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## Swedish nurse: 'The morale is poor'

### Health-care workers launch campaign for safe staffing legislation

BY BRIAN SOERTEL

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A coalition of health-care workers on Dec. 13 launched the WA Safe + Healthy campaign calling on Washington state legislators to pass safe staffing standards that protect health-care workers from dangerously high patient loads.



Sabina Okeke

"For the past several months, we've been constantly understaffed," said RN Sabina Okeke, charge nurse at Swedish Edmonds and SEIU Healthcare 1199NW union member.

"The staffing numbers that our matrix calls for are constantly not respected. It's very unsafe for the patients and the staff members. Our hospital recently opened up a new unit without plans to hire any extra staff to take care of those patients.

"Management's expectation is for us to work short, and there's nothing we can do - they tell us this is an emergency with COVID."

Okeke said her coworkers are calling in sick because they're too exhausted, physically and mentally, to go to work.

"The morale is poor, and keeping this up

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## PAY UP: Amended amendment to the amended amendment fails

Beacon photos by Brian Soergel

### Restaurants wanting to continue streateries must pay 1-time \$4K fee

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That escalated rapidly.

One political move erased another Monday night in a remarkable display of political one-upmanship among Edmonds City Councilmembers, with two not showing up and two others leaving the meeting before a decision was to have been made.

Then there's the issue of a disputed agenda notice.

The result: The approval of amending the streateries decision that passed Thursday, Dec. 18, stands due to a lack of quorum, with only three of the seven councilmembers remaining: Council President Susan



Jeff and Erika Bennett say they will take down their streatory, pictured above, after the City Council decision on Monday. Left, Daphnes on Main Street posted a sign of appreciation to those who have supported it.

Paine and Councilmembers Adrienne Fraley-Monillas and Laura Johnson.

So restaurants wanting to continue offering outdoor dining in the public right of way must pay a one-time fee of \$4,000 to continue through the end of April. If not, they must disassemble their temporary structures by Jan. 15.

The restaurant fees are intended to be used to rent parking spaces that may become available to the public.

The political maneuvering began Saturday

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Bridget Hanley - early years

## Bridget Hanley dies; family donated Log Cabin to the city

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Bridget Hanley was a small-town girl from Edmonds with grand dreams of making it big in Hollywood. And like Ana Faris, another Edmonds actor decades later, those dreams were realized through hard work and determination.

Hanley died Dec. 15 at age 80. She had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and recently re-

ceived care from the staff at Harry's Haven at the Motion Picture Home in Calabasas, Calif.

Hanley is best remembered for her starring role as Candy Pruitt in "Here Come the Brides" on ABC. The Screen Gems production, which ran Sept. 25, 1968, to April 3, 1970, was centered in 1860s Seattle but mostly filmed in Los Angeles.

Locally, Hanley is remembered

for her and her family's donating and then saving what is now known as the Log Cabin Visitors Center on Fifth Avenue North. She received a big assist from her sister, Molly Hanley Hopkins.

The official name of the cabin, run by the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, is the Ganahl-Hanley Cabin. It's staffed by volunteers.

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Bridget Hanley - later years

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BEACON

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### Councilmember Adrienne Fraley-Monillas honored



Photo courtesy of City of Edmonds

On Friday, Dec. 17, Edmonds City Council members and staff presented Councilmember Adrienne Fraley-Monillas with a plaque thanking her for her nearly 12 years of service on City Council. Fraley-Monillas was sworn into office Jan. 5, 2010, to serve a four-year term, and was reelected in 2013 and again in 2017. Pictured: Councilmember Laura Johnson, left, and Council President Susan Paine, far right.

## Hazel Miller Foundation offers more than \$230K in grants

Throughout 2021, the Hazel Miller Foundation has focused each granting cycle on organizations working to support each other, especially in the areas of education and youth services, poverty alleviation and hunger, civic and community services, the environment, equity, culture, and the arts.

For the final grant cycle of 2021, the foundation decided to distribute eight grants – \$233,787 in total – along with five additional winter season giving grants.

Lift Every Voice will focus its \$25,000 grant on their virtual, fourth annual event: a tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr – Inspiring a Beloved Community. This event promotes a community centered in justice and an environment free of hatred, poverty, and inclusive of all people. The 2021 event drew crowds of 3,500.

Olympic Ballet Theatre plans to direct it \$35,000 grant to support the premiere full-length presentation of Don Quixote for sets, props, and costumes. The performances will be held at the ECA and Everett Performing Arts Center in May 2022.

City of Edmonds Art Commission received a \$8,000 grant to support the Hazel Miller Plaza Concert Summer Series for 2022. With 12 summer performances, this grant will allow for free concerts in downtown Edmonds for residents and visitors from 4:30-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Edmonds Daybreak Rotary Foundation

will use an \$5,000 grant to support the Music Lab Program of Edmonds Jazz Connection, which for the past 20 years has provided music to the community and jazz opportunities for students.

Annie's Community Kitchen was granted \$26,587 in funds to replace a walk-in refrigerator and freezer. With 16 years of serving the community 300 meals every Wednesday evening and all through the pandemic, the walk-in is due for an upgrade.

InvestED will concentrate its \$10,000 grant on deepening their support in 10 schools within the Edmonds School District. They will provide students with financial assistance to break the cost barriers of participation and build success through funding school supplies, activity fees, and academic support when needed.

The Foundation for Edmonds School District received a grant in support of the Hazel Miller Scholarship (\$56,700) and \$7,500 for the Student Leadership Conference. The conference hosts 300-400 students at the ECA for a one-day event that serves to deepen conversations around opportunity and achievement gaps due to systemic disparities.

In addition, the Edmonds Food Bank, Lynwood Food Bank, Homage Senior Center, Nourishing Networks and Washington Kids in Transition all received grants in support of their ongoing efforts to combat hunger in Edmonds and south Snohomish County.

### New officer will oversee county's ARPA dollars

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers has appointed Kara Main-Hester to serve as the chief recovery and resilience officer for Snohomish County.



Kara Main-Hester

received in federal American Rescue Plan

Main-Hester currently serves as the deputy director of the Snohomish County Office of Recovery and Resilience (ORR). In her new role, starting Jan. 3, Main-Hester will lead ORR and will oversee the allocation and implementation of the \$160 million Snohomish County

Act (ARPA) dollars. Current Chief recovery and Resilience Officer Mike Fong has taken a job in the federal government.

"I'm excited to step into the role of Chief Recovery and Resilience Officer for Snohomish County," Main-Hester said.

"After a grueling two years, it's time to turn our attention to the long-term recovery and resiliency of our communities and businesses. By making smart, strategic investments with our federal dollars, we can help ensure an equitable, sustainable, and widespread recovery across Snohomish County."

