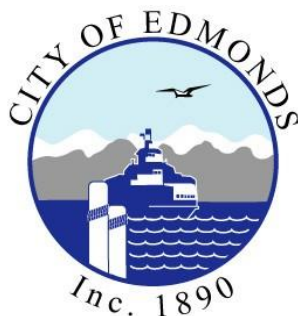


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Council meeting this week

This week's City Council meeting, Tuesday, June 16 at 7 pm, allows for live public comment. To comment, please log into Zoom. Here is the information.

- [Join the Edmonds City Council Meeting Public Comment Here](#)
- <https://zoom.us/j/4257752525>
- or call toll free: (888) 475-4499 or (877) 853-5257
- Meeting ID: 425 775 2525

When you call in, you will be placed into a "waiting room" until it is your turn to speak.

COVID-19 News



On June 5, we moved to Phase 2 reopening. Phase 2 looks like Plexiglas everywhere, masks everywhere, and Purell upon entry.

For Snohomish County, it means:

Residents can gather with up to five people from outside their household each week

Restaurants can operate at 50% capacity and retailers can conduct in-store sales, following safety guidelines.

Barber shops, hair and nail salons, tattoo parlors and pet groomers are also open following safety guidelines.

Places of worship are allowed to hold in-person services, weddings and funerals in line with physical distancing rules and size constraints.

Camping and other outdoor recreation activities, such as biking and climbing, can resume with limited group sizes.

Nannies, house cleaners and real-estate firms can also return to work.

For Edmonds, it looks like:

The Dog Park is open, the skate park and sport courts are open with group size limitations.

We will open park restrooms in Phase 3 because we currently do not have the resources necessary to do the recommended sanitizing and cleaning to provide safer facilities. Instead we have installed porta-potties in key locations.

Here is the latest schedule from our Parks Department.





“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.

Revised June 5, 2020

	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
<p>OPEN Park Amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Trails (including beaches) • Fishing Pier • Informal Use of Athletic Fields • Temporary Restrooms • Underwater Dive Park <p><i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Trails (including beaches) • Fishing Pier • Informal Use of Athletic Fields • Temporary Restrooms • Underwater Dive Park <p><i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off Leash Dog Park • Skate Park • Outdoor sports courts to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis/Pickleball Courts • Basketball Courts • Petanque • Sand Volleyball <p><i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playfields • Permanent Restrooms • Playgrounds • Shelter Rentals • Frances Anderson Center <p><i>Group size restrictions are in effect</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks Open for Regular Use, except for specific CLOSED Park Facilities and CANCELLED Events and Programs listed below.

We continue to update two city COVID-19-related webpages.

The first page, updated twice a week, has information [about programs, progress and links to useful information](#). We have also added an [Edmonds Businesses Reopen](#) page to help our business community find grants and get products.

Want to be sure your favorite business complies with state guidelines? Check out the posters our friends at the Downtown Edmonds Alliance designed for placement in storefronts. Businesses can download the posters here or [contact us](#) to get one.



Phase 2 Personal Services Guidelines

To keep our customers, employees, and community safe, we have implemented the state guidelines.

- ✓ Client occupancy at 50%
- ✓ Employees use PPE like face coverings, disposable gloves, gowns or goggles where safe and applicable
- ✓ Screen employee-service providers for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 at start of shifts

For our most vulnerable populations

We are very excited to announce that our \$100,000 Housing and Supplementary Relief fund is taking applications now through June 16, 2020. Grants of up to \$1000 will go toward selected households earning no more than 60% of the Snohomish Median Income among other criteria.

Learn if you are eligible and/or [apply here](#). We are also excited to work with Kids in Transition which provides housing assistance, food, household supplies and other assistance to homeless families and/or families facing homelessness in the Edmonds School District.

If you wish to help others in need in Edmonds, you may do so here.

Need Help?

Help is available if you need it. You can start with 2-1-1 which is run by Volunteers of America. Also, our friends at the South County Fire District can connect you with food, transportation, health information, prescriptions and more. Call them at 425-320-5800.

