

SUMMER 2021

# SOUTH COUNTY **SIREN**

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**FIREWORKS USE IS NOW BANNED**  
**throughout Southwest Snohomish County**

## SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

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# Summer classes

Free, online and all just one hour!



**CAR SEAT CLASS:** Learn how to properly use your car seat to protect your child from birth to the adult seat belt.

July 7, 6 p.m. / July 21, 1 p.m. / Aug. 4, 6 p.m. / Aug. 18, 1 p.m. / Sept. 1, 6 p.m. / Sept. 15, 1 p.m.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:** Learn how to prepare and care for your family in a disaster.

July 14, 6 p.m. / Sept. 8, 6 p.m.

**ACT FIRST AID & CPR:** Learn three skills to save a life: Antidote for opioid overdose, CPR for sudden cardiac arrest and Tourniquet for bleeding control.

July 21, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. / Aug. 18, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. / Sept. 15, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

**AGING IN PLACE:** Learn how to help your loved ones as they age and find out about programs to help them age in place in their own home.

July 28, 6 p.m. / Sept. 22, 6 p.m.

**HOME FIRE SAFETY:** In a fire, every second counts. Learn about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, preventing fires and injuries, and what to do in a fire.

Aug. 11, 6 p.m.

**CHILD SAFETY & CPR:** Learn child CPR and how to keep little ones safe at home, at play, and on the road.

June 23, 6 p.m. / Aug. 25, 6 p.m.

## LEARN MORE & REGISTER ONLINE:

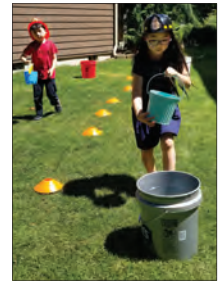
[www.southsnofire.org/classes](http://www.southsnofire.org/classes)

### NEW TO ZOOM?

We can help you get started. Email [outreach@southsnofire.org](mailto:outreach@southsnofire.org) or call 425-320-5800

## FREE ONLINE Kids Fire Camp

Our free Online Fire Camp offers fun safety activities you can do with your family throughout the summer.



To get started, visit our website and sign up to be eligible for prizes.

Download the parent activity guide, suggested supply list and Kids Workbook Activities. You can complete all activities in a week or spread them out throughout the summer.

Each day has a safety theme, videos from firefighters and fun hands-on activities such as the Bucket Brigade, Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt, Bike Safety Course, Hula Hula Relay and more!



Complete your Fire Camp Bingo Card and present it to receive a prize at our drive-thru open house (tentatively set for October).

**Sign up & learn more:**

[www.southsnofire.org/FireCamp](http://www.southsnofire.org/FireCamp)

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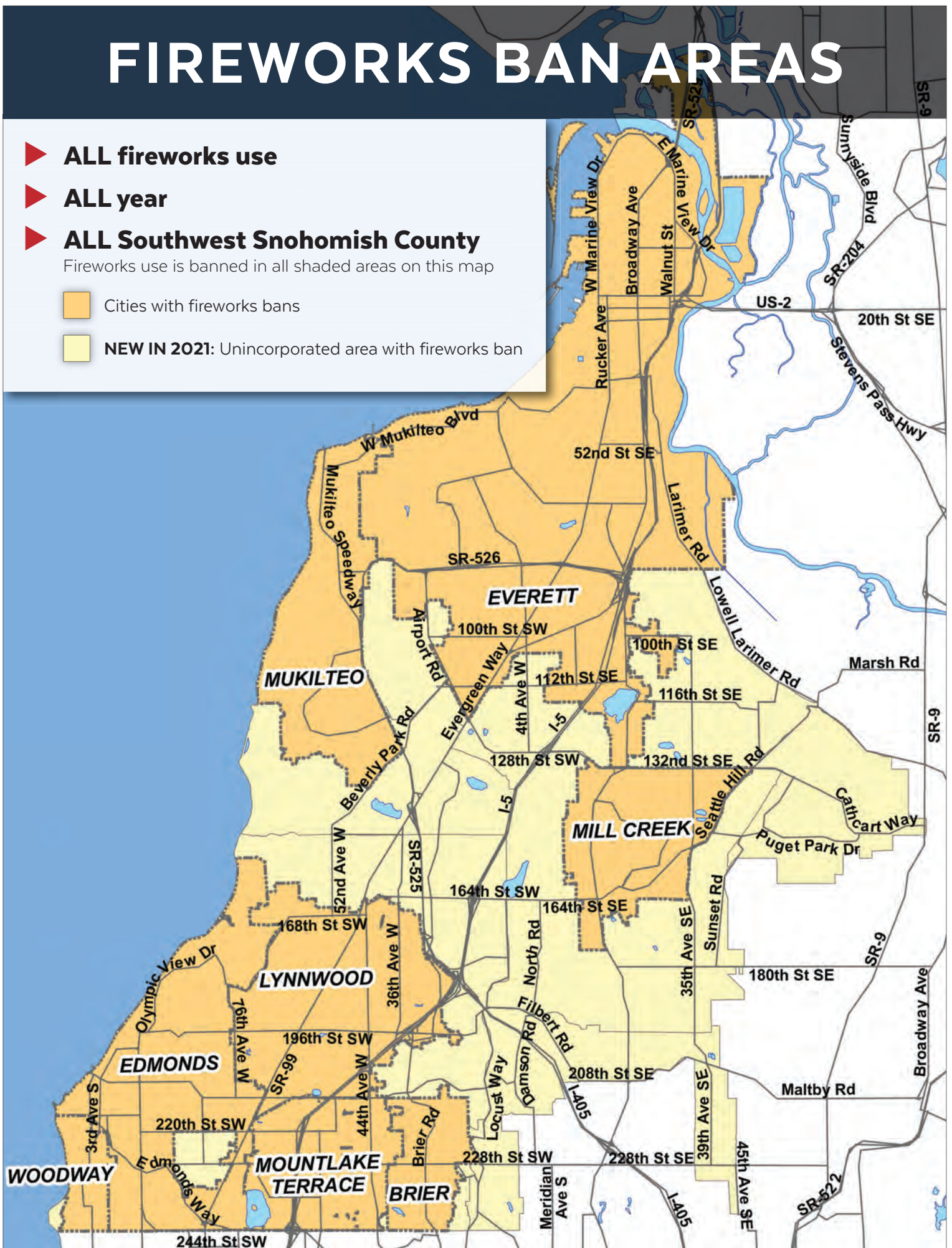


