

Proposed changes to north Bowl raise issues

BY CARLY B. DYKES
FOR THE BEACON

Homeowners in Edmonds' north Bowl raised concerns during Tuesday's council meeting about proposed comprehensive plan amendments that could bring developmental changes to the neighborhood.

The so-called North Bowl Hub, one of Edmonds' prime neighborhoods for walkable, mixed-use development, could expand and include taller buildings under the proposed plan. Scott Anderson, a homeowner in the area since 2019, said during public comment that his neighbors are only recently becoming aware of the project.

"A lot of my neighbors don't even know this is going on," Anderson said after speaking during public comment. "We already have somebody diagonal from my property that just sold ... they're talking about clearing, I think it was over 20 trees and building six or more townhomes."

The Edmonds City Council and Planning Board on Tuesday reviewed proposed amendments to the city's 2025 Comprehensive Plan, focusing on zoning and housing changes.

They focused the discussion on expanding the hub's boundaries south of Puget Drive and how potential zoning adjustments, including a three-story height limit with an additional 5 feet under certain conditions, could affect the city's character.

Planning Board members said the revisions would have only a minor effect on overall housing totals. "I think, overall, it would be a minor shift," Edmonds Senior Planner Brad Shipley added. "There wasn't a lot of housing allocated to this hub to begin with."

Councilmember Jenna Nand said she wants to honor Edmonds' century-old legacy as a working community by preserving its historical character. She said the amendments respect that legacy by aligning with Edmonds' responsible housing growth and diverse community.

"We're trying to create housing for people who work, make our community vibrant, and help stabilize our tax base. That is why we're trying to plan for responsible growth here in Edmonds, and that's always been the legacy of this town."

Like Nand, Planning Board chair Lee Hankins said the board's proposed amend-

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'NO KINGS' returns to Edmonds



Photo courtesy Arnold Lund

Thousands packed Civic Park and nearby streets for the second "No Kings" rally Oct. 18, following a similar event June 14 at Civic Center Playfield. The rally, hosted by South Snohomish County Indivisible, was part of more than 2,700 nationwide to protest what they called President Trump's "authoritarian" agenda. Among those appearing were Rick Steves, Sens. Marko Liias and Jesse Salomon, Edmonds Councilmember Chris Eck, Lynnwood Councilmember Josh Binda, and emcee Judi Gladstone.

Council candidates: Where they stand on issues, including Prop. 1

BY BRIAN SOERGEL
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This is the first of a two-part series. Look for part two on Oct. 30.



Chris Eck



Glenda Krull

The Beacon contacted potential elected officials from the City Council for their opinions on three important issues.

Those elected, or reelected, will make legislative decisions for Edmonds over the next four years. Three of the five candidates are running for a council seat for the first time. One candidate, incumbent Will Chen, did not draw an opponent - candidate Jessica Bachman withdrew - but agreed to answer the questions. You can read them in the accompanying sidebar.

Vying for position 1 are incumbent Chris

Eck and newcomer Glenda Krull, featured this week. First-time candidates Erika Barnett and Alex Newman will vie for Position 3 and will be featured next week. Position 3 Council President Neil Tibbott is not running for reelection.

The general election is Nov. 4. Here is the Q&A

POSITION 1

(Chris Eck, Glenda Krull)

Edmonds Beacon: Do you support Proposition 1, the levy lid lift? Why or why not?

Chris Eck: Our residents deserve a city that works for them - providing the services and programs that foster economic growth, opportunity, and healthy living for everyone. Like many cities, we are in a serious, significant deficit.

As the cost of living continues to rise and wages are often stagnant, many of our neighbors are working hard to just get by, making the choice to ask for the levy lid lift that much more difficult.

We worked extensively on the budget this year to cut what we could, and unfor-

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Council candidates: Will Chen responds to our questions

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Incumbent Councilmember Will Chen is not facing an opponent for Position 2 on the City Council. But he agreed to respond to a few questions.

Here is the Q&A.

Edmonds Beacon: Do you support Proposition 1, the levy lid lift? Why or why not?

Will Chen: I do not support the \$14.5 million permanent tax levy; however, I do support the \$6 million permanent tax levy. First of all, it increases property owners' tax rate from \$0.72

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'Cuts with Cops' returns to boost men's health awareness

The Mukilteo Police Department will again team up with Nic's Barbershop this November for its annual "Cuts with Cops" fundraiser – a light-hearted community event where officers (under a pro barber's close supervision) give haircuts to raise awareness and money for men's health, especially prostate cancer research.

The fundraiser takes place from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at Nic's Barbershop, 4704 Pointes Dr., Suite 105, Mukilteo.

Launched in November 2019, "Cuts with Cops" has become a popular, family-friendly stop during Men's Health/Movember season. Officers handle the clippers while licensed barbers stand at each chair for guidance and safety – a format MPD highlights every year. Proceeds and donations support prostate cancer research and broader men's health awareness.

Last year's event featured a full shop and plenty of smiles, with a steady stream of residents dropping by to donate, watch, or snag the "safest haircuts in town."

How to participate

- Book a slot: Call 425-512-8870 (appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome).
- Prefer to donate only? MPD invites residents to stop in and contribute even if they're not getting a cut.



Beacon file photo

Mukilteo Police officer Andy Jones cuts Kai's hair under the supervision of Nic's Barbershop owner Cheri Nicolopoulos during the "Cuts with Cops" event in November 2024.

- Bring the family: Kids and adults are welcome; professional barbers are always on hand.

Why it matters

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers among men, and MPD frames the event around awareness and screening, using the Movember window to spark conversations in a low-pressure setting.

Tips to prepare for fall storms

The City of Everett Public Works offered tips to help community members prepare for and minimize damage from heavy seasonal storms that can cause flooding, tips that are just as relevant in Mukilteo.

What to do now or before a storm

- Identify nearby trees that might fall in a windstorm. If possible, take action to remove them. A professional arborist can help you determine if a tree is likely to fall.
- Avoid piling yard waste like fallen leaves and sticks in your yard, on the sidewalk or in the street where it could wash into City drains. Collect it in a yard waste bin or other container.
- Use a rake or broom to remove leaves and debris from the grates of storm drain catch basins and inlets. Place the collect-

ed material in your yard waste bin or other container.

- Consider reaching out to neighbors who might need help with their yard.
- Extend downspouts at least 4 feet away from your home's foundation. Do not connect downspouts to your side sewer or direct the flow to sidewalks.
- If you have a backwater valve, check to make sure it is working and seated properly.

What to do during a storm

- If an inlet or catch basin grate appears to be blocked by debris, try to safely clear a channel to provide a path for the runoff.
- If you have a backwater valve and there

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Beacon file photo

The Mukilteo ferry terminal will be closing for repairs during midday Jan. 5, 2026.

Midday ferry closures set for Mukilteo terminal repairs

Mukilteo ferry riders should prepare for midday service interruptions early next year as crews begin in-water repairs at the Mukilteo terminal.

Starting Jan. 5, Washington State Ferries will begin work to repair and reposition the terminal's west wing wall, which was damaged during a hard landing in 2022. To complete the work safely, ferry service on the Mukilteo/Clinton route will pause for a four-hour window on nine weekdays while crews bring a crane into the slip and drive piles deeper into the sea floor.

The specific closure dates will be announced next month, but the shutdowns are expected during the first two weeks of January and the first two weeks of February. In between, crews will continue working at night, though pile driving won't take place overnight.

Adjusted sailing times

- On days with midday closures:
 - The last morning sailing from Clinton will depart at 8:30 a.m.
 - The last morning sailing from Mukil-

teo will depart at 9 a.m.

- Service will resume with the 1 p.m. sailing from Clinton and the 1:30 p.m. sailing from Mukilteo.

During nighttime work periods:

- The last sailing from Clinton will be 11:30 p.m.
- The last sailing from Mukilteo will be 12:15 a.m., slightly later than usual.

