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Hi everyone! You may know me as Sam or EssDot. EssDot is my FB name and I am the founding admin for our current FB chit-chat group.

My first introduction to this park was way back in Nov 1997 when I bought lots 102 and 103. I think within about a year, I sold those lots and bought lots 48 and 49. A few years later, I decided to sell and left the park because I was still deep into my career and working from home was not an option yet.

In Aug 2020, I retired and returned to the park to live full-time on lot 107. It was wonderful but my mom was having care issues so I sold again and moved to Elk Plain (30 minutes south of Tacoma). After about a year with mom, I realized I made a bad decision. Now, I'm back in the park living full-time on lot 113!

I retired from a career in the tech industry in Sep 2020. The majority of my career I worked for Microsoft and then T-Mobile as a coder and program manager. I am comfortable with techie things and management. I received a lot of training for people management, risk/issue management, negotiation skills, and how to adapt my communication to work best with people's different styles. I also enjoy working with numbers.

I am a practicing Buddhist who enjoys all aspects of mother-nature and the animals we share it with. I can't imagine my life without pets. Currently, I have 2 cats as you've probably seen on FB. I love dogs, but don't have one right now so I enjoy visits from the park doggies.

I enjoy chatting, watching movies/tv, reading, a very wide range of music genres, and video games.

Overall, I want to help our park to continue growing into the nirvana it is and I'm ready to have a bigger impact on our community in whatever way I can.