

August 2024

MEDINA SUN

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Goats at Fairweather Nature Preserve

The City of Medina has recently contracted Healing Hooves to help mitigate the invasive species growing in Fairweather Nature Preserve. Goats are naturally agile animals who can easily navigate steep slopes and uneven terrain. They enjoy eating plants that typically irritate humans, such as poison ivy, poison oak and English ivy. This method also results in reduced labor, herbicide use, fuel use, noise and soil disturbance from heavy machinery. Goats can safely consume enormous amounts of biomass and at the same time sterilize weed seed in their digestive process rendering the seeds infertile. Goats have been used successfully by many of our neighboring municipalities and locally by Overlake Golf & Country Club for vegetation management. Please come out and visit the goats but remember to leash your dogs. Be respectful to the working goats by not touching or feeding them.

Project: Fairweather Nature Preserve Invasive Species Mitigation
Species: English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) and Blackberry (*Rubus allegheniensis*)
Schedule: August 27, 2024 – September 11, 2024 (16 calendar days)
Details: A mild electric fence is being used to keep the goats contained and supervised by an on-site herder/owner. Signs will be posted around the project area.
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- tues.** | Concert and Picnic in the Park with food trucks, desserts and beer garden @ Medina Park
- wed.** | Second annual Pickleball Tournament and Afterparty
- fri.** | Neighborhood Block Parties
- sat. (am)** | Community Parade, Kid's Carnival, and Lake Washington Cruises embarking from Medina Beach Park
- sat. (pm)** | Beach Party & Fireworks Finale sponsored by the City of Medina @ Medina Beach Park
- sun.** | Hot Cakes & Hot Cars Community breakfast and car show hosted by Overlake Golf & Country Club

Medina Police Department



On June 13th, newest Medina Police Officer Luis Robles graduated from the 720-hour Basic Law Enforcement Academy and was presented with his graduation certificate and Peace Officer Certification by Chief Sass! Officer Robles was offered a position as an officer with the Medina Police Department in January of 2024, but is just now hitting the road as a fully commissioned police officer after completing his intensive training at the Police Academy. Officer Robles grew up in the south Snohomish County area and earned an apprenticeship in the finishing trades before embarking upon his career in law enforcement. He values community policing and made working for the Medina Police Department his top choice due to our focus on and commitment to the communities we serve. Officer Robles is a welcomed addition to our police family!



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SR 520 Joints Noise Mitigation Update

The City of Medina has been working with WSDOT and the legislature on ways to reduce the noise coming from the expansion joints on SR 520. This has been an ongoing issue for Medina since the opening of the new bridge in 2016. Medina hired Sound View Strategies to assist with resolving the noise issue. Progress has been made as WSDOT and the University of Washington have funded a study to find a permanent fix. UW has posted a report on their progress and is looking for State funding to move forward with “Phase 3”. Medina and Sound View Strategies are working with state legislators to fund Phase 3 of the UW study in the next state legislative session.

2025 City Council Budget Calendar

Join us for one of our City Council Public Hearings on the 2025 Budget:

Monday, September 9, 2024

Preliminary Budget Hearing

Monday, October 14, 2024

Preliminary Budget Hearing

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Property Tax Levy Hearing and Final Adoption of the 2025 Budget

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A Friendly Reminder Please Pickup After Your Pets

Summer is finally here and we live in a great time to be a dog owner. More and more, we are seeing businesses and other establishments becoming pet friendly. This is good news for those of us who love our furry friends and enjoy having them with us. However, there is a danger from the dog poop that many of us leave behind. It is estimated that over 40% of American dog owners do not pick up the poop after their dogs. There are over 89 million dogs in the US, so that means that over 35 million dogs are not picked up after. It's not the dog's fault, it is the dog owner's responsibility.

Dog poop is the #3 cause of water pollution. In fact, it is so dangerous that the EPA has classified dog poop in the same category as chemical and oil spills. 90% of fecal bacteria comes from canines. 1 gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal bacteria. When a dog poops and the owner does not pick it up, it can cause many problems to humans, the environment, and other dogs. When many dog owners choose to not pick it up, the dog poop seeps into the soil and after it rains can end up in our waterways. When the poop oxidizes, it releases ammonia. The waste contains bacteria such as E-Coli, Salmonella, as well as hookworm, ringworm, etc. Our waste water facilities do not have the capabilities to solve the dog poop problem. Please be a responsible pet owner.



Medina Municipal Code 12.20.010

L. All dog feces shall be picked up by the owner or handler and removed from the public park and/or adjacent private property.

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