

UPDATE ON EDMONDS

SUMMER 2021

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Photo courtesy of Edmonds Downtown Alliance

CITY SUMMER ACTIVITIES WRAPPING UP FOR 2021

After a busy summer, two City programs are wrapping up the season: Walkable Main Street and the Uptown Evening Market.

The *Walkable Main Street* program concludes this weekend, Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th.

The Third installment of the popular *Uptown Evening Market* takes place on Thursday, September 9th from 4-8 pm (please note earlier end time). The Market is

located on 236th Street between 84th Avenue West and Highway 99 (behind Safeway).

Live music for this date will be:

- 4:15 pm - Ian Dobson "Pan Leggo" on steel drums
- 6:30 pm - Mariachi Fiesta Mexicana

For more information or if you have questions about Walkable Main Street or the Uptown Evening Market, feel free to contact Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty at patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov or 425-771-0251.

EDMONDS HIGHWAY 99 GATEWAY SIGNS SURVEY

The City of Edmonds is in the process of designing gateway signs at the northern and southern city limits on Highway 99. We are in the visioning process and with your help, we can better understand what makes Edmonds special.

A Community Workshop took place on Wednesday, August 4th to provide general project information. Following the meeting, an online survey was made available with questions regarding the conceptual design of those signs. The survey remains open and the City is inviting the public to complete this short survey (takes less than 10 minutes) in order to provide input on the general sign layout. The deadline for completing the survey is September 15, 2021.

To access the survey, go to the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hwy99cm1>

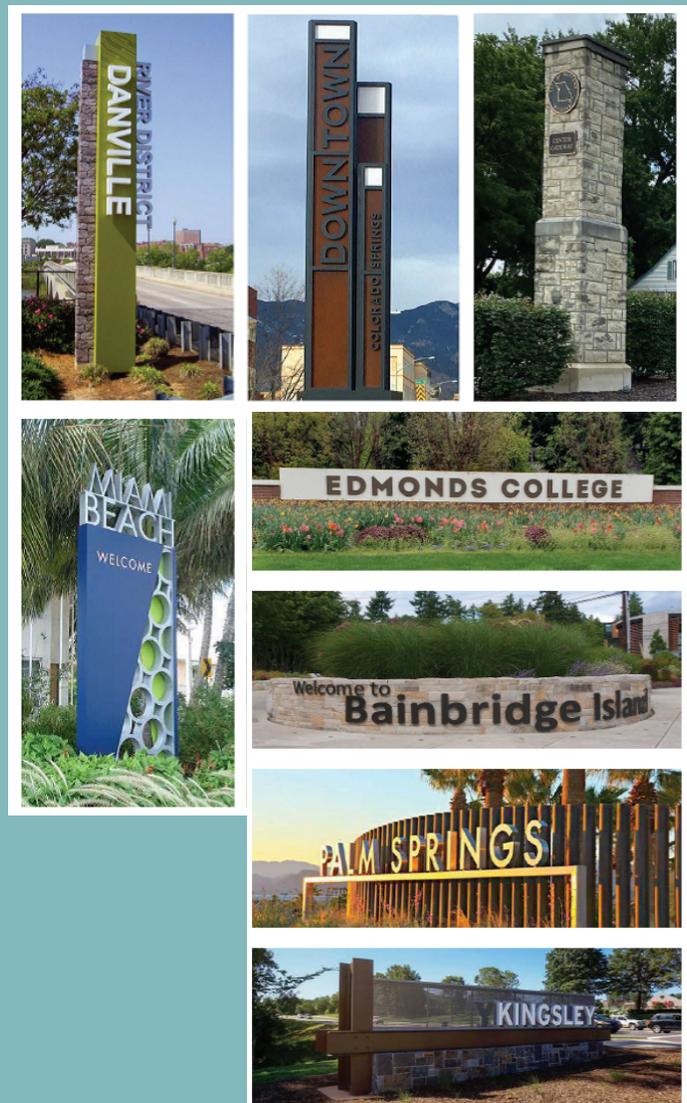
The gateway signs will be constructed and installed with the upcoming Highway 99 Revitalization & Gateway project (Stage 2). In addition to the gateway signs, the project will convert the existing center two-way left turn lane from 244th Street SW to 212th Street SW to a raised median with mid-block left turn pockets along certain sections. This will also include landscaped median and traffic curb along other sections to improve safety along the entire corridor.