Timeline and travel options

The project must be completed by Feb. 13, 2026, according to ferry officials. The schedule was refined with community input to avoid major conflicts.

Travelers needing to cross during closure periods are advised to drive around via SR 20 and the Deception Pass Bridge, or travel before or after the closure windows.

Weather and fog could affect the schedule, since marine mammal monitors must have clear visibility to ensure protected species stay clear of the work area.

Washington State Ferries plans to share more details in early November once the final closure dates are confirmed.



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Remembering Margaret Wilcox, a longtime Summer Market volunteer

BY KATIE KELLY
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The passing of Margaret Wilcox on Sept. 11, 2025, has left an indelible mark on the Edmonds community.

Margaret, along with her husband Mike, was instrumental in the success of the Edmonds Historical Museum Summer Market – a market that, after three decades, is considered one of the best in the Pacific Northwest.

For over two decades, they woke up every Saturday from May through October to set up barricades, direct vendor traffic, and make sure the market manager had all the support needed for the day. When the market closed, they would return to do the same, along with other behind-the-scenes duties that kept the market returning each Saturday. All of this work did not stop there.

During the offseason, Margaret was the head of the Market Committee under the auspices of the Edmonds-South Snohomish County Historical Society. Both she and Mike served many years on the museum board, as well. Along with market work, Margaret and Mike volunteered at the Edmonds Historical Museum.

There, they would stop by the museum daily to drop off mail and pick up bulk mailing, check the trash, do light maintenance, and perform other key tasks that supported the small staff.

For over a decade, Margaret also headed the organization's memorial program, responding to donors and family members with handwritten notes.

The Wilcoxes were one of the first people I met when I was hired in 2009. They made me feel welcome and supported throughout my 15 years at the museum. They would stop by daily and ask me about my work, my life – they were genuinely interested in everything I was doing.



Photo courtesy Edmonds Historical Museum
Edmonds Summer Market volunteer Margaret Wilcox passed away Sept. 25 of this year.

If I needed help, they were there. Their selflessness and tireless dedication to history and the community was apparent in every undertaking.

"Margaret and Mike were the kind of volunteers you dreamed of having," said former Edmonds Museum Director Tarin Erickson. "They were helpful in tasks big and small, and they often did the work no one else would have thought to do. But more than that, they really cared – for the museum, for the community, and for me. I felt that, and I know everyone else did, too. I can still see their sweet smiles and hear them laughing. They were a bright spot in my days at the museum."

Said Joni Schinske, another former director: "Mike first started volunteering as an advisor on the exhibit research committee. I met Margaret through him. Little did they both know they would soon become an important part of the fabric of the Edmonds Historical Museum – far beyond exhibit assistance. Mike became

my right-hand man, and Margaret was equally generous, kind, and quietly dedicated. She has left a lasting mark on the organization and all of us who were lucky enough to know her."

When Mike passed in 2017, Margaret scaled back her work as head of the committee, but kept being an integral part of the summer market and museum; her knowledge continued to be indispensable to staff and volunteers.

"When I managed the market's white elephant sales, it was Margaret and Mike greeting me with our respective assignments for the day," said former Summer Market volunteer, Dean Averill.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, the market had to pivot. Margaret was one of the first volunteers to step up and volunteer in any capacity. She dutifully showed up every Saturday until July of this year."

"Margaret represented the heart of the Edmonds Museum Summer Market," said Christina Martin, market manager. "Her laughter and wise guidance will be missed by us all – but it will live on through our market family."

"She gave her time, her energy, and her spirit to help support the mission of the museum and the Summer Market," Joni said. "She did it not for recognition or reward, but because she believed deeply in the value of community. She inspired others to do the same – to give not because we must, but because it matters. She has left us richer – not in possessions, but in spirit. We will remember you always with gratitude and love."

The impact on the community that Margaret and Mike had is irreplaceable, and their legacy will not be forgotten. Every time I walk through the market I will think of them, their generosity and giving spirit."

Katie Kelly was formerly director of the Edmonds Historical Museum.

Looking back and ahead in Edmonds city government

In its "Conversations with Council" series, the Edmonds Civic Roundtable will sponsor a forum with outgoing City Councilmember Neil Tibbott and newly appointed City Administrator Todd Tatum.

It will be held at the Edway Taphouse, 22811 100th Ave. W at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30.

Tibbott, who has served on the council for two terms since 2016, did not seek reelection this year. He will speak about his experiences on the council and look forward to city issues in 2026.

Tatum, formerly director of community, culture and economic development, was recently named City Administrator. He formerly worked for the state Parks and Recreation Commission and served in the armed

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Mattress fundraiser benefits Meadowdale arts and music

Meadowdale's Arts & Music Booster Organization (MAMBO) has its 10th annual mattress fundraiser Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Meadowdale High School.

The Mattress Fundraiser of Seattle (www.goodsleepfundraising.com) will transform the Meadowdale Great Hall into a full mattress showroom for one day only to raise thousands of dollars for Meadowdale's MAMBO. Anything you can get from a mattress store you can get here.

The event includes full warranties, comfort guarantees, financing, delivery, and haul-away options.

Funds raised from this event directly support:

- New instruments and equipment
- Repairing and maintaining existing instruments
- Transportation to and from festivals and competitions
- Guest conductors and teaching artists
- Art supplies and creative classroom projects
- Student exhibitions and performance opportunities

EC Foundation executive director comes from Pike Place Market

Edmonds College has named Lillian Sherman as the new executive director of the Edmonds College Foundation. Sherman brings extensive leadership experience in strategic fundraising and community development to the role, according to a news release.

The foundation provided over \$848,000 in direct support to students and programs in the 2024-2025 academic year, providing access to scholarships, critical emergency assistance, food security, mental health and wellness services, and academic support.

"We were immediately impressed by Lillian's strategic vision and her deep commitment to social impact," said Edmonds College President Amit B. Singh. "She is a proven, innovative leader, and we are confident she will significantly expand our foundation's reach and impact within the community."

Sherman joins Edmonds College after spending 13 years as the executive director of the Pike Place Market Foundation. During her tenure there, she oversaw the significant MarketFront expansion, which included a new public pavilion, expanded retail space, and senior housing. She also

successfully led fundraising efforts for the "Power of Pike Place Recovery" during the COVID-19 pandemic and supported the

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Lillian Sherman

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Answers to last week's crossword

Sudoku solution (Solution for last week's Sudoku)

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~ **Bruce Morse,**
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Suspect arrested for assaulting officer

Mukilteo police responded to more than two dozen calls over the past week, including collisions, suspicious incidents, and domestic disputes. Officers also assisted fire and medical personnel several times and made one arrest for assaulting an officer.

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responded to business where female guest refused to leave.

WARRANT: 900 blk Front St: Male with multiple warrants identified by officers.

Oct. 13

COLLISION: Mukilteo Speedway / Harbour Pointe Blvd SW: Two-vehicle, non-blocking collision.

DV: 2300 blk Mukilteo Speedway: Officers responded to domestic verbal argument; no probable cause; report taken.

FOLLOW UP: 4800 blk 76th St SW: Follow-up to previous property incident.

SUSPICIOUS: 12100 blk Mukilteo Speedway: Civil issue involving company vehicle.

COLLISION: 11000 blk Chennault Beach Rd: Two-vehicle, non-blocking collision.

ALARM: 5900 blk Central Dr: False alarm.

WELFARE CHECK: 8200 blk Mukilteo Speedway: Welfare check, no issues.

ALARM: 8200 blk 44th Ave W: Duress alarm confirmed false.

ASSIST: 5900 blk 117th Pl SW: Officers assisted fire with house fire.

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Photo courtesy Flock Safety

A Flock Safety Falcon automated license plate reader.

Flock camera IDs stolen vehicle, leading to pursuit

BY BEACON STAFF
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Early Saturday morning, just before 3 a.m., a flock camera on Edmonds Way was tripped by a stolen vehicle, a blue Hyundai Elantra.

