

# Historic Parkrose

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Culture Survey 2025

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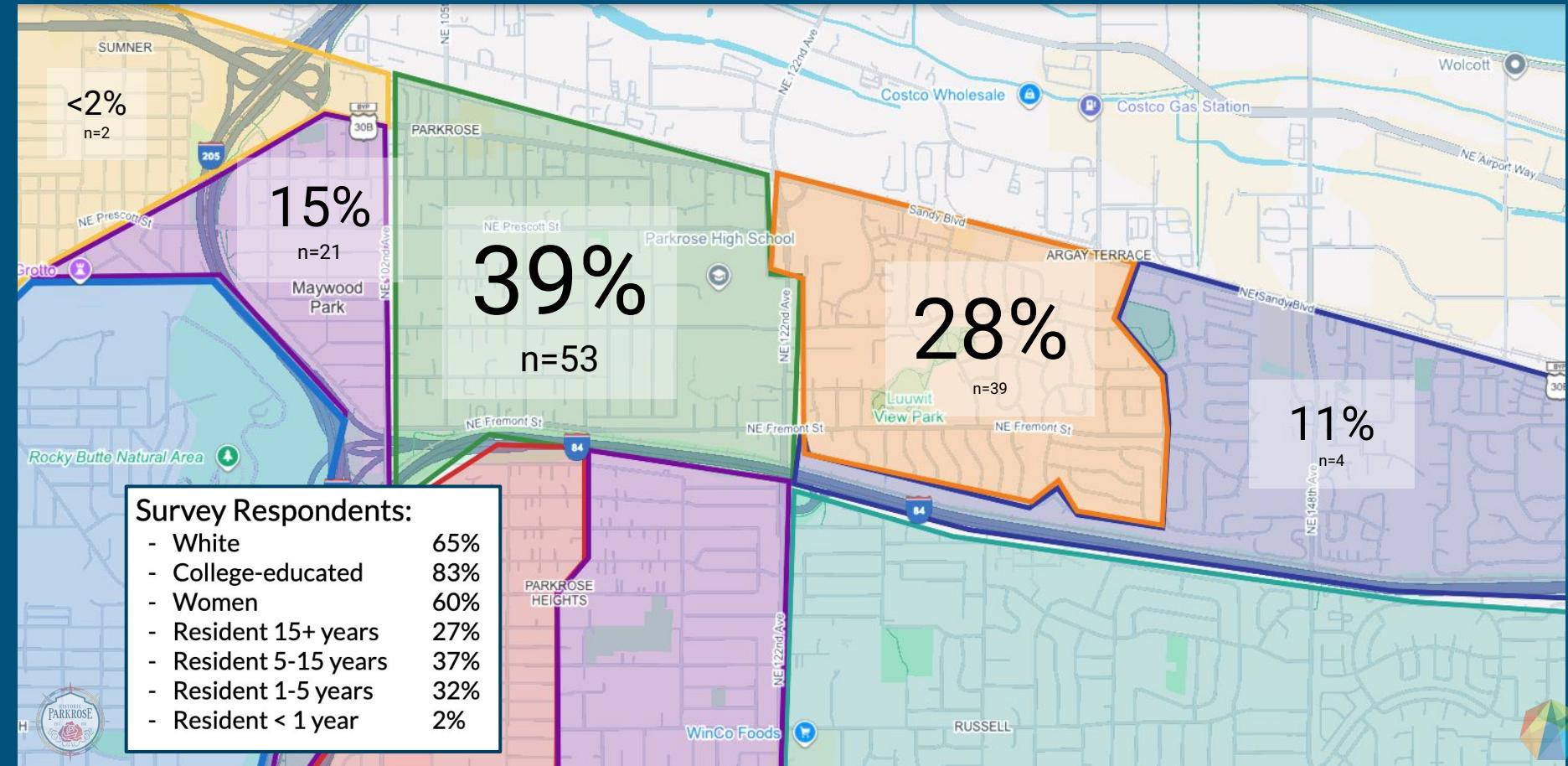
# 2025 Culture Survey

**Thank You**  
for taking the time to share your  
memories, advice, feelings, and  
requests for changes.

**Our Vision**  
is for this to enable each of us  
to take a more active role  
shaping our future.



# Who took the survey?



# **Looking In**

Welcome Home ◦ Livability ◦ Memories

# **Looking Out**

Connection ◦ Advice

# **Looking Ahead**

Changes for Better ◦ Changes for Worse  
What's Missing



# Welcome Home:

# Why do we live here?

- **Affordability** 42%
- Location
- Diversity



My husband and I were drawn to the neighborhood by a desire to own a home with a backyard where we could start a family at a price we could afford. We knew we wanted to stay in Portland and were not living very far from here so it was an easy transition. What keeps us here is the incredible sense of community we've found amongst our neighbors and friends. We live a block away from an amazing public park and two blocks from an elementary school in a quiet, safe neighborhood - all of this is a dream for our family with a young child. We love the small school district and the opportunity that affords our daughter to get a small town community feel in a bigger city.



