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## Looking back

# E-W grads remember debut of new school

Home of the Warriors celebrates 25 years as another school year opens

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Hundreds of new students entered Edmonds-Woodway High School for the first time this week as freshmen. Twenty-five years ago this month, all students – no matter the grade – entered the brand-new school for the first time, along with principal Alan Weiss.

Here's what the Edmonds Paper – purchased by publisher Paul Archipley that same year (hey, it's our 25-year-anniversary, too!) and later renamed the Edmonds Beacon – reported in its roundup of year-end events:

"Taxpayers in the Edmonds School District got to see the product of their investment – the magnificent new Edmonds-Woodway High School. An open house at the campus at 212th Street SW and 76th Avenue West proved exciting for the public and students.

"The school got something more than a passing grade from principal Alan Weiss, who pronounced it 'just gorgeous.' District

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# PorchFest 2023



Photo courtesy of Matt Hulbert

Grassroots, volunteer-driven event returns for a second year

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What would happen if a musician or group performed on their porches or lawns and people came by to listen?

That's the idea behind PorchFest, a grassroots gathering of musicians and neighbors kick-started in upstate New York in 2007 that quickly spread from coast to coast.

I saw it firsthand last November during a visit to Jacksonville, Florida. The energy was palpable, the crowds responsive, the musicians ranging from intermediate to highly polished.

Liz Morgan saw it too, during a family trip to Cape Cod in August of last year.

"It was really a touching event that was simple and neighborhood-focused," she said this week. "Not over-programmed or engineered, but grassroots and communal."

After returning from Cape Cod, Morgan – who owns FIELD by Morgan & Moss on Main Street – brought up Porchfest during one of the City's Reimagining Neighborhoods and Streets public meetings.

"These meetings had a good mix of residents as well as merchants,"

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Beacon photo by Brian Soergel

Edmonds restaurateur Suzette Jarding plans to open Ristorante Machiavelli by the end of the year.

## Machiavelli to keep tomato bisque on the menu

New owner: "There are so many people who love it so much"

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Let's just get this out of the way before we proceed. There will be tomato bisque at Ristorante Machiavelli, which plans to open this fall in the spot Chanterelle is vacating Sept. 12 after 37 years.

"There are so many people who love it so much," said new owner Suzette Jarding, who purchased all of Chanterelle's recipes – including the famed bisque – from owner Hoa Tran. "I don't want to take that away from people."

Foodies around here already know about Ristorante Machiavelli, a staple on Capitol Hill for 35 years. Jarding purchased the Italian restaurant a decade ago and said she's happy to open a second location in her hometown. She lives in north Edmonds.

"I love the community here," she said. "My husband and I have three daughters who are in the school district. We've always gone to the parade

and the tree-lighting ceremony. I want to be able to be a part of the community and help support those things.

"(Opening a restaurant in Edmonds) has been on my radar for a long time. And this opportunity came up. I'm just so happy to be able to make it happen."

Being a local, Jarding says she's aware of the abundance of restaurants in town specializing in Italian food, including Epulo, Fire & the Feast, Bucatini, Girardi's, Portofino, Kebella's, Romeo's, and Five Bistro.

Jarding points to Ristorante Machiavelli's prices and consistency.

"Our price point has always been pretty low. It's gone up a little bit due to all the changes with the pandemic. We've always had great servers, a very welcoming staff, and our menu doesn't change.

"So it's very consistent as far as what we offer.

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# Verdant offer \$2.992 million in new funding awards

The Verdant Health Commission is investing \$2,992,938 in 19 nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving community health.

The fall 2023 funds were awarded through a competitive application process, which ensures that the funds are being allocated to organizations that have the capacity to serve the community with innovative approaches to addressing community health needs.

Each of the funded projects addresses one or more of Verdant's priorities: Healthcare access, mental health services, and food security.

"We are pleased to invest in organizations that provide needed health services for the residents of South Snohomish County," said Commissioner Karianna Wilson.

On Nov. 1, Verdant will accept applications for the spring 2024 funding cycle.

Among local nonprofits receiving funding:  
South County Fire: \$498,220 (healthcare access)  
Edmonds School District Family Resource Advocate: \$340,000 (food security)

Communities of Color Commission: \$150,000 (mental health)  
Edmonds Senior Center: \$103,560 (healthcare access)  
Edmonds School District Move 60: \$100,000 (mental health)  
Edmonds College Foundation: \$73,500 (food security)  
Support 7: \$47,962 (mental health)

# Community conversation on suicide prevention

The Verdant Health Commission will host "Creating Hope & Resilience: A Community Conversation on Suicide Prevention" Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m to 2:30 p.m. at the Lynnwood Event Center.

The community is invited to a complimentary lunch and discussion of suicide prevention, especially for youth, Native Americans, older adults, veterans, and LGBTQ individuals.

Participants will gain insight into alternatives to suicide and how actions, no matter how big or small, may provide hope to those who are struggling.

The keynote speaker is Kevin Hines, Golden Gate Bridge jump survivor in 2000. Hines now travels the world sharing his story of hope, healing, and recovery while teaching people of all ages the art of wellness and the ability to survive pain with true resilience.

Ashley McGirt-Adair will be the guest speaker. She has been featured in Forbes Magazine and has appeared on MSNBC, Bravo, and OWN.

Due to the nature of the information provided, it is suggested that children in attendance are age 10 and above.

Register at /tinyurl.com/ykadm2u by Thursday, Sept. 14.

# CITY BRIEFS

## Head's up: Roadwork to impact traffic on Main Street

The City is working to complete the final paving and reconstruction of the east decorative concrete crosswalk at Sixth Avenue and Main Street. The contractor anticipates beginning paving Sixth to Durbin Drive Friday, Sept. 8.

The concrete crosswalk at the east leg of Sixth and Main will require a full road closure from Sixth to Durbin while crews prepare, pour, and allow the concrete crosswalk to cure and strengthen.

This closure is expected to last from Monday, Sept. 11, to Friday, Sept. 15, with the crosswalk re-opening to pedestrian and vehicular traffic in advance of the weekend.

This work is weather-dependent and the schedule is subject to change.

Residents can expect the following impacts during construction:

- The Main and Sixth intersection to be open to north, south, and westbound traffic
- No thru-traffic from Sixth to Durbin on Main Street

- Local vehicle access to businesses, driveways, and parking lots up to the intersection will be maintained during work hours
- Sidewalk access will be maintained, but the eastern crosswalk at Sixth and Main will be closed; pedestrian detours will be in place.

Following the reopening of the crosswalk, the contractor will return to the final trench paving of Main between Sixth and Ninth avenues. Once all the road paving is complete, crews will install pavement markings and begin site cleanup and restoration.

The contractor will then move to Maple Street and Ninth Avenue to complete the sewer work.

## Fix It app requests: Pothole, street signs, tree maintenance

Since debuting in July, the City's Fix It Edmonds mobile engagement application has received 120 requests.

There were 86 requests for the Public

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# Amtrak debuts electric bus for Cascades route



Amtrak now has an electric bus for service between Seattle and Bellingham. Photo courtesy of Amtrak

The Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Amtrak are replacing a diesel-powered bus with an electric vehicle on the Amtrak Cascades route.

Daily midday buses provide additional connectivity beyond the morning and evening train service between Seattle and Bellingham. The Cascades Thruway buses also stop in Everett and Mount Vernon and connect with trains heading to and from stations south of Seattle.

As the first-ever EV in the Amtrak National Network, the bus – owned and operated

by MTRWestern – can make the nearly 200-mile roundtrip on one charge.

"At Amtrak, we strive to give our passengers reliable, comfortable, and sustainable travel options," said Amtrak Sustainability Director Kara Oldhouser.

"WSDOT is pleased to be the first in the country to offer electric bus service on an intercity route that's part of Amtrak's National Network," said Washington Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar.

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# Rabies concern: Bat tests positive for disease in Snohomish County

The Snohomish County Health Department is urging all county residents to know and follow preventive measures for rabies after a bat in the Snohomish area tested positive Monday.

Multiple domestic pets were exposed, but there are no known human exposures. The

owner reported that the pets are vaccinated against rabies. Public health staff are following up to verify vaccination status and provide guidance on any other measures that may be needed, such as temporary confinement of pets for monitoring.

Bats are nocturnal pollinators, and most

are harmless. However, like all wild animals, contact with bats should be avoided as they may bite, scratch, and carry diseases. Some bats carry rabies, which is a deadly disease that can spread to humans or other animals through bites and scratches. While only a small percentage of bats in the wild carry rabies, exposures should be taken seriously. Rabies is fatal without preventive treatment.

## Rabies prevention reminders

Humans and pets should avoid close contact with bats. While most bats are harmless, you can't necessarily tell by looking whether

a bat has rabies.

Never handle bats with bare hands. Only capture bats that have had direct contact with a person or pet, or were found in your room after sleeping or in a room with a child who may have had contact. Follow instructions for how to safely capture a bat.

Do not release or dispose of a bat that may have had contact with humans or pets unless you are instructed to by public health. The bat may be needed for rabies testing. Make sure all pets are up to date on

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## GUESTVIEW

# Stand up for libraries on banned books

In Washington and across America, public and school libraries have emerged as the latest battleground in the politically polarized culture war.