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## Newest ferry to be named Wishkah

The Washington State Transportation Commission has selected Wishkah as the name for the state's next new 144-car hybrid-electric ferry, which will be under construction in 2022 and assigned to the Mukilteo/Clinnton run.

The commission made the decision Tuesday, Dec. 14, after months of citizen suggestions and public input.

The name honors the river flowing south from the Olympic foothills into Grays Harbor, forming a saltwater estuary for shellfish, and serving as a vital link from forest to sea for the Lower Chehalis people and the communities it flows through. Before roads were built, the region was served by the steamer,

"Wishkah Chief," which carried passengers and cargo upriver to outfit the farms and logging camps.

Additionally, Wishkah Street is a segment of US 101 in Aberdeen. The name also has a link to the legendary grunge-rock band Nirvana that made an album titled, "From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah."

"It is a multi-faceted name that represents a geographic area in the state that does not have a ferry named for it," said commissioner Debbie Young, of San Juan County.

Wishkah was the most popular name in a Ferry Riders Opinion Group survey that resulted in more than 5,800 responses online, while Enie Marie ranked first among 1,784 emailed submissions to the commission. All 21 current ferries have names derived from Native American words or places.

Other finalist names were:

- Stillaguamish, for the tribe that historically canoed the Stillaguamish River and Puget Sound near Camano Island, establishing a nautical culture.

- Muckleshoot, for the Native people who inhabited the Duwamish and upper Puyallup river watersheds. Elliott Bay is one of the tribe's usual and accustomed fishing areas.

- Enie Marie, great-granddaughter of Chief

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Coming up

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### Corrections

A sub headline in "County authorizes sales tax increase for affordable housing" (Dec. 16) was incorrect. Councilmember Vivian Olson did not lend her name to a letter opposing the 0.1% sales tax increase.

The Beacon strives to write fair and accurate stories and will run corrections when warranted. Contact Editor Brian Soergel at edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net

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From 2020: A mudslide in 2014 killed 43 near Oso on SR 530.

# Construction funding for SR 530 slide memorial approved

BY BRIAN SOERGEL  
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The Snohomish County Council recently approved Snohomish County's 2022 budget, including \$4.8 million in funding for the SR 530 Slide Memorial Project proposed by Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers.

This funding is the last portion needed to fully fund construction of the project, which is estimated to cost \$5 million and be completed in 2023.

"The families have waited a very long time for the memorial," said former Edmonds Mayor Gary Haakenson. "It has been in the planning stages since 2014. I'm thankful to the County Council for funding the project."

On March 22, 2014, the earth moved near Oso in northern Snohomish County. The rain-soaked hillside came down without warning. It left 43 dead, rerouted State Route 530 and the Stillaguamish River, and destroyed dozens of homes and structures. It was the deadliest landslide in United States history.

Haakenson was serving as executive director of public safety for the county. It fell to him to lead the long-term recovery team.

Somers, in a news release, said he agreed the funding is necessary.

"I proposed this funding because we need to tell the story of what happened on that tragic day in 2014. The entire Stillaguamish Valley is still recovering from the effects of the slide and people travel from all over the world to see for themselves the magnitude of the loss. The SR 530 Slide Memorial will give families and our broader community a place to mourn, remember, and honor."

For almost eight years, Snohomish County Parks & Recreation has been working with families of victims, survivors, and first responders of slide to design and build a permanent memorial at the site of the tragic event to honor those who were lost, those who survived, the responders, and the resilience of the surrounding communities.

While initial construction funding has been identified, donations are also being sought to help complete the community-led project.

"Donations are not just about giving money," said John Hadaway, brother of Steven Hadaway, one of the 43 victims of the landslide. "It shows the support and love for your community."

The design for the memorial has been completed, and construction for the project will be split into phases. The first phase will take place in the summer of 2022 and will focus on general site improvements such as grading, drainage, parking, foundations, pathways and plazas. This will be followed by the second phase of construction in 2023, which will focus on installing buildings, plantings and interpretive materials.

To learn more about the Slide Memorial and to donate: [slidememorial.com/support](http://slidememorial.com/support).

# PUD work to close part of 96th Ave. SW in Edmonds

Snohomish County PUD work to replace pole-mounted antenna equipment in Edmonds will temporarily close a portion of 96th Avenue SW from Dec. 27 through Dec. 30.

The closure will be between 220th Street SW and 219th Street SW.

If delays occur, work may continue into the next week on Jan. 3 and 4.

The road will be closed each day from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate large equipment. The PUD will employ traffic control measures, including flaggers and signage.

The PUD said it will perform this work as quickly and safely as possible to minimize impacts to customers and drivers.

The work is to replace antennas, radios, mounts and cables is to upgrade a T-Mobile facility to better serve local residents and emergency services.

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Sealth, and also known as Mary Ann Talisa Seattle, who moved in both the Native and Euro-American social worlds.

- Snoqualmie, for the tribe and valley in east King County, watered by Cascade mountain snowmelt, where historically people lived in longhouses along the Snoqualmie River and tributaries.

- Stehekin, a Salish word meaning "the way through," and a community on the north shore of Lake Chelan, accessible only by ferry or boat.

As part of WSF 2024 Long Range Plan, the state will begin construction of its first hybrid-electric Olympic-class ferry in early 2022, and it's expected to enter service in 2025.

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Before joining Snohomish County, Main-Hester served as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst at the City of Seattle Budget Office, where she provided analysis, insight, and oversight on issues related to public safety, police accountability, emergency management, and homelessness and human services.

She also served as the Deputy Director of the Seattle Animal Shelter, where she managed a team of 15 City staff and 600 volunteers.

These greener ferries have the added benefit of reducing nitric oxide emissions by 146 metric tons/year and carbon dioxide emissions by 16,340 metric tons/year, reducing operating costs, virtually eliminating engine noise and vibration, and reducing maintenance costs.

WSF has introduced four new vessels into the fleet since 2014. However, the new vessel construction program has not kept up with the needs of WSF's aging fleet. Over half of the fleet, 11 of 21 vessels, are more than 30 years old. These ferries are approaching the end of their service lives and must be replaced with newer ones in the coming years.

The Washington State Transportation Commission has legal authority for naming state highways, bridges and ferries in Washington.

