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CITY AND Ed! ANNOUNCE THIRD ANNUAL AMATEUR CAROLING CONTEST IN DOWNTOWN EDMONDS

“Jingle Those Bells” Caroling Contest Set for Thursday, December 5th, at Red Twig Patio

(Edmonds, WA) - Following the growing success of last two years’ events, the City of Edmonds and members of *Ed!* – the Edmonds Downtown Alliance – are excited to announce the return of the Edmonds Holiday Caroling Contest: *Jingle Those Bells!*

Scheduled for **6:00 to 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 5th**, at the Red Twig outdoor patio on 5th Avenue South in Downtown Edmonds, *Jingle Those Bells* is an opportunity for amateur singers, wannabe singers, and even not-so-great singers to add to the downtown holiday festivities by joining friends, family and colleagues to compete in a fun, light-hearted caroling contest.

Groups comprised of anywhere from two to a dozen singers can easily be accommodated in the patio space. Given the timeframe, there is room for five groups, and each group will be expected to sing two carols. Each group is also encouraged to come up with a catchy, holiday-themed name. There will be two categories: Kids 12 and under, and folks 13 and over.

Those interested in participating can send an email to Royce Napolitino at the City of Edmonds at royce.napolitino@edmondswa.gov which includes the number of carolers in the group, which two carols will be sung, and what the caroling group’s “stage name” will be. Deadline for submittal of emails indicating interest is Noon on Friday, November 29th.

“We are excited to continue this popular event this year as part of the growing list of holiday festivities in Downtown Edmonds,” says City of Edmonds Economic Development Director Patrick Doherty. “It’s all a part of the joint holiday promotional campaign the City and *Ed!* have been collaborating on to encourage locals and visitors to make a visit to Downtown Edmonds part of their annual holiday tradition. In fact, that’s even our promotional tagline: ‘Create Your Tradition.’”

Other holiday activities arising from the collaboration between the City and *Ed!* include:

- Free Holiday Trolley, scheduled to run Saturdays in December 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Holiday Market, running on Saturdays November 16 & 23 and December 7, 14 & 21 from 10am-3pm
- “First Dibs,” Thursday, November 21, 5:00pm to 8:00pm
- Cruise to the Christmas Ships Parade, Friday, November 29th, 6:15pm to 9:00pm
- Holiday Dash 5K, Saturday, November 30th, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Free holiday movies for the kids on Friday, December 6th (*Elf*), and Friday, December 13th (*A Christmas Story*) at the Edmonds Theater (cartoons 4pm, movie 5:30pm)
- Many holiday-themed performances and shows, as well as other fun activities.

These events are in addition to all the other holiday-themed happenings around town, which kick off with the annual Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday November 30th, and include concerts, special sales, and much more!

For more information about all these Edmonds holidays events, please go to edmondsholidays.com.

And for more information about participating in *Jingle Those Bells*, feel free to contact Royce Napolitano at royce.napolitano@edmondswa.gov.

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