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**Mountlake Terrace Town Center Planning  
Gets Citizen Involvement Award**

Mountlake Terrace is the winner of a Citizen Involvement Award from the Washington State Chapter of the American Planning Association to recognize the City's Town Center planning process.

"Our community really worked hard to plan for a high quality Town Center," said Mayor Jerry Smith. "The honor goes to our citizens who gave of their time to participate in roundtable meetings, workshops, and internet surveys."

A Town Center Plan was adopted by the Mountlake Terrace City Council in February to encourage revitalization of its existing downtown. The plan calls for the development of restaurants, retail stores, offices, coffee shops, and mixed uses, along with new community amenities, such as wider sidewalks, street trees, and a large public plaza.

An extensive public outreach process guided the plan development. It included six citywide mailings and twenty public events, such as community roundtables, design workshops, and hearings. The City also created a public website to host an internet survey, announcements, comment forms, and dozens of informational materials.

"We got a lot of public input," said Alice Kier, Planning Commission Chair. "Sure, there were different opinions out there, but in the end, most people had a chance to participate and most people supported the vision for revitalizing downtown. I am so pleased that Mountlake Terrace is being awarded."

According to the City's records, this is the first time Mountlake Terrace has received a statewide planning award. For more information, check the City's Town Center webpage: [www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter](http://www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter) or call (425) 744-6266.

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