Somers established the Office of Recovery and Resilience to guide the county's recovery work by ensuring federal pandemic relief is administered quickly and equitably. Snohomish County will focus on three key areas for recovery investments:

- Continued support for public health strategies
  - Economic recovery for small businesses, tourism, and workers
  - Community supports across child care, food assistance, shelter, and behavioral health
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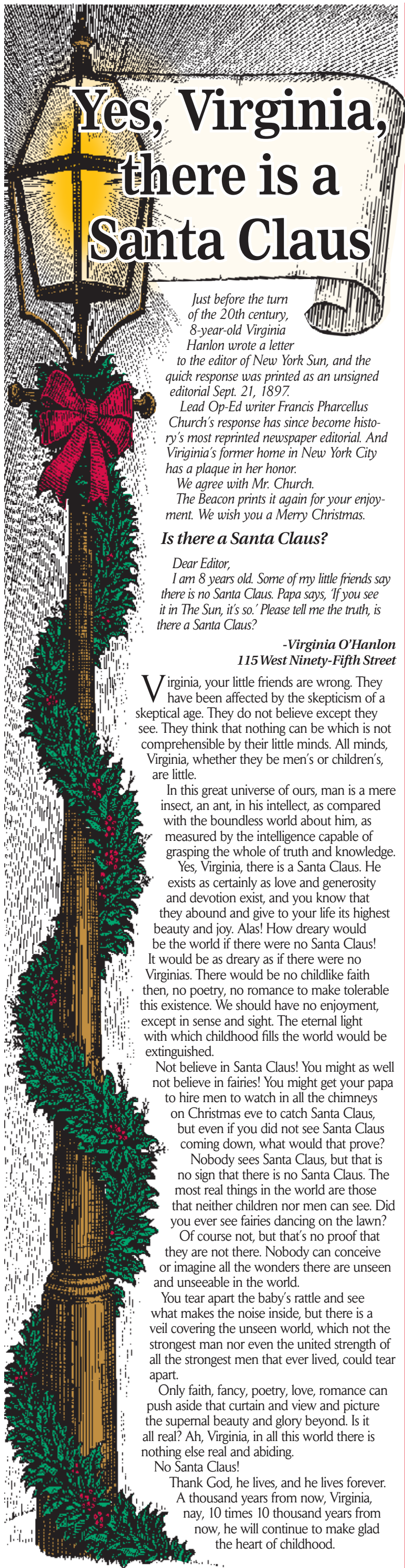
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# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Just before the turn of the 20th century, 8-year-old Virginia Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of *New York Sun*, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897.

Lead Op-Ed writer Francis Pharcellus Church's response has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial. And Virginia's former home in New York City has a plaque in her honor.

We agree with Mr. Church.

The Beacon prints it again for your enjoyment. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

## Is there a Santa Claus?

Dear Editor,  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

-Virginia O'Hanlon  
115 West Ninety-Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn?

Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus!

Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



## ARTS AND APPETITE Celebrate New Year's Eve, Edmonds-style

"What are you doing for New Year's Eve?"  
"Oh, I don't know ... I put off planning for the New Year with a new COVID variant and the Edmonds City Council talking about ending streetery dining in Edmonds on the 31st."  
"I just cannot decide, but I really want to celebrate 2022!"

### ARTS & APPETITE



BY MARIA A. MONTALVO  
EDMONDS FOOD AND ART CONNOISSEUR

After the dud that was last year's COVID-infused non-celebration, this is a conversation many of us are having these days, but luckily, there are several options around town for a delectable and festive holiday.

(Author's note: The City Council did vote to charge restaurants a one-time \$4,000 fee to keep their outdoor dining just until the spring, but did delay implementation until Jan. 15, so New Year's Eve still has an unrestricted outdoor dining option.)

So what are your options? Well, several restaurants that are inching closer to that elusive "normal" to meet a myriad of appetites and preferences.

Here are just a few options. Contact your favorite restaurant for details.

#### VINBERO

Vinbero is having an East Coast New Year's celebration, welcoming 2022 at the stroke of East Coast midnight (9 p.m. local time) with bubbles and camaraderie. Visit them for a special sparkling wine flight (available Dec. 17-31) and to enjoy chef Morgan Batali's evening menu. Getting dolled up is encouraged but not required, and party hats are suggested. No reservations.

#### KELNERO

Kelnero will be offering cocktail specials and champagne toasts (technically it will be sparkling wine, but you'll have bubbles in your hand) at midnight. Kelnero is staying open late, staff will be dressed in their finest, and guests are encouraged to wear fancy attire to ring in the new year (whatever fancy means to you). No reservations.

#### BAR DOJO

The three full-service restaurants managed by Feed-

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Edmonds restaurants are just fine

Restaurants are fine now! It's time to open up the parking for the other businesses in town that have lost customers.

One-sided city government!

Scott Hansen  
Edmonds

### Many can't afford to shop in Edmonds retail shops

I am heartbroken with our new council.

The aliveness of Edmonds is being taken down. The streateries were a way for us to stay connected. This is being taken away due to our local businesses blaming them for their inability to be prosperous. I have always supported our local stores over the last two decades by shopping in Edmonds first and then shopping elsewhere if I am not able to find what I need.

I am appalled that these businesses are blaming the restaurants, leaders, and the lack of parking for their financial difficulties.

I am blown away that these businesses expect "us" to take care of them. Some of the store's inventory is limited and very expensive. Many of the local folks here cannot afford to shop in their stores.

They need to revamp their business model. It is not our responsibility to make sure they stay in business; we have all witnessed how these businesses have created a division in our community and the restaurants have tried to keep us connected.

Marta Card  
Edmonds

### Restaurants have gotten breaks – let's have safe roads again

I think it was a good decision myself. I don't see why anyone wouldn't. The breaks restaurants have gotten have been generous from the beginning. I am happy about that, but I also believe in parking and safe roads to drive down without having to worry about hitting a structure.

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### Online Poll

**Last week's question & results:**  
The Snohomish County Council is raising sales tax to increase affordable housing. Do you agree with the sales tax hike?  
• 17% Said YES  
• 83% Said NO

### This week's summary:

After a contentious 2021, Edmonds City Council will meet again Jan. 4 with a new councilmember.

### This week's poll question:

Do you think councilmembers will be

able to put aside their differences and focus on making Edmonds a better city?

### We want to know what you think:

Vote online now at [www.edmondsbeacon.com](http://www.edmondsbeacon.com) and look for the results in the Dec. 29 issue of *The Beacon*.



## Christmas services at St. Alban's

St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Edmonds has announced services planned for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and other services for members and the community.

**Friday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services, including carols at 5 p.m., followed by Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to stay for "Coffee Hour" to enjoy fellowship, cookies, hot chocolate, mulled cider and tea.

**Saturday, Dec. 25:** Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, Dec. 26:** First Sunday After Christmas: 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, Dec. 29:** 6 p.m. "Blue Christmas" Service and Holy Eucharist

Coming again this year, St. Alban's will offer a "Blue Christmas" service, a special holiday service for those for whom the holidays may be difficult due to a recent loss, transition, or life change.

The church is requiring that anyone planning to attend be fully vaccinated individuals attend. Masks are also required during all services.

St. Alban's is located at 21405 82nd Ave. W. For more information, contact the church at 425-778-0371.



