

Esperance Annexation

A Note from Your Neighbors

By now you have received the Edmonds letter explaining the City Council's plans: A committee meeting June 14, and a Council meeting June 21. You may have read the full letter; you may have even visited their web site at:
http://www.ci.edmonds.wa.us/annexation_home.stm

Many of us here in Esperance disagree with Edmonds, and **reject annexation.**

Get the Rest of the Story

1. For background, visit:

<http://www.seanet.com/~hgg9140/politics/esperance/index.html>

2. Talk to your neighbors. These people can connect you with others in your area:

Precinct	Contact	Email
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Rob	Harry George	hgg9140@seanet.com
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(If you don't have email, contact Harry George at 206-979-5397.)

3. Visit the stand outside the City Offices, which holds handouts on **regulations and restrictions in Edmonds** regarding fencing, landscaping, getting a new furnace, painting, and roofing, etc.
4. Talk to those of us who were at the March 3rd meeting at the Church. We think the Edmonds letter's Q&A gives a misleading impression of that meeting.
5. Ask Edmonds Council what assurances they can provide (in writing) that, once annexed, our local needs will be met. In fact-finding sessions earlier this year, it was clear they wanted to do right by us but expected the city's other priorities to take precedence.
6. Try out the Edmonds annexation tax calculator (on their website). Be sure to enter every tax, fee, surcharge, etc. Several of us found pure taxes went down but the total stayed even or went up. Also try to account for inspection fees, code filings, etc if you have home improvements or home business arrangements.
7. Recognize that this isn't just a referendum on taxes. Many of us live in the County because we want to be left alone. Edmonds (as codified in its regulations) has a more invasive understanding of its role.

If fact checking puts you in the reject-annexation camp...welcome. Check the other side.

Join Up and Take Action

For those who are already active, thank you. For those who have been waiting for the critical moment, this is it! For those who haven't been invited to the party, this flier is your invitation.

1. Meet with other concerned neighbors. The precinct contacts can get you started. We have planning meetings Wednesday evenings.
2. Prior to June 14, mail and phone council members with your concerns

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We each need to get across this point,

"I am a registered voter in the Esperance area. I protest this annexation. I will contest it by petition and by vote."

3. Let your precinct contact know if you are willing to:
 - Make phone calls (phone tree)
 - Attend meetings (if you're advised of the time and place)
 - Walk through your neighborhood and:
 - If Edmonds uses "island annexation": Collect petition signatures rejecting annexation
 - If Edmonds uses "old style annexation": Remind people NOT to sign petitions.