Puget Sound Energy has funds to help residents with outstanding energy bills. It's part of their \$11 million Crisis Affected Customer Assistance Program. [More information is here.](#)

Sunset Avenue car-free until Phase 3

A portion of Sunset Avenue remains pedestrian only for a few more weeks to give residents space to walk safely. The change came at the beginning of the COVID closures when residents had few places to get out and exercise.



Other news

Systemic change

Mayor Mike Nelson is joining the effort to identify and address systemic and implicit bias within government and has announced the formation of an Equity and Justice Task Force. The 11-member Task Force will advise the Mayor on ideas and programs he can bring forward to address systemic racism in and barriers to inclusion and equity in city government.

If you are interested in joining this Task Force, take a moment to [read this information about the Task Force and apply.](#) He wants to move forward quickly. The application deadline is 5:00 pm June 19.

No dumping

Our engineering staff wanted to pass along this picture of Hindley Creek from June 8 with a reminder: discharging products into our waterways is illegal. This white, milky substance took hours to dissipate and ran straight into Puget Sound. This harms a host of systems along the way. You can report an illicit discharge and/or spill through Edmonds Public Works at (425) 771-0235 or online at pw@edmondswa.gov





Main Street opens for new kind of business - walking!

We will open Main Street in downtown Edmonds between 3rd and 6th Avenues Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21 to walkers, strollers and outdoor shoppers and diners! This is a pilot project that runs Saturday from 10 am to 9 pm and Sunday 10 am to 7 pm. All cross streets will remain open. This will run concurrently with the Edmonds Farmers Market on 5th Avenue between Main and Bell on Saturday.

Flower Baskets sell out!

We are thrilled to announced that all 138 flower baskets are up and looking beautiful because we had a 100 percent adoption rate this year!!! Thank you so much for your generosity. You help make the economic recovery that much brighter.



Crows headline the Edmonds 2020 Birdfest

Love them or hate them, they are fascinating, intelligent creatures. This year, renown crow and raven specialist Kaeli Swift has been selected as the Keynote Speaker for the 2020 Puget Sound Bird Fest, which will be held online September 12-13. Dr. Swift will kick off the festivities on Saturday at 10:30am with a live interactive webinar 'Something to Crow About'. Other online presentations and activities will follow throughout the weekend. [Learn more about Birdfest here](#)

City workers: still working, still protected

The Development Services Department continued operations through the entire pandemic, processing building and land use permits for many construction projects. Although most of the department's staff is working remotely most of the time, a skeleton crew has maintained a presence at City Hall.

Having already started on the path toward electronic permitting, the department quickly shifted gears when City Hall was closed to the public, and [went almost entirely electronic for all permit applications](#) and plan review. This means that customers no longer need to make the trip to City Hall to take care of their permitting needs.



Leif Bjorback is the City's building official, managing the Building Division, which is made up of inspectors, plan reviewers and permit coordinators. Here he is masked up in the office to comply with the current health safety requirements.



Milton Thompson is a building inspector, spending most of his time at construction sites and in buildings being remodeled to verify compliance with the city's building codes. Here he is all garbed up with the additional PPE required for construction workers.

Final Happy Thought



This spring has been difficult, but the folks at the Meadowdale Preschool put the best face on the preschool graduation last week.

"The morning class ceremony turned into a drive-thru due to pouring rain, but there were still smiles, a sense of accomplishment and closure to a year cut short.

Teachers did a little happy dance as they passed certificates through the car window to the preschooler."



"For the afternoon class, the sun came out which allowed us to hold the afternoon ceremony in the parking lot. Families kept their social distance and the students got to have eye-to-eye contact with their missed classmates. We sang some songs from the school year, we passed out certificates and said our good-byes."

All families were grateful for a year of enrichment in the classroom and continued contact for the remainder of the academic year. The turn out for both ceremonies was great!

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