# Gracious gifts that give back

If showing loved ones your appreciation with holiday presents is a tradition in your family, you can take that sign of affection a step further this year with gifts that give back to the world around you.

These simple yet impactful gifts help support the Arbor Day Foundation and its mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

With a vision to lead toward a world in which trees are a solution to some of the biggest problems facing the planet today – from air and water quality to climate change and more – the foundation has more than 1 million members, supporters and partners that have helped to plant more than 400 million trees in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests in almost 50 countries to ensure a greener and healthier future.

For each of these holiday gifts, the foundation will plant one tree in a United States forest to help ensure a greener and healthier future. Find more environmentally friendly gift ideas at [arborday.org/giftideas](http://arborday.org/giftideas).

### A warm cup of compassion

You can change the world one sip at a time by gifting delicious Arbor Day Coffee this holiday season. Grown under the tree canopy in Central and South American rain forests, the shade helps protect an entire ecosystem while maintaining fertile soil and providing habitat for wildlife.

Expect a rich taste that offers as much flavor as environmental support – for every bag purchased, one tree is planted.

### A gift that lasts a lifetime

Personalize gifts for those in your life with Give-A-Tree Cards. Each card you purchase plants a tree in honor of family, friends,



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Simple yet impactful gifts that give back to the world around you can help your family appreciate the true meaning of the holidays.

customers or associates, helping bring the nation's forests back to life.

Plus, you can personalize the cards for free and they'll be sent to you to sign and deliver personally.

### Arbor Day apparel

No holiday gifting is complete without thoughtful stocking stuffers. Share your commitment to trees with a loved one by giving a t-shirt from the Arbor Day Foundation. Made from a 50/50 blend of recycled polyester bottles and organic cotton, each shirt, available in adult and youth sizes, is designed to be soft and comfortable. Produced using eco-friendly manufacturing processes, each

t-shirt purchase also plants a tree in one of the nation's forests.

### Bring the outdoors In

Give your loved one the gift of serenity with the smell of the great outdoors. This 9-ounce Arbor Day Foundation Soy Wax Candle provides an exclusive scent featuring a premium blend of plant-based and ethically sourced fragrance oils. Scent notes include fresh pine, berry, red currant, juniper, light musk, sage, pear and amber. The candle is hand-poured and 100% American-made. Each candle purchased plants a tree.

### Save the environment with stainless steel

Show your love of trees with this 16-ounce vacuum insulated Klean Kanteen stainless steel bottle designed with versatility and portability in mind to create a water bottle, iced coffee mug, sport bottle and insulated cup all in one package. With a leak-proof twist cap and built-in reusable steel straw, you can say goodbye to single-use plastics and hello to reusable products. Each purchase plants a tree in a United States forest.

– Family Features

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match in history. It consumed three regulation periods of hockey and two overtimes. Ticen says that the two goalies were among the best of all time; both are Hall of Famers.

The NHL best goalie trophy is named for Georges Vezina, the Montreal goalie. The top goalie award of the American Hockey League is named for Hap Holmes, the Seattle goalie. By the end of the second overtime, the effects of the flu were taking a toll.

Ticen says that players were collapsing, and the referee declared the game a draw.

Both team names are engraved on the cup as a lasting memory of the series that could not be completed. The record has been there for over 100 years, and will be there as long as the Stanley Cup in its present incarnation continues to exist.

And I have a photo of that portion of the Stanley Cup, thanks to Billy Gleeson.

The Metropolitan played for the Stanley Cup again 1920, but lost in five games to Ottawa. A few years later, the Metropolitan folded and major league hockey left Seattle for nearly a century until the arrival of the Kraken this year.

### ► from ARTS & APPETITE page 4

Me Hospitality are offering three- and four-course menus, with wine pairings, and multiple seatings throughout the night.

At Dojo, you can enjoy a four-course menu, plus a caviar amuse bouche, for \$120. The pre-fixe menus and reservation information are available at [bardodojo.com](http://bardodojo.com).

### SALT & IRON

Salt & Iron, known for its oysters and steaks, is offering a lovely three-course menu for \$99, with some fantastic vegetarian options.

The pre-fixe menus and reservation information are available at [saltniron.com](http://saltniron.com).

### FIRE & THE FEAST

Fire & the Feast brings Italian and Pacific Northwest flavors together, and will ring in the new year with a four-course Italian feast for \$95. The pre-fixe menus and reservation information are available at [fireandthefeast.com](http://fireandthefeast.com).

If you want to stay home and watch the Space Needle events on TV, Mar-Ket is offering a fresh oysters and bubbles package! There are so many wonderful restaurants in Edmonds, so check with your favorite spot to learn about other celebrations around town.

This year, like any other, we share hope for what is to come and gratitude for our times together. Here is to a happy, healthy 2022.

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Bridget Hanley was born Feb. 3, 1941, in Minneapolis, but spent her childhood in Edmonds and graduated from Edmonds High School, where she displayed her acting chops. She was also an athlete, as well as a Tigers cheerleader.

"She did all that stuff," said Bronwyn Swackhamer, one of Hanley's daughters. She spoke over the phone from her home in West Hollywood, Calif.

**The log cabin**

The story of the Edmonds log cabin is one of the most interesting in the city's history.

According to information from the Edmonds Historical Museum, the story begins when it was built in the early 1930s in Seaview Heights, then north of Edmonds city limits, for Gaston Alfred Beck Ganahl (1887-1958), who was born in St. Louis, Mo., and died in Seattle.

Gaston lived in what was called his summer house, complete with a lighted tennis court. He built the log cabin to accommodate his frequent guests, taking his inspiration from rustic cabins he saw during a visit to Yellowstone National Park.

Ganahl sold the house, the orchard, and the cabin in 1945 to Lee and Dorie Hanley.

Ganahl then built another home on the remaining property, now the site of Seaview Elementary School.

The cabin became home to Lee's youngest brother, Homer Hanley, and his family of four for about a year.

In 1947, Dorie Hanley's parents, John and Thyra Nihlroos, moved from Illinois and made the cabin their permanent home. John, originally from Sweden, died at the age of 73 in 1959. Thyra lived in the cabin for a total of more than 25 years. During this time, the cabin took on its Swedish flare with John's handiwork, Thyra's flower boxes and gardens, and distinctive Swedish decor such as the cabinetry, shelves, and red trim.

All three of the Hanley daughters, Bridget, Molly, and Mary Jo, spent much of their childhood there, although they never lived in the log cabin.

"It was actually our grandparents who lived in the log cabin," said Molly Hanley Hopkins. "The log cabin was part of our Hanley family property. We, as a family, lived in the main house."

In 1975, the Hanleys – understanding the importance of its history – donated the cabin to the City of Edmonds. Mayor Harve Harrison and the City Council accepted – they felt it would be an appropriate project for the country's Bicentennial.