Moments later, according to Edmonds PD on Facebook, Officer Eka Taumaletia located the vehicle, which was traveling westbound on Edmonds Way with a white sedan.

When the suspects noticed Taumaletia, it sped off. Taumaletia pursued the stolen vehicle, but public safety outweighed the need to continue, and Edmonds officers ended the chase, according to the police.

Those vehicles were later involved in a burglary of a business in another jurisdiction. Based on available information, it's likely the Flock notification and Taumaletia's efforts prevented an Edmonds business from being a crime victim, police say.

The Edmonds PD will work with the other jurisdiction to share information and help support their investigation.

A Flock camera uses AI and license plate recognition to capture vehicle and pedestrian data.



Tips on carbon monoxide safety

Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that can be deadly if undetected. Carbon monoxide can be produced from heating, cooking, vehicle exhaust, or generators. Proper installation, testing, and maintenance of carbon monoxide detectors is essential for preventing carbon monoxide poisoning.

The United States Fire Administration reports that more than 150 deaths are caused by carbon monoxide exposure every year. Last year in Washington state, two individuals were killed by carbon monoxide and over 500 carbon monoxide incidents were reported by fire and emergency medical services agencies.

The State Fire Marshal's Office offers the following safety tips:

- Install carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting of CO devices.
- Install a combination of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Test carbon monoxide detectors at least once a month.
- Replace batteries in battery-operated detectors at least once a year.
- Replace carbon monoxide detectors every five to seven years per the manufacturer's guidelines.
- If your carbon monoxide detector alarms, immediately exit the home and do not re-enter the premises. Once outside, call 911 or your local fire department.
- Never use generators inside homes, garages, or basements.
- If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, seek medical attention immediately.
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GUESTVIEW

Does the City need to bankrupt citizens with high taxes?

The story making the rounds from Mayor Mike Rosen is that the City coffers are empty and it will shut down if a \$14.5 million levy does not pass. But some of these facts might surprise you.

GUESTVIEW



BY DIANE BUCKSHNIS
EDMONDS RESIDENT

Edmonds holds a \$133 million balance sheet, with \$70.9 million in investments. The general fund is under strain, yes, but new revenue streams are emerging, and another financial option exists. For years, total revenues have outpaced inflation. Property taxes – just 28% of the general fund and 12% of the total revenue, dominate the debate while other sources remain overlooked.

Now along comes Proposition 1 after the 2025-2026 biennial budget and six-year capital projects and improvement plans have been balanced, which included a \$6 million levy. Today, Mayor Rosen claims the City needs \$14.5 million, and yet the mid-biennium 2026 update doesn't explain the jump as; like the monthly financials, it is incomplete, missing key strategic forecasting, all assumptions, and all fund balances.

In 2023, Mayor Rosen inherited a \$4.3 million general fund imbalance. It's never been reconciled or noted in the financial statements and remains an unanswered question that had a significant impact to the 2023 fund balance. Transparency has slipped, too, with the \$9.8 million he claimed as budget cuts not being independently verified on the monthly financials or balanced

budget. More importantly, another issue completely ignored is the potential \$15 million in unpaid ground emergency medical transport fees (GEMT) that remain outstanding from the Regional Fire Authority.

This added salt to an already deep wound as the City "gave away" the real estate to two fire stations and an additional \$6 million that should be kept, since all parties signed the regional fire annexation agreement.

Another myth? "Everyone can afford this levy." The truth is that 75% of Edmonds households earn below the city's average income. Proposition 1 would be the second major tax hike in a single year, following the RFA increase, burdening homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

Further, it will escalate into a \$17 million annual permanent levy – about \$95 million over six years – far beyond historic spending levels.

And about those "deep staff cuts" if the levy fails? The current budget authorizes 252 positions, 32 unfilled, projected to rise to 266 by 2026, plus cost-of-living raises. Recent financials show "cuts" are really vacant positions, not layoffs.

Meanwhile, the City is not addressing the \$12.1 million in annual savings caused from RFA annexation or the \$5 million per year in new revenues that the City is projecting. That \$17.1 million could help fund staffing, and if one looks solely at the revenue from the red-light cameras (\$1.6 million in accounts receivable and \$624,000 representing June's revenue) the

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YOU HAVE MY WORD(S)

Growing old is getting old

I have been young for the better part of my life, so now that I'm growing older I have a lot of questions to ask about aging. Perhaps some of my younger and older Edmonds neighbors can help me out by answering a few of my questions.

Google and Wikipedia are usually reliable sources, but now with AI in the mix, I'm less sure about the accuracy of everything I read, hear and write. I've always welcomed and sought advice from elders and family. Hopefully, the following dissertation might even help you younger people get ready for what's ahead.

OK, here goes. Here's somewhat of a conundrum for my older self; should I feel guilty when I take a nap after having lunch? Is it something to worry about, especially if it's becoming a habit? Am I wasting the rest of my life by resting? Although there's some scientific evidence that it's normal, I still feel guilty.

How old is old anyway? Well, like many other things, it depends on many different factors. Your attitude, where you live, your family history, whether you eat a healthy diet, how much exercise you get, how you deal with stress, and pure luck and good fortune. My grandmother, who lived a long, quite sociable life without any social media, always said she was as old as her little finger when anyone had the audacity to ask her how old she was.

Do you happen to believe there's no

school like old school? I certainly do, but that's likely because I'm getting up there in the number of years I've been lucky enough to have lived. I honestly prefer oldies music, movies and TV series of yesteryear compared with what we have now.

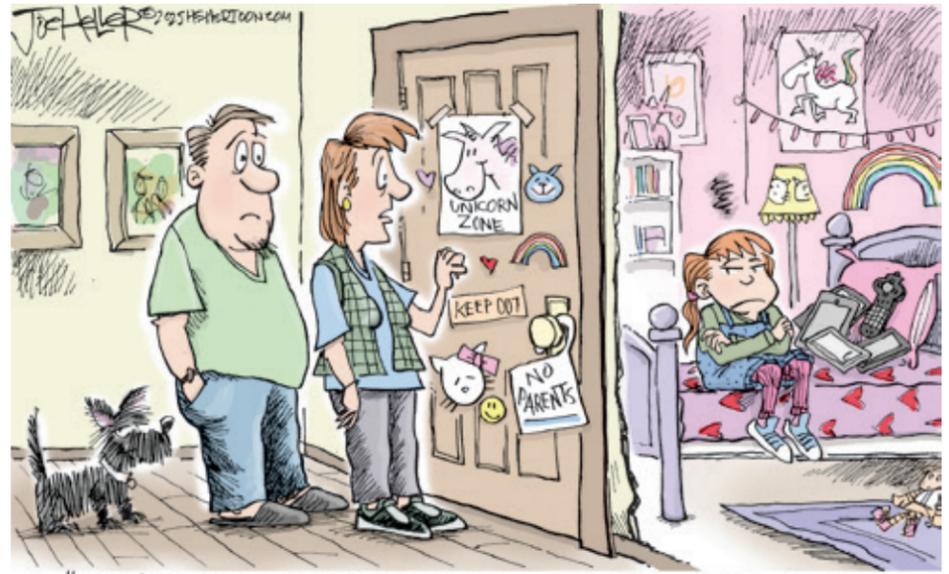
Speaking of years, I don't believe that adage in Hallmark greeting cards that "Age is just a number." That myth was created simply to make older folks feel better about their advanced age. What can you expect from Hallmark? It's a company that loves old people. Old people are Hallmark's bread and butter; those who continue to buy the well-respected institution's greeting cards and watch Hallmark's typically soapy movies.

It goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway. Old age is most definitely not for sissies.

I like simple phones, computers and TVs. Technology is changing faster than most oldies can keep up with, for better or worse, depending on whether you're able to use it effectively. My iMac and iPhone are way more capable than I am.

