

Online Open House for Future Recreation & Parks System

Please Visit our Online Open House, April 7 - 28!

The city is hosting an online open house from April 7-28 to solicit more feedback on ideas, values, and priorities for the Recreation, Parks & Open Space Master Plan and the Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan.

To participate in the online open house, visit either of our project webpages for the link that will go live on April 7. Within this open house, you will be able to give feedback through survey questions. It will take only a few minutes to complete.

About 1,250 people participated in the community surveys the city conducted last fall for these two projects. Below is a recap of the survey results. We hope you attend our online open house this month!

Recreation, Parks and Open Space Master Plan

The city's Recreation, Parks & Open Space Master Plan will guide the development and acquisition of new recreation facilities, parks and open spaces, as well as the renovation of existing facilities over the next 20 years.

In the fall, we heard from over 1,000 people through the community survey. In summary, we heard that you:

- Value your parks and recreation facilities.
- Are generally satisfied with existing parks and recreation amenities and facilities.
- Would like to see increased maintenance and upkeep of existing parks, as well as additional improvements.

The project team has developed some ideas for how to improve and upgrade existing programs and facilities and desires your feedback on those ideas in the open house.

Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan

The city continues to plan for the future of Veterans Memorial Park,

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Recreation, Parks & Open Space Master Plan:
www.cityofmlt.com/RPOS

Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan:
www.cityofmlt.com/Vetspark

located at 23400 58th Avenue W, adjacent to the Civic Campus. In late fall, we received almost 250 responses to the online survey. In summary, we heard that you would most like to see:

- Improvements to the trails, especially adding lighting.
- Restoration and preservation of the natural areas.
- Public restrooms.
- Improvements to gathering spaces.
- Upgraded play equipment.
- Improvements to the Veterans Memorial.
- Enhanced maintenance.

Using this feedback, the project team developed three illustrated concepts to guide future decision-making and development in the park and would like your input on those concepts.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our surveys last year and please visit our online open house as we move forward in the process! For more information, contact Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz at jbetz@mltwa.gov or (425) 640-3101.

Council Amends Thresholds for Utility Discounts

The City Council has updated the income thresholds the city uses to determine eligibility for discounts on water, sewer, and stormwater bills for low-income senior and disabled residents. After reviewing information from other jurisdictions, it was found the state's income levels to determine low-income property tax exemptions under RCW 84.36.383 was a more appropriate measure of need than federal program income levels the city had been using.

City Code Chapter 13.05.375 was amended so that Mountlake Terrace property owners over the age of 62 living on the property in a household with an aggregate income as shown in the table are eligible to qualify for a 30 percent discount on water, sewer and stormwater charges. This discount also applies to Mountlake Terrace low-income property owners who have a disabled family member living with them.

To qualify for this discount, please complete an application form and submit proof of income. The discount will be effective with the next regular billing following approval of an application. To access the application, visit www.cityofmlt.com/165, email utilitybilling@mltwa.gov or call the Utility Billing Department at (425) 744-6214 so we can mail you one.

Household Size	2021 Income Level
1 Person	\$38,591
2 People	\$38,591
3 People	\$47,167
4 People	\$47,167
5 People	\$55,743
6 People	\$55,743