On Aug. 27, 1975, the cabin made a



Beacon photos by Brian Soergel

The Log Cabin Visitors Center, pictured today, was moved to its location on Fifth Avenue North in 1975. It was built in the early 1930s.

two-mile trip from the 8500 block of 188th Street SW to the town's center.

Telephone and electrical wire had to be disconnected at every intersection because of the high roof. At the end of the day, the cabin remained overnight at the foot of Maplewood Hill. On Aug. 28, it was set up next to the historic Andrew Carnegie Library, which now houses the Edmonds Historical Museum.

The museum's new home was the site of Edmonds' original City Hall, built in 1902.

On March 16, 1976, attorney Chet Bennett presented the completed project to the City Council. He noted that over 150 citizens and businesses had donated their time, labor, and materials to permanently establish the cabin in its new location.

The next day, Al Kincaid, president of the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, set up new quarters for the Chamber in the "Bicentennial Pioneer" Log Cabin. Formal dedication came July 4, 1976.

Staffed primarily by volunteers, the cabin also housed the part-time executive directors until 1990, when it became the Visitors Information Center, created by the first consortium of the City of Edmonds, the Port of Edmonds, and the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce.

When the cabin was moved, it was not placed on another stone foundation. The bottom logs rotted, as did several others due to the water from the window boxes and

Fundraising for over \$80,000 was begun in earnest. In September 1999, the newly named Ganahl-Hanley Log Cabin was officially added to the Washington Heritage Register, validating its unique history.

In July 2000, construction of a new foundation and roof plus log and floor replacement was underway, finishing the following October.

The grassroots effort was accomplished with the help of hundreds of supporters but, as directed by the City's contract, without City public funds. A plaque inside the cabin lists many of the people and grantors.

The Hanley family and the donors presented the restored Cabin to the City once again in November 2000, just over 25 years after the first time.

Hanley attended the restored dedication with daughters Bronwyn and Molly.

"We would go up to Edmonds every year," said Bronwyn. "We would drive from L.A. with my dad and my mom and my little sister. We would come up in our 1969 Cougar and stay with my Grandpa Lee and Grandma Dorie in Edmonds. And that's where the cabin was, on that (Seaview) property."



An inscription in front of the Log Cabin Visitors Center was placed there in 2001 by the Edmonds-South Snohomish County Historical Society.

leaking gutters. The roof needed replacing by 1995, but the City chose not to repair it.

In August 1998, the Algoma Garden Club, of which Dorie Hanley had been a member, started an effort to restore the cabin. The Save Our Cabin Committee was officially started three months later under the umbrella of the Edmonds-South Snohomish Historical Society.

**Acting career**

After graduating from the University of Washington with a drama degree, Bridget Hanley moved to San Francisco, where she appeared in a production of "Private Lives." That led to a lead role in a touring company of "Under the Yum Yum Tree."

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# AROUNDTOWN

Jan. 1

## Polar Bear Plunge

1 p.m. Brackett's Landing North, Edmonds. The 15th annual event will be held unless new COVID restrictions prohibit large outdoor gatherings. Most meet at the beach, but the diehards march from Daphnes on Main Street. Surprise treat: Daphne, the bar's namesake, will be traveling from New Orleans to join the fun this year as well as the two Edmonds Uplift Society robe raffle winners from the museum fundraiser last year: Michelle Miller and Craig Pape.



Jan. 28

## Breakfast with an Author Fundraiser

7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. The Mukilteo Schools Foundation presents Breakfast with an Author Fundraiser featuring former pilot Arthur Krull, author of "Hijacked," at Mariner High School. The book is a true story about a hijacking in January of 1980. The plane, piloted by Krull, safely arrived in Cuba, hoping the hijacker would get off. But instead he demanded to refuel and be taken to Iran. The flight crew and passengers devised a complicated and risky plan to secretly evacuate passengers. The book describes Krull's life as a civilian, military and commercial pilot, and relates how his wife, Kathy, dealt with his career and especially how she managed their three young boys during the frightening hijacking ordeal. Tickets and information at: <https://mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org/events/>



ONGOING

## Evergreen Arboretum's Holiday Lights

Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens is offering a wonderland of lights, free for everyone to enjoy from 4-8 p.m. every night in December. Evergreen Arboretum is located in Everett's American Legion Park at 145 Alverson Blvd.



## Garden d'Lights at Bellevue Botanical Garden

Garden d'Lights, a holiday display featuring more than half a million sparkling lights in the whimsical shapes of plants, birds, animals, and cascading waterfalls set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden, is open through Dec. 31.

The display is available for view from 4:30-9 p.m., including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve.

Tickets are \$5 per person 11 and older. Children under 10 are free.

Bellevue Botanical Garden is located at 12001 Main St., Bellevue



## The Lights of Christmas presents A Drive-Thru Christmas

The Lights of Christmas presents A Drive-Thru Christmas at the Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center in Stanwood. The event explores the meaning of Christmas through new and classic displays. Snacks and hot beverages, including the always popular hot, fresh mini-donuts will be available as a drive-thru experience. This year there will be a special photo area at the end of the drive-thru route where cars can park and take a selfie at the event.

The Lights of Christmas runs through Jan. 8. Tickets must be purchased online before arrival. More information can be found at [www.TheLightsofChristmas.com](http://www.TheLightsofChristmas.com), or by phone at 800-228-6724, ext. 2282.

## Holiday on the Docks

The annual Holiday on the Docks continues through Jan. 2 at the Edmonds Marina. The guest moorage is filled with boats decked out in holiday decorations. Holiday on the Docks is sponsored by the Port and by the Edmonds Yacht Club.



## Snowflake Lane

Snowflake Lane returns for its 17th annual holiday parade through Dec. 24. The free nightly performance at 7 p.m. features dazzling lights, vibrant floats, snow fall, and a festive production of holiday characters.

Snowflake Lane is set between Bellevue Square and Lincoln Square from NE 4th to NE 8th Streets. The event features falling snow, a colorful light show and

festive floats to sing-along music, appearances by toy drummers, jingle belle dancers, snow princesses, and the arrival of Santa every night.

For more information visit [snowflakelane.com](http://snowflakelane.com).

## Creative brush exhibition

The Rosehill Community Center hosts a creative brush exhibition featuring artists Paulette Hunter, Jennie Jung, Jamie Luce, Hyang Sil Park, and Hyeon-Yeon Hoffer. The exhibition runs through Jan. 26. The Rosehill Community Center is located at 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo. The center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.



