

April 2024

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Don't Call it a Comeback, It's Been Here for Years!

Save the Date for Medina Days 2024 - August 6-11

You're invited to join your neighbors and celebrate community during our annual week of festive summer fun! Medina Days 2024 is back with more sizzle and surprises fueled by your donations, generous in-kind support from the City of Medina and wonderful neighborhood and nonprofit partners.

Mark your calendars and get ready to party, pickle, parade, pop and pancakes with old friends, new neighbors and of course, the cutest pets on the Eastside.

Medina Police Department

E-Bikes in Medina Parks



Spring is upon us, and the nicer weather encourages all of us to get outside and enjoy it! We have seen a dramatic increase in the popularity and presence of electronic bikes (e-bikes) in and around our communities, and they are especially prevalent amongst the younger community members.

Although the e-bikes provide a greater range with less effort than a standard bicycle, they can cause more damage to the grass landscaping in our parks due to their increased tire width and greater weight. E-bikes are not allowed in any of Medina's parks.

E-bikes are an outstanding way to visit our neighborhood parks, but they must be parked in designated bicycle parking stalls and kept off the grass areas. At Medina Beach Park, a bicycle rack has been installed at the top of the City Hall driveway where your bicycle can be locked and stored while you visit the park.

The Medina Police Department would also like to remind everyone traveling in and around our communities by e-bike to follow the rules of the road and ride with safety in mind at all times. Motorists should also remember to look out for e-bikes and be cognizant of their increased speed capabilities and potentially slower stopping capabilities. In our communities, we want to ensure our traffic-related incidents remain low and against the trend of increasing traffic-related injuries being seen throughout Washington State.

City of Medina 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Medina City Council, Planning Commission, Development Services Committee, Park Board, Staff and Consultants are working toward having a complete draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan, including its elements, available for public review and comment by June 2024. This streamlined process should provide enough time, in Summer 2024, for the mandatory regulatory reviews (by the Puget Sound Region Council, and the 60-day notice to the Department of Commerce) to occur. In addition, State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) review will be done, with a period of public input. While the public will have ample opportunity to view and comment on the entire document this Summer, community members have the chance to attend, either via Zoom or in person, the publicly noticed meetings of both the Medina City Council (the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5:00 pm) and the Planning Commission (the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm; other dates as publicly noticed) that are occurring this Spring, when the Comp Plan elements will be reviewed.

These efforts should result in the City reaching its goal of completing the Comp Plan by the mandatory December 31, 2024 deadline. After the preliminary document returns from PSRC and Commerce review in late Summer, it is set to be discussed further at a public hearing during the Monday, September 9, 2024, Medina City Council Meeting. Final review and adoption of the Comp Plan Update is tentatively scheduled for the Monday, October 14, 2024, City Council Meeting. All documents related to Comp Plan Updates discussed so far can be found on the City of Medina website at <https://www.medina-wa.gov/meetings>.

For additional questions or information, please reach out to Jonathan Kesler, AICP, City of Medina Planning Manager at 425-233-6416 or jkesler@medina-wa.gov.

August 6 - 11 week at a Glance:

Tuesday, August 6th

Concert and Picnic in the Park with food trucks, desserts and Beer Garden.

Wednesday, August 7th

Second Annual Pickleball Tournament and Afterparty.

Friday, August 9th

Neighborhood Block Parties.

Saturday Morning August 10th

Community Parade, Kid's Carnival and the return of the Pet Parade with prizes hosted by the City of Medina Park Board.

Lake Washington Cruises embarking from Medina Beach Park.

Saturday Evening August 10th

Beach Party with Fireworks Finale sponsored by the City of Medina at Medina Beach Park.

Sunday Morning August 11th

Hot Cakes and Hot Cars, Medina Community Breakfast and Car Show hosted by Overlake Golf and Country Club.



Become a Medina Days Patron by donating today. Visit www.medina-wa.gov to see last year's Patron list, donate and/or volunteer for this year's event.

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REPUBLIC SERVICES: Recycling and Organics Pickup Survey 2024

The City of Medina is soliciting feedback from our residents about the possibility of switching to weekly recycling and organics to residential pick-up. Currently, Republic Services provides this service every other week.

If Medina were to change to weekly recycling and organics residential pick-up, it is anticipated the total increase per household would be an additional \$6.25 a month.

Please assist the Medina City Council in determining the wants and needs for our community by participating in the survey using the QR code or link below. If the majority of survey respondents choose to move to weekly service, this change will affect ALL Medina households. Residents will not have the option of weekly or bi-weekly.

The results of the survey will be presented to the City Council at their May 13, 2024, City Council meeting for discussion, direction, or possible action.

<https://engagemedina.com/recycling-and-organics-pickup-survey-2024>

This survey will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

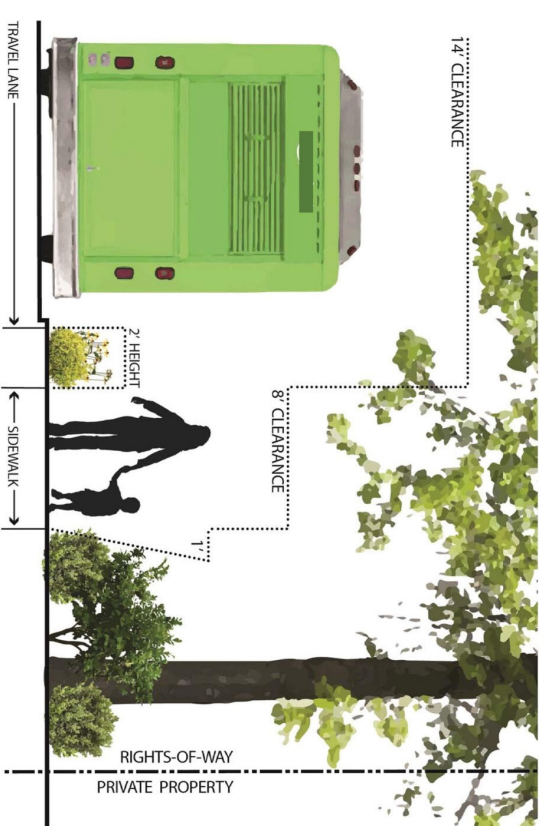


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OVERGROWN VEGETATION

The growing season is here and it's time to get ahead of the yearly trimming along the Right-of-Way. Did you know, per the **Medina Municipal Code 16.52.220** – Owner responsibility within city rights-of-way, that property owners are responsible for keeping the adjacent right-of-way clear of vegetation overgrowth? Keeping sidewalks and pedestrian paths clear and free from overhanging vegetation is important for the safety of the community. Please contact Ryan Osada, Public Works Director rosada@medina-wa.gov, for help or information.



MMC 16.52.220 Owner responsibility within city rights-of-way.

- A. All owners of property adjoining a city right-of-way shall be responsible for maintaining all trees, shrubs, and other landscaping planted in the adjoining right-of-way by the property owner or previous owner of the property, or for which responsibility has been assumed by the owner through a recorded agreement with the city.
- B. All owners of the property adjoining a city right-of-way shall ensure the trees, shrubs and landscaping in the right-of-way adjoining their property do not interfere with the free passage of vehicles and pedestrians or cause any risk of danger to the public or property.
- E. For the purpose of this chapter, an owner shall be considered adjoining up to the centerline of the city right-of-way. (Ord. 923 § 31, 2015)

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