Moving right along too slowly, with more of my old questions. What time should old people have dinner and go to bed? Since I'm no doctor, I'm inclined to say whenever they damn well want to. But still, I Googled for a more appropriate answer. I found a preventive cardiology dietitian and certified diabetes educator online who recommends trying to eat two to three hours before bed because it helps with digestion, supports better sleep and

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"OK, WE PROMISE TO LIMIT OUR SCREEN TIME AND STOP OBSESSING OVER NEGATIVE HEADLINES... CAN WE HAVE OUR PHONES, TABLETS AND TV REMOTE BACK?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crossword puzzle a highlight of the week

On a lighter note: I want to give a shout out to Edmonds' own Gary Larson for his clever, creative, and whimsical weekly Beacon crossword puzzles. Every week, I look forward to a moment away from time with a cappuccino and his puzzles to take me away. Thanks!

Penné Richman
Edmonds

Editor's note: We love the Bubble Man's creativity, as well. We were especially tickled to see the Beacon and Edmonds included in a few of the clues.

Thanks for article on the marsh

Thank you for your excellent and understandable article about the current status of the marsh and the collaboration between the City and the Edmonds Marsh Estuary Advocates.

Many thanks to the EMEA volunteers who put in countless hours to make this happen!

Nancy Johnson
Edmonds

Crime, increasing population a reason to vote yes on Prop. 1

I will vote yes for Edmonds (Proposition 1) because I am concerned about violent crime. In the past 26 months, the following crimes have happened in or around Edmonds: Grandmother shot dead in random home invasion while children hide in closet (August 2023), Lynndale Park shooting (September 2023) one dead, two wounded. Mail carrier robbed at gunpoint (January 2024). Rideshare driver murdered at Edmonds Way and 236th Street SW (January 2024). Spree of 11 drive-by shootings on Olympic View Drive (July 2024). Fishing Pier shooting (January 2025).

Our police department is at its lowest staffing level since 2015, when we had 48 officers; we have not kept pace with population or violent crime.

Crime respects no city boundaries. And Edmonds is bordered by two communities with higher crime rates: Lynnwood and the southwest area of unincorporated Snohomish County, roughly north of Edmonds to south Everett).

In 2015, the combined population of Edmonds, Lynnwood, and unincorporated southwest Snohomish County was 273,000. Ten years on, the staffing is still 48 officers, despite the fact that the population of these communities has increased by 14%. That's bad enough.

But what really concerns me are 2044 population forecasts detailed in the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan. While Edmonds is only forecast to grow by 13,000 residents in the next 19 years, Lynnwood is forecast to grow by 25,000, and unincorporated Snohomish County by 84,000. In all, by 2044 we can expect

another 153,000 residents among these communities, a 56% increase.

I will vote yes for Edmonds on Proposition 1.

Stephanie MacLachlan
Edmonds

Questions on Prop. 1 tax exemptions for older adults

I would like to correct some misinformation that Tom Mesaros gave in his Oct. 16 Guest View, "Why Prop 1 is needed for Edmonds." He states that "low-income seniors are exempt." That statement is not exactly true.

It is true that if homeowners are over 60 and the household income (in 2025) is \$75,000 or less, they qualify for relief from "excessive taxation." I have been told by some acquainted with this process that it is not so easy and guaranteed. The other group who is entitled to relief from this taxation are homeowners with significant disabilities.

There are plenty of homeowners who don't fit into either of these two categories who won't be able to afford the increase in property tax along with the torrent of other taxes headed our way.

Renters are not protected, because it is the landlord who is taxed, and who will pass it on to the renter through increased rent.

I do not believe that Mesaros meant to deceive, but rather that he was misinformed.

For more information from Snohomish County: tinyurl.com/msd4pwn.

Robert Chaffee
Edmonds

Our environment is counting on you

For good reason, the financial crisis that has hit our city has been widely and publicly debated. No one wants to see our City make drastic staff cuts or reduce much revered community services.

We know that a course correction is required if we are to prevent even more harm from occurring and, regardless of how the City got here, this financial imbalance must be corrected sooner rather than later. As the council has informed us in Resolution 1570, a "no" vote on the \$14.5 million levy lid lift (Proposition 1) will result in even deeper cuts being necessitated.

It is not hard to recognize, therefore, that such actions will have an adverse effect on our environment, an area that our organizations have always worked hard to protect.

We're sure that the risk is not only of concern to us, but also to those of you who value our parks, open spaces, urban forests, creeks and streams, beaches, waterfront, and the Edmonds Marsh. The level of maintenance these areas require is no doubt obvious to any resident who has enjoyed spending recreational time in these beautiful areas.

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tunately had to cut deeper than that. These cuts were done to stabilize our budget in the short term while we work towards long-term solutions – leaving us with the difficult decision of putting the levy lid lift to the voters in order to begin to fill the gap, stop the bleeding, and fully stabilize our budget.

Since my election to the council in November 2023, I've faced this challenge head-on with collaboration, understanding, and leadership. This work is far from done. If reelected, I will continue this hard work and identify diversified forms of revenue to help us build back human services support as well as staff for our parks and other public services.

Glenda Krull: I support responsible funding for essential city services, but I do not support Proposition 1 at the current \$14.5 million level. The amount was not fully vetted by the entire City Council, passing on a 5-2 vote without a clear, itemized explanation of how the money would be used.

Many residents I have spoken with agree that while Edmonds does need a levy lid lift, this proposal is simply too high and too vague.

When we consider the broader picture – rising utility rates, county taxes, and state-mandated fees hitting households in 2026 and beyond – it is clear that this is not the right time for a property tax increase of more than \$90 million over six years. Voters deserve a plan that's transparent, data-driven, and balanced between fiscal needs and residents' ability to pay.

I believe a revised, smaller levy lid lift, closer to the \$6 million annual increase originally discussed, should be brought forward in 2026 after the City conducts a full review of expenditures and priorities.

Beacon: If Proposition 1 fails, what would be your approach to stabilizing the city's finances while maintaining core service levels?

Eck: If it fails, the City Council will be forced to make difficult funding decisions that will directly impact staffing levels at the City and the services we are able to offer. I, along with the rest of the council, voted to create a resolution in June that clearly documents the severe cuts we will make to several programs and departments, such as police, human services (all of it), parks, public works, and more, because we wanted to ensure maximum transparency as we navigate complicated waters.

Whether Proposition 1 fails or passes, the result will not deter my commitment to this city. Proposition 1 will help us further stabilize our financial circumstances; however, to fully address our budget crisis, we will need to think creatively, work collaboratively, and remain focused on ensuring every resident

of our beautiful city has what they need to thrive for generations to come.

I will continue to approach this complex budget crisis transparently and with the level-headedness needed to find real long-term solutions. Passing Proposition 1 is the most advantageous path to stability, and if it doesn't pass, I am prepared to make difficult decisions to ensure our economic security and financial longevity.

Krull: If Proposition 1 fails, we must immediately refocus on disciplined financial management and accountability. The first step is to conduct a full assessment of City spending, line by line, so we can identify inefficiencies, duplication, and areas where resources can be redirected without compromising essential services like public safety, parks, and infrastructure.

We need to rebuild public trust by producing transparent, department-level budgets with measurable outcomes so residents can see exactly how their tax dollars are spent. This transparency will make it easier to prioritize needs over wants and to justify future funding requests.

I believe collaboration is key. City leadership, staff, and the community must work together to explore revenue diversification through responsible economic development, improved permitting efficiency, and stronger business engagement along corridors, like Highway 99, to increase sales tax revenue without placing the burden solely on homeowners.

We need to take a data-driven and transparent approach, so we can stabilize the City's finances, protect vital services, and prepare a smaller, more realistic levy-lid-lift proposal that earns voter confidence.

Beacon: Edmonds has changed, for better or worse, over the past 20 years. Housing is unaffordable for many, expensive restaurants have moved in, parking is scarce, etc. What would you do to help Edmonds keep its small-town charm available to all, or has that ship sailed?

Eck: It's important we have plans for growth and development. Ignoring it won't make it stop. In fact, pretending it won't happen allows for unintended consequences – like displacement of residents, closing of small businesses, and a loss of one major factor that makes Edmonds great.

