

Neighborhood Character

Source	Comment	Location											
			District	Common Theme	Social/ Friendly/ Visability	Views/Clean/Beauty	Parks/ Open Space	Transportation/ Access/ Walkable	No "Community" Egel	Private/ Independent	Size/ Density		
QoW	What makes living here so great? For retirees it's our neighbors and the view of the ferry boat coming in. Also having Martha & Mary near is in Kingston, is very supportive and encouraging. We totally enjoy being here.	Kingston	NK		X								
QoW	My neighborhood could be a lot better. I live on E. Broad St., in East Bremerton, off Wheaton Way. We have a home owners association where not everyone participates and is not made to. It makes it hard on the ones that do. A neighborhood to me means safe, friendly, accessible to good transportation and shopping, and also one that is neat and kept up with maintenance.	E. Broad Street, East Bremerton, off Wheaton Way	CK		X	X		X					X
QoW	I live in between Tracyton and Bremerton. My neighborhood does not really have any type of "community" feel to it.	Between Tracyton and Bremerton	CK							X			
QoW	Chico Way has a great walking road, it is wide and has rumble strip to protect the bikers, walkers and their dogs.	Chico Way	CK					X					
QoW	We live in a wonderful neighborhood. "Harper" the neighborhood is walkable and many of the neighbors meet and talk on the road. Nearby Harper Park with its ball field, picnic shelter, and trails is loved by many as well as the access to the salt water across the street from the ball field. We have an outstanding local historical monument in the Harper Pier which attracts many from far and near. The neighborhood is a cross section of old and new folk who take pride in living here.	Harper	SK		X		X	X					
QoW	I live above Long Lake in Sunridge development. I feel we are a neighborhood because we are suburban residential (lot size parcels), neighbors are visible, families with children and without reside here. We also have a Home Owners Assn that keeps us talking and working together for the betterment of our neighborhood.	Sunridge development; Long Lake	SK		X								X
QoW	A neighborhood is a place where the people who live within close proximity to one another and share vital services also are at the least, available for one another in times of need. The ultimate neighborhood is one where the residents truly care about everyone's quality of life. The residents understand that it is everyone's responsibility to work together as needed to then maintain this quality. Residents are considerate about noise, air quality, and clean and safe outdoor spaces. Both privacy and socialability are respected.	N/A	N/A		X								
QoW	This is a waterfront neighborhood with very narrow street. All home owners know each other. Because it is small we know all the children and all watch after them. We all watch all the time so as to make those just driving around uncomfortable. They do not stay. This is a dead-end so strangers need not be here unless they have business here and they will be asked what they are doing here. We like our neighborhood secluded and quiet.	waterfront	N/A		X								
QoW	My neighborhood really is not "special" as I believe this question may be asking. It is a circa 1988 subdivision with nice houses and no doubt nice people inside those houses. I have lived here four years. There isn't anything that creates communion or linkage to one another such as a walking trail, picnic or barbeque area, basketball court or community vegetable garden or true commonly enjoyed section of our immediate area. Beyond our subdivision on major roadways there are no sidewalks but people jog, walk and walk dogs regularly	N/A	N/A	X	X					X			X
QoW	A neighborhood is an area that has a central, common theme. It may be based on a development name, a lake, a business, a park etc. It is a physical location that those who live or work in the area see as a commonality. where I live has what I consider multiple identities and has a very rural character. I live near Wicks Lake (which some day in the far, far future may even become a county park to help our "neighborhood gain that commonality) but we are also near Lake Helena. We are rural in that the closest store in a little over 2 miles away on Sidney, but we seem to be much more urban given the number of homes being built in the area and the large increase in traffic on SW Lk Helena Rd. What would it take to become a "neighborhood" like some you may know? The biggest thing in this area would be for the county to develop the property they own around Wicks Lake into a real functioning park. The problem with that is we are west of hywy 16 and most of the effort and attention is focused on the "neighborhoods" that are east of hywy 16.	Wicks Lake, Lake Helena	SK	X			X						
QoW	Freedom to define the character of your own property without interference.	N/A	N/A									X	
QoW	...having the names/addresses/phone numbers of our neighbors; having an annual meeting; having our common albeit small beach. We live in unincorporated southeast Kitsap, off View Park.	View Park	SK	X	X								
QoW	Manchester- beautiful view of Puget Sound and Seattle, small town atmosphere, horses and animals on properties, rural environment, friendly citizens. NEEDS TO REMAIN SO.	Manchester	SK		X	X							
QoW	space. lots of space	N/A	N/A				X						
QoW	My neighborhood is small, consisting of basically three (3) families. We live on Minter Creek about 1 mile from the Pierce Co. line. It's rural farm country.	Minter Creek	SK										X
