



# Press Release

## City of Edmonds

*Mayor Mike Cooper*



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### **Edmonds Mayor Cooper's Home Added to Historic Register**

(Edmonds - WA) Edmonds mayor and former fire fighter Mike Cooper received a very special early holiday gift this year: a shiny bronze plaque officially recognizing his home as the newest addition to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places.

His home, known to local historians as The Palmer House, was built in 1895 for Dr. W. C. Palmer, a local dentist. The house changed hands many times over the years, and was the family home for several generations of Edmonds residents. It became the Cooper family home in 1965 when it was purchased by Jack and Betty Cooper, the mayor's parents. Jack served Edmonds for many years as fire chief, and eventually passed the home to his son Mike. Following in his father's footsteps, Mike served on both the Edmonds and Shoreline Fire Departments, and was appointed mayor in 2010 to fill out the term of outgoing Mayor Gary Haakenson.

Of special note is that Mayor Cooper is the latest in a growing list of Edmonds public officials to live in this house. Matt Engels, who resided here in the early 1920's, served as both mayor and fire chief, making Mike Cooper the second Edmonds mayor to live in this home! "Being in public service to Edmonds while living in one of its best known historic homes is a great honor," said Mayor Cooper. "Being part of Edmonds rich history makes me doubly proud of our city."

The City of Edmonds and the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission are actively identifying additional properties and historic sites for future inclusion on the Register. The Historic Preservation Commission is comprised of volunteer citizens dedicated to preserving the historic character of Edmonds.

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