# Welcome Home:

# Why do we live here?

- Affordability
- Location 41%
- Diversity



Location/beauty - I believe I live in one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Portland. When I drive North on NE 122nd and East on Shaver and see the mountains I have a moment of beauty, seeing the hills of the Gorge and Washington in the distance gives me a sense of openness and room to breath. Being five minutes from the majestic and beautiful Columbia river gives me more opportunities to experience beauty and big nature on my doorstep. I know where I live humans have lived for millenniums, that gives one a sense of groundedness in the land. Within a 15 minute drive I am into the Columbia Gorge one of the more beautiful places in the world. In the morning I can watch and listen to gaggles of geese fly overhead. In 20-30 minutes I am downtown able to enjoy what the city has to offer. In 20 minutes I can be at the airport and catching a plane. The streets have sidewalks and I see neighbors walking dogs getting their exercise. There is now a wonderful park that again has a sense of openness to it.



# Welcome Home:

# Why do we live here?

- Affordability
- Location
- Diversity

25%



My family moved to Parkrose in 1991 when I was just a young child. My grandparents bought a home in Maywood Park and my mother rented an apartment on Fremont so we could be nearby. As a single mother, my mom relied on my grandparents for childcare and support. My sister and I attended Parkrose SD for our entire schooling. My mother married and we temporarily lived in Sellwood and commuted to Parkrose for school. We loved our community—the diversity, the bike paths, the wide streets and the accessibility to the highways that led to anywhere we would want to go.

I've traveled the US and abroad and Parkrose has ALWAYS been where I feel at home. I moved back to Parkrose after graduating college and now own my own home here with my family. I am proud of Parkrose and love it here with all my heart.



# What does livability mean?

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## Safe & Secure

- Low crime rates
- Well-lit streets
- Police presence
- Freedom from violence and property crime

## Walkable & Accessible

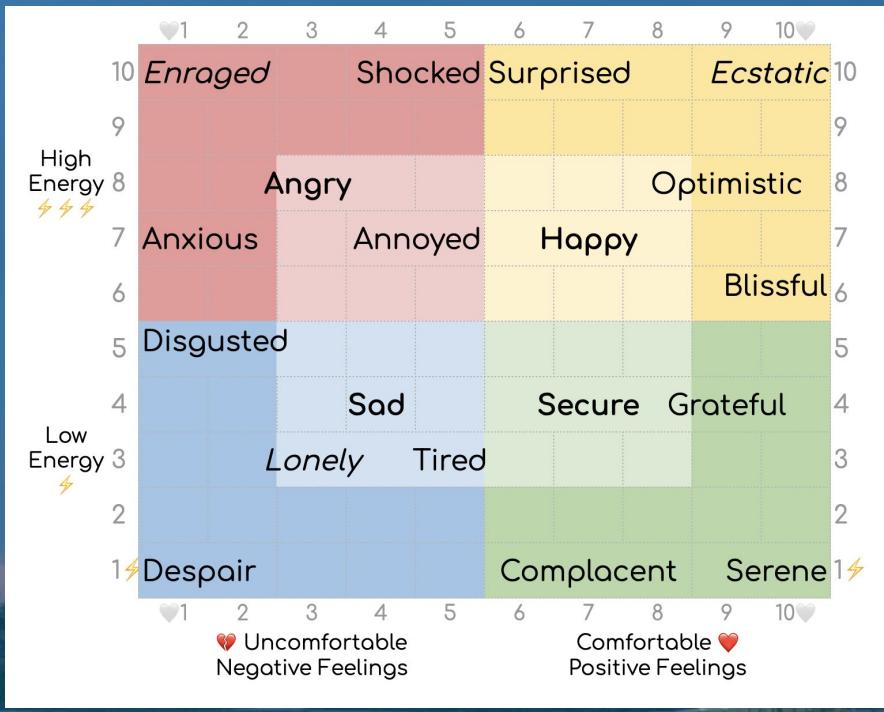
- Walkable streets with sidewalks
- Access to amenities (grocery stores, restaurants, shops)
- Public transportation
- Parks and green spaces

## Community Quality

- Friendly, engaged neighbors
- Well-maintained properties
- Clean streets and neighborhoods
- Sense of community and social connections



