

How do I determine which neighborhood I live or work in? Why is it important to know about Redmond's neighborhoods?

The City of Redmond consists of ten neighborhoods including the Downtown and Overlake neighborhoods, a portion of which are designated as urban centers. Each neighborhood includes a staff liaison(s), a webpage, a Facebook page, an E-Alert subscription service, a neighborhood plan comprised of neighborhood-specific policies and regulations, and opportunities for neighborhood participation and stewardship.

These ten neighborhoods were identified for purposes of neighborhood planning; most contain several smaller neighborhoods. For example, the Idylwood neighborhood planning area includes smaller neighborhoods such as Little Tree and Brae Burn.



Redmond's Ten

Redmond's ten neighborhoods are:

Bear Creek	Downtown	Education Hill	Grass Lawn	Idylwood
North Redmond	Overlake	Sammamish Valley	SE Redmond	Willows /
				Rose Hill

The easiest way to determine your neighborhood is to find your property on the City's neighborhood maps.

- Static map: http://www.redmond.gov/Government/MapsGlSservices/StandardMaps/ (scroll to the Neighborhoods map approximately ¾ of the way down the page)
- Interactive map: http://www.redmond.gov/Government/MapsGISservices/InteractiveMaps/ (zoom to your property or vicinity and activate the Neighborhoods layer)

Additionally, the City's Planner-On-Call can assist. Please send your address to <u>planneroncall@redmond.gov</u> along with your question regarding the neighborhood.

Importance of connecting with your neighborhood

The Comprehensive Plan is a broad statement of the community's vision for the future and contains policies to guide the physical development of the City as well as certain aspects of its social and economic character. The Plan reflects the long-term values and aspirations of the community as a whole; shows how various aspects such as land use, housing, and transportation work together to achieve the desire vision; and accommodates change through regular updates.

The Plan includes a vision statement and policies that are specific to each of the ten neighborhoods in Redmond. These policies are intended to help preserve and enhance neighborhood characteristics valued by residents and people who work there. Neighborhood plans and policies also:

- Reflect the priorities of people who live and work in the neighborhood.
- Describe important neighborhood goals and how to accomplish them.
- Serve as a guideline for the neighborhood and city decision makers.
- Help to coordinate and indicate priorities for improvements in City services and facilities.
- Are consistent with but do not duplicate the Comprehensive Plan.
- Help to implement the Comprehensive Plan.
- Serve as a tool to bring together those who live or work in an area to help address concerns and goals.

Also – neighborhood stewardship

In addition to learning about your neighborhood plan and sharing perspectives regarding living, working, recreating, and traveling in Redmond and in your neighborhood, community members serve as stewards and volunteers.

Stewardship includes opportunities such as Green Redmond as a forest/park steward and the Neighborhood Network as a neighborhood liaison assisting with building community connections. Volunteerism includes various opportunities such as serving on a City committee, board, or commission. Throughout the year, the City invites community members to assist with other activities such as planting along the Sammamish River and assisting with an event such as Derby Days. Additionally, neighbors join together to apply for and implement Neighborhood Matching Grant projects such as upgrading subdivision signage and landscaping and installing benches along public walkways.

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