The City of Oak Harbor

The Community

The City of Oak Harbor (population 23,000+) is situated on the northern portion of Whidbey Island, approximately two-hours drive north of Seattle, and is accessible by both land and ferry. Located in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains, Whidbey Island experiences half the annual rainfall of Seattle.

Whidbey Island is surrounded by breathtaking scenery and with the presence of several nearby state parks, and nearby San Juan Islands, Mt. Baker recreational areas, and easy access to the Cascade and Olympic Mountains there is a host of recreational activities for an active outdoor lifestyle. You can enjoy boating, whale watching, hiking, biking, golfing, skiing, camping, sport fishing, bird watching, beach combing, and much more.

Oak Harbor also offers excellent small town ambiance, a local play house, outstanding dining, antique shopping, and within minutes of Oak Harbor, the opportunity to visit unique garden and vineyard settings, or simply enjoy the quietness of watching eagles soar.

Oak Harbor has a vibrant downtown, an expanding commercial and retail base, and growing secondary education opportunities. In summary, the lifestyle, convenience of services and location make Oak Harbor an outstanding place to live, work and raise a family.

The City

The City of Oak Harbor was incorporated in 1915 and operates under the Mayor-Council form of government. The Mayor and City Council are elected at-large for four-year overlapping terms. The Mayor serves as the Chief

Executive Officer and is responsible for the development of budgets and related financial plans, and the overall operation of the City. The Mayor directly supervises the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, Police Chief and Fire Chief. The City Administrator directly supervises the Development Services Director, Human Resources Director and Public Works Director.

The City of Oak Harbor employs approximately 170 full-time personnel and operates with an overall budget of $167 million.

For more information on the City of Oak Harbor, please visit our website at **www.oakharbor.gov**

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