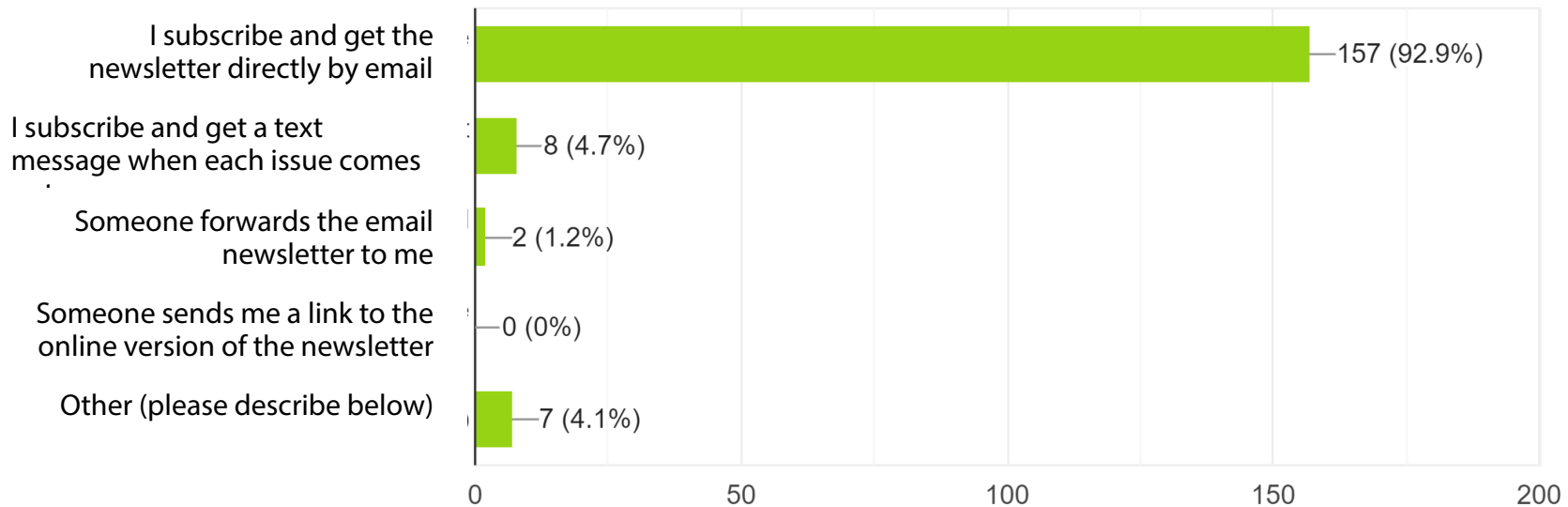


Unincorporated Area Community News – 2019 Reader Survey

Total responses: 174

Open dates: 12/1/2019-1/15/2020

1. How do you receive King County's Unincorporated Area Community News? (169 responses)

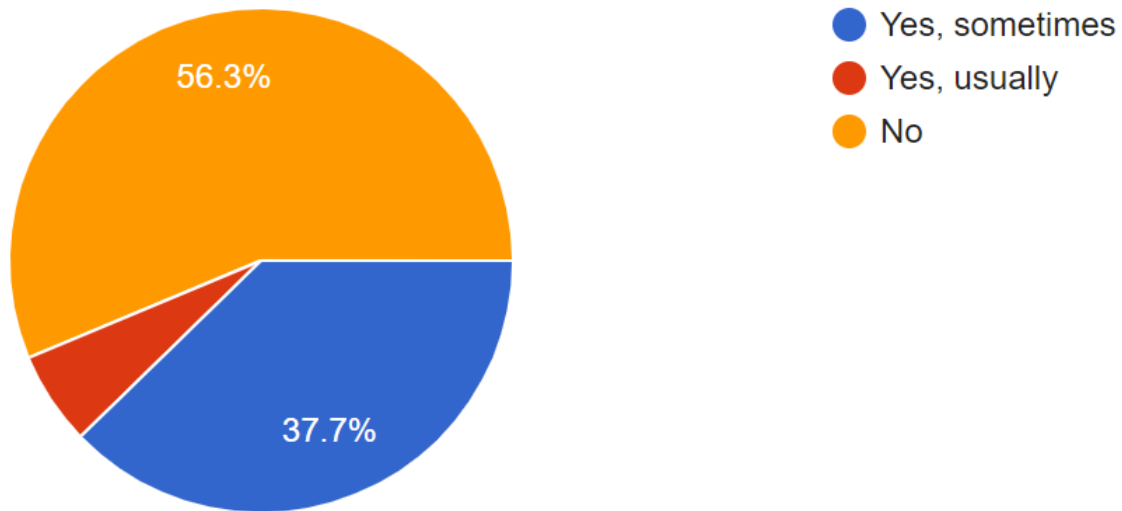


1a. If you chose "Other" above, please describe here how you receive King County's Unincorporated Area Community News. (11 responses)

- I receive it and I like the information