The current schedule is to complete the design phase of this project in early 2022 and the construction phase

in late 2022. To learn more about the project, go to the following link:
<https://www.edmondscorridor99.org/>

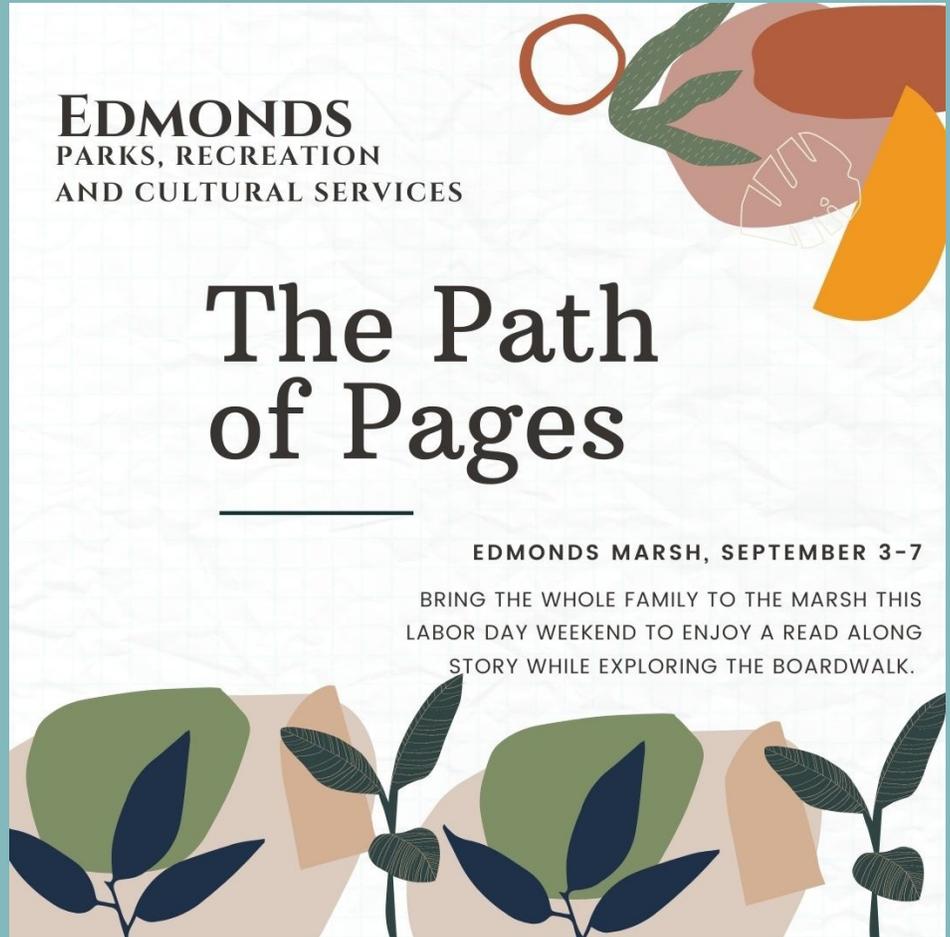
Please contact Mr. Bertrand Hauss at (425)754-5325 or bertrand.hauss@edmondswa.gov for the following:

- Request general information about the project.
- Request, free of charge, language assistance services for information about this project in another language or translation services during the public meeting.



PATH OF PAGES EVENT

Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will enchant the boardwalk of the Marsh this weekend with a children's read along story with the goal of getting families outdoors and reading together. Bring your family down to the Marsh this Labor Day weekend to enjoy the story of Thor Hansen's *Bartholomew Quill* together! The story will be posted along the Marsh Boardwalk, 180 W Dayton Street, Edmonds, from September 3-7. Take our survey at the end of the path and be entered into a drawing for a FREE author-signed copy of *Bartholomew Quill*!



WRITE ON THE SOUND WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Established in 1985 by the City of Edmonds Arts Commission, Write on the Sound (WOTS) writers' conference, attracts presenters and participants from all over the Northwest, the U.S. and Canada.

This year WOTS will be held virtually on October 1- 3. Registration is open until September 30. Writing Contest deadline is September 10. You can find complete information at www.writeonthesound.com.



2021 PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST PRESENTATIONS TO BE DELIVERED ONLINE

Event transitions to a hybrid model due to increases in COVID-19 cases.

