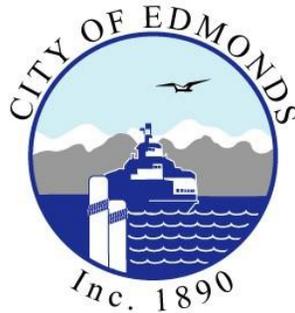


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## Edmonds City Bulletin – July 30, 2020



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## COVID-19 information

### 90 Edmonds business 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 anyone to apply and laid out scoring criteria that included special consideration for women and minority owned businesses and whether the businesses previously received grant money.

The application deadline closed last week and we had 150 applications, gave money to 90 business with most getting \$8,000 each. Other data: 51% 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 and ([link here](#))

### **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 @WAEEdmonds twitter follower for the suggestion.



## **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. (insert link)

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.

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## **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, personal vehicle and bicycle safety, parking, and many other data sets to put together a proposal for discussion. They chose ideas that benefit drives, bicyclists and pedestrians. Because there appears to be a misunderstanding about the proposal and the process, we have provided more information on our blog. (blog link 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.

## 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.

There are already many comments and questions. We have answered some of them here ([link](#))

### 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. ([link here](#))

### Planning Board - update this from meeting

On July 28, the [Planning Board](#) has a joint meeting with the City Council. The board is currently working on **development code issues** to determine future priorities. So far the list includes: tree regulations, sub-division construction, sidewalks, and climate change. These big picture ideas will be narrowed down to smaller concepts for work throughout the year.

## In case you missed it...

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

## 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
<b>OPEN</b> Park Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks &amp; Trails (including beaches)</li> <li>• Fishing Pier</li> <li>• Informal Use of Athletic Fields</li> <li>• Temporary Restrooms</li> <li>• Underwater Dive Park</li> </ul> <i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off Leash Dog Park</li> <li>• Skate Park</li> <li>• Permanent Restrooms</li> <li>• Outdoor sports courts:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis/Pickleball Courts</li> <li>• Basketball Courts</li> <li>• Petanque</li> <li>• Sand Volleyball</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletic Fields for Competition</li> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Shelter Rentals</li> <li>• Frances Anderson Center</li> </ul> <i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks Open for Regular Use, <b>except for specific CLOSED Park Facilities and CANCELLED Events and Programs listed below.</b></li> </ul>
<b>CLOSED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yost Pool for the Summer Season</li> <li>• Olympic Beach Visitor Station (near the Fishing Pier)</li> </ul>			
<b>CANCELLED</b> Events and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmonds SpringFest, Watershed Fun Fair, Health &amp; 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.</li> <li>• All Parks &amp; Recreation indoor programming and athletic leagues until Phase 3 is reached (virtual classes still available).</li> <li>• Formal athletic field scheduling, shelter and room rentals until Phase 3 is reached.</li> </ul>			

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