- I am not signed up for it that I know. I checked my subscriptions and did not find this newsletter in the list.
- I receive it as the GMVUAC's Corresponding Secretary and, as such, am on the mailing list.
- NA
- On my work email
- I don't know if I do receive it
- n/a
- email give a chance to read it at my time.
- This appeared in my email just this morning. 1st time I have seen it. Thanks.
- Not sure how I got on the email list, but I receive it by email.

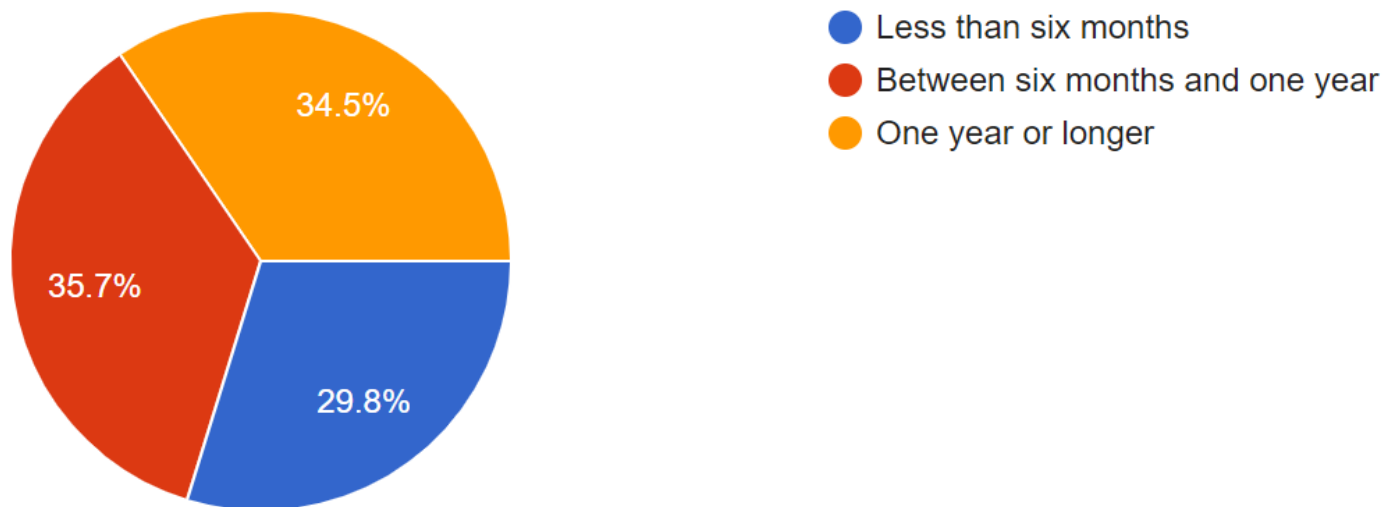
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(167 responses)

