

the York NEIGHBORHOOD

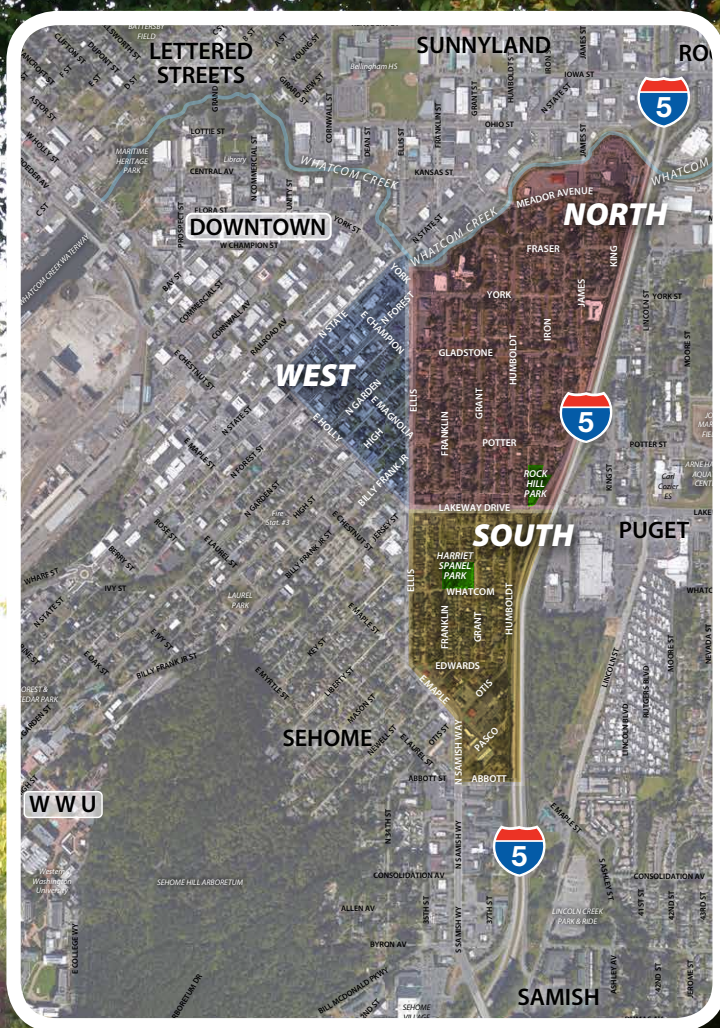
Nestled between Downtown Bellingham and the freeway, the York neighborhood is a friendly, green, fun, peaceful haven... an eclectic mix of families and students, homeowners and renters, parks and pets, and a variety of businesses ranging from grocery stores, restaurants, and breweries to healthcare practitioners, social services, and auto shops

This is York
—a welcoming,
multigenerational
neighborhood
for all ages.

ORIENTATION TIPS

York's north-south streets are in alphabetical order (Ellis to King)

The land slopes *downhill northward* to Whatcomi Creek and *downhill westward* to Downtown



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Welcome to York!

Every fall, a new group of students arrive who don't really know where they have landed. Here are some tips for how you can make your time among us a good one.

- **Meet your neighbors.** Introduce yourself and exchange contact information.
- **Get involved!** York has many fun and educational activities—projects related to transportation, biking, parks cleanup, urban planning, an annual picnic, holiday parties, and more. Check the York Neighborhood Association's **website** for upcoming events!
- **Keep your yard and alleyway cleaned up**—no litter, junk, or discarded furniture.
- **Tell your neighbors** when you plan to host a party, and **ask them** to let you know if it's too loud; but remember, maintaining non-disruptive noise levels, 24 hours, day or night, is **your** responsibility.
- **Keep the noise down**, in general. Many people here work odd hours or have young children and may need quiet at other times. Bellingham has a **24-hour noise ordinance**; any loud or boisterous noise, any time of day or night, is illegal.
- Be a good neighbor—**park cars in designated spaces behind your house**. Be mindful that there is not enough on-street parking in this neighborhood, so please conserve the four-wheeled vehicles.
- **Porch lights** help keep the neighborhood safe...but only if they're turned on!
- And, please, when your guests leave or when you walk through the neighborhood at night **don't yell, scream, and act like idiots**. Be respectful of where you live: among families, working people, retirees, *and* other students.



The York Neighborhood Association's Mission Is:

To reduce isolation among residents; to enhance the quality of life in a low- and moderate-income urban neighborhood; to create a sense of community; to reduce or prevent crime; and to preserve the historic character of the neighborhood.

If you'd like to help us keep York the cool and charming neighborhood we're so proud of, **get involved!**
Our Board of Directors is always eager to have student participation and liaisons.

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Get Involved in our parks!

There are two city parks in the York neighborhood: **Harriet Spanel Park**, south of the east-west arterial Lakeway Drive at Whatcom Street, and **Rock Hill Park**, just north of Lakeway and along the alley between Humboldt Street and the freeway.

Our parks are maintained by the city's Parks Department and neighborhood volunteers. Park cleanup-and-upkeep work parties are held a few times a year; consider becoming a **park steward** through the York Neighborhood Association to help organize and participate in them! You may even receive school credit for your volunteered time and effort.

