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# YOUR VIEW COUNTS

Call the Community Forum Line,  
556-2427 to sign up your group or be  
placed with a group.

Meetings are usually held weekday  
evenings in group members' homes, but  
some groups meet in the office  
at lunchtime, in school or community  
buildings, or wherever and whenever the  
group deems convenient.

Soon after your meeting, you will receive a  
"Viewpaper" which summarizes  
everyone's responses. Detailed summaries  
are available for your review at the City's  
Planning Department and at the Redmond  
Library. We invite you to continue  
with your same group or join a different  
one for the next Forum - whichever works  
best for you.



*Planning & Community  
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Community Affairs Division*

TELL YOUR FRIENDS  
ABOUT THE FORUM !!

*Here's what some  
participants have said:*

▶ "I think it's the best thing that's happened  
to Redmond since the stoplight at  
NE 85th and 161st Ave. "

▶ "The idea of small group meetings is much  
more appealing than a larger, and often  
intimidating community meeting. "

▶ "The Forum was an excellent idea. We  
learned a lot and had fun. "

▶ "The Forum was an excellent way for us  
all to get our voices heard and hear  
other opinions in a non-threatening  
comfortable atmosphere. "

**CITIZENS  
GUIDE TO  
COMMUNITY  
FORUMS**



**YOUR  
SPECIAL INVITATION  
TO JOIN**

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Redmond Community Forum is probably the easiest and most convenient way for citizens to get involved in their city government and to influence the way the city addresses important issues.

## WHAT IS THE REDMOND COMMUNITY FORUM ?

The Redmond Community Forum was established by the city as a way for citizens to meet with each other and share their views on city issues. It is a unique program designed to utilize the city's most valuable resource - its people! Forums take place about every four months, with topics chosen by the citizen participants. Examples of topics already studied include "Growth Management," "Downtown Redmond," "Transportation" and "Youth Issues."

Interested citizens meet in small groups of 8-12 and watch a videotape about the topic, engage in a discussion and fill out an "Opinionnaire." The results are then presented to the City Council and the media.

Forum meetings last about two hours and are held at mutually convenient times over a three week period.



## WHO CAN JOIN A FORUM ?

Anyone aged 18 or older\* can join, and you don't need any special qualifications. We seek a wide representation. And once you join, you'll probably want to continue, since the commitment is minimal and the meetings are fun. Over 400 people are currently involved (most of whom were never before involved in city-related programs), and we expect the forum membership to keep growing!

\* We also have organized concurrent student Forums with Redmond and Lake Washington High Schools

## HOW CAN I JOIN A COMMUNITY FORUM ?

### THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1. AS A CONVENER,** you organize the group by locating interested people in your neighborhood, club / organization, or workplace (the city can assist); find a meeting place and conduct your forum. The city will provide you with all the materials and training you need.
- 2. AS A PARTICIPANT,** you will be matched with a group meeting in your area. All you need to do is show up and get involved!
- 3. OR, ORGANIZE FORUMS,** as the agenda for one of your club's or community organization's regular meetings.

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