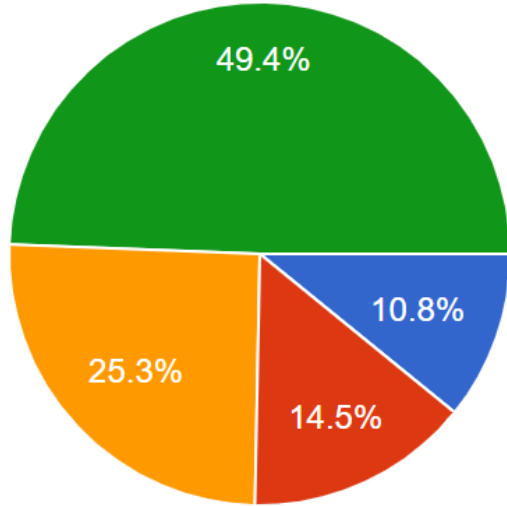


3. How long have you been reading King County's Unincorporated Area Community News?

(168 responses)

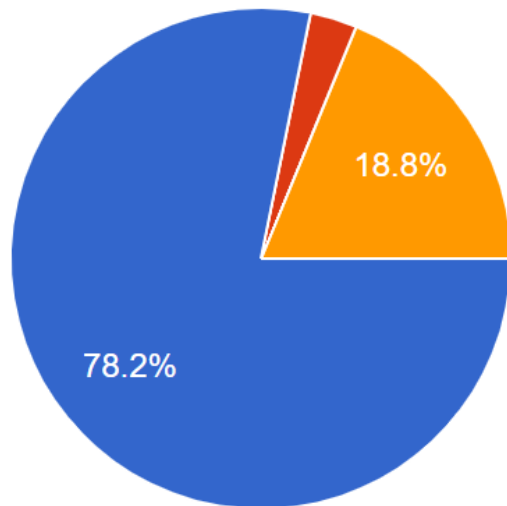


4. On average, about how much of each issue do you read? (166 responses)



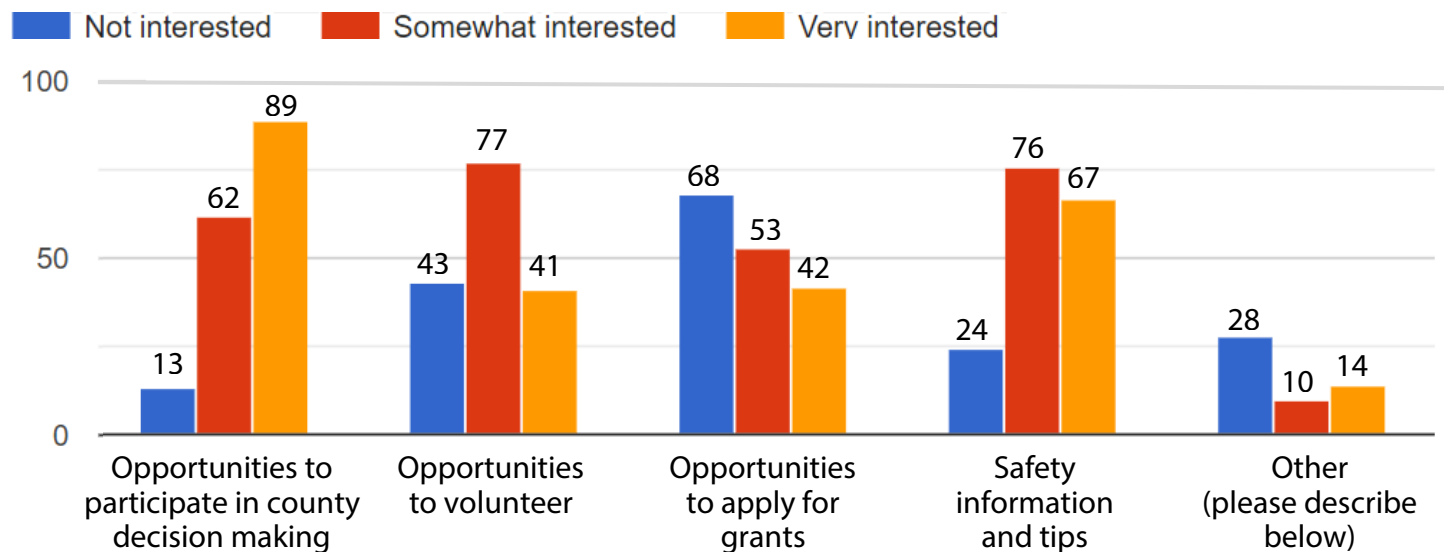
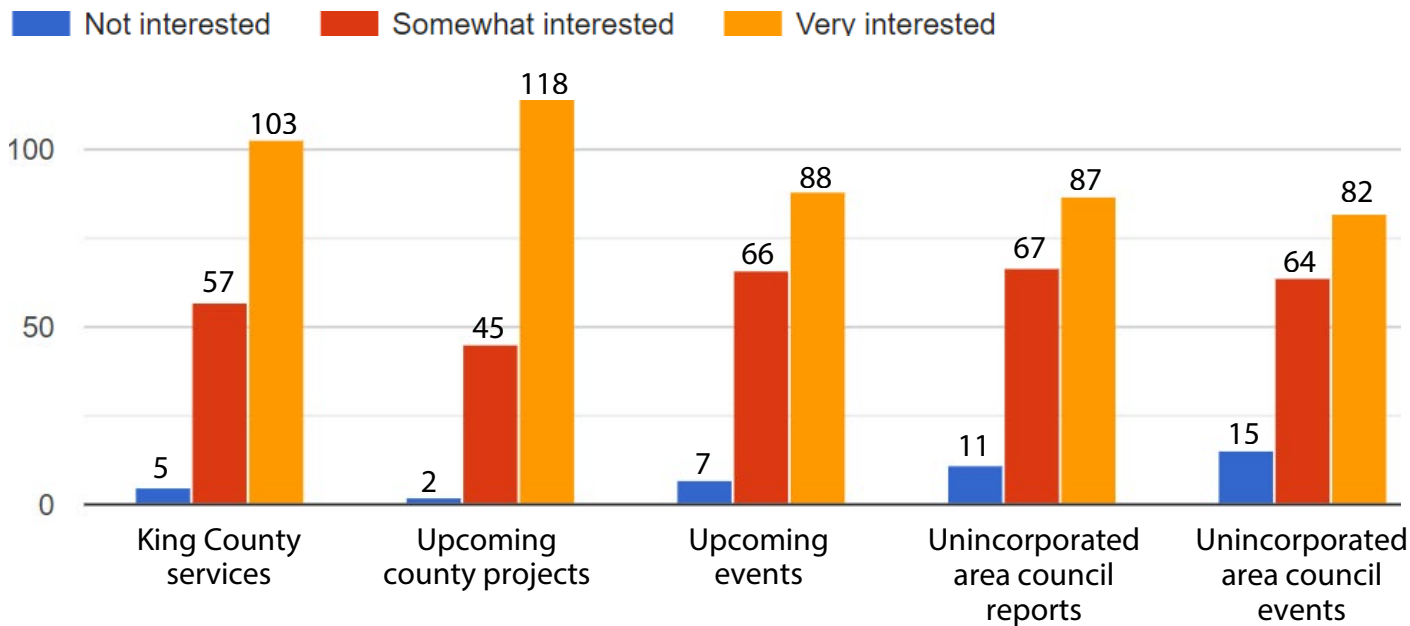
- One quarter or less
- Between one quarter and one half
- Between one half and three quarters
- More than three quarters

5. How would you describe the amount of information in an average issue of the Unincorporated Area Community News? (165 responses)



- About the right amount of information
- Too much information
- Not enough information

6. How interested are you in seeing the following types of information in Unincorporated Area Community News? (166 responses)



6a. Please use this space to tell us about any types of information not listed above that you are interested (or not interested) in seeing in King County's Unincorporated Area Community News.

(40 responses)

