

Diane Buckshnis should be your 2024 Edmonds Mayor

Diane M. Buckshnis for Edmonds Mayor

WORK EXPERIENCE

CITY OF EDMONDS – Edmonds WA

The structure of Edmonds is a Mayor and City Council. The City Council is charged with implementing policy that can affect the future of our citizenry in regards to land-use, financial clarity, zoning, home occupations and many other issues and items. Since I was appointed to city council in January 2010, I have continued to fulfill my campaign message which was 1) improve financial clarity and transparency; 2) Environmental oversight, education and implementation, and 3) economic development that respects community empowerment. My record reflects a strong voice and consistent change in all these areas. In regards to financial clarity and oversight, policies and procedures were implemented to allow all citizens transparent financial, budgets and budget amendments. In regards to the environment, I have been on the WRIA 8 (Water Resource Area 8) Salmon Recovery Council and have sat on the Salmon Recovery Grant Funding Committee. My greatest accomplishment has been my continued focus on the Edmonds Marsh Estuary Restoration. In 2011, as a new member of the WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council, I was instrumental in getting the “Daylighting of Willow Creek” for Edmonds Marsh restoration onto their priority list. I am also a member of the Puget Sound Partnership Salmon Recovery Council. Here are the consistent programs that I have supported: 1) Edmonds Marsh Estuary Restoration; 2) Complete Streets Programs and Pedestrian Safety; 3) Stormwater upgrades and “Puget Sound Starts Here” educational campaign. 4) Assisted in the creation of the Citizens Tree Board which I was the Council liaison for five years and ended tenure in 2020; 5) Mayors’ Climate Protection Committee which I was the Council liaison for five years and ended my tenure in 2020. In regards to community empowerment and economic development my record reflects issues such as supporting homelessness and public safety regarding issues surrounding homelessness, tenacious regarding zoning changes and the need for updated environmental assessments because of housing stock and density changing in previously zoned areas, retaining the downtown charm and growing the other sub-areas of our City. Mostly, my continued knowledge of municipal finance has helped save our taxpayers millions of dollars and I do listen so as we can retain our healthy community lifestyle.

City Council Position #4: Jan 2010 – present

WRIA – 8 Salmon Recovery Council Representative for Edmonds: March 2010 – present

WRIA – 8 Grant Funding Representative for RCO grants: 2017 – present

Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council: 2018 – present (see link to infrastructure video)

COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC.- Seattle WA

Coastal Environment Systems, Inc. was awarded a \$60 million contract with the United States Air Force to deploy 175 stand-alone weather stations. I wore many hats as program manager such as: creating and structuring deployment timelines, managing the project with various consultants and delegates working on this project, quality assurance, logistics, and manual writing. After the project was up and running, I became the technical writer since the Air Force required specific parameters and guidelines for its tech manual. During my stint with Coastal, I crafted four other manuals on different weather systems. I am part of a published piece on the system and here is the link: [THE 21st CENTURY’S AIRPORT WEATHER REPORTING SYSTEM](#) Patrick L. Kelly, Gary L. Stringer, Eric Tseo, DeLyle M. Ellefson, Michael Lydon and Diane Buckshnis Coastal Environmental Systems, Seattle, Washington

Program Manager/Technical Writer - Air Force Contract: Mar 2001- Aug 2005

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, INC. (IBTCI) - Vienna VA

IBTCI was under contract with U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID) to provide consulting services to Central Banks of post-Soviet countries. Under a developed work plan, I assisted in strengthening their capabilities for regulating banks via introducing new policies and procedures, crafting manuals, consulting with other monetary specialists, and providing on-the job training for examining banks. I was required to complete quarterly performance evaluation of my work and the regulatory environment of the country. During this time, I worked on a part-time basis at both locations.

Project Manager-National Bank of Kazakhstan & National Bank of Lithuania: Oct 1996 - Mar 2001

BARENTS GROUP, LLC. a subsidiary of KPMG - Washington DC

KPMG was under contract with USAID to provide consulting services to the Banking Supervision Department of the National Bank of Lithuania (the Country's regulatory arm). For two years, I was the resident advisor and performed a myriad of duties such as: developing a staff code of ethics for examinations, creating and managing timelines for bank examinations, crafting an inspection manual, providing on-the-job training to a staff of sixteen, assisting the Director with policy issues and rules and regulations that governed the banks, providing bank management with bank summaries and recommendations, and holding seminars for individuals not within the jurisdiction of the Banking Supervision Department. I also closely worked with other delegates of the European Union, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank.

Resident Project Manager - National Bank of Lithuania: Aug 1994 - Oct 1996

OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION - Western Region, San Francisco, CA

As an Examiner IV, I was responsible for running major examinations or was in charge of major areas within the examination such as asset classification or profitability. Traveled extensively and worked on many high profiled examinations in various parts of the country. Technically proficient in all areas of examinations and wrote extensively on most examination reports to force corrective actions by Boards of Directors.

Examiner IV - Certified Federal Thrift Regulator: Aug 1989 - Jul 1994

SECURITY PACIFIC BANK OF OREGON – Portland, OR

Credit Limit was \$13.0 million for approving loans in our real estate group. I assisted in setting up the Relationship Banking Department that targeted the highly profitable and profiled individual who had loans with the real estate group. This entailed crafting various policies and procedures for the newly created group and cold-calling these clients.