Look no farther than rural Columbia County in Washington, where voters this fall are being asked whether to disband the county's only library after a debate on which books were appropriate for young readers.

## GUESTVIEW



BY SARA JONES  
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As the Washington State Librarian, after serving as a professional librarian for 30 years – partly as a children's librarian – in addition to being a reading and English teacher, and a parent, I believe our most vital mission in this milieu is focusing on the consequences of book challenges through a young person and a parent's perspective.

As a young person, the most important book I encountered was "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, which was available in my rural Idaho town's local public and school libraries.

It shaped my life in advocating for social justice and understanding racism. That is why I believe protecting libraries from suppressive movements is a societal

necessity.

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, who oversees the Washington State Library, is crafting several legislative proposals for 2024 to strengthen community libraries' autonomy to provide material from wide-ranging viewpoints without fear of suppression.

A local library's goal is building a collection to broadly represent views and perspectives, in a variety of formats, for a wide range of ages, and with content reviewed for selection by professional sources.

The community also recommends the purchase of books and materials they need.

Here is why they are necessary. Across the last two years, the challenges in multiple states – including Washington – against providing young readers free access to reading material share several commonalities, mostly in their attacks on young-adult titles.

The same books are cited, again and again, in censorship campaigns from Florida to Washington: Maya Angelou's, "The Bluest Eye," about the vilification of Blackness in the United States; American Library Ass-

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## CHEFDEZ

## How to purchase and store apples to prevent rotting

We've all encountered the disappointment of biting into a once-promising apple, only to be met with a mushy, unappetizing surprise. Rotten apples can be quite frustrating, especially when you were looking forward to enjoying a crisp and juicy bite.

Rotten apples are a result of various factors, primarily centered around

improper storage conditions and the natural processes of decay. Here are some key reasons why apples go bad:

**Moisture:** Excess moisture can lead to mold

growth, causing apples to rot from the inside out. If you are washing them prior to putting them in the refrigerator, make sure they are completely dry before doing so.

**Bruises and damage:** Apples with bruises or cuts are more susceptible to rotting, as these areas provide entry points for bacteria and fungi. Make sure you are inspecting apples thoroughly when buying them.

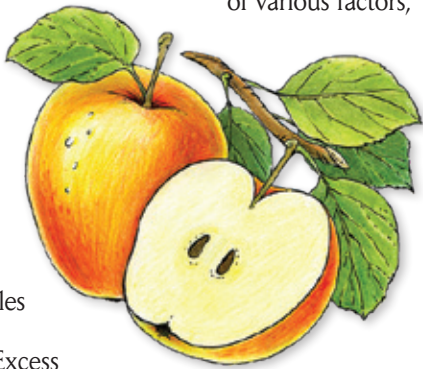
Although this may be a bit difficult if they are in pre-weighed bags with printed advertising, do your best to turn the bag around a few times to examine more thoroughly.

You can also try gently squeezing the apples to see if any give way to your touch as this may be a sign of spoilage. Also look for apples that still have their stem intact.

Apples with no stems could be a sign of maturity, as well as an opportunity for moisture to gather and an advanced opportunity for deterioration to start.

**Air exposure:** Apples exposed to air, especially if the skin is punctured, tend to deteriorate faster due to oxidation. This is the same idea

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## HISTORYFILES

## The mystery of the Chimacum

If you take the ferry from Edmonds to Kingston, and then drive to Port Townsend, you will likely drive through Chimacum on Highway 19.

## HISTORYFILES



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A farm near Chimacum was the source of the story "The Egg and I" by Betty MacDonald. The Egg and I begat several sequels and a number of movies, introducing Ma and Pa Kettle to the world. The road on which her farm was located has been renamed the Egg and I Road.

But Chimacum is also the source of something of a mystery. There was once a Chimacum tribe that lived nearby. Chimacum is an Anglicized form of their actual name, and is spelled at least three different ways depending on the writer. They are gone now.

Exactly what happened isn't clear. Disease certainly took a toll on the Chimacum, but it appears that the Chimacum were finally victims of their neighbors.

The history isn't clear, and, because "history is written by the winners," it may not be accurate. Port Townsend newspaperman, historian, and author Tom Camfield tried to make sense out of it 20 years ago, and didn't come to a firm conclusion. Neither did any of the other sources I checked.

The last Chimacum appear to have been massacred by their Salish neighbors. A leader of the

assault may have been the man for whom Seattle is named. The Chimacum were an awkward fit in that part of the Olympic Peninsula.

They didn't speak the same language as their neighbors. They were somehow related to the Quileute who live on the west side of the Olympic Peninsula, and spoke a similar language.

Some versions of the story say that the Chimacum and Quileute were the original settlers of the land and were engulfed by Salish intruders. Other stories say that they were the intruders.

One story says that the Chimacum were Quileute. A very high tide engulfed their villages for an extended period. That may be a description of a tsunami, and we certainly know that tsunamis hit the Western Washington coast over the centuries.

The Chimacum decided to cross the mountains and settle in a more sheltered area, and over time their dialect changed from that spoken on the other side of the mountains.

Unfortunately the area into which they moved was claimed by the S'Kallam, and perhaps others.

The last stand of the Chimacum may have taken place near the beach where Chimacum Creek empties into Port Townsend Bay. That would make the location like Thermopylae where the Spartans made a last stand against the Persians.

Today a park is at that location. South on the same

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Memories from a former Chanterelle employee

I worked at Chanterelle from 1993-1996 while in high school. Chanterelle taught me so much more than what one would expect from a part-time job in high school. I learned about hard work, creativity, and most importantly, how to bring community together.

The dining room had an antique oak ice chest, gilded framed Renaissance prints, wood tables with matching Windsor oak chairs, and stacks of papers on a tall wood rack: completed crossword puzzles from The Seattle Times and tattered editions of The New Yorker.

The windows would open to Main Street, where one could watch the town's bustle while sipping coffee and listening to "The Girl from Ipanema" in the background.

The food was made with attention to detail, creativity, and hard work. Hours before opening, the dedicated baker would work in the kitchen and create magic.

To name a few popular baked goods adorned in the glass display case: apple spice cake, cinnamon rolls, orange cranberry muffins, oatmeal cookies, chocolate meringue cake, tiramisu, and blackberry crisp.

The breakfasts were homemade with the freshest ingredients, including the clarified butter to fry

potatoes and orange cornmeal waffle batter. When I walked in every weekend morning before my shift to squeeze fresh orange juice, I would smell baked muffins and tomato bisque on the stove with Miles Davis echoing through the empty dining room.

The lunch menu included, to name a few: chicken black bean burritos, chicken quesadillas, and ice water with a semicircle shaped slice of lemon. The dinners rotated specials made with the freshest ingredients: chicken capellini, lamb shank, and salads with toasted hazelnuts.

But what made Chanterelle special and exceptional was the community it served. Regulars would come in from every phase in life to gather and relax.

Stories were shared within its walls, some sad and some happy. Even a moment where I could not find the humble and gracious Dave Grohl from Foo Fighters a table during a busy morning rush.

Community members would meet to share their time with friends over good, quality food and watch the busy world rush by on Main Street.

Each night after closing, the lights would twinkle through the rain-soaked windows as I cleaned every table with care and left inspired by all the people I met.

To me, Chanterelle was more than a restaurant in Edmonds. It was a place where one could find familiar comfort and respite from the outside world.

Wendy Walsh  
Snohomish

# EARTH MATTERS

## Moving forward: Electric vehicles in 2023

You have at least one family member, a neighbor, a friend, or a co-worker who already has one. This year, both production and sales of electric vehicles, EVs, are moving forward.

The state Department of Ecology in July reported that one in six new vehicles sold in Washington are electric.

Washington state is one of seven U.S. states that plans to ban gas-powered passenger vehicles by 2035. For that to happen, battery prices, battery materials, battery range, and battery charging infrastructure will have to improve.

Between 2008 and 2018, the price of batteries for EVs dropped by a stunning 90% – \$1,200 per kilowatt hour (kWh) in 2008 to \$128 by 2018.

That changed when the combination of increased demand, COVID, and supply-chain issues raised prices to \$150 per kWh.

Battery prices have again started to drop. In the U.S., the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides a \$35 kWh tax per credit for batteries that are recycled or manufactured in the U.S. using materials from the U.S.

The IRA has helped infuse \$100 billion in new EV manufacturing plants in the U.S. between Michigan and Georgia, creating what's been called the U.S. Battery Belt.

Battery prices are directly connected to battery materials. Examples of this include the development of solid-state batteries.

Developers believe these batteries will be more powerful, provide greater range, and weigh less because they will take out the liquid content of traditional EV batteries.

Some battery manufacturers are also replacing more costly materials with less expensive abundant materials. Our Next Energy headquartered in Michigan is now manufacturing EV batteries without cobalt.

Their battery pack also uses less lithium, graphite, and nickel. In China, EV maker BYD is introducing vehicles using sodium-ion batteries that don't use lithium at all.

Range continues to be an issue with potential EV buyers. When the Nissan LEAF was first released, its range was 140 miles.