New restaurants, bars, and cafes have set up shop in Edmonds downtown and along SR 104 at Westgate and Highway 99 in our International District. That's why it's important to retain the charm of our downtown core and waterfront areas, and focus on other parts of our city through smart growth that keeps our residents, affordability, and environment as its focus.

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keeps blood sugar more stable. Her advice is better than mine, I'm pretty sure.

I'm also sure many of you might want to weigh in on the following very important question—can you teach an old dog new tricks? Absolutely, provided you offer him or her bacon. (I'm joking, I'm just kidding, all you dog lovers. I would never ever feed bacon to Eska or Fancy Girl, two of my favorite sweet pups. Or to any animal for that matter.)

As everyone knows, bacon isn't good for animals or people. However, I know bacon does taste good and motivates some older dudes to get off their recliners and occasionally help their wives.

I realize I'm running on too long here. My long-windedness is obviously getting to be quite old. And more than a little tedious, I probably should add. I haven't eaten yet and it's nearing my bedtime.

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City's strategic forecast is half the trending annualized revenues.

Then there's the threat that the Frances Anderson Center and parks will close. This is campaign fear. The adopted budget already includes park investments within a balanced six-year plan. Shortfalls can be resolved if general funds from the internal service funds are reallocated to the main general fund as suggested by citizen James Ogonowski.

This alternative budget proposal provided to both the mayor and council did not see the light of day. History shows

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Should Proposition 1 fail, the Parks Department, which oversees the maintenance of all our city's natural resources, will see its budget reduced by \$1,870,000; however, should it pass, then Parks will receive 22% of available levy funds, which equates to \$3.2 million, and will include support of environmental stewardship.

The impacts of budget cuts have already been keenly felt, and while we know there is much agreement that a long-term strategy be sought to preclude such an eventuality from being repeated in the future should Proposition 1 pass, there will still be time to plan for future solvency.

The question is, will there be time to en-

I abstain. Yes, but why do you abstain?

It doesn't happen often, but councilmembers are allowed to abstain for a vote if desired. That doesn't mean the councilmember is in favor of or against a vote. It just means the did not want to vote, for whatever reason.

At a council meeting this week, councilmembers heard a proposed amendment that directs them to state for the record their reason for abstention. The abstention will be recorded and not included in the vote tally.

Councilmembers approved the Council Rules of Procedure in November 2024. The are to be reviewed in odd years, or as needed. The new rule on abstention, plus others, will be placed on a future consent agenda.

– Beacon Staff

that in 2020, a \$1.5M transfer from the equipment rental fund to the general fund established a legal precedent for such flexibility. Legal then, legal now. Lastly, the Blue-Ribbon Commission has recommended a citizens finance committee to help set a right-sized levy for 2027.

Maybe Edmonds isn't broke after all. Maybe what's missing isn't money – but management.

Former Councilmember Diane Buckshnis is one of three citizens who wrote the opposing argument to Proposition 1, the levy lid lift. Documents relating to this column can be found at dianebuckshnis.com.

sure that no regrettable harm comes to our fragile ecosystem if we fail to provide the needed resources – staff and funding – to continue the environmental stewardship upon which it depends? To curtail future maintenance and environmental projects will not come without risk.

As key environmental organizations in Edmonds and the region, we urge you to vote "yes" on Proposition 1.

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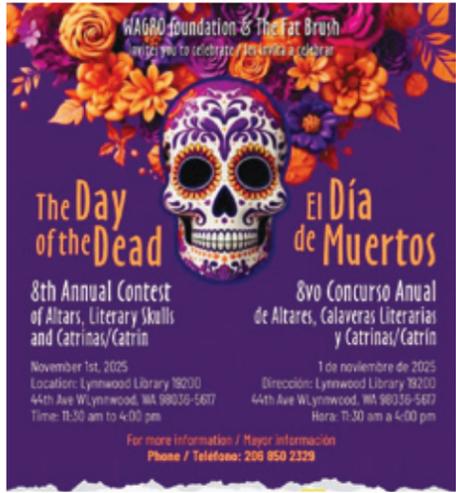
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Day of the Dead has themed art, music, tradition

A free community celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is Friday, Nov. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lynnwood Library, 19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood.

The WAGRO Foundation, in partnership with the Lynnwood Library, the City of Lynnwood, Verdant Health Commission, Community Foundation of Snohomish County and The Fat Brush: Art Workshop



will sponsor the annual cultural event, rooted in one of Mexico's most cherished traditions, honoring the lives of loved ones who have passed away through art, music, food and community.

The event opens with a traditional Aztec ceremony by Danza Azteca Yolihuani, followed by live performances from Orquesta Northwest, directed by Paula Madrigal. Throughout the day, there will be interactive workshops, face painting, educational panels on regional traditions in Mexico, and the children's costume contest "Catrincitas y Catrincitos."

A centerpiece of the celebration will be the Community Altar, or "Ofrenda Comunitaria," where visitors are encouraged to bring photos or small mementos of loved ones to honor their memory.



BOO BASH TO SCARE UP HALLOWEEN FUN

The City of Mukilteo invites families to put on their costumes and join the Halloween festivities at this year's Boo Bash from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Rosehill Community Center.

Hosted by Mukilteo Recreation and Cultural Services, the annual Boo Bash is a free, family-friendly event that offers a safe and festive trick-or-treat experience for children of all ages.

Visitors can collect treats from booths

hosted by city, county and state agencies, schools, nonprofits, faith-based groups, community organizations and local busi-

nesses. In addition to trick-or-treating, the afternoon will include children's games, live entertainment, food stands and trucks, and other surprises to keep the Halloween spirit alive. Costumes are encouraged, and families are welcome to bring

cameras to capture the fun. Free parking will be available in the lower lot of the Rosehill Community Center, as well as along nearby streets.



Mukilteo Orchestra opens season with 'Forest Songs' concert

The Mukilteo Community Orchestra will open its 2024-25 season at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Rosehill Community Center, 304 Lincoln Ave. in Mukilteo. The performance, titled "Forest Songs," is the first concert in the orchestra's "Natural Selections" season.

The program will feature movements from "Pines of Rome" by Ottorino Respighi, "Nocturnes" by Claude Debussy, "Suite from Swan Lake" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and "Tales from the Aviary" by contemporary composer Jordan Jinosko.

The concert will open with the MCO Woodwind Quintet performing "Dance Suite" by Paul Valjean.

Better known as a dancer and choreographer, Valjean wrote this as a student at the Eastman School of Music in 1955; it remains his only known composition and was published in 2000.

The orchestra will then perform three movements from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" — "Opening Scene," "Dance of the Swans" and "Hungarian Folk Dance." Premiering in 1877, "Swan Lake" was Tchaikovsky's first ballet and helped establish his international reputation.

Next on the program is the first movement of Debussy's "Nocturnes," "Clouds," inspired by the painter James McNeill Whistler.

In this work, Debussy avoids clear harmonic form and defined structure, creating an impression of drifting, indefinite shapes in sound.

The concert continues with "Tales from the Aviary" by Jordan Jinosko, a 1994-born American composer whose works draw on nature, mythology and social themes. The piece's three movements — "Entering the Garden," "Hymn to the Birds" and "On the Wing" — reflect Jinosko's concern for bird species threatened by climate change.

The orchestra will close with the final movement of Respighi's "Pines of Rome," "The Pines of the Appian Way." The piece, written in 1924 as a sequel to "Fountains of Rome," evokes the grandeur of the Roman army's triumphant return.

The concert is free and open to the public.