Around Town Calendar is also available online at [edmondsbeacon.com](http://edmondsbeacon.com)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Beacon publishes nonprofit events, as space allows, open to the public in local areas. Although some events are now being held in person, many are still virtual on Zoom, Facebook, or other sites. It is recommended to call or email the event ahead of time to make sure a particular event is still happening. Businesses are free to determine whether they will continue to require masks, so be prepared for that as well. Submit calendar events two weeks in advance of Wednesday publication date to The Beacon through mail or online at [edmondsbeacon.com](http://edmondsbeacon.com). Select "Submit events to event calendar."

# Police Beat

Dec. 14

## Questioned authority

Traffic stop for equipment issues results in arrest of driver for refusing to comply with officer. 22200 block Highway 99.

## Make like a leaf

Male trespassed after refusing to leave motel. 23800 block Highway 99.

## Neighborly love

Resident reported debris discarded on their property that originated from neighbor's residence with whom they have an anti-harassment order against. 8200 block Talbot Road.

Dec. 13

## Bite as bad as bark

Resident reported being bitten by neighbor's dog. 22000 block 99th Place W.

## Wakey, wakey

Contact with vehicle occupant slumped over steering wheel results in arrest for DUI. 21700 block 96th Ave. W.

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Sudoku solution on page 5

## Brotherly love

Argument between siblings over one sibling refusing to go to school. 7200 block 213th Place SW.

Dec. 12

## Vehicle found

Unoccupied stolen vehicle located behind closed business. 8100 block 238th St. SW.

## Storage break-in

Storage locker broken into and property stolen. 22500 block 76th Ave. W.

## Can't have it your way

Woman trespassed from fast food restaurant after refusing

to leave multiple times. 7500 block 212th St. SW.

Dec. 11

## Firearm felony

Witness to male yelling at a female reported that the male pointed a firearm at them when told to stop yelling. The suspect was not located. 22500 block Highway 99.

## 3 of a kind

Additional theft suspect related to two suspects already in custody contacted and arrested. 24100 block Highway 99.

## Burglary

Commercial burglary. Vehicle, vehicle keys and electronics stolen. 2400 block 84th Ave. W.

Dec. 10

## Don't just stand there

Loitering complaints. Subject trespassed from business. 21400 block Highway 99.

## Fries to go

Man caused disturbance in restaurant drive-thru, fled recklessly in vehicle when officers arrived. Officer tried to initiate traffic stop, but driver fled again. Vehicle's license plates were subsequently found to be stolen. 7530 block 212th St. SW.

## Bag login

Child's laptop reported stolen from school. 23200 block 100th Ave. W.

## from SWEDISH EDMONDS page 1

does not attract anyone new to come work in our hospitals; instead, we're driving people away. If we had a law for safe staffing, there's a better chance for hospital management to act like safety is important. Safety should be the number one priority in health care."

In new polling released by the WA Safe + Healthy campaign conducted among members of UFCW 21, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, and Washington State Nurses Association – who collectively represent more than 71,000 nurses and other healthcare workers in Washington – 84% of state health-care workers said they feel burned out.

In addition, the poll reports, 49% reported they're likely to leave the healthcare profession in the next few years. Among those who said they were likely to leave, 70% said one of the biggest reasons was short staffing.

The WA Safe + Healthy campaign says the state has faced a staffing shortage for years, but the pandemic further exacerbated long-

standing short-staffing issues. Health-care workers have asked hospital executives for help to make their jobs manageable and to improve safety for healthcare workers and patients, but they've been ignored, it says.

The campaign is calling on lawmakers to:

- Pass safe staffing standards that protect healthcare workers from dangerously high patient loads and create adequate enforcement to ensure hospitals follow them.
- Enforce existing overtime and meal and rest break laws to ensure healthcare workers are getting their legally required break time and end the abuse of mandatory overtime.
- And invest in workforce development to increase the number of healthcare workers entering the field, an important part of addressing the healthcare staffing shortage but only alongside safe staffing standards that also protect them from the massive burnout and unmanageable conditions our healthcare workers are currently facing – and leaving.

Info: [wasafeandhealthy.com](http://wasafeandhealthy.com).

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ous. I think it's a welcoming show of flexibility in these ongoing pandemic times.

Yes, we have a lot of them, but Edmonds has a high volume of restaurants in a small downtown. I am in support of this flexible solution to keep Edmonds from becoming Deadmonds again.

Connie Weintz  
Edmonds

## Disregarding the public's opinions

I'm disappointed that ... councilmembers feel it unimportant to listen to their constituents when we clearly indicated through a City survey and public comments that we want to keep the safer outdoor eating spots in a pandemic that isn't ending.

I can't believe that the council decided to completely disregard our business owners who came to a compromise solution that

see **AND MORE LETTERS** page 10 ►

# Scholarship created for E-W grad Miles Laven

The Laven family has established the Miles Laven Memorial Jazz Scholarship to honor the late jazz musician and composer Miles Laven, the son of Bruce and the late Emily Laven. Laven died Dec. 1 at age 26. He played drums in the Edmonds-Woodway Jazz Band and in various other ensembles during his high

school years from 2009 to 2013 and went on to study at Manhattan School of Music. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from Edmonds-Woodway who shares Miles' passion for jazz and plans to attend a postsecondary institution to study music. Send a check payable to "EWHS Music Boosters." Indicate "In Memory of Miles" on the check. Mail your check to EWHS Music Boosters, PO Box 6215, Edmonds, WA 98026-1001.

# Business owners deliver art supplies to Woodway Center

This fall, Woodway Center opened its doors to serve 168 Edmonds kindergarteners and preschoolers. Some in the community have shown support to this new learning community with a generous donation of art supplies. Recently, ARTspot owner Tracy Felix hand delivered \$1,400 in art supplies to Woodway Center. Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation, Art Start Foundation (Mary Olson, benefactor), and Joyful Art Fund (Sue Robertson, bene-

factor) all chipped in. Felix was able to meet or beat larger chain prices while offering higher quality products that will last longer. "This gift speaks to our mission of supporting art exploration and education in our local schools," said Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation board member Jennie de Mello e Souza. "We are excited to see works from the class of 2034 grace the walls in our student art exhibit at this spring festival."

# New COVID safety guidelines for high contact indoor sports

The Washington State Department of Health is updating its health and safety requirements for high contact indoor sports in the wake of a multi-school, multi-county outbreak. The outbreaks are linked to a series of high school wrestling tournaments held Dec. 4 and are linked to an estimated 200 COVID-19 cases. Genomic sequencing recently confirmed at least three cases are Omicron.

The Department of Health (DOH) is changing the existing guidance by adding the following health and safety measures for all indoor, high-contact sports and activities (basketball, wrestling, and competitive cheer), effective immediately:

- Required testing of all athletes, coaches, trainers, and support personnel, regardless of vaccination status.
- Increased testing frequency to three times per week. Among those screening tests, at least one must occur no sooner than the day before the competition; ideally, and whenever possible, the day of the event.