The 17th Annual Puget Sound Bird Fest scheduled for September 11th – 12th will be transitioned to a hybrid event amid growing concerns regarding COVID-19. Saturday presentations that were scheduled in the Edmonds Plaza Room will be delivered online using a Webinar format, and the Saturday exhibit hall will remain closed. Field activities will continue as planned, with limited group sizes and masks required.

Festival organizers had been tracking the rising COVID-19 cases and talking to festival presenters, volunteers, and guests before making the difficult decision to move the indoor activities online.

“While we were all looking forward to being together for an in-person festival this year, the safety of our communities still remains our number one priority,” said Brian Zinke, Executive Director of Pilchuck Audubon Society. “Although the format has changed, the quality of our presenters has not. We are very excited to be hosting such an amazing lineup of presenters and hope the online format will encourage more people to participate.”

A special Storytime for Kids courtesy of the Edmonds Library will kick off the online portion of the Bird Fest at 10am, followed by award-winning author and naturalist Maria Mudd Ruth’s Keynote presentation ‘The Not so Awkward Auks’ at 10:30am; other presentations will follow throughout the day.

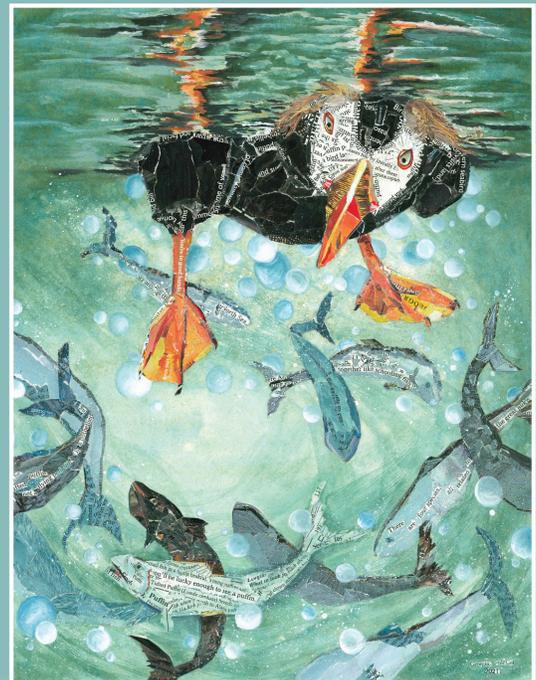
Festival participants can also vote for their

favorite photo in both the Adult and Youth categories in the annual Online Photo Contest, take a video tour featuring four birding hotspots within an hour’s drive of Edmonds, and enjoy new offerings for kids, including a packet chock-full of crafts and activities for download.

A record number of field activities in and around Edmonds are planned all weekend, with spots left for registration on both Saturday and Sunday. For the latest information, please visit <http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com/> or email Jennifer.leach@edmondswa.gov. Be sure to also follow us on Facebook.

Puget Sound Bird Fest in Edmonds

A Celebration of Birds & Nature – September 11-12, 2021



Artwork by Georgia Schlegel

Saturday Presentations
Keynote speaker: Maria Mudd Ruth
Field Activities
Boat Cruise

Exhibits
Native Plant Sale
Photo Contest
Guided Walks

Learn more and register at PugetSoundBirdFest.org



Artist Georgia Schlegel was named winner of the 2021 Puget Sound Bird Fest Poster Art Contest with her mixed-media piece Tufted Puffin

SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH EVENTS IN EDMONDS

September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Mayor Mike Nelson and the City Council will proclaim September as *Suicide Prevention* month at the September 7th Council meeting. Following the proclamation, Snohomish Health District’s Healthy Communities Specialist, Wendy Burchill, will give a presentation on Suicide Prevention in Snohomish County.

- Activities later in September:
 - **September 23, 7 pm:** A community panel, via zoom, will speak about mental health and suicide prevention to foster discussion and encourage mental health advocacy.
 - **September 30, 7 pm:** Wendy Burchill of the Snohomish Health District will present a free, "Question, Persuade, Refer," suicide prevention training via Zoom. This will also include a question-and-answer session on suicide prevention techniques.
- Throughout the month of September, the city will be promoting a citywide rock painting campaign similar to this example: <https://project99.org/rock-campaign/>



Please check the City web page for up-to-date information and links to events: https://edmondswa.gov/government/departments/human_services/suicide_prevention

YOUTH COMMISSION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Edmonds Youth Commission is looking for youth applicants to fill the four positions vacated by graduated seniors.

