

August 2023

MEDINA SUN

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59th Annual Medina Days

August 8th - 13th, 2023

You're invited to a week long celebration!



The city and the Medina Days Committee together with community partners, cordially invite you to join us for our 59th Annual Medina Days celebration, August 8 through 13. We have a full week of events and activities planned to include music, food, pickle ball, block parties, a parade, kids carnival, boat cruises, fireworks, and a community breakfast. We hope everyone will get involved!

Want to stay informed about upcoming celebrations and activities?

Sign up for notices under the "Subscribe" tab on www.medina-wa.gov.

You can also follow us on social media! [MedinaWA.gov](https://www.facebook.com/MedinaWA.gov) [MedinaWAgov](https://twitter.com/MedinaWAgov) [medinawagov](https://www.instagram.com/medinawagov)

Need to Remove a Tree?

Most tree removals in Medina require a permit from the city. The permit can be simple or complex depending upon what you would like to do. Our staff is here to help. Our Arborist can meet with you at your property to speak with you and provide assistance. See our city website at Development Services | Medina Washington (medina-wa.gov) or contact our Development Services staff at 425-233-6409.

New Housing Legislation

In 2023, the Washington State Legislature passed two bills that substantially changed the way many cities in Washington are to plan for housing. An overview of both bills may be found below.

ADUs

HB 1337 requires jurisdictions to allow 2 ADUs per lot which can be either attached or detached.

What kind of ADU is allowed? Either attached or detached. An attached ADU is a self-contained unit located within an existing primary residential structure (for example conversion of an existing basement, attic, or garage); or a new structural addition to the existing residence. A detached ADU or DADU can either be an existing detached structure that has been converted to a residential unit (such as the conversion of a detached garage); or a newly constructed detached housing unit on the same lot that is smaller than the primary residence.

An ADU must have the basic requirements needed for day-to-day independent living such as a kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping area.

MIDDLE HOUSING

Middle housing is defined in E2SHB 1110 as *buildings that are compatible in scale, form, and character with single-family houses and contain two or more attached, stacked, or clustered homes including duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes, sixplexes, townhouses, stacked flats, courtyard apartments, and cottage housing.*

When does middle housing need to be allowed? Section 3(11)(a) of E2SHB 1110 requires cities to implement the bill requirements no later than 6 months after the next periodic update required under RCW 36.70A.130. Medina's comprehensive plan update is due December 31, 2024, which means that the city must allow middle housing no later than June 30, 2025.

How do the two bills work together? A city may allow accessory dwelling units to help achieve the unit count, but also must allow middle housing types (such as a duplex) that can satisfy the minimum density (i.e., unit count per lot). Both bills require that a city allow separate sale of units.

What happens next? The 2024 Comprehensive Plan update that is currently underway will amend goals and policies so that they align with this new housing direction. The development regulations that support the legislation will be worked on in 2024.

2024 City Council Budget Calendar

Join us for one of our City Council Public Hearings on the 2024 Budget:

September 11, 2023
Preliminary Budget Hearing

October 9, 2023
Preliminary Budget Hearing

November 13, 2023
Property Tax Levy Hearing and Final Adoption of the 2024 Budget

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Medina Police Department Bicycle Safety

Summertime in the Points Communities welcomes a significant increase in bicycle traffic. Fortunately, the prevalence of bicycle collisions and other incidents is relatively low throughout the community, but there are numerous ways to be safer as a bicyclist and a motorist.

Although Washington State law does not require bicyclists to wear a helmet, the Medina Police Department strongly encourages all bicyclists to wear one regardless of experience level.

Here are some additional tips & reminders to consider:

- Bicyclists are not required to stop at stop signs and must only slow to a reasonable speed while proceeding through the intersection (RCW 46.61.190)
- Bicyclists are required to ride with the flow of traffic
- Visibility is paramount:
 - Wear high-visibility reflective clothing while riding day or night
 - Equip your bicycle with a white front light, a red rear reflector, and either a red rear lamp and/or a flashing amber light
 - Bicycles are allowed on sidewalks but must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian on a sidewalk or crosswalk
 - Bicyclists may choose to ride on either the bike lane or the roadway
 - Clinging to vehicles is strictly prohibited and extremely dangerous

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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 with in 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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