

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mountlake Terrace is a community of neighborhoods, with key features that include a town center, terrace geography, views, parks, and Lake Ballinger. Straddling the I-5 freeway, it is part of metropolitan Seattle and the Puget Sound region.



People in Mountlake Terrace represent a wide variety of lifestyles, ages, and income levels. Some have lived here all their lives; others are new to the city. Some are native English-speakers; others are learning as they go along. Some are on fixed incomes; others live affluently. The most recent Census tells us, for example, that 21% of the population is less than 15 years old, while 16% is 55 or older. By race, about 78% is white and nearly 13% is Asian. Family incomes vary, with 3.3% bringing in less than \$10,000 annually and 9.4% bringing in more than \$100,000.