In addition, DOH is reminding people of existing requirements for all K-12 sporting events that help keep athletes, staff, and families safer when attending these events:

- All indoor event spectators must wear masks and should distance from other families or households to the degree possible.
  - Mask wearing is required among all athletes, coaches, trainers, and support personnel in indoor public spaces except when actively competing.
  - Referees must wear masks except when actively officiated and running.
- "Omicron is a game-changer, but we know layered prevention measures slow the spread of COVID-19 in sports, schools, and communities," said Lacy Fehrenbach, deputy secretary for the COVID-19 response. "Please get vaccinated, boosted, wear a well-fitting mask, and maintain your distance to help our kids stay healthy, stay in the game, and stay in school."
- "Vaccinations, in addition to testing and masking, will help keep our athletes healthy and allow everyone to continue to enjoy sporting events while also limiting the spread of disease," said Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, chief science officer. "Getting a booster will make protection against the omicron variant even stronger."
- The booster vaccine is now available for everyone 16 years and older."

EDMONDS-WOODWAY

## Athlete of the Week

This week's Edmonds Woodway athlete of the week is junior Girls Basketball player Halle Waram. Halle is in her 3rd year of varsity basketball and she is off to a great start this season leading the team in scoring and rebounding. She recorded a double double with 19 points and 15 rebounds in a game vs Kamiak this season. Halle followed that up with 12 points vs Snohomish. Coach Jon Rasmussen says she has been happy with her play this season and expects a big season from her this season. She has a lot of experience and has been a leader for our team all year.

**Halle Waram**  
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MEADOWDALE

## Athlete of the Week

Senior Captain MaKenna Kuecker is getting into the groove of winter basketball. Her coaches credit a tremendous work ethic which includes doing all the little things to make practice and games special. McKenna, as she is called, is a real team player, and that experience extends to both her play for the Mavericks and her outside AAU team. In her spare time Makenna likes to hang out with friends and her two sisters, of which MaKenna is the middle child. At school MaKenna is enjoying her Sports Medicine and Anatomy classes and she hopes to study science in college next fall. That is why MaKenna Kuecker is our Meadowdale High School Athlete of the Week.

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Puzzle by Myles Mellor

**Across**

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5. Refuse
10. Recipe amt.
14. It's often hard to live up to
15. Sound
16. Sea World attraction
17. Middle Eastern ruler
18. Boiled breakfast dish
19. Cultivate
20. Marinara, for one
23. Anklebones
24. Mont Blanc part
25. Fraternity party staple
27. None's opposite
28. Be skittish
32. Veneer
34. Garam \_\_\_\_ (Indian spice mixture)
36. Old Soviet Union
37. Middle-eastern appetizer, with many spellings
40. Wrapped garment
42. Organized protests
43. Coral islands
46. Kosher-style store
47. In the style of

50. Jabber
51. Body part
53. Gun, of a kind
55. Lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, cucumbers and peppers, perhaps
60. Maths term
61. Letter-perfect
62. Drift
63. \_\_\_\_ of Man
64. On and off items
65. Willing to consider new ideas
66. Ophthalmologic concern
67. Eliminate
68. Snug retreat

**Down**

1. Mount in the Cascades
2. Percussion instrument
3. Bee colony
4. Frozen floaters
5. Zoo structure
6. Distress
7. Underground passage
8. Naturally belong
9. Paleontologist's find
10. Vegetarian staple
11. Neither freshwater nor marine

12. Shields
13. Nonstick spray brand
21. Muslim woman's veil
22. Court group
26. Needlefish
29. Red-white-and-blue inits.
30. Periodical publications
31. Checkered
33. Disorder
34. Armor
35. \_\_\_\_ chamber
37. Not in a flowing manner
38. Olive or castor
39. Individual items
40. Articulate
41. Throwback
44. Florida county
45. Lampoon
47. Not even
48. Goes off
49. Passionate
52. Cockpit device
54. Sorkin of "The West Wing"
56. Clarified butter of India
57. Rabbi's rostrum
58. Pool exercise
59. Ultimatum ender
60. Your mother's daughter

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## Valeria Whitehead (Drake): 1955-2021

Valeria Martha Whitehead (Drake) is now at peace and with her precious Lord. She was born and raised in Edmonds and attended Edmonds High School, graduating with honors in 1973.



the center of her personal and family life.

After her marriage to Dale Whitehead, her college sweetheart, they settled in Edmonds. The couple also resided in Bothell, Kingston, Silverdale, and Abingdon, Maryland. She

She was voted the Spirit of Edmonds and joined by her father and mother Lee and Darleen Drake at just about every game and concert. Valeria attended Shoreline Community College for an administrative and secretarial career with extended jobs at Bekins and Farmers New World Life on Mercer Island.

and Dale moved to Ocala, Florida, after his retirement in June 2019 and lived there until she passed away.

She is survived by her husband, Dale; daughters Mandy and Mary; and sisters Jeanette Pike, Susie Kane and Claudia Jennings, with many nieces and nephews. Remembrances can be made to Save the Music Foundation. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Beck's Tribute Center, 405 Fifth Ave. S, Edmonds.

She also sang in two choirs in college, and ended her time there with a memorable voice recital. Valeria absolutely loved music and singing and made that

## Lynn Evelyn Rine: 1957-2021

Lynn Evelyn Rine, 63, of Edmonds, passed away on Dec. 9, 2021, after a long battle with dementia.



incredibly positive attitude. She would give her last dollar to anyone in need. She could see the bright side of any situation, and had the most radiant smile. These last two traits in particular served her well in her later years.

Lynn was born on Dec. 20, 1957, to Earl and Betty Ann Murray in Seattle. She graduated from Edmonds High School in 1976, and Everett Community College in 1996 with a degree in business technology.

Lynn loved to sketch historical figures and was often found reading biographies (she was keenly aware of how tall they were, as she herself was vertically challenged) or studying maps, especially of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

She also enjoyed fried chicken, blue-cheese dressing, and Godzilla movies, often at the same time. She had a green thumb and excelled at growing tomatoes and bamboo ... so much bamboo.

Most notably, Lynn had a caring personality and

Lynn was predeceased by her mother, father, and stepfather Earl Garrison. She is survived by her husband Robert; older brother Mark Murray; younger sister Susan Lippincott; half-brothers James, Jerry, and Norman Murray; half-sister Anned Schwieger; daughters Andris Angell and Alena Shafer; and grandchildren Kaydin, Paige, and Kristopher Lasater and Westley and Isaac Shafer.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Brain Foundation ([www.americabrainfoundation.org](http://www.americabrainfoundation.org)). There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Please visit Lynn's online memorial ([www.never-gone.com/memorials/lynnrine](http://www.never-gone.com/memorials/lynnrine)).