- The magical digital speed signage!!?!?? It's there and then it's GONE!!! Why?? What is the cost to taxpayers??? Why is it not connected to a camera??? Fairwood Blvd. West is not respected regarding speed!!! 132nd PL SE intersects with 162nd again absolutely terrifying and as is 132nd PL SE if not the turn to 162nd but following around corner staying on 132nd PL SE is so far dangerous to all those who live on, walk on the side walk, pets, children, or the older residents!!! Remedy??? Yes!!! Place a circle Drive at 132nd PL SE and 162nd... Please before the expected happens sadly!!! So very many close calls!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'll
- Why are they trying to put Lakeside asphalt plant near in an environmentally sensitive area? And how did a commercial building get permitted in a residential area (19835 SE 248TH ST)? What are they going to do about the smell from cedar Grove compost and the landfill? It really stinks. I would like to preserve our natural areas and our residential areas.
- I want to know how King County is wasting our tax dollars on social crap, and NOT spending on law enforcement? We need double the size of cops in cars and in streets, not being desk jockies in seattle, plus bring back cops on bykes mortorcycles, and ther should be two cops in each car patrolling.
- I'm always interested in how changes to the growth management act might effect our neighborhood and also somewhat interested in changes to permitting rules for development and forest management. I don't often understand them, but I know I can ask questions if I need to. Thank you.
- I live in an under represented area of unincorporated King County where it appears that we are generally ignored. Most news that we receive is by word if mouth. It would be great if the Lakeland annexation areas could become part of the county information loop.
- How to unannex from Auburn to improve code enforcement and neighborhood disaster risks. Allowing tree canopy, propane barrier and concrete walls without embedded foundations is ridiculous.
- Not sure when I have seen a report on King County International Airport. I have served on the KCIA Roundtable for over six years. The airport is currently working on there 20 year plan.
- King County response to Climate Crisis impact on Unincorporated areas such as Vashon Island including a Carbon Footprint Study of Vashon Island (extracting relevant King County data).
- I live on Vashon and am interested in how we can get better health care on the island as well as emergency services, specifically fire and EMS.
- Greatly interested in anything that relates to the Growth Management Area, changes to its boundary, annexations and housing density changes.

- Really like it when you include links to further reading in each article, such as to the blog post on the 19 achievements you highlighted.
- REPLACING TREES, TREES, TREES & ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS EACH EMAIL; HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR OWN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE HEALTH OF EARTH.
- Employment opportunities with Unincorporated King County. More environmental news in unincorporated King County.
- Information relevant to Maplewood Heights and Briar Hills neighborhood such as roads, transit, police services.
- Most of the information doesn't apply to me. I would like a better use of the information in the newsletter.
- A short newsletter with links to more info. on the above categories is best. And not too many large photos.
- Would like to see the county's budget, and how much of that is spent on unincorporated king county.
- What are they county officials plans on crime, homeless camps, increasing size of police force
- Policy changes or decisions that impact me, as a unincorporated King County homeowner.
- I prefer the local area news. local newspapers are mostly commercial's for stores.
- Illegal Fireworks--all non-professional fireworks should be banned statewide.
- The news letter, although improving, does not really speak to rural readers
- civic happenings...how to deal with opioid epidemic, homelessness, etc....
- I'd like more safety in regards to police, theft, break ins, homeless, etc
- Housing repair for senior, road when snow, repair road on side street,
- How the community can be involved in the long range planning process.
- Crime information in area updates from previous month
- Gardening activities and education opportunities
- every thing in the south end.. Auburn/FederalWay
- Updates on road work and new building projects.
- Significant changes in King County laws
- Business opportunities and classifieds
- Services and support for the Homeless
- Please print and mail the newsletter

- Environmental protection issues
- KC Sheriff activity and notices
- Community support programs
- Building walking trails
- Right info for me.
- road improvements

7. Why do you read King County's Unincorporated Area Community News? (168 responses)



7a. If you chose "Other" above, please describe why you read King County's Unincorporated Area Community news here. (29 responses)