In 2023, 18 EVs were offered with a range of more than 300 miles. The Lucid Air leads all EVs with an estimated range of 500 miles. Several manufacturers are claiming battery technology will provide up to 900 miles on a single charge.

### EARTH MATTERS



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AND MASTERS' DEGREES

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# MOMENT'S NOTICE

## To be fair: The middle of fact and fiction

"To be fair ..." begins many a sentence intended to present the other side of a situation or issue. It is not a phrase we hear much these days, except in jest.

If you have not seen the brilliant Hulu show "Letterkenny," it is worth the watch to see the main characters exaggerate the words in faux British accents to indicate they are not intending to be fair.

(Writer's note: "Letterkenny" is a modern-day Monty Python set in a small, rural Canadian town, and is a tad off-color but so very hilarious.)

It feels like fairness as a concept has become a bit of a joke here in America lately, especially in our political discourse and media production.

To be fair, or to be marked by impartiality and honesty, free from self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism, or even confirming with established rules. What?

The modern view of media is that of a spectrum. There is actually a Media Bias Chart published every year that evaluates not only the left- or right-leaning bias of individual media outlets but also if they actually report facts or contain fabricated information.

At best, the vast majority of the main producers of our "news" these days fall somewhere in the middle of fact and fiction and are deemed as presenting opinions only.

This political divide we are living with is, to a large extent, a result of the chasm between the "realities" being presented by the media on either side.

No, this is not the way it has always been. In the decade following World War II, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was created to ensure radio and television broadcasters presented fair and balanced coverage of controversial issues.

Until then, and at its previous height during the Gilded Age of massive income inequality and political cronyism in the late 1800s, much political and policy-related news was funded by political parties or wealthy corporations.

First, the Radio Act in the 1920s and then the Federal Communications Act in the 1930s required that the free press have "a basic standard of fairness"

and "serve the public interest."

Congress finally made this doctrine of fairness the law in 1959 and obligated licensed media outlets to provide equal airtime for candidates and provide balanced coverage of conflicting views on issues of public importance.

How reassuring to be able to trust the news is offering balanced facts.

What happened? The Reagan Administration brought that to an end in the late 1980s (and yes, to be fair, this column does present a number of reasonable and democracy-supporting policies that were nullified during the 1980s).

It continued to be the law that news outlets needed "to be fair" until 1987 when the FCC under Reagan determined the "Fairness Doctrine", as it was called, should be abandoned because it inhibited free speech by broadcasters.

Until that point, media outlets were required to present the facts around a news story (on both sides) and clearly disclose when an opinion was being presented (as in an editorial column like this one).

And today, in this era of social media overcoming any other form, how can we get back to presenting facts and differing on opinions rather than existing in a world of personal judgment?

I used to start many a sentence with "granted ..." (an effective synonym for "to be fair") when I was about to acknowledge something beyond my assessment of a situation, although not necessarily intending to change my position.

After a while, a favorite colleague, who happened to exist on the other side of the political spectrum, and I would overenunciate the word to use it as a warning that we were about to say something the other would not agree with.

It would start each political discussion off with a laugh and a demonstration of respect for the other, which kept it civil, no matter how deeply we disagreed.

One of the other definitions of fair is "not stormy or foul." What if we could not be foul in our political and media interactions?

I am beginning to worry that it may not have a fair chance at all.

### MOMENT'S NOTICE



BY MARIA MONTALVO  
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ociation's award-winning "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe, about coming out as nonbinary; and "What's the T?" by Juno Dawson, about being a young transgender or nonbinary person.

The stated concerns focus on sex education, gender identity, same-sex parenting, and issues about race and racism, consistently under the cover of being parental rights issue. This is flatly against the central tenets of my

profession.

As librarians, we provide a collection. Individuals and parents make the decision of what to check out.

We may suggest an age recommendation, but we believe the choice belongs with the patron, and that choice should not be made by one community member or a group for everyone in the community.

Personal attacks on librarians have become commonplace as well, including accusations of

grooming or sexualizing children, personal threats suggesting they should lose their jobs, identifying social media accounts, providing personal physical addresses, and even threats of physical harm or violence.

The former director of the Columbia County Rural Library District was personally accused of being a groomer for standing up for the district's library collection. The Walla Walla High School Media Specialist spent 15 months defending the school library against

public outcries for the removal of books, their dismissal, and hostile board meetings.

I have worked with hundreds of library workers in three states, and these attacks are unwarranted, unfair, and patently wrong. In fact, countless stories of librarians supporting children and families represent the truth of their service dedication.

Additional misinformation contends these challenged books are pornographic or obscene, and therefore illegal.

The consistently challenged books come from mainstream publishers and would not meet any legal test as pornographic or obscene.

Young people deserve access to

a wide range of materials, free of charge, and in ways that support discovery and representation of their own experiences and inquiries into who they are and what they want to be.

I ask you to imagine the most important book in your life.

What if you didn't read or couldn't read it because it wasn't in your library or you didn't even have a library?

In a free society, the public library is a cornerstone of democracy. It provides the ability of all citizens to discover and read freely without access to differing viewpoints being suppressed.

Ensuring access to all, and especially to young people, is something we all need to stand up for.

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as a cut slice of apple going brown. **Temperature:** Warm temperatures can accelerate the decay process, making it essential to store apples in cool environments.

Consuming rotten apples is not advisable, as they may contain harmful bacteria and mold that can lead to foodborne illnesses. Eating a rotten apple can cause digestive issues, such as upset stomach, nausea, or diarrhea. To ensure your health and well-being, it's best to avoid consuming any part of a rotten apple.

The best way to prevent rotting apples is through proper storage. Store apples in a cool, dry place, ideally in the refrigerator's crisper drawer. This slows down the ripening process and helps prevent moisture buildup.

Make sure you are also inspecting the apples before storing them.

Examine apples for bruises, cuts, or signs of damage before storing them. Remove any damaged apples to prevent the spread of spoilage and keep them separate from the ones you want to have on hand as snacks.

You can also separate apples from other fruits and berries in your refrigerator. Apples release ethylene gas, which can speed up the ripening of other fruits nearby. Keep them separate to extend their freshness.

If you notice slightly soft or bruised apples, consider using them in recipes like applesauce, smoothies, or baked goods to prevent waste.

While rotten apples can be disappointing, understanding the causes and effects of spoilage can help you make informed decisions about consuming or discarding them.

By taking proper storage precau-

tions and being mindful of their condition, you can enjoy the full potential of fresh, crisp, and delicious apples.

So the next time you reach for an apple, remember these tips to ensure that each bite is a delightful and wholesome experience.

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Sudoku solution								
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### News Tips

The Beacon invites readers to share story tips and ideas. If you see or know of some news deserving of coverage, email Editor Brian Soergel at [edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net](mailto:edmondseditor@yourbeacon.net) or call the newsroom at 425-347-5634 ext. 235.



Photo courtesy of David Ellingson

David Ellingson will speak on "Kayaking Through Climate Change."

## Edmonds Paddle Pilgrim to speak on climate change

The Adopt a Stream Foundation presents "The Headwaters: Kayaking through Climate Change" at 2 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Northwest Stream Center in south Everett.

Paddle Pilgrim David Ellingson of Edmonds will share his chronicles and a short film of a several-week adventure on the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

The program will explore what the river teaches about the environment, native peoples, history, geology, economics, spirituality, and the urgency of renewed stewardship.

After the presentation, participants will be able to go onto the Northwest Stream Center's nature walk.

Reserve a seat by calling 425-316-8592 or visiting <http://www.streamkeeper.org>; \$5 AASF members, \$7 nonmembers.

The Northwest Stream Center is at 600 128th St. SE., Everett. For more information call 425-316-8592 or go to <http://www.streamkeeper.org>.

## 'Inner Healing' event at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Edmonds will host "A Taste of Inner Healing," described as "an event to introduce inner healing and soul healing prayer for those wanting to learn how Jesus can heal past hurts and childhood wounds."

The event, offered by CRA - Restore!, is Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at St. Alban's, 21405 82nd Place West.

There is no cost for the event, and all are welcome to attend.

"Attendees will learn more about inner healing and how Jesus can help them free them from painful past emotional experiences," said Diana Ingle, international president, and CEO of CRA - Restore!

CRA (Christian Renewal Association), was founded by former Edmonds residents the Rev. Dennis Bennett and his wife, Rita Bennett.

Those wishing to attend are encouraged to register for the event at [tinyurl.com/2c9wf4mj](http://tinyurl.com/2c9wf4mj).

For more information: [crarestore.usa@gmail.com](mailto:crarestore.usa@gmail.com).



## 'Harry Potter: Magic at Play' coming to Bellevue

"Harry Potter: Magic at Play" makes its West Coast debut Nov. 10 at The Shops at The Bravern in Bellevue.

It will have "more than 20 touch-points of hands-on magical interactivity including games, exploration, sensory activations and more that celebrate Harry's own journey in discovering the wizarding world," according to a news release.

Timed entry tickets start at \$29 for adults and \$22.50 for children 9 and under. Tickets go on sale on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. at [www.HarryPotterMagicAtPlay.com](http://www.HarryPotterMagicAtPlay.com). The show made its debut in

Chicago.