The youth-led commission’s mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of life for Edmonds youth by advising the City Council and the public on issues relating to youth policies, programs, and opportunities. The Youth Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. September through June. Meetings are typically held in person at the Frances Anderson Center but have been via Zoom throughout the pandemic.

Persons appointed to serve on the commission must reside within the City of Edmonds and must be entering grades 9 through 12, or be of equivalent age if not enrolled in a traditional school program. If appointed to the position the term will run for 2 years from October 1st- September 30th – incoming Seniors are welcome to apply, all Seniors terms end in June of their graduation year.

The application deadline is September 22, 2021. All applicants will participate in an interview with members of City Council as part of the selection process. To apply, download the application and reference forms [here](#).





SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

EDMONDS OFFERS BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANTS TO MOST-IMPACTED SMALL BUSINESSES

In July the Edmonds City Council approved the Edmonds Rescue Plan Fund (ERPF), a comprehensive set of programs funded by an allocation of approximately \$11.9 million to the City of Edmonds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, intended to help local communities recover from the COVID-19-related economic crisis.

The ERPF contains a Business Support program, to which \$1,125,000 has been allocated to fund general business support activities, tourism support, and Small Business Grants -- the latter with an allocation of \$625,000.

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be available to up to 50 businesses in 2021, with an additional \$5,000 available in 2022 for up to 25 businesses.

“The City’s intent with this grant program is to reach those small businesses that were heavily impacted by the COVID-related economic crisis but may also have been somewhat left behind in the flurry of financial aid programs that have come out over the past year and a half,” stated Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty. “We have mailed out a postcard to every registered business in the City – with information in five languages.”

Eligible businesses must meet the following criteria:

- Have zero to 30 employees
- Can demonstrate at least a 50% loss in year-over-year revenue by the end of 2020 compared to 2019
- Have not received more than \$5,000 in other grants, tax credits or other financial assistance
- Must intend to stay in business at least four months after receipt of any grant

All businesses that apply and meet these criteria will be considered. Businesses owned by people of color, women, veterans, and other minorities, as well as creative-sector businesses and businesses located beyond Downtown Edmonds will be given particular consideration.

Applications may be made on the City’s online portal found at:

<https://www.edmondswa.gov/bizgrants>

Applications must be received by 5:00pm, Monday, September 13, 2021 to be considered.

For more information, business owners may contact Patrick Doherty at 425-771-0251 or patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov.

CITY COUNCIL

Contact the Council council@edmondswa.gov



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Laura Johnson
Cncl. Pres. Pro Tem
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Edmonds City Council Meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7 pm, except for the fifth Tuesday of a month unless otherwise noticed. *Due to COVID-19, meetings are currently being held virtually.*

At the noticed date and time, you can join, comment, or view Edmonds City Council Meetings by clicking on the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/95798484261>

Webinar ID: 957 9848 4261

OR PHONE: US: +1 253 215 8782

During the public comment period, please raise your hand electronically via Zoom button (*9 on telephone) to speak.

The Council will continue to take written comments up to 450 words, roughly the equivalent of three spoken minutes, at the following email publiccomment@edmondswa.gov.

Edmonds City Council Meeting Agendas and videos:

- Agendas and Videos can be accessed here <http://edmondswa.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>
- Or viewed on one of the following cable channels: Comcast Channel 21 or Ziplly Channel 39



Closed captioning is now available through our zoom City Council meetings. To use, once you are in the zoom meeting, go to the "Closed Caption" menu button at the bottom of the screen and click on the arrow on the right side of the button, then go to "Show Subtitles". To adjust the settings, once again, go to the "Closed Caption" menu button and click on the arrow and select "Subtitle Settings". You can adjust the font size of the Closed Caption from Normal, to Medium, to Large.



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ENGINEERING
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 425-771-0210

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 425-771-0220

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 425-771-0200

PUBLIC WORKS
 425-771-0235

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 425-771-0241

STAY ENGAGED

The City has a number of avenues to help citizens stay engaged and updated about City programs, projects and processes.



- Facebook@cityofedmonds
- Quarterly Newsletter [Update on Edmonds](#)
- Neighborhood Meetings ~ watch for notices of date/time/location
- Government Channels ~ Comcast Channel 21 and Ziplly Channel 39 (*Council meetings are broadcast live on Tuesday evenings and rebroadcast daily at noon and 7 pm*)
- [Website](#)

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