

# MEDINA SUN

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## FALL TIPS FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION

Autumn is just around the corner and as we prepare our gardens and lawns for the winter, the city would like to remind you to keep stormwater pollution prevention in mind this fall season. There are many sources to stormwater pollution and some are unique to the fall season.

As leaves fall and garden harvesting comes to an end, the temptation to improperly dispose of yard waste is high. Please remember, if leaves are swept into the street they will be carried by stormwater into drainage basins and Lake Washington which degrades water quality and can be harmful to fish.

Here's how you can help:

- Never Rake Leaves Into the Street
- Never Dump them Into a Lake, Stream or Wetland
- Never Pile Leaves Near a Stream Bank or Lake
- Put Leaves in a Backyard Compost Pile
- Use Leaves to Mulch Your Garden or Lawn
- Drop Leaves Off at a Compost Site
- Consider Curb-Side Pick-Up
- Rake up Leaves Along Your Curb or Sidewalk Several Times During the Fall
- Periodically Clear Leaves from Storm Basin Grate

## Medina Police Department Package Theft Safety



As we enter the holiday season, our community sees a significant increase in deliveries to residences in the area. However convenient these deliveries may be, they bring with them an inherent increase in the risk of package theft.

Remember that many thieves are opportunists and are on the hunt for easy targets. It is well known that packages delivered during the holiday season have a greater likelihood of containing more valuable items than packages delivered during any other time of the year. Therefore, one of the most effective ways to prevent package theft is not to allow packages to sit outside for too long. These additional measures may also help:

- Have your packages delivered elsewhere, such as your place of employment, an Amazon delivery site, P.O. box, or FedEx/UPS location. It's well worth the minor inconvenience to ensure your packages are safe.
- Request that deliveries require a signature. With carriers like FedEx or UPS, you can often set this preference using your customer account, even if the package is already on its way. In other cases, such as USPS deliveries, you will need to arrange for a signature ahead of time.
- Subscribe to delivery alerts. All of the major delivery services offer some kind of notification service for package updates. Opt in to receive the most up-to-date information available.
- Keep the area around your front porch clear and visible. This is a burglary prevention tip often shared by police officers. Thieves want to be able to get to and from your doorstep undetected. When they're likely to be seen, they're more likely to choose another target.
- Request nondescript packaging. When possible, ask senders not to announce where the package is coming from, especially if it's from a high-end store. Sometimes this is possible through requesting a gift shipping option. Check the box labeled "Gift" to ensure your package comes in a plain box.

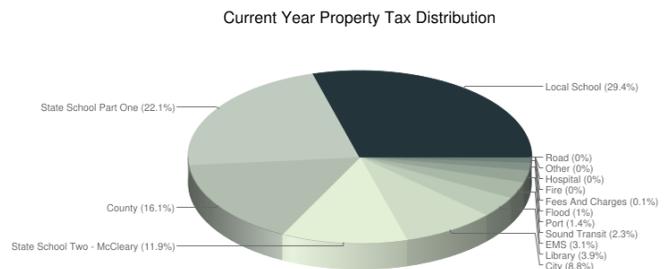
Safety is our primary focus, and we look forward to a safe, festive, and fun holiday season!

## The 2024 Budget Has Been Passed!

Thank you to City staff and the community for your assistance and feedback in the preparation of the 2024 calendar year budget for the City of Medina. Want more information on what's to come in 2024? Visit our website at the following link.

<https://www.medina-wa.gov/financeandhr/page/adopted-budgets>

Wonder where your tax dollars are going? The pie chart graphic shows that Medina only receives 8.8% of each homeowners annual tax payment.



## Medina Connect Receives an Upgrade

The City of Medina has partnered with CivicPlus®, a leading government technology company, to release a new tool to empower residents to report quality-of-life issues and request government services. The application called Medina Connect powered by SeeClickFix is available for all residents to download on any iOS or Android device. You can access the system from a desktop computer via the city's website at <https://www.medina-wa.gov/contact>.

The Medina Connect app allows residents who identify community repair or service request needs to submit photos, location information, and request details directly to administrative staff members. In addition, the platform provides city of Medina officials with a centralized system to manage issues from creation to resolution — engaging residents throughout the process.

This technology allows community members to report problems to their government leaders, view, comment on, and follow issues submitted by their neighbors. Residents can even create their own "watch areas" to receive notifications about all the reports in their community, enabling them to follow the progress of all service requests—not just the ones they submit. We look forward to connecting with you via Medina Connect!

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 Deputy Mayor ..... Randy Reeves  
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 .....Mac Johnston, Bob Zook  
 City Manager: ..... Stephen R. Burns  
 Police Chief: ..... Jeffrey Sass  
 City Clerk: ..... Aimee Kellerman  
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## New Professional Yard Maintenance Hours

In September 2023, the Medina City Council amended Medina Municipal Code 8.06.160 – Work hours for commercial construction and development activities and professional yard maintenance and landscaping.

The City of Medina defines Professional Yard Maintenance and Landscaping Services as:

“Professional Yard Maintenance and Landscaping means any outdoor work intended to change, improve, repair, or maintain a yard or grounds of a property that is performed in exchange for compensation or payment and is audible from any location outside the legal boundary of the property where such work is being performed.”

The City of Medina now limits Professional Yard Maintenance and Landscaping Services in the City to the hours of:

- Weekdays: **9:00 AM** – 5:00 PM.
- Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Sundays: No work allowed.
- Legal Holidays as defined in RCW 1.16.050 (1): No work allowed.

Violations of these rules will constitute a Class 1 Civil Infraction with a current maximum penalty of \$250.00 (RCW 7.80.120).

To obtain a copy of the full ordinance please contact City Clerk Aimee Kellerman at akellerman@medina-wa.gov.

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## Medina Parks & Recreation Board is bringing holiday cheer to Medina!

Each year Argosy Cruises sails their Christmas Ship along the shoreline of Lake Washington making their annual stop at Medina Beach Park. The Argosy Christmas ship choir does a short performance singing festive Christmas carols. This has become a long-standing tradition with the residents of Medina.

We hope you can celebrate this tradition on

**DATE: Friday, December 22, 2023**  
**TIME: 5:00pm - The Christmas ships arrive at 5:35pm**  
**LOCATION: Medina Beach Park**

The festivities at Medina Beach Park are hosted by the Medina Parks and Recreation Board. We want to thank Park Board members: Barbara Moe, Katie Surbeck, Collette McMullen, Gretchen Stengel, Rebecca Johnston, India Fitting-Koh, Penny Martin and Hayool Park for their dedication to our City and our beautiful parks.

For more information on the Argosy Cruises Christmas Ship Festival: [www.argosycruises.com/argosy-cruises/christmas-ship-festival/](http://www.argosycruises.com/argosy-cruises/christmas-ship-festival/)

For more information Medina Parks and Recreation Board: [www.medina-wa.gov/bc-prd/page/annual-argosy-christmas-ships](http://www.medina-wa.gov/bc-prd/page/annual-argosy-christmas-ships)



## A Friendly Reminder to Please Pickup After Your Pets

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. Please be a responsible pet owner and encourage others to do the same.

**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*