From the news release: At "Harry Potter: Magic at Play," the journey begins at 4 Privet Drive. Explore the Dursley's living room; step onto a boat and prepare to cross the Great Lake to Hogwarts; discover some of Hogwarts' most beloved classes, mastering "Wingardium Leviosa" and levitating a feather in Charms.

Visitors can also explore the Potions dungeon and fend off a swarm of Cornish Pixies in Defense Against the Dark Arts; practice Quidditch fundamentals; and explore Hagrid's pumpkin patch and traverse the Forbidden Forest.

Tickets for an interactive experience based on "Harry Potter" go on sale this week.

Photo courtesy of Harry Potter: Magic at Play



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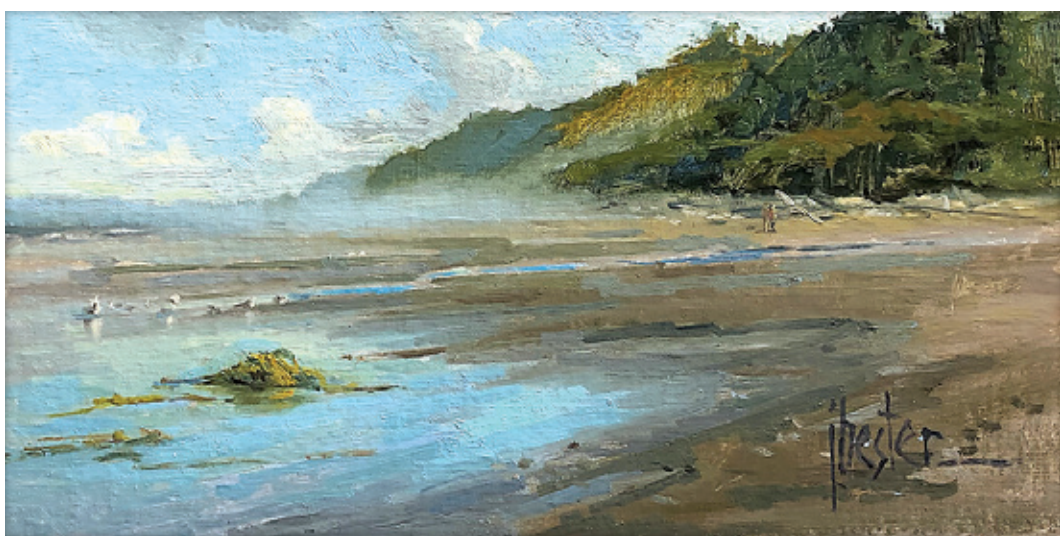
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## Cole Gallery announces plein-air artist winners



Thirty-eight artists participated in the recent Edmonds & Beyond Plein Air Paint Out sponsored by Cole Gallery. "Ninety-two paintings capturing our local urban personality and the natural beauty of our area were selected for display in the gallery," said Cole Gallery owner Denise Cole. Winners were announced Sept. 2 during a reception at the gallery. The gallery also held a three-hour "Quick Draw" where 25 artists produced works that were immediately added to the reception.

The quick draw winner was William Liao,

who traveled from British Columbia for that event. "Hundreds of artists and viewers visited the gallery, marveling over the gorgeous artworks and snatching up painting after painting," said Cole. "Locals streamed in, excited to see the finished products that they had watched being created on the streets of Edmonds and vicinity."

Most of the paintings, even those already purchased, will remain on view through Oct. 2.

Honorable mention prizes of art supplies were awarded to eight artists.



### Winners

**Best in Show (\$1,000)**  
Irina Milton – "100 Years of Solitude," 12-by-16-inch oil (top left)

**2nd Place (\$500)**  
Joyce Hester – "Misty Morning Calling," 6-by-12-inch oil (left)

**3rd Place (\$250)**  
Ron Stocke – "Waiting to Launch," 14-by-7.5-inch watercolor (right)

**Quick Draw (\$250)**  
William Liao – "Morning Saturday," 20-by-16-inch acrylic (above)



# WHAT'S ON TAP? Craft Beer Tasting

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**Sept. 8-10****Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival**

Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mukilteo's biggest event of the year with a parade, food, vendors, beer garden, children's area and more. Info: mukfest.com. Mukilteo Lighthouse Park.

**Sept. 9****Family Storytime**

9-9:45 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and creative activities together as a family to prepare for reading. Edmonds Library Plaza Room, 650 Main St., Edmonds.

**Artist Reception**

1-4 p.m. Gallery North's September art show has Shoreline-based printmaker Hannah Mason. Gallery North, 401 Main St., Edmonds.

**PorchFest Edmonds**

2-6 p.m. Performed in neighborhood yards, porches and business fronts, this event provides a platform for local musicians of all ages and experience to showcase their talents. Info and locations: porchfestedmonds.com

**Saturday Cinema**

2:30 p.m. Saturday Cinema presents "WUSA," a movie screening and conversation. Everett Library-Main Branch, 2702 Hoyt Ave., Everett.

**Sept. 10****Dream Big**

9-11 a.m. Dedicated museum playtime and resources for children and families affected by a close family member currently incarcerated or recently released. Registration required at [www.imagineecm.org/dreambig/](http://www.imagineecm.org/dreambig/). Imagine Children's Museum, 1502 Wall St., Everett.

**Edmonds Classic Car and Moto Show**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Award ceremony at the fountain at 3:30 p.m. Family-friendly event. Info: [edmondsscarshow.com](http://edmondsscarshow.com). Downtown Edmonds.

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said Morgan. "(They) were trying to decide on an event that they could bring downtown that would align with the goals of the reimagining project but be simple enough to be planned in a short period of time."

Morgan's suggestion to try a community festival locally led to last year's inaugural PorchFest Edmonds in November. It returns this year on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 2-6 p.m.

The Lori Hardman Band will kick off the festival at the new Edmonds Community Porch mainstage at the fountain. Third Harbour performs at 3 p.m., Dakota Neuman at 4 p.m., and Nikki & the Fast Times at 5 p.m.

"Last year, we had five weeks to plan and had about 20 musicians hosted by residents and businesses," Morgan said.

"This year, we have doubled in size and have 41 confirmed musicians of all skill levels and genres at 36 locations throughout downtown."

**Sept. 12****Toddler Storytime**

11-11:30 a.m. Jump and bounce together into a world of stories, music, and movements that nurture the desire to read in toddlers. Mukilteo Library, 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo.

**Bike Repair Clinic**

3-6 p.m. Drop by the library for free bike repairs. Volunteer bike mechanics from Sharing Wheels will be on site to repair your bike for you or help you do your own basic repairs. No registration required. Everett Library-Evergreen Branch, 9512 Evergreen Way, Everett.

**DEI Films and Discussions**

5-7:45 p.m. The City of Mukilteo Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission presents a free outreach program to come together and celebrate Mukilteo's diverse landscape. Guests will lead a post-film discussion. Mukilteo Library, 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo.

**Sept. 13****Disaster Preparedness Class**

6-7 p.m. online. Learn how to prepare and care for your family in a disaster in this one-hour training presented by South County Fire. Registration required at [southsnofire.org](http://southsnofire.org).

**Sept. 15****Introduction to Medicare**

10:30 a.m. Entering the world of Medicare, got questions, or considering a change during the upcoming open enrollment? A SHIBA volunteer (trained and certified by the Office of Insurance Commissioner) will cover Medicare basics. Everett Library-Evergreen Branch, 9512 Evergreen Way, Everett.

**Sept. 15-16****Oktoberfest**

Friday, 3-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Put on by the Edmonds Rotary Club. Food trucks, live music, cornhole, pet parade, kids events. Frances Anderson Center, 700 Main St., Edmonds. Info: [edmondsrotary.com/oktoberfest/](http://edmondsrotary.com/oktoberfest/).

**Sept. 16-17****Edmonds Art Studio Tour**

This free, self-guided tour is an opportunity to visit the private studios of local artists in the Edmonds area. Info: [edmondsartstudiotour.com](http://edmondsartstudiotour.com).

**Sept. 19****Slideshow Hiking Tour**

6-7 p.m. View a slideshow hiking tour of Washington's Central Cascades with guidebook author Craig Romano. Craig will introduce you to a diverse array of trails along the Stevens Pass U.S. 2 corridor, the Icicle River Valley, Lake Wenatchee area, Blewett Pass, Wenatchee foothills, lightly hiked Entiat River Valley, and Lake Chelan area including the remote Stehekin Valley. Registration required at 425-493-8202. Mukilteo Library, 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo.

**Sept. 21****Edmonds Stewards Park Talk**

5-6 p.m. Join the Edmonds Stewards to learn more about the history and restoration of the north marsh buffer. This is a free, family friendly talk along the boardwalk where participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the work being done to restore this critical habitat, what makes the Edmonds Marsh so important and unique, and how to identify invasive and native plants within this ecosystem. Harbor Square, 160 W. Dayton St., Edmonds.

**Sept. 21****Art Walk Edmonds**

5-8 p.m. Downtown Edmonds businesses featuring art, artist shows, hand-crafted jewelry, portrait sketches, paintings, poetry, and author events. Printable map at [artwalkedmonds.com](http://artwalkedmonds.com).