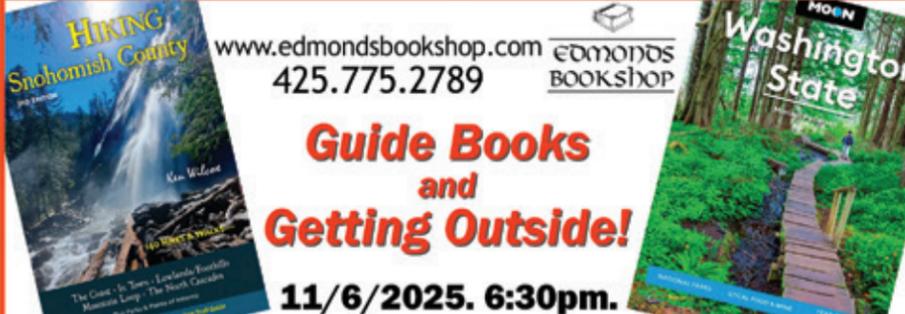
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As usual, downtown business will be offering candy and other assorted treats. More information, map: edmondsschamber.com/halloween

The annual costume contest is getting a new look. The live contest will take place at a new location, Main Street Commons on Sixth Avenue South and Main Street. Registration opens at 5 p.m. New costume categories and times:

- Youth: up to 17, judging from 6-6:15
- Adult: 18 and up, judging from 6:15-6:30
- Family, couples, and groups, judging from 6:30-6:45
- Pets: Judging from 6:45-7
- Best of the night: Winner announced online after event

Registration for the costume contest is free, but required to participate. Registration will be on site.

Oct. 24: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

Rocky Horror is turning 50. Join Edmonds Movie Club and the Edmonds Theater at 8:30 p.m. for a showing of the cult classic film to benefit Edmonds Pride. Dress as your favorite character for the costume contest and join the audience in doing "The Time Warp." \$5 from every ticket sold will benefit Edmonds Pride, as will all funds raised from the raffle. Tickets: tinyurl.com/mry5ucna.

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Oct. 25: Haunted Museum

The spooky makeover, from 7-10 p.m., transforms the Edmonds Historical Museum into a frightening place, with plenty of jump scares. Designed for older audiences (11-plus). Stop by the museum for a night of fright and jump scares from a cast of actors. Donations accepted at the door.

Oct. 31: Haunted Museum

The spooky, family-friendly event from 5-7 p.m. transforms the Edmonds Historical Museum into a less frightening place. Donations accepted at the door.

Oct. 31: "Deadmonds ALIVE!"

Kids all done trick-or-treating? The Halloween afterparty from 7-10 p.m. is presented by Alan Hardwick Productions at the Edmonds Opera House on Dayton Street. Who's Your Daddy performs. Wear your costume as prizes will be given out throughout the evening. Tickets: tinyurl.com/mvwujbpt.



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From 2024: Creepiness abounds at the annual Halloween celebration in downtown Edmonds.





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Ja'elle Jenkins is a senior outside hitter for the Meadowdale High School volleyball team and a multi-year letterman. Her dedication shines through her consistent hard work in practices and games. A true leader among her teammates, Ja'elle gives her all in every single match, playing each one as if it were her last. She consistently makes significant contributions to the team's performance. Ja'elle is this week's Athlete of the Week.

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EDMONDS SCARECROW FESTIVAL: Oct. 25-Nov. 1. While walking, riding, driving around Edmonds, enjoy the large array of scarecrows on display throughout the city. Submit your vote for your favorite on paper at The Edmonds Historical Museum or online at historicedmonds.org/annual-scarecrow-festival/ Edmonds Historical Museum, 118 5th Ave. N., Edmonds.

STORIES AND CRAFTS WITH LIVE MUSIC: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Enjoy live audience interaction with a bit of spooky. Friendly animals, a funny ghoul and fun with Halloween crafts, storytelling, and live cello music. For preschool kids. Edmonds Library, 650 Main St., Edmonds.

SINISTER STORIES WITH CHILLING CELLO: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Enjoy haunting ghost stories from many cultures with cello accompaniment. For teens and tweens, not for children under 12. You can wear Halloween costumes. Edmonds Library, 650 Main St., Edmonds.



TREAT STREET AT EVERGREEN SPEEDWAY: 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Family-friendly Halloween event. Indoor trick-or-treating, fun stations, costume walk-through and contest, photo ops and Drift cars and costumed drivers. Drift games start 7:00 p.m. Evergreen Speedway grandstands, 14405 179th St., Monroe.

SUGAR SKULL WORKSHOP: 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Learn about the traditional Mexican art of making sugar skulls for Día de Muertos. Using the materials provided, you will then make, decorate, and take home your own sugar skull. Suitable for kids aged 6 and up/tweens. Mariner Library, 520 128th St. SW, Everett.

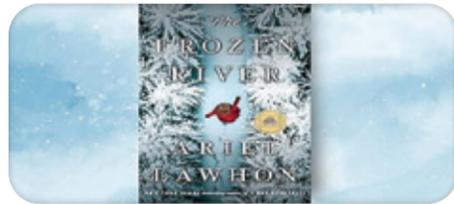
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TRUNK OR TREAT: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Put on your scariest best Halloween costume and head over to the Trunk or Treat bash. There will be candy, coco, coloring activities, witch hat toss and cornhole. Edmonds Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 23525 84th Ave. W., Edmonds.

BOO BASH: 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Bouncy houses, trick-or-treating, a balloon artist, photo booth, cookie decorating, quilting patchwork, face painting, candy and activity booths, food trucks, cotton candy, and root beer floats. Rosehill Community Center, 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo.

Oct. 27

MUKILTEO MONDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Gather the last Monday of every month for book discussions. "The Frozen River," by Ariel Law Hon, will be discussed. For all 2025 book selections: tinyurl.com/26hr7sv9 Mukilteo Library, 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo.



ART'S ALIVE – LA CONNER ARTS FEST: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Enjoy the 40th annual arts festival featuring artists from around the Northwest. This year's featured artist in Edmonds' Andy Eccleshall. 104 Commercial St., La Conner.

CRAFT, CHAT, CHILL: 10:30 a.m.-noon. Monthly English/Spanish bilingual program for adults. Every month is a different craft activity. All supplies provided. Register for space: tinyurl.com/nhamkj9b. Mariner Library, 520 128th St. SW, Everett.

KIDS CONSTRUCTION ZONE: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Mondays through Dec. 15. Come in after school to build, engineer and create. Construct with Legos, Magna-tiles, K'nex and more. Suitable for kids ages 5 years and up. Mariner Library, 520 128th Ave. SW., Everett.

Oct. 29

PROJECT LINUS QUILT MAKING: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Ages 55 and up. Quilters: Make quilts for charities that help local kids in need. New quilters, this is a great opportunity to learn tips and help. Experienced quilters are welcome to join and offer help. Rosehill Community Center, 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo.

Oct. 29

ALTAR ART ADVENTURE: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Drawn and paint altars adorned with a skull with traditional decor. Color pencils, crayons, and markers will be supplied for you to create works celebrating Mexican culture. Mariner Library, 520 128th St. SW, Everett.

Oct. 30

TRUNK OR TREAT – MUKILTEO: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Enjoy outdoors Halloween in Mukilteo. Local businesses and community members line cars up to hand out treats for trick or treaters. Mukilteo Memory Care parking lot, 4686 Pointes Drive, Mukilteo.

Oct. 31

EDMONDS HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Gather with thousands of others for a night of safe trick-or-treating. Costume contests, prizes. Food and beverages from Edmonds establishments along the route. Downtown Edmonds.

TRUNK OR TREAT ON MAIN – MILL CREEK: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This Halloween family event returns to Town Center. Celebrate Halloween on Main Street and go from car-to-car "trunk-or-treating." Bring your bag. No pets. Mill Creek Town Center, 15310 Main St., Mill Creek.



Nov. 1

EDMONDS HOLIDAY MARKET: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The market returns for an 11th season. Saturdays through Dec. 20. Featuring a variety of vendors, offering holiday gifts and specialty items, produce, food, wines, flowers, and seasonal treats. Fifth Avenue North and Bell Street, Edmonds.

