

## An Edmonds Kind of 4th

Kick off your summer with Edmonds' longest running celebration. For over 100 years the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the annual all-day party to celebrate America's birthday.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to downtown Edmonds for this traditional good old fashioned community 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Come early for the always fun 5K run/walk, then stay for a lively fun-packed day and evening with two patriotic parades, fantastic food, music, dancing and fireworks!

Get your "An Edmonds kind of 4<sup>th</sup>" off and running with the "[Beat Brackett 5K](#)" family-friendly run/walk! Join other runners, walkers, kids of all ages and parents with strollers and chase ol' man George Brackett, the founder of Edmonds, through the downtown streets to the finish line. For even more fun, decorate one of the ol' man Brackett beards that will be distributed, and wear it during the race! The "Beat Brackett 5K" features:

- Performance running shirts
- Electronic timing with RFID chips
- "Beat ol' man Brackett" competition
- Awards ceremony with medals for top finishers
- Costume contest for best "4<sup>th</sup> themed" runner

Nothing says 4<sup>th</sup> of July like a patriotic community parade! Sit back and enjoy two parades for the price of one at the "An Edmonds kind of 4<sup>th</sup>" celebration, or show your community spirit and bring your family, business or organization out to march in one of the parades.

- The Children's Parade at 11:30 AM welcomes local kids and families in their best red, white and blue holiday costumes, along with decorated bikes, scooters, strollers and wagons! Awards for "Best Bike/Scooter," "Best Wagon/Scooter," and "Most Patriotic."
- At 12:00 PM, enjoy the [Main Parade's](#) fun and colorful mix of marchers, patriotic costumes, music, floats and classic cars from local businesses, bands, dance groups, civic organizations, police, fire and military groups, and even some Star Wars characters! Awards will be given in six categories. (See the [Main Parade](#) page to register to march in the parade.)

Grab some fun and delectable food to keep your energy up for the rest of the day and evening. [Kona Ice](#) and [Here and There Grill](#) will be by the fountain at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main during the parade until 2:00 PM.

The party is just getting started! After the parade, take a stroll around town, visit the waterfront or grab lunch at a local restaurant—perhaps a delicious sandwich and a handcrafted beer at [Salish Sea Brewing Co.](#)—until the evening festivities. Then cap off your fun-filled "An Edmonds kind of 4<sup>th</sup>" with a night of fabulous food, entertainment and fireworks, starting at 6:00 PM.

- Visit over a dozen local food trucks and vendors to grab some dinner or get your face painted.
  - Caribbean Cuisine
  - [Kona Ice](#)
  - The Dough-Nut donuts
  - [Facepainting USA](#)
  - More to come!
- Break out your dance moves when DJ Wendy hits the stage at Civic Stadium at 6:00 PM.

- Do you have an especially fun, long or unusual beard or mustache? Be a part of the patriotic mustache and beard contest! In the spirit of ol man Brackett’s distinctive beard, come as you are or decorate your unique facial hair for the contest. Come to the stage at 9:00 PM to register and get your photo taken. Judging is at 9:30 PM on the stage.
- Ooh and aah as the skies over Edmonds come alive with the flash, colors and bang of a dazzling fireworks display set to traditional music.

Be safe as you head home after the long fun day, and be sure to mark your calendars to make “An Edmonds kind of 4<sup>th</sup>” your annual Independence Day tradition!

### Schedule of Events

<a href="#">Beat Brackett 5K Fun Run/Walk</a>	10: 00 AM
Children’s Parade	11:30 AM
<a href="#">Main Parade</a>	12:00 PM
Edmonds Firefighters Waterball Competition (City Park, 3rd Ave. S & Pine)	2:30 PM
Food Vendors & Evening Entertainment (Civic Stadium, 6th & Bell)	6:00 PM
Patriotic Mustache & Beard Contest	9:30 PM
Fireworks (Civic Stadium, 6 <sup>th</sup> & Bell)	10: 00 PM

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