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would solve any serious issues – and just decided to slam restaurants with a \$4,000 fee to be paid immediately.

Clearly the point is to end the streateries and to blame the restaurants that can't afford this ridiculous fee.

*Pam Brisse  
Edmonds*

### Remove the shanties

I was very disappointed in the front page



letter by the DEMA and restaurants with streateries ("Merchants, restaurants: Streateries extension, but with proposals"), Dec. 16.

Why, oh why, can't they depart the scene with grace?

They have served the purpose for what they were intended to provide. I believe it was to help them through the pandemic free of charge. The last administration gave them space on the sidewalk, and now this one has given them the street.

Merchants and restaurants do not just reside on Main Street.

The shanties do not belong.

*Annette Border  
Edmonds*

### And now, not the streateries

It's a good feeling when you are helping support a local business; it's even a better

feeling when that business is helping to support the community.

My friends and I met at Café Louvre the other day for coffee, treats, and catching up with each other.

When we walked in, we saw a decorated Christmas tree, as well as the monthly art, which is always fun to check out. But the best part was all the packages under the tree donated by our wonderful Edmonds citizens, who always seem to step up and help the less fortunate.

We told owner, Haifa, how impressed we were with her community spirit, and how nice the display was.

She then pointed out the ornaments decorating the coffee bar with tags of what people need.

They will be donated to Pathways for Women this year, and she is extending the donation time even after Christmas because they need gifts for kids throughout the year.

So if you think it's too late, it isn't!

I love that we can go to one of our favorite local coffee shops and have the opportunity to donate something to our community and support a local business at the same time.

It's a good feeling!

*Linda Jewell Ross  
Edmonds*

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when an agenda time appeared on the City's website: "There are three councilmembers who would like to amend the recently adopted ordinance extending streateries." The lead on the new agenda item – usually a City staffer – listed Paine.

The councilmembers were not named, but Paine emailed The Beacon late Sunday afternoon to say they were Chen, Fraley-Monillas, and Laura Johnson.

That led one public speaker on Monday, Finis Tupper, to claim the meeting was unlawful, as the wording of the item listed only three councilmembers, and it takes four councilmembers to bring an amendment to vote.

City Attorney Jeff Taraday said, in his opinion, the meeting was indeed legal.

The disputed agenda would have charged restaurants \$2,000 instead of \$4,000 and extended the use of streateries to the end of May instead of the end of April. Restaurants would also be allowed to make monthly payments.

At 5 p.m. Monday – meetings typically begin at 7 p.m. – Councilmembers Diane Buckshnis and Kristiana Johnson were not present for the Zoom meeting. Later on Monday night, Buckshnis said she had a prior commitment and that she and Kristiana Johnson – who could not be reached for comment – would have attended the meeting if held on Tuesday, the usual meeting day.

"I had a long-standing yearly commitment that I could not change," Buckshnis said. "The council president was very aware that I was available on Tuesday and not on Monday. Further, constituents sent me a number of emails that had Twitter feeds on them from councilmembers, and it appeared as though my vote or my presence was not needed. Calling a special meeting on a Saturday night without ample notification to other councilmembers or even checking about their schedules is plain wrong."

Olson initially attended the meeting, but left shortly after public comment, voicing concerns about the meeting's legality.

"Council President Paine told me expressly when she gave me the heads up about the special meeting that she did not call for the meeting – it was already scheduled," Olson said Monday night.

"She told me there were three councilmembers, and she was not one of them. Olson claimed she challenged the issue of there being enough support via email. That was the first time Paine said she was one of the four needed, Olson said.

"I am already a subject of one of Mr. Tupper's lawsuits. From what I know about the facts of this situation, it's not clean enough to feel comfortable. And, regarding Adrienne Fraley Monillas' comment (during



Beacon photo by Brian Soergel

The streatery located outside Engel's Pub on Fifth Avenue South combines indoor and outdoor dining for its patrons.

Monday's meeting), I did not come to this meeting planning to leave it."

Chen was present for most of the meeting – he was one of those calling for a reconsideration – but left after saying he could not vote with three councilmembers absent.

That meant the meeting was over, leaving only Paine, Laura Johnson, and Fraley-Monillas.

(Mayor Mike Nelson was also absent. "I received my booster shot today (Monday) and wasn't feeling very well afterward," he told The Beacon.)

Fraley-Monillas – whose term is up at the end of the year – said the actions Monday night were a purposeful effort to not bring the amendment to a vote.

The convoluted story on how that decision was made – or not made – centers on new Councilmember Chen, who received a quick lesson in Edmonds politics over the weekend on how divided his seatmates stand on much of the legislation they vote on.

Chen is also proving to be a swing vote on issues that have divided the council for much of the past two years.

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Soon after, she signed a contract with Los Angeles agent Hal Gefsky. She became a contract player at the Screen Gems production company and was seen in many TV episodes before landing a role on "Here Come the Brides."

Her other big role came as Wanda Taylor of "Harper Valley PTA" with Barbara Eden. Hanley continued to work in television through the early 1990s with guest spots on many shows, including "The Odd Couple," "Nanny and the Professor," "Welcome Back, Kotter," and others.

While under contract at Screen Gems, she met director E. W. Swackhamer, and they wed in 1969. They had two daughters – Bronwyn and Megan Gefsky – and remained married until Swackhamer's death in 1994.

Hanley remained active in the acting community in her later years.

"She was really well-known in theater

through Theater West in Hollywood," Bronwyn said. "She did quite a bit with them. And she spent a lot of time volunteering with the Actors Fund. So she was really active helping actors and theater."

Bronwyn will especially miss her mom this Christmas.

"At Christmas, she would decorate the

The intent of the streateries

To recap: In August 2020, councilmembers voted to allow streateries in the public right-of-way, typically in parking spaces designed to allow for food and beverage services. The intent of the special-event permit was to help restaurants survive during the coronavirus pandemic when public dining inside was not allowed and takeout was the only option. The ordinance was set to expire Dec. 31.

There was a one-time fee of \$110, with a renewal of \$30.

The City of Edmonds pushed for a six-month extension with no fee, with Mayor Nelson leading the charge. The continuing COVID pandemic – with the new omicron variant now increasing positive tests – was cited as an important driver of the extension.

"Our outdoor dining streateries program has been a resounding success keeping our community safe and our local economy thriving during the pandemic," Nelson said.

"Thanks to the actions of select councilmembers (Thursday) night, our city now has the shameful distinction of charging restaurants the highest permit fee in the nation.

"Our small businesses that were hurt the most will now need to pay the most. This action will have a crippling impact on our downtown."

In addition, a poll of more than 4,100 residents had indicated a slim majority of support for the extension, said Economic Development Director Patrick Doherty. He added that the cities of Anacortes, Bellingham, and Wenatchee have all made streateries permanent.

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