KIDS YOGA: 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Learn some basic yoga moves. Bring a blanket or a towel. For kids 4-10 years old. Register for space: tinyurl.com/5x2dvcj Mill Creek Library, 15429 Bothell-Everett Highway, Mill Creek.

NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY: 10:00 a.m.-noon. Help native insects and birds by planting local fauna in your garden. Receive trees, shrubs, and more adapted to our dry summers, so they need no watering once established. Susie Schafer Wildlife & Native Plant Community Garden, 95 Pine St., Edmonds.

Nov. 1

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.. Shop from over 140 local vendors at the annual F.U.N. Committee Holiday Bazaar. Vendors will be selling handcrafted wares, including a variety of holiday and commercial-type items. Mariner High School, 200 120th Ave. W, Everett.

THANKFULNESS – A BASKET FULL: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Join Tulalip Tribes storyteller Lois Landgrebe as she tells tales about a hummingbird, a bear, and a fishhawk. Language activities and drum songs are part of the storytelling. Edmonds Library, 650 Main St., Edmonds.

Nov. 3

WATERCOLOR FOREST – SILVERKITE: 11:00 a.m.-noon. Learn to define a light source while painting watercolors of the forest. Learn abstract methods or realistic ones. For adults. Edmonds Library, 650 Main St., Edmonds.



Ongoing

ART WALK EDMONDS: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Third Thursday of the month. Businesses featuring art, artist shows, hand-crafted jewelry, portrait sketches, paintings, poetry, and author events. Printable map at artwalkedmonds.com. Downtown Edmonds.

PARTY BRIDGE: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Every Tuesday through Nov. 25, brush up on your Bridge skills playing this form of the game. Bring your own snacks and beverage. Ages 55 and up. Rosehill Community Center, 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo.

COFFEE SOCIAL ON WEDNESDAYS: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., come visit every Wednesday for coffee, snack and chats. Ages 55 and up. Christiansen Room, Rosehill Community Center, 304 Lincoln Ave., Mukilteo.

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY – MILL CREEK: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Every Fri. Create with LEGO. Build on your own or with friends and family. All materials provided. Drop-in program for ages 5 years and up. Mill Creek Library, 15429 Bothell Everett Hwy, Mill Creek.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Beacon publishes FREE events, open to the public in Edmonds, Mukilteo, Mill Creek, and some surrounding areas. Submit events for consideration online at mukilteobeacon.com/calendar or edmondsbeacon.com/calendar and select "Post an Event."

MUKILTEO CONNECTION

Fowler pear tree



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Downed trees are major issues and life threatening hazards during fall storms in our area.

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has been heavy rainfall in a short period of time, wait 10-15 minutes after the rain subsides before using water fixtures (toilets, dishwashers, sinks, showers, washing machines, etc.) in your home. This lets the water drain and reduces the chance of flooding.

- If you are concerned about controlling runoff into your property, sandbags may help.

What to do if your basement floods

- First and foremost, mitigate and pro-

tect your property.

- Carefully document the site by taking photographs and itemizing all items to provide a complete description of everything.

- Remove all wet items, including the carpet if necessary.

- Get the area dried out before odors and/or mold become an issue.

- The City recommends hiring a professional cleaning company to clean and disinfect. If you choose to do it yourself, see the Department of Health's fact sheet on cleaning a basement.



Photo by Paul Archipley/Mukilteo Beacon

The City on Wednesday planted a cutting from the Fowler pear tree, the oldest known pear tree in the state, on the grounds at Rosehill Community Center. The original tree, planted by Jacob Fowler in 1862, still thrives on Mukilteo Lane just north of Second Street thanks to loving care by City crew and volunteers from the Mukilteo Way Garden Club. It is one of three cuttings transplanted in Mukilteo. Cutting the ribbon are, from left, Char Hogan, treasurer of the Mukilteo Way Garden Club, Mayor Joe Marine, town founders Mary and Jacob Fowler, aka Christopher and Margaret Summitt, and Ken Owings, Public Works superintendent.

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Geraldine "Jeri" Rask: 1946-2025

Geraldine "Jeri," "Jer-Bear," "Say Say" Rask was born March 12, 1946, in Cleveland, Ohio and died on Sept 16, 2025. From a young age, Jeri was drawn to nature and being of service to others.

In her early 20s, Jeri joined the VISTA volunteers and traveled from Cleveland to live on a Navajo reservation in Wheatfields, Arizona. Living in a hogan for over a year, she met lifetime friends, taught English, learned the Navajo language, and worked with the Navajo people to develop economic opportunities in their community.

This experience left a lasting impression on Jeri, influencing her desire to be of service to others and sparking a desire to be an advocate for civil rights and social change.

Jeri met her beloved Thomas in high school, but they

didn't start dating until they were both in college. Tom and Jeri, in contrast to their animated counterparts' contentious relationship, were quite the match, and married in 1972 at Horseshoe Lake in Cleveland.

Tom and Jeri welcomed a daughter, Kristen, and daughter, Chelsea, 13 months later. They relocated to Cleveland Heights, where they lived in their home they remodeled themselves, for over 30 years.

Tom and Jeri brought love and creativity into their home, working on house design projects, poetry, silk screening T-shirts, and kite making with their children and friends.



Jeri worked as an early child educator and social worker for many years. She showed love for her community through her work with organizations such as Health Hill Hospital for Children and the Cleveland Center for the Blind.

After Jeri's husband passed away in 2012, Jeri left her very beloved community in Cleveland for Edmonds, Washington, where she spent the last 12 years of her life close to her daughters and granddaughter, Remy.

Jeri embraced the Pacific Northwest, joining a variety of groups such as Happy Hikers, Advocates for Women, Friendship Force, and the Unitarian Univer-

salist Church of Edmonds.

She also enjoyed many years of exploring our beautiful parks and trails, traveling overseas, and bringing joy and laughter to all who knew her.

Jeri will be forever loved by her daughters, Kristen Rask (husband, Tim Miller) and Chelsea Van Rask (husband, Matt Hancock); granddaughter Remy Van Rask; step-grandchildren Kellen and Bailey Hancock; and extended family and friends.

Jeri is preceded in death by husband Thomas Rask, brother Jack Elstone, and parents Kay and Harry Elstone.

A celebration of life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Edmonds on January 11, 2026 at 3 p.m.

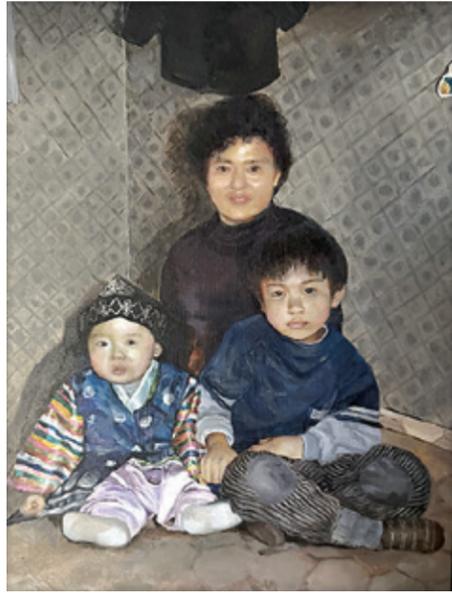
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Jeri to Doctors Without Borders or the Sierra Club.

EDMONDS CONNECTION

'Teen Open Call' exhibit at the Gallery at Graphite



Chihyi Lin, "Tricolor Introspection," watercolor



Irene Oh, "1984," acrylic



Chloe Kim, "Teenager," watercolor



Jeannee Chin, "Reach," sculpture



Norah Ohly, "All Worn Out," ceramic

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The Gallery at Graphite in Edmonds recently welcomed over 100 people to the opening night reception for a new exhibition titled "Teen Open Call."

The juried exhibition features the artwork of 28 teen artists (ages 13-19), and showcases over 50 stunning works of art created by (mostly local) student artists. While many works are acrylic paintings, also featured in the show are sculptures, prints, watercolors, and digital art.