**Everett ArtWalk**

5-8 p.m. Third Thursday of the month in downtown Everett. All venues within walking distance of one another. More info: [everettartwalk.org](http://everettartwalk.org).

**Scrabble Fun**

5-9 p.m. Play scrabble on the first and third Thursday of the month. Bring your own set, if possible. All ages and levels welcome. Rosehill Community Center, Fowler Room, 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo.

**Poetry Reading**

6 p.m. Edmonds Bookshop will host a poetry reading with Catherine Kyle (now Catherine Broadwall) in conversation with poet and educator Jeannine Hall Gailey. 111 Fifth Ave. S., Edmonds.

**Sept. 23****Council Chat**

10 a.m.-noon. Councilmember Richard Emery invites you to chat and have coffee with him to discuss your concerns and hopes for Mukilteo. Mukilteo Library Meeting Room, 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Mukilteo.



MORE AROUND TOWN AT [EDMONDSBEACON.COM/CALENDAR](http://EDMONDSBEACON.COM/CALENDAR)

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Beacon publishes FREE events, as space allows, open to the public in Edmonds, Mukilteo, Mill Creek, and surrounding areas. Submit calendar events for consideration two weeks in advance of publication date, online at [edmondsbeacon.com/calendar](http://edmondsbeacon.com/calendar) and select "Submit Event."*

Attendees are welcome to bring food, water, blankets, and chairs to create a street picnic atmosphere.

Another new feature this year is an "acoustic corridor on Fourth Avenue North," with entertainment.

The artwork for 2023 is by local mixed-media artist Martha Traas, who will be signing a limited edition run of posters at the merch table by the fountain.

The dog who is part of PorchFest posters? That's Dixie the dog, who lives on Sunset with her family.

PorchFest 2023 is funded by the City of Edmonds' Reimagining Neighborhoods and Streets program, which encourages people to activate their streets to build community and promote local businesses. This citywide initiative empowers neighborhoods to re-imagine their public spaces.

The next neighborhood event will be Perrieville Palooza on Saturday, Sept. 23.

**Nikki & the Fast Times**

The second edition of the event in Edmonds includes a number of performers throughout Puget Sound, but also one that is becoming well-known around town, as shown by an enthusiastic reception at last month's Taste Edmonds.

That band is Nikki & the Fast Times featuring vocalist Nikki Glaros, an Edmonds resident. The band – with John Glynn AKA Johnny Vegas on guitar, Mark Wilder on keyboards, Steve Szafran on bass, and Scott Ely on drums – performed last month at the chamber's biggest event of the year.

They play their second gig at Salish Sea Boathouse Taproom Sept. 23.

"I've only been with the band for about 18 months now," said Glaros. "They've all been friends with each other for many years and have had a band together under different names for almost a decade now."

The band will be performing at the new mainstage called the Edmonds Community Porch, located at the fountain at Fifth and Main. You might know some of the band's tunes.

"We are an '80s cover band," said Glaros, "covering everything from the Go-Go's to The Cure to Whitesnake."

Glaros is hoping for better weather than last year.

"We got hit with a crazy storm that knocked out power to most of downtown. Nikki & the Fast Times played in the red barn (on Fifth Avenue South) at the end of the day, thanks to the building next door that shared their generated electricity with us."

**Open to all**

PorchFest is a free event for all. Hosts and musicians are not compensated and are volunteering their time and talent, said Morgan.

"We encourage the public to be generous with tipping the musicians during the event," she said. PorchFest merchandise will be available the day of the event at the Main Stage and at Crow on Fourth Avenue North.

Performers do not have to be professional, and amateurs are welcome. Any skill level is encouraged, and Porchfest will work to find performers a place to play.

The PorchFest committee prefers to hear examples of performers' music, along with a description and social media handles, to allow them to better match the artists to the host locations.

This is a no or low amplification event, allowing musicians to be closer in proximity to one another.

Although the majority of performances feature music, PorchFest also houses choruses, spoken-word artists, mini TED-style talks, dance, and more.

Artists must have registered with PorchFest to be on the map, and registration is now closed. But Morgan said community members are still encouraged to host their own musicians in their neighborhoods, regardless of registration.

Although Porchfest is open to anyone in Edmonds, all of the venues are in the Bowl. "The planning of this event was part of the City's Reimagining Neighborhoods and

Streets, and it's my understanding that the City has engaged with or has attempted to engage with multiple neighborhoods," said Morgan.

That includes working with the Highway 99 neighborhood to plan its own event. One neighborhood example was last year's Corner Copia food truck event at Five Corners.

"At this time, given this was a neighbor-driven event, there are no musicians or hosts outside of the Bowl," said Morgan. "Our committee pairs the musicians and the hosts, so it's extremely labor intensive for an all-volunteer team."

"Our hope is that in the future more hosts and musicians will self-select and we can then activate more areas of the city. Wouldn't it be great to have all of Edmonds participate? An evening of music throughout the entire city."

There will be some street closures for PorchFest this year. As it's the day before the Classic Car Show, the same streets that are being closed for the Car Show will also be closed during PorchFest.

Morgan's shop will be hosting two musicians – Brynn Kaas, a local guitar player and vocalist, and the Waddlers, an acoustic band.

"I could talk all day about this amazing event and the best group of volunteers," said Morgan, who added that volunteers are still needed for set and tear down. Register at [tinyurl.com/55ndjt9z](http://tinyurl.com/55ndjt9z).

"Seriously, the volunteers who make up the committee are all a part of the downtown neighborhood in one way or another, merchants and residents. We were strangers last year and through the numerous hours of meetings and planning, are now family."

"We are so excited to share this day of music with our community."

**Resources**

List of performers and venues: [porchfest-edmonds.com](http://porchfest-edmonds.com)

Porchfest story from 2022: [tinyurl.com/2k8jahas](http://tinyurl.com/2k8jahas)

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capital projects administrator Steve Hoyt recalled, 'Planning for the school began in 1989.'

"Total cost (including design, permits and \$2.7 million in sales tax) was \$45.4 million. The 218,000 square-foot will accommodate up to 1,600 students. It occupies the same site as the old Edmonds High School, which reposed there from 1957 until it was closed and student body merged with Woodway High School in 1989..."

**Reader comments**

The Beacon asked for comments from its readers, and they responded on Facebook. Here is a sampling of the comments.

**Mike Marx:** First year there was as a senior in '99. Two things I remember hearing when we moved in:

No lockers as the school was already overcrowded by the time it opened

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It was a beautiful campus!

**Amanda Demmert:** What??? That's depressing. I was a sophomore when it opened! God I feel old! Definitely nicer than the old one. No portables. Lockers would've been nice.

**Paxton Hedges:** I was class of 1999. The only thing I didn't like about the new school is it didn't have an auto shop like the old school did, so we lost Dave Robbins to Meadowdale. David Quinn was our class advisor and a true mentor to many of us. He should have an article of his own. He now continues his good work in New York.

**Joy Badinger Rossiter:** I was a senior in 1999, the first class to graduate from the

new school. I recently went back to "tour" the place and was happy to see our class picture is still first on the wall of graduating classes. "There's Warrior's and those who



Beacon photo by Brian Soergel

Edmonds-Woodway High School opened 25 years ago this month.

wish they were" (or something like that) is still something I can hear principal Weiss saying.

**Laura Lettengarver Angiuli:** Bring back the Edmonds Tigers.

**Jennifer McGowan:** I was a senior the first year it opened. I now have my youngest son heading into his senior year!

**Laura Lindal Bernatek:** I was at Edmonds my first three years, and then our school merged with Woodway on the Woodway campus as they prepared to build the new school on the Edmonds campus. I recall the meetings leading up to it where we talked about what the mascot and colors would be, and the art contest that led to a classmate's design becoming the new emblem. Class of 1991.

**Linda Daley Suman:** Wow! I remember the day they had an open house! 25 years ago!

**Lynda Riddle Gizzi:** We're old! Lol.

**Rashell Marie:** Yes we are! Ugh!

**Annamarie Jordan:** I was the last graduating class of Edmonds High School and was NOT happy it merged with our rival.

**Matt Gardner:** Meadowdale had better-looking cheerleaders.



Photo courtesy of Arutyun Sargsyan

Susie Leavell, senior reentry administrator with the Washington State Department of Corrections, gave the keynote speech at Edmonds College.

# Event to empower justice-involved students at EC

Service providers and those affected by incarceration recently gathered at Edmonds College to discuss how to help those released from jail to succeed on the outside.

The Snohomish County Community Partnership for Transition Solutions (SnoCo CPTS), in partnership with Edmonds College, hosted the 2023 Summer Institute.

The 14th annual event gave EC staff members April Roberts, a reentry education navigator, and Dennis Gibb, a veteran's outreach specialist and Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) navigator, a chance to talk about programs to help justice-involved students to navigate higher education.

"I am honored to have helped bring this event to the Edmonds campus," said Roberts. "I lived a life of addiction for many years and am no stranger to the justice system. The Next Steps program has been on campus for over a decade."

