



City of Tigard

Neighborhood Network Online Survey Results Open-Ended Comments April and May 2016; N=88

The City of Tigard conducted a neighborhood survey using SurveyMonkey open to all residents of Tigard. The online survey was shared with community members through the Neighborhood Network blogs and on city communications channels. The survey included four open-ended questions that asked residents about services, assets, safety, and things to improve. A summary of the responses to the four questions is provided.

What are some of the assets of your neighborhood?

Comments were generally favorable about amenities including location to nearby parks, trails, local schools, transportation corridors, and facilities like the Tigard Public Library. Participants mentioned knowing their neighbors and feeling safe in their neighborhoods. People spoke favorably of their neighbors. A sample of comments is included below.

*Near Cook Park *Near high school *Very well kept - street sweeper comes regularly *Pride of ownership by homeowners *Extremely friendly neighbors
It's a dead end, so not through traffic and most people drive at an appropriate speed. Lots and lots of trees. Nice neighbors who are friendly and helpful. There is a woman who meets and greets new people who move in, and gets everyone's phone & email numbers and lets us all know if there's a problem like a coyote, or a sick neighbor. We are able to ask if anyone's seen our missing cat or dog, etc. too.
We have a lot of very old very large trees that make this a beautiful and quiet neighborhood. Unfortunately I'm seeing them start to come down as new people move into the area and lots are getting developed.
Friendliness Walk ability Quiet
We watch out for each other.
Great location, feels safe, close to everything.
Very close to several parks, schools. pretty close to downtown
I love the Fanno Creek trail which borders our house.
Lots of trees, friendly people, well maintained yards and homes.
People take care of their homes and yards.
Quiet streets, safe community, pride of ownership
We have a community garden, but I'm not sure who owns it. We have great walkability to nearby parks.
Big yards, mature trees, walkable (close to trails, transportation, schools, pizza and tamales). Fairly stable population so relationships can grow between neighbors of varying generations.

Which services or features are missing from your neighborhood?

Sidewalks remained the No. 1 concern of survey participants. Some residents talked about the need to control traffic with speed bumps and other the lack of street lighting. Residents also mentioned a need for shared civic space, more sense of having neighborhood, and recreation facilities. The lack of bike lanes also was mentioned. A sample of comments is provided below.

Which services or features are missing from your neighborhood?
*Speed bumps would be amazing on streets off 92nd (specifically Martha and Millen) - high school kids drive very fast near high school while small kids are going to bus stop. Have seen many near accidents!
SIDEWALKS! ... I've had to jump in a ditch too many times, so I've had to give up walking in the neighborhood. 121st is really too narrow to accommodate pedestrians. After the sidewalks project at Fowler Middle School, I hope you'll consider putting in sidewalks on 121st where there are none. Thanks.
No great access to the Tigard paths
Complete sidewalks.
YMCA or Community Center, splash pad, music performance area, better traffic flow down 99w (would be best if a max went down that road and stopped in downtown Tigard also.)
Bike lanes/sidewalks on Taylors Ferry
Too much traffic. Fast traffic. No code compliance, front yards and homes are beginning to look horrible, which decreases the viability of the neighborhood, and property values.
Not enough sidewalks or street trees on neighborhood streets commercial uses have a hard time getting established and staying in business no neighborhood level events park or some other kind of shared public or civic space that would invite neighbor interactions
Stop signs No speed enforcement
Neighbors getting to know each other
Sidewalks. Swimming pool, community center.
Would like to see more community/neighborhood events, maybe concerts in the park??

What would make your neighborhood a safer and better place to live?

Survey participants wanted more sidewalks, traffic enforcement, traffic calming measures, and street lighting. Comments about neighborhood safety concerns mirrored what participants said about amenities missing in their neighborhoods. A sample of comments is provided below.

What would make your neighborhood a safer and better place to live?
Stricter control of speeding vehicles on 121st Ave. Seriously scary incidents at our section of this street. ... Please help.
More bicycle infrastructure (cycle tracks) along the busy roads of 99 and Walnut
Sidewalks, speed bumps speed signs... Wondering why you ask this but don't ask what neighborhood.
Sidewalks
Speedbumps/humps to slow down traffic. People cut through the neighborhood to get around lights and avoid traffic on Hall.

More activities to bring families with and without children together. There is such a divide between those with and without children in the neighborhood.
Slowing cars via traffic humps. Children don't play in their front yards, neighbors rarely walk across street to chat because it's not safe.
neighborhood watch
STOP DEVELOPERS FROM BUYING UP PROPERTY AND BUILDING HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING!
I would like to see people use their front yards more for things other than a lawn. I think front yard gardens would be great, or semi private seating areas, somewhat mimicking front porches.
Deal with abandoned/vacant houses
I would like to see a marketing campaign to spread awareness of the neighborhood network program. Also it would be great if someone advocated for the idea of neighborhood watch programs.
I find it is very safe already. More events to engage the neighbors around us would be great.

If you could change one thing about your neighborhood, what would it be?

Comments by survey participants highlighted traffic safety concerns, lack of bike lanes, enforcement issues, and flooding. Residents are concerned about fast cars and kids in their neighborhoods. Some participants talked about the need to know their neighbors better. A sample of comments is provided below.

If you could change one thing about your neighborhood, what would it be?
I actually don't think anything needs to be improved in our neighborhood. Except, maybe, getting the streets cleaned every month...which we pay for...
Fewer homes being turned into halfway or recovery houses for dozens of people.
Force neighborhood traffic to slow down and drive at posted speed limit or slower for safety.
Get people to slow down in their cars. Make the neighborhood streets safe for kids, families, and pedestrians.
Reduce the noise from the trains, especially at night.
Bring the community together more frequently about issues affecting our neighborhood specifically.
Provision of a park or other open space near/adjacent to the existing or new commercial uses space would be programmed to provide opportunities for groups to get together in the neighborhood and create more interactions between neighbors
Add sidewalks!
Annual block parties.
More socialization between neighbors.
Better communication from agencies and companies refs things that affect our neighborhood. Currently there is a sign out that explains abdominal hydrant flushing, but there's no date and time of when it will be done.
Street lights and sidewalks
Better mass transit options.
More kids for my kids to play with, younger families