"Teen Open Call" is a non-theme-specific art exhibit, Graphite says, designed to give area teens a voice through creative expression.

"Despite not having a specified theme, this striking exhibition definitely has a youthful, teenage vibe," said Tara Shaddock, Gallery at Graphite director. "As it should. This show is a true celebration of the artistic abilities of young artists, and is an opportunity for these students to show off their talents."

Shaddock said the exhibit gives youth not only the opportunity to display artwork in a professional gallery setting, but also public recognition beyond the school community. For most teens, this is the first opportunity to show in a gallery space.

The Teen Open Call is sponsored by the Joyful Art Fund, which provides financial awards to artists exhibiting at Graphite. Artist Yu-Bin Bae was selected for the Curator's Choice award for her painting "Octopus Breathing." Artists Feliity Silvers,

Irene Oh, and Norah Ohly were awarded honorable mentions. The exhibit continues through Nov. 29. Included in the show:

- Artists Lily Kamila, Chloe Kim, and Chihyi Lin show off their teenage pride



Yu-bin Bae, "Octopus Breathing," acrylic. Photos courtesy Gallery at Graphite

with works showing young people doing exactly what young people of their generation do (read: pimple patches and cell-phones)

Two artists have 3-D works featured in the show: an elegant dancer by Jeannee Chin titled Reach, and a realistic, worn-out sneaker by Norah Ohly.

More information: graphiteartscenter.org.

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establishment of The Market Commons.

Prior to her work at the Market Foundation, Sherman served as the vice president of development and communications at Well-spring Family Services, the development director for FareStart, and the special events coordinator for The Market Foundation.

She has also had leadership roles with the Seattle Rotary, including serving as president of the board of directors for the Seattle Rotary Service Foundation.

"As a long-time resident of the Edmonds area, it is an honor to join the Edmonds College Foundation to serve in this role that has the unique opportunity to connect people in the wider community with the student body," Sherman said. "I am looking forward to strengthening and deepening this relationship."

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forces. In his new role, Tatum reports directly to the mayor and oversee the following departments: parks, recreation and human services; public works and utilities; and planning and development.

Both Tibbott and Tatum will make brief remarks about the city and where it is headed, then respond to questions from the audience. Seating will be limited. Parking available at the dentist office next door after business hours.

RSVP to edmondscivicroundtable.org.



Lily Kamila, "Self Portrait," Oil pastel and colored pencil.



Felicity Silvers, "Seeing in Color," acrylic

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per \$1,000 in 2025 to \$1.65 per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value, which represents a 130% increase. This magnitude of tax increase especially hurts senior homeowners on fixed incomes and young working families barely holding on to their homes.

Secondly, a \$6 million tax levy was needed to balance the city's 2026 budget and beyond. The \$6 million tax levy was identified during the year-long 2025-2026 biennium budget process, with much community input based on the priority budgeting process.

Thirdly, the City administration and City Council have committed to \$5 million in non-property tax revenue. In addition, the City has freed up \$6.5 million annually by the voters' decision to join the Regional Fire Authority starting June 1, 2025.

Beacon: If Proposition 1 fails, what would be your approach to stabilizing the city's finances while maintaining core service levels?

Chen: Solutions to a failed Prop. 1 include the following actions.

- Generate roughly \$5 million in non-property tax revenue that the administration and the council have committed to.
- Reallocate about \$5 million in excess Internal Service fund balance back to the general fund. This is one-time money.
- After confirming the recent state legislation, deploy the nearly \$4 million

in available excess real estate excise tax funds (REET).

- Reissue a permanent levy lid lift to a more reasonable \$6 million in 2026.
- Control spending to ensure spending does not outpace revenue, no matter which tax levy ends up passing.

Beacon: Edmonds has changed, for better or worse, over the past 20 years. Housing is unaffordable for many, expensive restaurants have moved in, parking is scarce, etc. What would you do to help Edmonds keep its small-town charm available to all, or has that ship sailed?

Chen: We are blessed that Edmonds is one of the highly desirable places to call home. I am committed to creating policies that support choices of housing types, including single-family homes, middle housing, and multifamily housing types that support residents of different income levels and lifestyle choices. Affordable housing below 80% or 50% area median income requires creative solutions, such as partnerships between organizations that have surplus lands and not-for-profit housing experts, such as Housing Hope.

Beacon: As one of seven members of the City Council, each with equal power, what approach would you use to make decisions?

Chen: I will serve all people in Edmonds with a balanced decision-making approach that keeps people and the community first.

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If reelected, I'll continue to promote policies that incentivize affordable housing development, increase opportunities for homeownership, protect our workforce, expand opportunities for workforce development, and proactively protect our tree canopy and critical areas. I'm proud to have worked with my colleagues on our comprehensive plan, which addresses these areas and more – like discouraging sprawl.

It's a false choice to say that we can't plan for growth and protect our charm as well as our environment. I am very optimistic that we can do all of these things and that it's vital to achieve this balance.

Krull: I have lived in Edmonds for over 25 years, and during that time, I have seen how much our city has changed. Some of that change has brought great things, such as new businesses, more events, and an energy that keeps Edmonds an exciting town. We have lost some of the accessibility and small-town feel as a result.

I do not believe that ship has sailed. We need to be intentional about how we move forward. That means planning growth that fits Edmonds' character, keeping residents involved in shaping decisions, and finding housing options for people who work here while protecting our critical and sensitive areas.

We can protect what makes Edmonds unique by supporting local businesses, addressing parking challenges, and preserving our parks and tree canopy. With collaboration, transparency, and common sense, we can keep the Edmonds we love, which is welcoming, beautiful, and grounded in community.

Beacon: As one of seven members of the City Council, each with equal power, what approach would you use to make decisions?

Eck: As a councilmember, I've worked to ensure I invest the time to thoroughly read and understand all meeting packets

and materials. I read and listen to input from our community members, consider community members from all income levels, ages, renters, owners, backgrounds, etc., listen to City staff, board, and committee members, and conduct additional research, depending on the issue.

I take a holistic view of issues and concerns, and when presented with opposing viewpoints of my colleagues, I work to find common ground. If reelected, I will continue my common-sense approach to leadership, seek new ways to effectively engage with community members, and work with my fellow councilmembers to tackle our city's most urgent issues with respect, integrity, and experience.

Krull: I believe the strength of a City Council lies in the diversity of its ideas. Seven members bring seven different perspectives. My approach would be to encourage open, respectful dialogue where every viewpoint is heard before decisions are made. It isn't about agreeing on everything; it's about asking thoughtful questions, sharing data, and finding common ground that best serves the community.

My experience as a real estate professional gives me a unique perspective on how City policies directly affect residents, property owners, and local businesses. For over 30 years, I have balanced competing interests, negotiated complex issues, and helped people make informed decisions, skills that translate directly to thoughtful public service.

On the council, I would listen first, weigh the facts carefully, and always consider the long-term impact on our community's financial stability and character. Good outcomes are reflected in the collective wisdom of the group, not the agenda of one. I would work to bring that balance, professionalism, and respect for differing ideas to the discussion.

Next week: We'll have responses from Erika Barnett and Alex Newman.



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ERIKA BARNETT

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ments balance growth and the city's historic appeal. Hankins said the amendments aim to celebrate the North Bowl Hub's concept by creating vibrant, walkable neighborhoods and diverse housing.

But Anderson said he worries the proposed amendments may pressure homeowners to sell to developers offering large sums of money, accelerating the redevelopment of historic neighborhoods.

"If this did stay the way they're proposing

for the hub, it's going to go pretty quick," Anderson said. "Developers come in and say, 'Hey, I'll give you a couple \$100,000 more to sell to me right now. You know, let's make the deal happen.'"

The City Council said that Tuesday's meeting was for discussion only and made no final decisions. Councilmembers will return the amendments for a public hearing and potential adoption as part of Edmonds' 2025 comprehensive plan update in December.

Carly B. Dykes is a student in the University of Washington News Lab.

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