QoW	forest, country with lots of space, rural, wildlife, retreat, quiet, clean air, clean - no litter or junk, trails, services (bus, grocery, hardware, gas, fire station, etc.) all easily accessible by car in minutes, low traffic congestion (except for ferry traffic), beautiful scenery, low housing density (except for stupid PUD that county allowed years ago with rules one owner has violated)	N/A	N/A		X	X	X	X					
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QoW	We live in the Manette neighborhood in Bremerton, and consider our purchase of a home here 15 years ago as one of the best things we ever did. Our neighborhood has sidewalks, so people walk here, it has an activist neighborhood coalition (I am a board member), that helps our neighbors look out for problems, reports graffiti, and puts on fun events like an Easter egg hunt, a harvest dinner dinner potluck, a community garage sale, and an edible garden tour. We have a small vibrant business district, that hosts local artists, and we are connected to Bremerton by a beautiful bridge. We know all of our immediate neighbors, and many others on neighboring blocks. It is everything to me, and I never want to leave.	Manette, Bremerton	CK		X	X		X					
QoW	I live in a rural area, not a neighborhood. To me neighborhood means urban or suburban area with medium to high density housing, shopping, transit, etc. I live out in the sticks and away from all that. So if my "neighborhood" shows character, it is a character of independence and privacy.	N/A	N/A	X							X	X	
QoW	A neighborhood is a distinct area or district within a place. For example, within Bremerton there are several neighborhoods (e.g. downtown/Harborside, Evergreen Park, Union Hill, Manette, Callow/Charleston, etc.). Yes, I happen to live in the Evergreen Park neighborhood of Bremerton and there are features that identify the neighborhood and make it unique. The neighborhood is anchored by a large park and waterfront and is surrounded by small, single-family homes. There are a handful of churches, multi-family and retail buildings that match the scale of the single-family homes. The retail complements park visitors and neighborhood residents. Streets and sidewalk profiles are almost identical throughout the neighborhood. The neighborhood is pedestrian friendly and inviting.	Evergreen Park, Bremerton	CK	X	X	X	X	X					
QoW	It means actually knowing a few of your neighbors! My neighborhood has a wide range of aged homes but right next to ours is a planned area with short trails with tight packed houses. That neighborhood seems to be just a commuter area and they don't want people intruding. The trails should be open to all with an emphasis on connectivity around town. If someone parks on your street for a local event, so what! it's part of being a neighborhood and community together, not to be exclusive. I live in Poulsbo	Poulsbo	NK		X			X					
QoW	My neighborhood is located in the middle of the woods, off rural roads. In the case of where I live now, I'd define neighborhood as those 200-300 homes within our homeowner's association. Character: blue collar, working class middle income families, including a lot of rentals, people who commute to the bases and tons of kids. No chickens though.	N/A	N/A	X									X
QoW	We live in Manchester, which has a character that is special, if not unique in Kitsap County. "Neighborhood" is a term that imparts a similarity in attitude, architecture and space. The residents' attitude toward taking care of their homes and yards, coupled with a feeling of living alone amongst a mass of other homes, or on the contrary, living in a community where people share, help and cooperate. Manchester residents have a sense of community and a willingness to help each other. There is also a broadly common attitude to take care of our homes and landscaping. The architecture of the area stems from its history, where most of the homes were built as weekend get-aways for Seattleites, with most being built in the 1950s to 1970s. That architecture is changing with new and/or remodel construction and the arrival of permanent residents. The large lots make for substantial space between homes for landscaping. Of course, there are always exceptions, where some people are loners, and some people have different perspectives on what a proper landscape looks like. But, for the most part, we are united in one thing -- we do not like the term "East Port Orchard" applied to Manchester.	Manchester	SK		X	X						X	
QoW	Neighborhood is the local area surrounding our residential community. Our immediate neighborhood tends to have a unique character: independent, isolated, friendly, neighborly. We live in the Greater Hansville Community, southern area, near Egalon	Greater Hansville, Eglon	NK		X							X	
QoW	My neighborhood is a refuge from the crowded places I go for shopping and amusement. It is quiet thanks to relatively large lots with lots of trees around the homes. Traffic is light so I can walk on the streets and the view of the sound and mountains is tranquil and varied. I live on Alaska Ave E in Manchester.	Alaska Ave E, Manchester	SK		X	X		X					
	I love my neighborhood. I live on Ridgetop. I love the beautiful tall pine trees on Ridgetop Blvd. This is what Kitsap is all about the beautiful trees, hood canal, the water ways. I wish people would stop cutting down the trees. We should have more laws to protect the trees. The trees clean the air, protect the land.	Ridgetop, Silverdale	NK			X							
Totals				5	16	10	6	7	2	3	6		