EC has programs that provide formerly incarcerated individuals with academic and mental health counseling, financial assistance, and even a computer if necessary. Edmonds also partners with Monroe Cor-

rectional Complex so individuals can earn their GED, high school diploma, professional certification, or associate degree while incarcerated.

"Our valued partnership with the Department of Corrections allows both parties to truly change lives and provide a second chance to individuals willing to put in the hard work," said Edmonds College President Amit B. Singh.

Gibb, a formerly incarcerated Vietnam veteran, works closely with justice-impacted veterans. He has connected with fellow veterans on campus and those who are currently incarcerated to help them navigate Edmonds's programs.

"Being justice-involved, I know how difficult the journey from incarceration can be," said Gibb. "Meetings like the Summer Institute allow us to share what works and what doesn't and learn about new initiatives to help with the journey. I will always be grateful to Edmonds College for allowing me to pursue this work."

More information: [tinyurl.com/37dbb7mv](https://tinyurl.com/37dbb7mv).

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The new Edmonds Petanque Grove offers ideal terrain for competition.

Photo courtesy of Howard Heflin

# Petanque Food Bank Tournament raises more than \$10K

BY JACK McHENRY  
FOR THE BEACON

On Saturday, Aug. 26, members and guests of the Edmonds Petanque Club raised over \$10,000 in support of the Edmonds Food Bank.

For the 12th year, the club turned its attention to sustaining the important work of this Edmonds institution. Every week, the Edmonds Food Bank serves 700 households, distributing over 125,000 pounds of food monthly.

To accomplish this work, the Food Bank depends on the efforts of 300 volunteers from the community.

On Aug. 26, it was the petanque players' turn to do their part. Forty-eight competi-



Photo courtesy of Ro Verdeja

Peter Wiant of Port Townsend celebrates his victory with a selfie, including Thong Tuang, Tu Tuang, champion Jeff Brann, Jack McHenry, Bob Mazelow, and David Rockwell.

itors on 24 doubles teams faced off in a series of matches.

Starting at 9 a.m., the Petanque Grove at the Edmonds Civic Playfield filled with the sounds of games underway – the rush of petanque boules over gravel and the sharp metallic “clunk” of shots clearing away opponents’ boules.

By late afternoon, Jeff Brann from the

# Lars Hellenen signs with Colorado Rapids 2

Lars Hellenen, who grew up in Edmonds and graduated from King’s High School, has been signed by Colorado Rapids 2 soccer team for the remainder of the 2023 MLS Next Pro league season with a club option for the 2024 season.

“We are excited to add Lars to our roster after his exceptional season in USL League Two,” said Brian Crookham, Rapids 2 general manager, in a news release.

“In his training stint with the club earlier in the year, he demonstrated quality both on the field and in the locker room. Lars is an important addition as we look to finalize the roster ahead of the MLS NEXT Pro playoffs.”

Hellenen comes to Colorado after a title-winning season with Ballard FC. The 24-year-old goalkeeper has spent the past two summers with the club, which recently captured its first-ever USL League Two title Aug. 6 with a 2-1 victory over Lionsbridge FC.

Hellenen was a key player on the championship team, starting all of the team’s five playoff matches, including a starting spot in goal in the 2023 USL League Two Final.

During the 2023 regular season, Hellenen recorded three shutouts and a 1.10 goals-against average in 10 starts en route to Ballard FC’s playoff run.

Hellenen had a collegiate career at Seattle Pacific University, playing five seasons with the Falcons. Hellenen started in all 19



Photo courtesy of Kimberly Hellenen

King’s High School grad Lars Hellenen signed to play soccer for the Colorado Rapids 2.

matches during his most recent collegiate season in 2022, earning First Team All-GNAC honors and a selection as a United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-American.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and master’s in data analytics of business. Throughout his five years, Hellenen played 5,820 minutes in 67 matches (66 starts) and recorded a 1.45 goals-against average.

Seattle Petanque Club and teammate Peter Wiant from the Port Townsend Petanque Alliance emerged as the champions.

Tu Hoang of the Edmonds Petanque Club and his son, Thong Hoang, took second place. EPC members David Rockwell

and Bob Mazelow finished third.

The club appreciates the generous gifts of many individuals who contributed to the fundraiser, as well as corporate sponsor-

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Eben-Ezer Eskinder Sarka is a 6'4" first year member of the Meadowdale Boys' Basketball program and a welcome addition to the Mavs on the hardwood. During the last game before the Winter Break, Eben stepped up when an injured teammate went down and led the team in scoring for the week, including a 13 point performance at home vs. Marysville-Pilchuck. In addition to his efforts on the court, Eben plans to hang out with friends and is working hard on his studies to attend the University of Washington where he would like to study electrical engineering. That is why Eben Sarka is our Meadowdale High School Athlete of the Week.

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# Firefighters to host annual ceremony at 9/11 memorial

Once again, firefighters from South County Fire will host a 9/11 memorial ceremony Monday, Sept. 11, beginning at 9:11 a.m.

It will be held at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Park at Edmonds Fire Station 17, 275 Sixth Ave. N.

The backdrop for the ceremony is the 9/11 memorial built around a 1-ton beam recovered from the collapsed World Trade Center.

The beam is supported by two stainless steel towers above a pentagonal foundation.

Flanking the beam are two walls of glass tiles honoring each of the nearly 3,000 people killed, including 343 firefighters, 60 police, and 10 emergency medical services workers.

The ceremony presented by South County Union Firefighters IAFF Local 1828 will feature the South County Fire Honor Guard and bugler Debbie Dawson, a retired Edmonds Police Department officer.

The guest speaker will again be retired Snohomish County Fire District 1 Capt. Andy Speier, a former New York firefighter who returned immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks to search for his fallen colleagues at Ground Zero.

The 9/11 memorial is built around a 1-ton beam recovered from the collapsed World Trade Center. Edmonds' annual 9/11 memorial ceremony honors those who died.

Beacon photo by Brian Soergel



# Edmonds PD wants you: New recruiting video produced

The Edmonds Police Department has released a new recruiting video in an attempt to attract future applicants. The department has multiple officer and civilian staff positions available.

"We are excited to release this new video as part of our ongoing efforts to recruit top-quality candidates to the Edmonds Police Department," said Chief of Police Michelle Bennett.

"I wanted a video that reflects how proud I am of our department. I want our officers to shine. We believe this video will give potential applicants a great overview of what

it's like to work for our department and why we are a great place to have a career in law enforcement."

The video features current officers discussing the culture, their life experiences, and what it takes to be a successful police officer in Edmonds.

The video also highlights the many benefits of being an Edmonds police officer, such as "a great community to live and work in, a fun, welcoming, rewarding atmosphere, outstanding community support, ongoing

see **RECRUITING VIDEO** page 12 ▶

## POLICE BEAT

**Aug. 29**

**Low blow**

Child's bike stolen off front porch. 8500 block Bowdoin Way.

**ID found**

Credit card and identification found and turned into the police department for safekeeping. 243rd Place/Firdale Ave.

**License to yield**

Traffic stop for no license plates leads to fail to yield. 22400 block Highway 99.

**Aug. 28**

**Woof**

Neighbor dispute over an off leash pupper. 9100 block 189th Place W.

**Am I in trouble**

Adult male booked into Snohomish County Jail for misdemeanor warrant, theft 3, and obstructing a law enforcement officer. 23000 block 100th Ave. W.

**Say what**

Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) utilized to "image" an Airbag Control Module for Monroe PD. 800 block Main St.

**Damp**

Smoldering stump extinguished by helpful citizen. 24100 block 78th Place W.

**Aug. 27**

**Young life**

Three juveniles arrested for assault. Fifth Avenue South/Pine Street.

**Firearm**

Report of a male displaying a firearm to rob a store. 23800 block Highway 99.

**Fraudulent, suspicious**

Report of fraudulent charges on debit card and suspicious deliveries to the victim's residence. 600 block Sixth Ave. N.

**Aug. 26**

**Bored much**

Report of a male breaking a tree pot and moving street signs. 1100 block Sixth Ave. S.

**Point missing**

Two adult males drill the front lock to business, open door, then leave. Nothing stolen or damaged. 24100 block Highway 99.

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# One dead after shooting at Lynndale Park

One person is dead after a shooting at Lynndale Park in Lynnwood, just east of Perrinville.

On Monday, Sept. 3, at about 10 p.m., police responded to shots fired at the park. According to the City of Lynnwood, four

people were involved in a shooting, leaving one dead and two others taken to nearby area hospitals with injuries.

Detectives believe this is an isolated incident and there is no danger to the public.

Those with info can contact Lynnwood PD.

## Consider financial gifts for grandkids



**Deanne V. Bilsborough**  
Financial Advisor

If you have grandchildren, you may want to help them along in life by making some financial gifts — but which ones?

You have several options. For starters, consider a 529 education savings plan, which can be used for college, approved trade school programs, qualified student loan repayments and even some K-12 costs. A 529 plan can offer tax benefits, but the tax issues can be complex, so before investing, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor.

As another possible financial gift, you could contribute to your grandchild's Roth IRA, which also offers tax benefits. The annual contribution limit is generally \$6,500 or the amount of your grandchild's taxable compensation, whichever is less. Still another possibility is a custodial account, which can be a good way to get your grandchildren interested in investing. Be aware, though, that once grandchildren reach the age of termination — usually 18 or 21, they gain full control of the account and can do what they want with the money.

