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Walnut Street Coffee Recognized as Edmonds' First EnviroStars Business

Local EnviroStars Meet-Up Scheduled for 7/9, 5:30pm

(Edmonds, WA) - Earlier this year Walnut Street Coffee, located in Downtown Edmonds, received its certification for the statewide EnviroStars green business program – the first local business to do so. As Edmonds' first EnviroStars business, Walnut Street Coffee is counted among the program's first 100 businesses recognized since the program's statewide launch last Fall.

To receive EnviroStars recognition, businesses must follow a set of best practices for saving energy and water, reducing waste and pollution, choosing safer products, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

"EnviroStars was created to provide Washington businesses with a single, trusted resource for environmental assistance," said Jenna McInnis, EnviroStars Steering Committee chair. "The fact that we've already recognized 100 organizations and have more than 260 in the program pipeline, shows that we're providing businesses with tangible benefits and giving consumers a way to find and support companies that share their values."

Led by a coalition of 21 Washington cities, counties and utilities, including Edmonds and

Snohomish County, EnviroStars features a [central web portal](#) that links businesses to local environmental assistance and incentive programs and rewards them for the environmental actions they take.

Remarking about the benefits of the program, Pam Stuller, owner of Walnut Street Coffee, offered the following observations: “When we opened, it was shocking to see how much trash our coffee shop created. We filled a commercial dumpster each week. So early on in our business, we committed to reducing our footprint in as many ways as possible.” Stuller goes on to say, “We were excited to participate in EnviroStars and stand beside a diverse range of businesses that all go the extra mile to lessen their impact on the environment.”

And in that vein of a engaging a “range of businesses,” Walnut Street Coffee will be the location of an EnviroStars business meet-up to be held on Monday 7/9 at 5:30pm. A short presentation about the EnviroStars program will be provided, with brief remarks from Stuller about her experience with the program. But chiefly the meet-up will be an opportunity for local business owners to meet each other and learn about the EnviroStars program and how they can become involved.

Business owners who want to join the EnviroStars program can learn more about the benefits from participating businesses in the [EnviroStars video](#).

For questions or more information about the EnviroStars program or the upcoming meet-up, please feel free to contact Patrick Doherty at patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov.

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