First Vice President-Credit Administrator: Real Estate Industries Group: Mar 1989 - Aug 1989

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF SEATTLE - Portland, OR

One week after employment, I began traveling extensively as the industry was in "the savings and loan crisis. I assisted in training individuals on asset classification and how to concisely write loan classifications. I spent most of the first year in Texas examining loans and closing banks under the "Southwest Plan".

Examiner and Senior Examiner: Mar 1986- Mar 1989

AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION: Salt Lake City, UT

Hired as a Senior Auditor but was drafted to work in the corporate offices in Utah so as to establish a credit examination department. I traveled extensively and reviewed all portfolios within all three divisions: Oregon, Utah and Hawaii and crafted reports to assist senior management and the lending staff on understanding the importance of correct documentation and proper underwriting. Once examinations of all commercial portfolios were completed, I was promoted to Compliance Officer and worked on drafting policies and procedures.

Senior Auditor, Credit Examiner, Policy and Compliance Officer: Dec 1984 - Feb 1986

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK OF OREGON - Portland, OR

I was selected as a student under the Work/College Scholarship Program and spent every other year working through each department within the bank. This program was to educate young adults into becoming banking leaders, I was one of their first woman selected for this program. After graduation, I spent three years traveling as an operational auditor and then a credit examiner. I traveled to each branch throughout Oregon and audited their books or reviewed their loan portfolios. I left and became an Assistant Manager of a large branch in downtown Portland and was responsible for commercial and residential loans.

Auditor, Credit Examiner, Loan Officer, all positions in branch banking: Feb 1974 - Jul 1984

V O L U N T E E R

OFF-LEASH AREA – EDMONDS - Edmonds WA

The Off-Leash Area Edmonds is a non-profit corporation that I formed with a group of four volunteers for maintaining and operating the Edmonds off-leash dog area. I patterned the filings off of Seattle's S.O.D.A. which was started for Magnuson's Beach. I completed all corporate filings in order to obtain the IRS 501(c)3 designation. I was responsible or assisted in the corporate filings, financial reporting, membership, website,

quarterly newsletters and implementing fundraiser projects and our Board has grown so my tasks responsibilities have changed over the years and only two of us remain as the founding members. Visit www.olae.org for all the details regarding this wonderful area.

Volunteer Director, Corporate Treasurer: Aug 2005 – 2022

Volunteer Director, Corporate Secretary 2022-present

Newsletter Writer: Winter 2005 - present

EDMONDS SENIOR CENTER (formerly SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER) - Edmonds WA

The South County Senior Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that fulfills a myriad of wonderful programs, meals and socialization for seniors in Edmonds and surrounding area. I was asked to help upgrade the website in 2009 and then was asked to sit on the Finance Committee and assist in the hiring of the Senior Center Director in 2011 and then a new Finance Manager who still remains today. In 2015, I worked with the board on creating a new center concept and strategic plan for the Edmonds Senior Center. In 2015, I was named co-chair with Rose Cantwell of the capital campaign and was instrumental in hiring a capital campaign manager who manages this enormous \$17MM task and the campaign was finally completed in 2022. The beautiful building is complete and now a new chapter unfolds and the campaign manager is now the CEO.

Webmaster: March 2009 – January 2011:

Board Member - January 2009 – 2022

Capital Campaign Co-Chair: 2015-2022

EDMONDS ROTARY (NOON) - Edmonds WA

The Edmonds Rotary does a variety of things that help the community. In 2009, I was given the CASA ad litem project which was to have Rotarians cut and create mittens for gift slips giving to us from Snohomish County's CASA program and then a tree at Harbor Square would have these mittens and folks would select them and then buy a gift and we would take the gift up to the Courthouse. Since then, I have grown the gift giving trees to three locations and we have more than 350 request. In 2021, we started a literacy project in coordination with the Edmonds Book Store and we purchase and provide books to kids in the system that are about diversity and inclusion. In 2018, the Rotary President asked me to take on the management of the Grotto which is the beer and wine garden that is part of the Edmonds Art Festival and I worked through the kinks to now have a wonderful collaboration with the Art Festival for this venue.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Guardian ad litem liaison: Christmas 2009 – Present

CASA/Rotary/Edmonds Book Store Literacy Project: 2021 - present

Edmonds Art Festival – Grotto Manager: June 2018 – June 2021

EDMONDS ART FESTIVAL - Edmonds WA

The Edmonds Art Festival's Directors' primary goals are to plan and implement the large and successfully profitable Edmonds Art Festival (Festival). I was in charge of organizing and running the Wine Bar and Bistro. The Festival donates a portion of its profits to the Edmonds Art Foundation, a 501(c)3 corporation, and the Foundation does a number of things for the community such as providing scholarships to young adults and purchasing art for the community.

Volunteer Director: June 2005 – December 2009

FABRIC OF LIFE - Edmonds WA

Fabric of Life is a 501(c)3 foundation that was formed in 2002 to promote international development. Its primary purpose is to support cooperative development projects that directly impact the quality of life for families in developing countries. The Foundation philosophy is to support partnerships that focus on the cooperative principles of self-help, building financial stability, education, non-discrimination, social responsibility and cooperation among cooperatives.

Retail Volunteer: Feb 2009 – January 2011

E D U C A T I O N

Portland State University, 1979.

Honors graduate, 3.68 of 4.0 GPA.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. Completed Bachelors' Degrees with a full academic scholarship through the U.S. Bancorp's management

program. Numerous classes in all types of banking, regulating, appraising, budgeting, technical writing, creative writing, and some graduate level psychology classes. Numerous interpretive and inter-active web writing classes.