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**Mountlake Terrace Town Center Planning
To Kick Off With July Meetings**

To kick off the development of a Town Center Plan for Mountlake Terrace, community roundtable meetings will be held on July 24, 26, and 31.

The roundtable meetings will focus on community ideas for a downtown vision. Each meeting will have the same agenda, but with different dates and locations to choose from.

“It starts with a vision,” Mayor Jerry Smith said recently. “Downtown has great potential but we need to hear what people think and see what all the options are to make it really strong.”

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

Roundtable meeting dates are as follows:

July 24, Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m:
Mountlake Terrace High School Cafeteria
21801 44th Avenue West / Mountlake Terrace

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 will feature 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.

On July 10, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council and Planning Commission will meet jointly in the City Hall Council Chambers for a work/study session to discuss the current work plan for upcoming projects, including the Town Center Plan, the Conservation Strategy, and development code updates. Their joint meeting was rescheduled from an earlier date.

The Planning Commission is made up of local citizens who advise the Council on urban planning and development.

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 drubatino@ci.mtl.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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