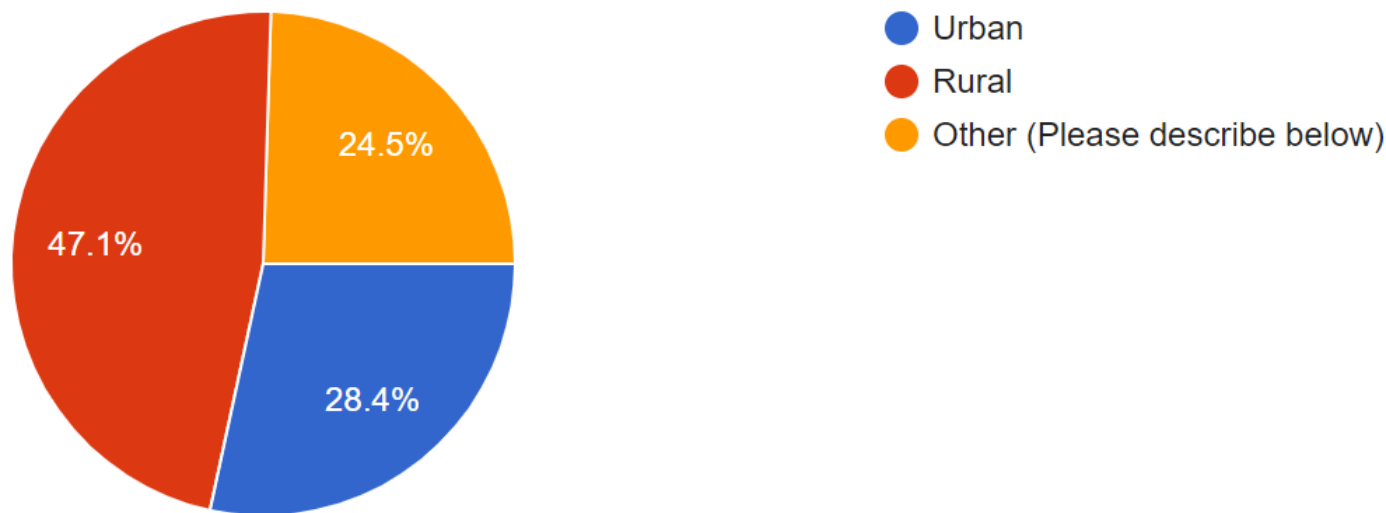
- I work for a small heating company that does work in unincorporated King County.
- I serve on the GMVUAC.
- I live and work in unincorporated King county

- I like in Index, and have lived and worked in Skykomish. I also visit Duvall/Carnation at times, and have an awareness of the importance of seeking out resources to share with those in my work and life. Knowledge is power and I want to hear about what's going on in our state/neighborhoods!
- I live in Snohomish County and spend time in King County
- Want to gain knowledge about community I live in and areas surrounding it. It's important to act as 1.
- I meet with homeless families all over King County, often in the unincorporated areas
- To find out what King county is trying to do to destroy our lifestyle.
- Previously served on unincorporated area council
- FOR MANY YEARS MY HOUSE WAS IN KING COUNTY; NOT IN CITY LIMITS. KING COUNTY IS GROWING MONSTROUSLY, AND FEW PLANS I SEE TO PROTECT OUR HABITAT/ENVIRONMENT/WORLD
- I live, work and own a business in rural KC.
- NA
- I publish a website with information about free and cheap things to do in the Puget Sound region. I live in Seattle.
- Previous Bussiness owner in unincorporated King County/ now resident of overgrown Woodinville
- I used to live in unincorporated King County, and am now within city limits, but I think the information is relevant to everyone living in King County.
- also live in unincorporated King County
- I work in King County
- Friends and family in unincorporated.
- I just like to know what's going on.
- I commute through unincorporated King County.
- I live and work in unincorporated King County
- King county decisions affect all of us in the county. I hope we can return to unincorporated to improve neighborhood safety.
- Live and and own a business in UKC.
- To read how Seattle actually runs king county.
- We live in unincorporated King county; raise sheep on our property. Typically every other 4th of July, one lamb will succumb to the July 4th fireworks onslaught. July 4, 2019, we lost two. A half mile away, one business' building burned to the ground due to fireworks

(July 4, 2018). Just down the street a home with shake roof caught fire during fireworks season. I've had a fir tree set on fire by fireworks and actually photographed it the moment it happened. There's nothing on my property that can put out a fire in the top of a fir tree. Puts a whole new meaning to: "Thanks for the memories."

- I travel in these areas and like to be aware of happenings beforehand.
- I used to live in unincorporated king country and own rental houses in the county
- It's a way to stay connected to the community

8. If you live, work, or own a business in unincorporated King County, how would you describe your community? (155 responses)



8a. If you chose Other above, how would you describe your community? (40 responses)

- Suburban
- Suburban
- We a work in unincorporated King
- I am in rural, urban and suburban
- Suburban. Rural but adjacent to a city with all the problems of a city, especially horrible traffic.

