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**Design Concepts Give New Look  
To Mountlake Terrace Town Center**

The chance to design Mountlake Terrace's downtown drew about 250 people to a series of design workshops and open houses held on September 11, 12, and 13 at the clubhouse at Ballinger Lakes Golf Course.

On the last day, two preliminary scenarios for future Town Center development were shown. One scenario featured commercial and mixed-use development of 2-3 stories in parts of the existing downtown ("Town Center") area. The other featured commercial and mixed-use development of up to 10 stories.

Mixed-use development typically means a type of development that has retail or other commercial use at the street level and residential above.

Other concepts in the Town Center designs included public water fountains, wide sidewalks, plazas, and connections to the new express transit station being built in 2008 a few blocks away.

The two scenarios will be refined and a third scenario will be prepared over the next month. The scenarios will be presented at open houses October 30 and November 8. A final Town Center plan is expected for the City Council to consider in December.

By September 22, a visual preference survey will be posted online for people to "vote" on their preferred design concepts. The survey will be very similar to one given at the September 12 design workshop. It will focus on building styles, streetscapes, and public gathering places. The city's new town center webpage, which will host the survey and other town center planning news, is at [www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter](http://www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter).

City Council members earlier decided to focus on a new Town Center Plan to spur economic development downtown, while increasing quality of life in single-family neighborhoods. The Council has requested that the Plan be completed this year and that it include options for a new City Hall.

Town Center is also known as the main downtown business area of Mountlake Terrace. It is the area along 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West between 244<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest and almost to 228<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest. At most points, downtown is only 1 block deep, but between 236<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest and 232<sup>nd</sup> Street Southwest, it spreads out to 3 blocks deep.

To receive Town Center Plan notices, contact Debbie Rubatino at 425.744.6266 or [towncenterplan@ci.mt.wa.us](mailto:towncenterplan@ci.mt.wa.us) and provide your name and mailing address. The City's website, [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com), will also post Town Center updates and meeting announcements.

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**Below: Concept for Walkable Downtown in Mountlake Terrace**

