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PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY WEEKEND COMING TO MAIN STREET JUNE 20-21

Road closed between 3rd and 6th Avenues for outdoor dining and walking

(Edmonds, WA) - Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson announced the dates for the first pedestrian-friendly weekend along Main Street. The weekend of June 20-21, which is Father's Day weekend and the first official weekend of summer, the City will close Main Street to vehicle traffic between Third and Sixth Avenues, opening the street to pedestrians and local businesses who want to move outdoors. He encourages businesses in other areas, like Westgate, Five Corners, and in the Highway 99 Corridor to also move tables outside.

"It's been a tough spring for residents and businesses and we are all excited to get out and try something new to jump-start our summer as businesses gradually – and safely – reopen," said Mayor Nelson.

The pilot project is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th from 10 am to 9 pm and Sunday, June 21st from 10 am to 7 pm. Commercial deliveries will be allowed into the area before 10 am both days.

Details are being worked out this week and the City will provide more information in the coming days.

“We hope restaurants will open up sidewalk seating, and retail stores can bring items outdoors. Our goal is to provide more space for people to walk, dine and shop – safely as we will encourage use of masks and appropriate social distancing,” said Mayor Nelson. “If people respond well, then it may become a regular weekend summer closure.”

Edmonds is not the first and certainly won't be the last Washington city to close local streets to pedestrians. Edmonds residents and business owners, including Rick Steves, have been advocating for this for years as he has seen so many successful pedestrianized streets in many other cities around the world.

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