- I do not live, work, or own a business in unincorporated King County
- Suburban- can hear traffic from my yard- there are nearby businesses and services.
- I work in Urban King County, but I meet with a lot of individuals and families that are scattered between both Urban and rural when interviewing unhoused families for work
- Combination of small city and rural
- It was very quiet and rural when I moved here in 1998, but it is rapidly becoming very urban.
- Suburban community
- previously rural but rapidly becoming urban - in transition
- Out in the boonies
- White Center is ugly.
- suburban
- A combination of rural and rural communities
- It use to be Rural and now it has become a Densley populated Uban Sprall!
- Urban/rural mix
- A suburb of South Seattle
- Between Renton and Maple Valley city limits. Not really rural any more.
- In transition rural/urban
- Our community (Skyway) is a blended community with both rural and urban characteristics.
- Suburban, outside say Skykomish, there hasn't been any rural in king county for decades just elitist who find some areas more quaint than others
- N/A
- A mix of both urban and rural (Woodinville, Redmond, Sammamish Valley)
- We consider our property rural but we are surrounded by urban housing developments. Our immigrant neighbors (there are many!) are generally quite friendly and accommodating. There's a subset of "non-immigrant Americans" that subscribe to the "almost anything goes" philosophy. As a consequence, we have extremely minimal interaction with any of our neighbors.
- rural community with urbanizing Town (Vashon)
- Zoned rural but surrounded by developments.

- we live in the Ellisport neighborhood on Vashon Island, which is a neighborhood of ca 300 residents within 0.25 sq. mi. lacking any businesses, but on the Metro bus line, so it possesses a blend of rural and urban elements.
- Suburban or some definition between rural and suburban
- Semi-rural but "surrounded," still zoned 5 acres
- suburban/rural boundary
- Somewhere in-between: urban [with most of the amenities] in a rural environment [lots of grass, trees, trails, farms, etc; sparse housing]

9. Please use this space to share any additional comments you may have about King County's Unincorporated Area Community News. (55 responses)

- You have terrible customer service. We simply cannot get anyone to answer the phone. Who said that it is convenient to drive to Snoqualmie? What are you thinking? Where is the satellite office? Are you for real? I have a business in White Center and some planning land development or plans reviewers came through. I ask them about illegal building with no permit. They told me that they were not concerned. This is White Center and it is to be expected. Very disappointed!!!
- Well done
- Keep them coming!
- so glad there is more thought about the needs of unincorporated areas!
- We need better lighting! My street lights are pinkish... I think they're gas and they are few and far between. Kids are out walking in the dark and people Getting off the bus in the dark. Why not LED lights..and more of them. Would probably cut down on The theft and people creeping around at night.
- Thanks for sending this survey. As someone who works in communications at Snohomish County, I am frequently advocating for surveys to inform our work. It is encouraging to see others doing it.
- no
- A small section with description and images supporting unincorporated.
- It covers a wide area, so much of it doesn't apply to my area of Fairwood. That's the main reason I don't read much of it.
- Thank you! The newsletter is a terrific resource - I greatly appreciate the time and effort you put into this, and how comprehensive it seems to be (of course I don't know what may be left out). I read everything that pertains to my area and often other sections as well. I think more info is always better than less (people can always skip what isn't relevant to them). Keep up the good work!