Making financial gifts to your grandchildren can be rewarding — for them and for you. So, consider the possibilities for putting your generosity to work.

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Players from Edmonds, Seattle, Renton, Tacoma, and Port Townsend took part.



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Edmonds' Rich Majer prepares the courts for play.

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ships from local businesses and organizations.

These included Gold Sponsors Comstock Jewelry, Crista Ministries, McDonald McGarry Insurance, North Sound Church, and Rick Steves' Europe, as well as significant donations from the ECA, Housewares, Paktia Pharmacy, Petanque America, Starbucks, Vinbero Restaurant, Trader Joe's, and the Edmonds Beacon.

Interest in petanque is booming in Edmonds with the opening of the new Petanque Grove at the Civic Playfield.

If you would like to know more about this sport, visit the EPC website at edmondspetanqueclub.org.



A screen grab of the new Edmonds PD recruiting video.

Photo courtesy of Edmonds PD

► from **RECRUITING VIDEO** page 11

training and professional development, numerous specialty assignment opportunities, and state-of-the-art equipment."

Multiple officers and staff from the Edmonds Police Department volunteered to work on the project.

The video was produced by Thomas Ackels and staff at Seattle-based Offbeat Films in partnership with Jay Digital Strategies.

"I knew just the right videographer to bring Chief Bennett's vision to life," said Jay Digital Strategies CEO Molly Jay.

"I worked with Thomas Ackels and his team at Offbeat Films previously, and I knew they would showcase the integrity, pride, and personality of the EPD beautifully." The video will be available on the Edmonds Police Department's website and social media channels such as YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

For more information about the Edmonds Police Department and to learn more about

a position, visit the department's information page at [tinyurl.com/2p898rvn](http://tinyurl.com/2p898rvn) or email Commander Josh McClure and Detective Julie Gouvantes at [policecareers@edmondswa.gov](mailto:policecareers@edmondswa.gov). Watch the video: [tinyurl.com/2p898rvn](http://tinyurl.com/2p898rvn).

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We have a huge following for almost all of our dishes. I mean, there's not really anything on the menu that we don't have a following for."

Jarding said the restaurant prides itself on its consistency, with dishes tasting the same as they have in the past.

She also has learned a lot about the restaurant business and working for Machiavelli in particular.

"I've worked there for 25 years and owned it for 10 and a half. It's in my blood."

She started as a host. "I've done everything that there is to do there. At the moment, I'm a line cook."

**CROSSWORD** Puzzle Level: Medium

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- Answers on page 5 Puzzle by Myles Mellor
- Across**
- 1. Parcel of land
  - 5. Bridge option
  - 9. "Ghosts" writer
  - 14. "Psycho" actress Miles
  - 15. SA palm
  - 16. Very in a musical direction
  - 17. Cry out to
  - 18. Game with traps and bunkers
  - 19. Showers
  - 20. Superhero film
  - 23. Mystery author Buchanan
  - 24. Form letters?
  - 25. Treeless plain
  - 29. Military rank, abbr.
  - 30. Municipal facility: Abbr.
  - 33. Clamoring
  - 34. Diamond Head locale
  - 36. Stripped
  - 37. Superhero film
  - 40. Cutlass or Delta 88
  - 41. Hops dryer
  - 42. One who cries "Uncle"
  - 43. Ending for amor (a sherry)
  - 44. Website symbol
  - 45. Lithe
  - 46. Dashboard abbr.
  - 47. Certain Nobel Institute site
  - 49. Romantic psychological thriller
  - 55. Director of "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"
  - 56. Yemen seaport
  - 57. "Unfortunately . . ."
  - 59. Categorize
  - 60. Suckling spot
  - 61. Yankees' Winfield
  - 62. Mass of people
  - 63. Botches
  - 64. Chalcedony
- Down**
- 1. Pipe
  - 2. Detective's need
  - 3. "City of New Orleans" singer Guthrie
  - 4. Barber's supply
  - 5. Buddhist building
  - 6. \_\_\_ squash
  - 7. Dance
  - 8. Sort carefully
  - 9. Bestow
  - 10. Blessings
  - 11. Hit
  - 12. To be, at the Louvre
  - 13. Figures
  - 21. \_\_\_ firma
  - 22. Get ready for use
  - 25. Off-limits
  - 26. Russian range
  - 27. Avoid
  - 28. Grand Coulee and Hoover
  - 29. Barred
  - 30. Bactrian, e.g.
  - 31. Place to build
  - 32. "Cold Mountain" star Zellweger
  - 34. Important office
  - 35. Long-eared beast
  - 36. Cheese on crackers
  - 38. "\_\_\_ Rae" (Sally Field movie)
  - 39. End of a poem
  - 44. Substantiated
  - 45. Pass patterns
  - 46. Extend, in a way
  - 47. Stranger
  - 48. Attack ad, maybe
  - 49. Eye drop
  - 50. Transient
  - 51. Basketball Hall of Famer Archibald
  - 52. Carpentry joint
  - 53. Sparkle
  - 54. Blue shade
  - 55. Corporation type
  - 58. Driver's license datum

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beach is the location of the ghost town of Irondale, a town that may have been bigger than Edmonds and Mukilteo combined 100 years ago. Irondale is gone and the Chi-

macum are gone. The name Irondale lives on in a neighborhood of Port Hadlock, and the name Chimacum lives on in an unincorporated community in the south end of the Quimper Peninsula.

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The Chimacum were gone before Irondale was built and died.

That is what fascinates me about history. Events that were momentous for those who lived them can occur and be forgotten in an instant of historic time, and be completely forgotten by the following generations who have no idea of the history that lies beneath their feet.

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**Behavioral**

Adult male reported to be luring children at the park. He was found to be autistic and was released to family. 600 block Third Ave. S.

**Aug. 25**

**Fangs**

Report of a dog biting a human. 100 block Bell St.

**Ouch**

Male tried to pass a counterfeit bill to store. 22500 block Highway 99.

**Brandishing**

An adult male stole alcohol from a business. He also brandished two weapons at a customer. 23600 block Highway 99.

**Aug. 24**

**Exposé**

Male subject arrested for disorderly conduct and unlawful exposure. 21900 block Highway 99.

**Dine and dash**

Male caused a disturbance at restaurant and exited without paying for his food. Male was not located. 22600 block Highway 99.

**Smile**

Vehicle stolen. Video of suspect taken for evidence. 7000 212th St. SW.

**Aug. 23**

**Prank**

Resident requests juvenile male be trespassed from

residence after a prank. 7200 block 182nd St. SW.

**Loaded**

Backpack with loaded firearm located at residential home. Associated with a stolen vehicle incident from the previous day. 8000 block 236th St. SW.

**Lurk**

Male thought he saw someone outside of his front door when he went to close it around 1 a.m. 22600 block 93rd Place W.

**Aug. 22**

**Fugue**

Report of a lost rental musical instrument. 22900 block 196th Ave. S.

**Tow me**

Motorhome parked on public right of way over 72 hours, overnight, and with expired tabs. 22700 block 76th Ave. S.

**Captcha**

Computer lost while moving. 23223 Highway 99.

**Aug. 21**

**Puede ayudarme**

Reporting party lost their Mexico identification sometime in the last year-and-a-half. 400 block Daley St.

**BBs**

An adult female turned in two realistic looking BB guns for destruction. 600 block Paradise Lane.

**Not clear**

Female reported that she believes that a known subject stole her wallet, but the circumstances surrounding the incident make it unclear if it was stolen or just lost. 22900 block Edmonds Way.

**Aug. 20**

**Bad owner**

Dog found running at large, repeat offenses. 9500 block Edmonds Way.

**Taint**

Male and female believed their drink was drugged at business. 100 block Fifth Ave. S.

**Good assist**

Officer assisted identifying a patient who was unable to remember her name. 21600 block 76th Ave. W.

**Aug. 19**

**Collision**

Adult male transported to hospital after a motorcycle collision. Ninth Ave. North/Caspers St.

**Towed**

Vehicle parked in tow away zone for Edmonds Summer Market – impounded after the owner could not be contacted. 100 Fifth Ave. S.

**Cut off**

Male issued trespass notice from local bar. 100 block Fifth Ave. S.

**Aug. 18**

**Theft at marina**

Adult male has his boat motor stolen from the marina, no suspect information. 300 block Admiral Way.

**Dog eat dog**

Aggressive dog attacks another dog, causing injury to the dog and owner. Case being followed up by Animal Control. 9600 block 234th St. SW.

**Stolen trailer**

A citizen reported their trailer stolen outside of an apartment complex. 7300 block 224th St. SW.

**Aug. 17**

**Nuisance**

A subject who was causing multiple nuisances at a business was trespassed from the property. 100 block Second Ave. S.

**Neighborly**

An unoccupied stolen vehicle was recovered for a neighboring agency. 21900 block Highway 99.

**Surrender**

Adult male surrenders a handgun and rifle to the police department. 200 block Fifth Ave. S.

