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Mountlake Terrace Town Center Planning Roundtables Kick Off

On July 24, the City of Mountlake Terrace held the first of three community roundtable discussions to kick off the Mountlake Terrace Town Center Plan development. Over 50 members of the community attended the meeting at Mountlake Terrace High School to discuss their interests and vision for Mountlake Terrace's Town Center.

After a brief gathering time where community members browsed previous downtown reports and a variety of display maps and photos, participants divided into small groups to discuss three key questions:

- What do you like most about the current downtown?
- What do you like least about the current downtown?
- What is your vision of the future for a Town Center, including City Hall?

Participants brainstormed a range of ideas for the Town Center. General themes included livability and creating a unique feel for downtown Mountlake Terrace.

The Mayor, many Council members, and the Planning Commission were also in attendance to hear community feedback.

City Council members have come together to focus on the need for a new Town Center Plan that will spur economic development in the downtown area and provide for quality of life for residents. The City Council has requested that the Plan be completed this year and that it include options for a new City Hall.

The remaining two roundtable meeting dates are as follows:

July 26, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m:
Club House at Ballinger Lakes Golf Course
23000 Lakeview Drive / Mountlake Terrace

July 31, Monday, 6:30- 8:30 p.m:
Mountlake Terrace Library
23300 58th Avenue West / Mountlake Terrace

Each community roundtable meeting begins with an optional informal gathering and opportunity to view City maps and photos at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., the regular meeting starts. It features small group discussions about a future vision for the Town Center, including City Hall. A summary of the small group discussions concludes the meeting.

Everyone who lives in or has an interest in Mountlake Terrace is encouraged to participate in the Town Center planning project.

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

More community events to help with Town Center planning will be held this fall. The City Council expects to decide on a final plan by the end of the year.

To receive Town Center Plan notices, contact Debbie Rubatino at 425.744.6266 or towncenterplan@ci.mlt.wa.us and provide your name and an address—postal and/or email. The City's website, www.cityofmlt.com, will also post Town Center updates and meeting announcements on its "Breaking News" page.

For more information, contact the Mountlake Terrace Planning Division at 425.744.6266 or check the website: <http://www.cityofmlt.com/news.htm>.

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