- Tired of King county being out of touch
- I appreciate your timely information about unincorporated King County. It keeps me updated on projects and concerns. Keep the emails coming please!
- More information and links to the Community Groups would be helpful. Also, listing meeting dates and info for commissions (Forestry, Ag, CFT) that primarily involve the unincorporated area would be very helpful.
- Regan Dunn is a great responsive leader for this community and I appreciate all that he's done and for a circle ASAP.
- Keep it up. I get a lot out of it.
- I ASK HOW DOES KING COUNTY REPLACE/CONSERVE TREES THAT ARE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD, WHEN THEY ALLOWED ALL THE BEAUTIFUL TREES DESTROY FOR THE UNNATURAL HIGH MAINTENANCE OF GRASS AND NON NATIVE TREES, FOR THE RICH OF BELLEVUE/MEDINA/POINTS AND EVERY LOCATION WHERE THE ENTIRE HABITAT IS REMOVED?
- I just appreciate as much information as possible about my community in a letter like this.
- While the news is fine, I am not happy about the lack of services Vashon receives from King County. We pay our taxes but our Senior Center was not included in getting multiyear funding from the veteran, senior levy. How much more isolated do we have to be to get some funding here. Your hub requirement does not work for our island ferry dependent community. Also after the King County Town Hall meeting on our island we raised many questions and was promised a response and a meeting in the following couple of weeks. Months have passed and we have received nothing!!! How is this responsive government?
- I live in Redmond and receive a lot of information regarding communities that aren't near me. Sometimes the email is too much to read so I delete entirely.
- Would like to have information about enforcement of nuisance codes in unincorporated King. County. What are those codes, how do we report problems and how are they enforced?
- I find it interest to read about what is happening in my area.
- The text is very well written.
- Good job. Keep the Community News coming to my email.
- Thanks for providing this service
- More pictures of that amazing Economic Development Program Manager!
- If the intent is to reach a broader audience, then incorporate some issues on wildlife management, the KCD native plant sale, and water quality. Things that rural folks are interested in. Otherwise, it is a dry read
- Please stop making Vashon the last place to help. You get an enormous tax base from us do to our shoreline configuration. We're a starving cash cow.

- Thank you for this resource!
- A map of the different areas would be helpful. I live in the pocket next to Pacific Raceway I don't know what group area meetings I should go to.
- wish more local meeting at the fire house. Asking question and why.
- I think it's a great service, helping us keep in touch with what our gov't is doing without overwhelming us with too many details.
- For Notices that have an event/meeting date, it would be nice to be able to click a link and have it automatically post to your calendar. As well, it would be helpful to have council meeting email notices sent a week en advance. Some of the emails I've received have been 24 hours...some less.
- I appreciate the newsletter. It too often feels we're forgotten, living near towns and cities and affected by their decisions but unable to vote for city councils and mayors. I do not feel particularly informed or represented by our County Council Rep.
- Please explain how the striker Amendment will be enforced
- It is a good idea. Just could be designed to be more useful.
- I am so happy that the rural area now has a voice. It is great that I can meet with a representative on certain Fridays in my own community. John Taylor is terrific.
- Build a police station next to new firehouse on May Valley road staff it full time 24/7 with cops, cars, detective, limited office staff, reports to Maple Valley
- Suggest a posting of the actual fireworks statutes that exist for King County AND get the KC Sheriff's office on board with their public statements during fireworks season. It should never be an "anything goes on July 4th / December 31st" scenario.
- I really appreciated knowing when KC representatives have hours at the local libraries. They are very well-informed, helpful and responsive.
- please try doing following: 1. meet regularly with home owner boards in king county 2. host a meeting near Redmond ridge with community regularly 3. consider posting to community facebook with your news letter (lot of people get their news from there)
- This is an excellent resource, please keep up the great work!
- Thanks for trying to keep in touch with all of us.
- less photo opportunity pictures, more in-depth reports on community events present and future..plus updates on police and fire activity
- Thanks for the service
- Knowledge is power, and information is most welcomed-keep up the great work.

- we the people down in the South End of Unincorporated King County Need a voice. we live in no mans land.. we are the people of Auburn/Federal Way . area.. i see other areas have special meeting NOT us.. we have to make our own... wake up and see we are good folks down here..
- I appreciate the communication
- We really appreciate the effort to be more accessible to residents distant from the county offices in Snoqualmie and elsewhere, especially since we're even more isolated here on Vashon. And how did you ever manage to attend 500 community events in 2019?
- It is not entirely clear to me that Local Services is actually doing any real good (i.e., adding benefit) to residents in unincorporated King County. I hope to see more effort in the future.
- I never see anything about the area I live in which is Southwest King county between Federal Way and Auburn.
- Grouping even more per area of such a large county would be helpful. Things that impact the whole county at the top, then an index into each subarea specifics.
- Helpful.
- Great publication! Please keep it coming. Kudos to the King County Unincorporated Area officials who directed the establishment of the News, and to the staff who produces the News. Thank you.