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All Aboard the FREE Edmonds Summer Trolley!

Summer Trolley to Run 11am-6pm on Saturdays in August Between Downtown Edmonds and the Waterfront District

(Edmonds, WA) – The story of an Edmonds Summer Trolley has been years in the making. After many years as a wish-list item on the City's Strategic Action Plan, earlier this year the Edmonds Economic Development Commission (EDC) took up the idea of exploring the possibility of running a trolley service between the Downtown and Waterfront areas as a way of cross-promoting and connecting the City's two main visitor attractions.

While the free Edmonds Holiday Trolley has become a seasonal favorite for the community on Saturdays during the winter holiday season in downtown Edmonds, until now there had not been a successful attempt to expand trolley service to other times of the year.

But over the past few weeks City officials have been in contact with the provider of the historic trolley, Seattle-based Emerald City Trolley, and an agreement was struck to offer FREE trolley service on a route connecting the Edmonds Waterfront and Edmonds Downtown on the **five Saturdays of August from 11:00 am till 6:00 pm.**

The Edmonds Trolley will make two stops in the heart of Downtown Edmonds, one just west of Salish Sea Brewing Company and the other in front of the Edmonds Theater, and then two stops in the Edmonds Waterfront district, one near the Boat Lift at the Port of Edmonds and one in front of Cascadia Art Museum at Salish Crossing. An additional stop in front of Walnut Street Coffee will be added for those days when Dayton Street utility work blocks eastbound travel up that street.

“I’m thrilled that the EDC, Downtown merchants, Port of Edmonds officials, and others have come together this year to make this August trolley service a reality,” commented Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty. “This will be a pilot project to test the case for considering on-going trolley service in the future, for both upcoming holiday seasons and throughout our peak Summer season.”

The trolley route will connect the above-mentioned stops on a roughly 20-minute schedule, allowing folks to park in one area and easily reach another area of greater Downtown Edmonds without the hassle of finding a new parking place. What’s more, as visitors disembark from the Puget Sound Express (PSE) whale-watching boats, the trolley will be scheduled to meet them to offer a free ride up to Downtown Edmonds where they can continue to enjoy all that Edmonds has to offer. With 20,000 to 30,000 annual PSE passengers coming to Edmonds, the trolley service should help amplify the economic impact of those visitors.

Likewise, with the popular Edmonds Summer Market open on the same upcoming August Saturdays, market-goers will have a convenient trolley stop on Main Street to allow them to travel down to the Waterfront to take a stroll, visit the beach, or enjoy a meal at one of the Waterfront’s great restaurants.

For others the trolley ride will be simply a fun thing to do on a sunny afternoon with family and friends.

“After experiencing the success of our holiday trolley, as a local shop owner and member of the Ed! Board, I’m thrilled to see the trolley return for a summer route this August,” remarked Pam Stuller, owner of Walnut Street Coffee. “It links our charming downtown and amazing waterfront, giving locals and visitors another reason to come explore Edmonds.”

For more information about the upcoming Edmonds Downtown-Waterfront Trolley on Saturdays in August, feel free to contact Patrick Doherty at patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov or 425-771-0251.

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