# FIREWORKS BAN AREAS

- ▶ **ALL fireworks use**
- ▶ **ALL year**
- ▶ **ALL Southwest Snohomish County**

Fireworks use is banned in all shaded areas on this map

-  Cities with fireworks bans
-  **NEW IN 2021:** Unincorporated area with fireworks ban



# COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



## Please respect the fireworks ban

By Commissioner Chris Teofilak

Happy Fourth of July Snohomish County.

I'm Chris Teofilak, one of the seven citizens elected to serve on South County Fire's Board of Commissioners. Our regional fire authority serves the cities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and parts of unincorporated Snohomish County.

There is a big change regarding fireworks this year. As of Jan. 1, 2021, the use of consumer fireworks is banned in unincorporated areas of Southwest Snohomish County. With bans already in place in all the cities we serve, this change means fireworks use is now illegal in our entire service area.

Each Fourth of July, our firefighters respond to multiple fires and hand/eye injuries caused by fireworks. Just outside our area in Marysville, a 21-year-old man died from injuries sustained from a firework explosion last Fourth of July.

The drier the summer, the more severe the fires we respond to on the Fourth of July. Unfortunately, homes in our area have sustained major damage due to fires caused by fireworks. These fires typically occur during the night when families are asleep, which decreases the amount of time someone can safely exit a fire.

In November 2019, voters were asked if they wanted the Snohomish County Council to enact an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of consumer fireworks in the unincorporated urban growth areas of Snohomish County.

More than 59% of votes cast by residents of South County Fire favored a fireworks ban.

If you would like to remove the fireworks ban, please feel free to run for office of your local city or county council. Until then, the ban is in place so please respect the votes of your neighbors and your council members.

## SPREAD THE WORD

Order a free **FIREWORKS BANNED HERE** yard sign at our website before June 28. We will contact you to arrange sign delivery or pick up.

**Download and print your own sign** to post in your window or yard. We have a variety of designs available for download at our website including Respect the Ban signs specifically for pet owners and veterans.

**Share your message on social media.** At our website, download and print our Respect the Ban poster. Take a selfie holding your sign. Share the photo on social media with the tag #RespectTheBanSnoco.

**SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE: [www.southsnofire.org/fireworks](http://www.southsnofire.org/fireworks)**



## Fireworks use is banned in South County Fire's entire service area

Fireworks use is now banned in all of Southwest Snohomish County. This includes the entire South County Fire service area:

- Unincorporated communities
- City of Brier
- City of Edmonds
- City of Lynnwood
- City of Mountlake Terrace



## Paying the price: Penalties & fines

The county and all cities in our service area have fines for discharging banned fireworks.

### NEW THIS YEAR:

- **In unincorporated areas of Southwest Snohomish County, there's a \$500 penalty** for a civil infraction and the possibility of court-ordered restitution for any damages. Extra patrols will be out in this area.
- **The City of Edmonds has increased penalties.** First-time offenders now face a \$500 fine. A second-time offense can result in a misdemeanor criminal citation, a fine up to \$1,000 and potential jail time.



## Reporting fireworks use concerns & complaints

**Call 911 for all emergencies.**

**Call the Snohomish County 911 non-emergency number, 425-407-3999,** for complaints related to noise or illegal fireworks use with no threat to life or property.

When calling the non-emergency line, expect to be placed in a queue until a 911 dispatcher is available to answer your call. Dispatchers handle both 911 and non-emergency calls.



## Professional public displays

If you want to see fireworks this Fourth of July, please plan to attend a professional public display. It's the safest way to enjoy fireworks. Shows are being planned in Edmonds, Everett and Marysville.