**Aug. 16**

**Inside the house**

Homeowner believed subject was inside house. Officers search building and did not locate anyone. Homeowner later found a knife next to window. 22300 block 97th Ave. W.

**Copper stolen**

Copper stolen from a cellular site. No suspect information. 9700 block Edmonds Way.

**Rock star**

An unknown subject threw a rock through the window of a business. 8100 block Lake Ballinger Way.

**Aug. 15**

**Harassing**

Male booked into Snohomish County Jail after threatening to break his neighbor's neck. 22700 block 76th Ave. W.

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## Roy Gorud: 1934-2023

Roy William Gorud was born March 4, 1934, in Seattle to Anders and Kaspara Gorud. He graduated from Ballard High School in 1952 and earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Seattle University.



Sunriver, Oregon, and Palm Springs, California.

He volunteered at Northwest Hospital and loved retired life with Page in their town of Edmonds. He was involved with Masons, the Nile Golf Club, and Nile Shriners.

Roy is survived by his daughters Kristi Waldal (Ken) of Snohomish and Kara Lawson (Sean) of Marysville; stepdaughters Lisa Evans (Scott) of Roanoke, Virginia, and Shannon

Kuhn (Mike McCaffrey) of Hermosa Beach, California; and grandchildren Drew and Kari Schroeder, Elyse and Nathan Waldal, and Rachel, Kyle, and Katie Evans.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Gorud (deceased 1996) and second wife, Page Gorud (deceased 2022); his two brothers, John and Steinar Gorud; and two sisters, May Walker and Karin Scovill.

He always said how lucky he was through the course of his life – with his experiences, and with his family and friends. But what he didn't realize was WE were the lucky ones to have him in our lives.

He will be dearly missed.

He was drafted into the Army after college and was stationed in Korea during the Korean War. Once he was discharged, he returned home to the Seattle area and began his teaching career in the Shoreline School District as an elementary and middle school teacher.

While working at Hillwood Elementary, he met his first wife, Barbara Breuer, and they married in June 1965. They raised two daughters, Kristi and Kara. After teaching, he became a high school counselor, predominantly at Shoreline High School, until it closed in 1986. He finished his counseling career at Shorewood High School, retiring in 1992.

After Barbara's passing, Roy met Page Kuhn and they married in May 2001. Roy was an avid golfer and bowler. He enjoyed traveling, especially family vacations in

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New materials are also allowing newer EVs to "fill up" much faster. The electric Chevy Blazer claims it will be able to add a charge of 75 miles in 10 minutes using a fast charger at 190 kW.

While increasing range for EVs will reduce the number of public charging stations needed near major roads in the future, more are needed now. Nearly 90,000 public chargers were available throughout the U.S. in 2023.

The federal infrastructure bill promises to create 500,000 public chargers by 2030. In Washington state, \$127 million for new charging stations will be available through federal and state funds.

While there is a growing interest in EVs, the average price for EVs and vehicles in general is near record levels. Even with a slight drop this year, the average cost of a new vehicle is \$48,000, according to Kelly Blue Book.

The average cost for EVs is more than \$60,000.

When factoring the \$7,500 federal tax credit, the Chevy Bolt will cost about \$20,000. A new Nissan LEAF, Mini Cooper SE, Hyundai Kona Electric, Volkswagen ID4, and Tesla Model 3 are priced under \$40,000.

It is a long road ahead for the full adoption of electric cars and trucks. Looking in the rear-view mirror, however, we can see that we have already covered a great deal of distance.

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Works Department, with 35 labeled as miscellaneous. Potholes and vegetation issues numbered 14, with street signage issues 13.

Residents sent 34 requests to the Parks and Recreation Department. Park and park facility issues were the top requests with 10 each. There were nine regarding tree maintenance.

The app means residents can connect with the city using their smartphone to report issues they may encounter while out in the city.

The City said the platform also simplifies the service request process for staff, allowing them to easily track the issue and communicate a project's status with residents.

The app is available for both iPhone and Android users. From your phone, go to bit.ly/FixItEdmonds.

For laptop and desktop users, an online submission form for Fix It Edmonds is also available on the City's website.

To see the promotional video that ex-

plains how the app works: youtube.com/watch?v=pRhnlOyZVuo.

### Tree Board gets a new member

City Council has approved Councilmember Susan Paine's nomination of Ben Mark to the Tree Board, position 6. According to his application, Mark is a self-employed urban forestry consultant with 20-plus years in local nursery, landscape, and forestry operations.

He has lived in Edmonds since 2005 and has a restoration horticulture degree from Edmonds College.

The Citizens Tree Board encourages the planting, protecting, and maintaining of trees for long-term community benefit.

The Tree Board has an advisory role to the mayor, City Council, and to other boards and commissions.



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# Wreath designers: You could win money

Art Walk Edmonds (AWE) is looking for wreath artists for the 4th Annual Wreath Walk Edmonds.

Created in 2020 as a way for artists to show their creativity during the pandemic, AWE is continuing the tradition of hanging juried, original, artist-designed and decorated wreaths in select storefronts for the downtown Edmonds during the holiday season.

This year, wreaths will be hung Nov. 16 through Dec. 21.

New this year are awards. Art Walk Edmonds will give out monetary rewards for three awards at an award ceremony Dec. 21 for best in show, most unique, and people's choice.

We are looking for artists who think outside the "wreath" and create high quality, novel designs using their own styles and techniques.

All submissions will be juried for acceptance based on the following:

- Wreaths that have an innovative, cre-



Photo courtesy Art Walk Edmonds

A wreath by Brooke Fotheringham for last year's Wreath Walk.

ative theme. (Must be family-friendly and nonpolitical). Wreaths should be unique and need not be holiday-themed.

- Wreaths that have good artistic composition.

- Well-filled wreaths that incorporate high quality, original, artist-created elements.

- Wreath materials must be non-perishable.

## Wreath details

- Wreaths will all be 24 inches in circumference. Art Walk Edmonds will provide the wreath base. Artists will choose either a base of faux evergreen or grapevine.

- Artists who are interested in participating need to apply by Sept. 26.

- Art Walk Edmonds will jury wreath concepts and let artists know if their wreath has been chosen by Sept. 29.

- Art Walk Edmonds will match each artist's wreath with a location in downtown Edmonds for hanging.

- Each approved artist will get a stipend of \$200. (A check will be sent to the artist once their wreath has been hung.)

- Wreaths must be completed and pic-

tures sent to AWE no later than Nov. 10th, and hung no later than Nov. 15.

• AWE encourages the wreath artist to be in attendance for the Nov. 16 and the Dec. 21 Art Walk Edmonds (5-8 p.m.) to talk about their wreath, their artwork, and to help promote the online wreath auction (if the location of their wreath is open during the Art Walks).

• Every wreath will include a biography and contact information for the wreath's artist to be hung by the wreath.

• A picture of the wreath, location, and biography will be included on the Art Walk Edmonds website.

• All wreaths will become the property of Art Walk Edmonds and will be auctioned off during the month they are hanging.

Artists should submit their entries online at [artwalkedmonds.com/wreath-walk-edmonds](http://artwalkedmonds.com/wreath-walk-edmonds). Info: [info@artwalkedmonds.com](mailto:info@artwalkedmonds.com) or 425-298-7947.

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rabies vaccines. Vaccination protects against infection and could save your pet's life if there is an exposure.

If you believe you or a family member has been exposed, contact your healthcare provider immediately.

If you believe your pet has been exposed, contact your veterinarian immediately. Call the Snohomish County Health Department at 425-339-3503 if there has been an exposure in your home.

### Concerning exposures to bats can include:

- a bat bit or scratched a human or pet,
- you found a bat when you woke up, and it was in the room where you were sleeping, or
- you found a bat in the room with a child or someone who has been intoxicated

or otherwise incapacitated.

Statewide, seven other bats have tested positive for rabies so far in 2023, according to the Washington State Department of Health.

Bats often prefer spaces such as attics, barns, outbuildings, or cabins – anywhere dark where there are plenty of insects to eat. When entering or clearing out spaces like these that are infrequently accessed, be aware that bats may be present. Consider wearing gloves, long sleeves, and long pants until you're sure the space is bat-free. Never handle wild animals, including bats. Teach children to watch wild animals from a safe distance without approaching or touching. Encourage children to tell an adult if they find a bat (living or dead) at home or with a pet.

Bat-proofing your home is an important way to keep them out of living and sleeping spaces, as well. Do this by securely installing window screens that are free of holes, cap-

ping chimneys, repairing any holes in siding or roofing, and making sure doors to the outside close fully.

### About rabies

Rabies is a severe viral disease. It infects the central nervous system and is almost always deadly once the virus attacks your body. Preventive treatment is available if you've been bitten or scratched by a bat or other potentially rabid animal. It is important to contact your medical provider right away.

Symptoms normally occur between two and eight weeks after exposure, though the incubation period can vary. Early symptoms include headache, fever, and pain at the bite or scratch site. As the disease progresses, symptoms include agitation, confusion, paralysis, and difficulty swallowing. Without timely preventive care, the disease is typically fatal within days or a few weeks of onset.

More information about bats and rabies is available from the Washington State Department of Health: [www.doh.wa.gov/rabies](http://www.doh.wa.gov/rabies).

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