



Press Release

City of Edmonds

Mayor Gary Haakenson



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Historic Edmonds Bank Building recognized in plaque ceremony

(Edmonds - WA) In a short ceremony last week, Mayor Gary Haakenson officially recognized the Edmonds Bank Building at 326 Main Street as the tenth structure added this year to the growing Edmonds Register of Historic Places. Mayor Haakenson presented to building owner Bill Hirshberg a commemorative plaque that will join the existing interpretive sign previously added by the Edmonds/South Snohomish County Historical Society on the building façade.

“I am pleased and gratified at the upsurge of interest in the history of our city,” said Mayor Haakenson. “By recognizing important pieces of local history such as the Edmonds Bank Building in this very public way, we add to our collective sense of community and pride in where we live.”

Constructed in 1907, the building housed Edmonds’ first bank, the State Bank of Edmonds, and is closely associated with the commercial development of the City. It retains its original structural elements and was renovated in 2004 to restore much of its original appearance. It is located in a block with other structures from the early 20th Century including the Schumacher Building, now housing Chanterelle restaurant. William Schumacher, who constructed the Schumacher building, was also the founder of the State Bank of Edmonds. Across Fourth Ave., the Beeson Building, constructed in 1909, has also been nominated to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places.

Photo caption: Mayor Gary Haakenson (right) presents Edmonds Bank Building owner Bill Hirshberg with an historic plaque officially recognizing the Bank Building as the latest addition to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places.

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<http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/hpc.stm>

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