## Mobile vaccination clinics help reach our diverse community

Our mobile vaccination team, in partnership with the Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce, continues to host community-based pop-up clinics as well as provide vaccinations for homebound residents. To date, the team has provided more than 6,000 vaccinations. This number does not reflect the tens of thousands vaccinated by South County Fire staff at the drive-thru clinics across the county.

Our outreach to our diverse service area has included pop-up clinics for the Spanish-speaking community at Silver Creek Church in Lynnwood; Ukrainian, Russian and Asian homebound residents at Mercy Housing in unincorporated north Lynnwood; the Islamic Center of Puget Sound in Lynnwood; and the Sikh Centre of Seattle in unincorporated Bothell.

We also participated in the Snohomish Health District's #VaxUpSnoCo social media campaign with videos from Firefighter Ivan Nunez in Spanish and Firefighter/Paramedic Boris Fayerberg in Russian.



We teamed up with the Korean Women's Association, Korean Community Service Center and the City of Lynnwood for two pop-up clinics at Northwest Church.



## 4 hazards: Steps to prevent summer fires at your home



**HAZARD:** Discarded cigarettes in vegetation, bark, mulch, potted plants, landscaping, peat moss, dried grass or leaves that could ignite easily. Every summer we respond to house fires that start this way.

**PREVENT IT:** Always use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn. Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out by dousing in water or sand.



**HAZARD:** Grills placed too close to your home, deck railing, trees or landscaping. July is the peak month for grill fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

**PREVENT IT:** Place your grill at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire—siding, deck railings, eaves, overhanging branches. Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking. Clean your grill after every use.



**HAZARD:** Disposal of barbecue ashes or coals in a combustible container such as a plastic trash can or a cardboard box. Charcoal and ashes can smolder and retain heat – sometimes for days.

**PREVENT IT:** Place cool coals and ash from your barbecue in a metal container with a lid and place it well away from your home or anything that can burn.



**HAZARD:** Oily rags from your home improvement project left in a pile. Oil-based paints, stains and varnishes release heat as they dry. If oily rags are left in a pile, the heat is trapped, builds up and causes a fire.

**PREVENT IT:** Never leave rags in a pile. Put them in a tightly-sealed metal container with a lid and place it well away from your home or any other structure.



## Meet our newest firefighters

Our 13 newest recruits graduated from the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy in April and are now working in your neighborhood fire stations.

Welcome and congratulations to, top row from left – Danielle Hill, Christie Pater, Austin Portis, Colton Segle, Jenine Adam; middle row – Dahlton Osborne, Eric Paige, Steven Ohm, Ryan Clancy, Erik DeRoche; bottom row – Brayden Engler, Jonathan Herbig and Chad Stutzman.

Following graduation from the rigorous 10-week fire academy, our new recruits participated in an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Academy. All recruits are either emergency medical technicians or paramedics at the time they are hired. The EMS Academy focused on South County Fire policies, programs and protocols; hands-on training in our medic unit and its equipment; and clinical scenarios and hospital familiarization. For the final day, recruits were placed on a medic unit and radio dispatched to respond to EMS training scenarios all around our Headquarters campus.



### HEADQUARTERS

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*Headquarters and station are closed to visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

### Commissioners

Greg Urban, Board Chair  
Chris Teofilak, Vice Chair  
Drew Burnett  
David Chan  
Jim Kenny  
Mark Laurence  
Bob Meador

### Fire Chief

Thad Hovis

Board of Commissioners meetings are the first, second and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are currently being held remotely using Zoom teleconferencing. Login instructions, agendas, minutes and videos are available at [www.southsnofire.org/meetings](http://www.southsnofire.org/meetings).

### Neighborhood Fire Stations

*All stations are fully staffed and responding to 911 calls, but are currently closed to visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

#### Fire Station 10 • Keeler's Corner

3922 156th Street SW  
Lynnwood WA 98087

#### Fire Station 11 • Mariner

12310 Meridian Avenue S  
Everett WA 98208

#### Fire Station 12 • Hilton Lake

3525 108th Street SE  
Everett WA 98208

#### Fire Station 13 • Silver Falls

13611 Puget Park Drive  
Everett WA 98208

#### Fire Station 14 • Blue Ridge

18800 68th Avenue W  
Lynnwood WA 98037

#### Fire Station 15 • Lynnwood Civic Center

18800 44th Avenue W  
Lynnwood WA 98036

#### Fire Station 16 • Maplewood

8429 196th Street SW  
Edmonds WA 98026

#### Fire Station 17 • Downtown Edmonds

275 Sixth Avenue N  
Edmonds WA 98020

#### Fire Station 18 • Brier

21206 Poplar Way  
Brier WA 98036

#### Fire Station 19 • Mountlake Terrace

5902 232nd Street SW  
Mountlake Terrace WA 98043

#### Fire Station 20 • Esperance

23009 88th Avenue W  
Edmonds WA 98026

#### Fire Station 21 • Martha Lake

16819 13th Avenue W  
Lynnwood WA 98037

#### Fire Station 22 • Hilltop

20510 Damson Road  
Lynnwood WA 98036

#### Fire Station 23 • Lake Serene

4323 Serene Way  
Lynnwood WA 98087