, identified as the highest priority among Edmonds' nine watersheds. For info and how to participate in the Plan's development, please scan this QR code.



Getting the word out to the public is key

The City conducts an inspection program to educate business owners of their responsibilities for their dumpsters, trash compactors and refuse areas, while another program inspects stormwater drainage systems for maintenance needs.

Plus, the City holds two fun annual events: a **Rain Garden Tour** in October and the **Watershed Fun Fair** in May at the Willow Creek Hatchery, teaching the public about our ecosystem and how to become environmental stewards. ■

Rain garden tour





**It's Finally Here
- Civic Park's
Grand Opening
June 23rd!
Get Ready!**

KIDS BIKE TO SCHOOL

Furthering our community's environmental sustainability goals, kids' physical fitness, and just plain fun, on May 3rd Sherwood Elementary held its first-ever Bike to School Day. This first-time event drew an impressive number of participants, at approximately 150, including students, parents, volunteers and staff.

Our young cyclists were rewarded for their efforts once they reached school with snacks and drinks donated by Starbucks, Ace Hardware and the Edmonds School District.

Introducing kids to new ways to get to and from school hasn't ended with just Sherwood Elementary. As of press time, a similar event just happened on May 25th for Westgate Elementary students. ■

Way to go, local elementary school students!



The long-awaited **Civic Park** is about to see its **Grand Opening!** Join friends, family, City officials, and visitors on June 23rd at 4:00pm for two important ribbon-cuttings: one for our beautiful new Civic Park; the other to kick off **Mika's Playground** (featured in the last edition of *Our Edmonds*). Activities for all will be offered, with food trucks, live music, games on the field, in the sports courts and at the skate park, plus pétanque lessons, pollinator field demonstrations and information, and so much more! ■

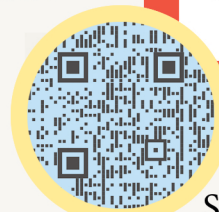
FIRST-EVER COMMUNITY FAIR

Come together with friends, family and other community members at Edmonds' first, **FREE Community Fair** at Edmonds-Woodway High School on 6 August from 10am to 3pm. Learn about the multitude of services offered Edmonds residents. Find an opportunity to get involved with the City or nonprofit organizations. Enjoy food from some of our delicious local vendors. Listen to live music.

Connect with your neighbors!

Vendors - Partners - Participants!

What a great opportunity to share your programs, services, volunteer opportunities, and knowledge with a wide range of Edmonds residents. Please apply to host a booth via the QR link and feel free to reach out with any questions! Food vendors are also encouraged to apply.



This event is a partnership with the Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society who will be on-hand to present information about Edmonds' history. They'll offer more events Downtown later in the day. ■

But have you ever stopped to think how all of these amenities are provided for us, ready to use at any time? Our **Parks Maintenance Crew** is a group of 13 “unsung heroes” who work tirelessly behind the scenes all year long in all kinds of weather to keep these wonderful recreational assets in tiptop shape and ready for us to enjoy.

From daily maintenance to special projects, this diligent crew works across many fields of expertise including **horticulture, arboriculture, aquatics, mechanical, plumbing, irrigation, and as certified playground inspectors and cemetery sexton**. What’s more this wide array of services is spread across our 47 parks and open spaces, comprising more than 230 acres, with 20,000 square feet of flower beds and a mile of shoreline – not to mention our popular waterfront dive park and our beloved hanging flower baskets. The Parks Maintenance Crew recently wrapped up the **Earth Day** event when 70 trees were planted in Yost Park.

And to top it all off, the crew is working full steam ahead as **we inaugurate our new Civic Park, with a Grand Opening scheduled for June 23rd, 4pm**.

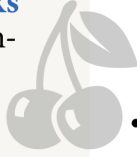
These dedicated City staff members deserve our praise and thanks, so when you’re out and about seeing these folks hard at work, **show them your gratitude with a wave, smile or hello!** ■



Parks Maintenance Crew

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Summer Market:**
Saturdays till early October
- **Edmonds Arts Festival:**
June 16-18
- **Edmonds Kind of 4th and Parade:** July 4
- **Sketcher Fest:** July 15-16
- **Edmonds in Bloom Garden Tour:** July 16
- **Summer Concerts in the Parks:** Sun, Tues & Thurs – July & August
- **Taste Edmonds:**
August 11-13
- **Art Walk Edmonds:**
Third Thursdays



- **Summer Wine Walks:**
July 1 & August 5
- **Puget Sound Bird Fest:**
September 9-10
- **Classic Car & Motorcycle Show:** September 10
- **Art Studio Tour:**
September 16-17

Scan this QR code for on-going event information.



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.



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