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Edmonds Featured in *Where to Retire* Magazine

National Publication Selects Edmonds Among Top US Locales

(Edmonds, WA) - Edmonds has been featured as a top retirement destination by *Where to Retire*, a national publication geared toward helping retirees make relocation decisions. The city is profiled in the September/October 2018 issue, available nationwide on Aug. 7.

Mayor Dave Earling praised the national recognition, stating “it’s encouraging to see national recognition of what we in and around Edmonds already know –our community is an ideal place to live, work and play for people of all ages, including retirees.”

Where to Retire Editor Annette Fuller said Edmonds possesses qualities important to today’s retirees. “On the lovely Puget Sound is the walkable town of Edmonds, more affordable than its big-city neighbor of Seattle. Ferries glide back and forth over the sound, while riders on the deck watch as Edmond’s picturesque waterfront downtown comes into view,” remarked Fuller. “Mount Rainier grabs the horizon to the south and numerous city parks have trails, forests and a dog park. Retirees praise the health care, access to three nearby national parks and historic town center. One retiree told our writer, ‘Edmonds feels like a town, like a place where you can be part of something.’”

While people over age 65 make up over 21% of the Edmonds population, and continue to find Edmonds as a great community to retire to, the greatest percentage growth in population in Edmonds since 2010 has been seen among 25- to 34-year-olds, noted Mayor Earling, reflecting the increasing allure that Edmonds holds for younger professionals and families also.

Arts and culture, food and drink, shopping, saltwater beaches and gorgeous sunsets are just a few of Edmonds' key attractions for retirees and younger folks alike, along with Edmonds' wide array of events and generally welcoming and engaging community spirit.

Where to Retire notes that each year, 700,000 Americans relocate to new towns to retire. Generally, relocating retirees are healthier, better educated and more affluent than those who choose to not relocate. They bring significant economic benefits to their new states and hometowns. Nationally, two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development.

Where to Retire, now in its 26th year of print, is published six times a year. The magazine covers the best retirement regions, towns and master-planned communities. For more information, you may visit <https://www.wheretoretire.com/>

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