# How do we feel about the way things are?



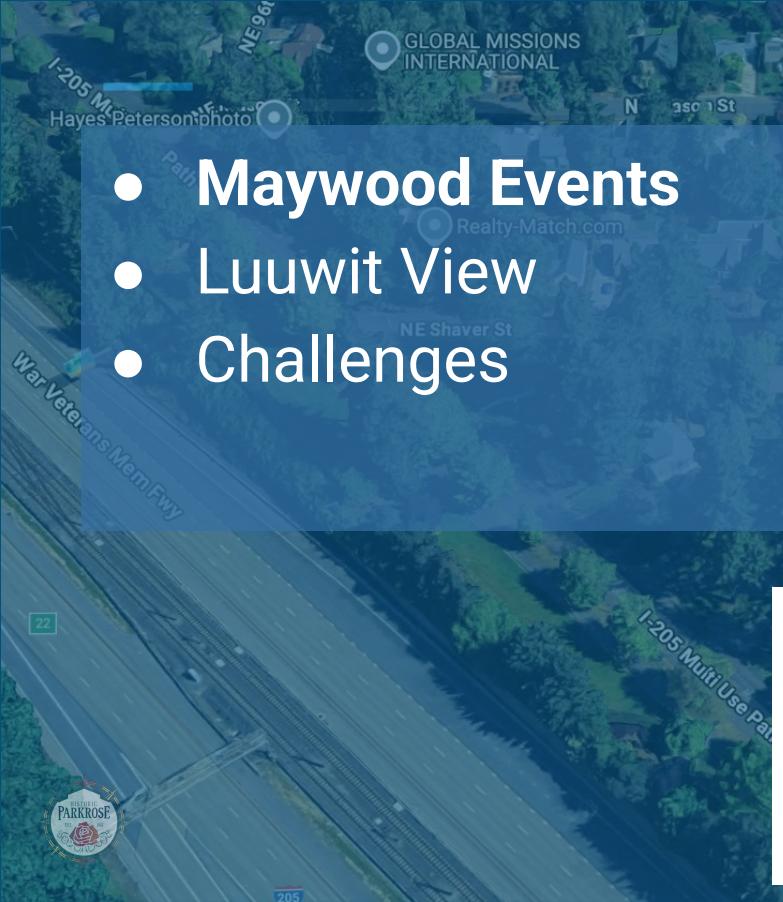
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Mads	8.06%	Happys	33.06%
Sads	41.13%	Contents	17.74%



# What will you remember about being here?

- Maywood Events
- Luuwit View
- Challenges



I love participating in the neighborhoods events in Maywood park, where we live. The most memorable was the chili cookoff last year (2022). From what I recall, it was the most attended event we have participated in and many events are great ideas and quite fun! But I'd really like to see more participation and more heads up, buzz, and excitement about gathering more folks even from adjacent neighborhoods. The attendance has been waning.



When I first moved to Maywood Park I sponsored a carnival event at the school and was invited to pop by. That was so fun to see the kids and families having a great time. This year I also attended the Hot Summer Nights event and thought it was so great to see so many neighbors participating. I think there's momentum and so appreciate the work you guys put into the community.



Maywood Park 4th of July events. Almost every year. Lots of outside folks come. And are welcomed. Talking with our First Responders (Fire, Sheriff's, ambulance, HOPE team, etc.). Working together on setup, teardown, serving, etc.

Same with Easter Egg hunt.

And the crowds on Halloween! Kids, kids, and more kids. Even teenagers (!!!) and adults. It's truly special.



# What will you remember about being here?

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- Maywood Events
- **Luuwit View**
- Challenges

Ritual: The mountain views and sense of open space. Going for a simple safe walk daily: being able to walk through Luuwit View park and see the views, meet neighbors along the walk and chat, see others out walking and meeting their dogs, see neighbors out doing yard work and chat. This is all made possible by sidewalks, safe driving and a shared pride in the community. It is the activity, people and views that make this activity memorable.

I think getting Luuwit View Park has really changed things for the better. Being able to have a nice park close by, that you can walk, bike, play, have parties, attend events, etc has been great for the community. I'd love to see more spaces be turned into useful, community first spaces like parks, community centers, sports centers, etc.



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Going to Luuwit view in the summer and seeing everyone grilling. Wish there were more events there - movie night on the feild?

one of my other strongest memories - might be just over 2 years. Coming back from the airport around 11 to my home on 102nd and sandy (right down the street from historic parkrose.) and the car infront of the empty lot was on fire. 4-6 months later there was the big van that was on fire on 102nd. Those negative memories dont feel great, but seemed emblematic for awhile. Flying back to PDX, Shot up car on fire fire 60 feet infront of my house. OK sure.

When in a 2 week period on a walk a speeding car went up the street going 80mph pursued by police who shut down neighborhood had to run home and shelter in place. Then later in week different incident 132 she'll casings found 2 blocks from our house after a drive by. Being outside and hearing sirens frequently. Really made me frightened for our teen daughter limited he= freedom to be out. Seriously considered moving.



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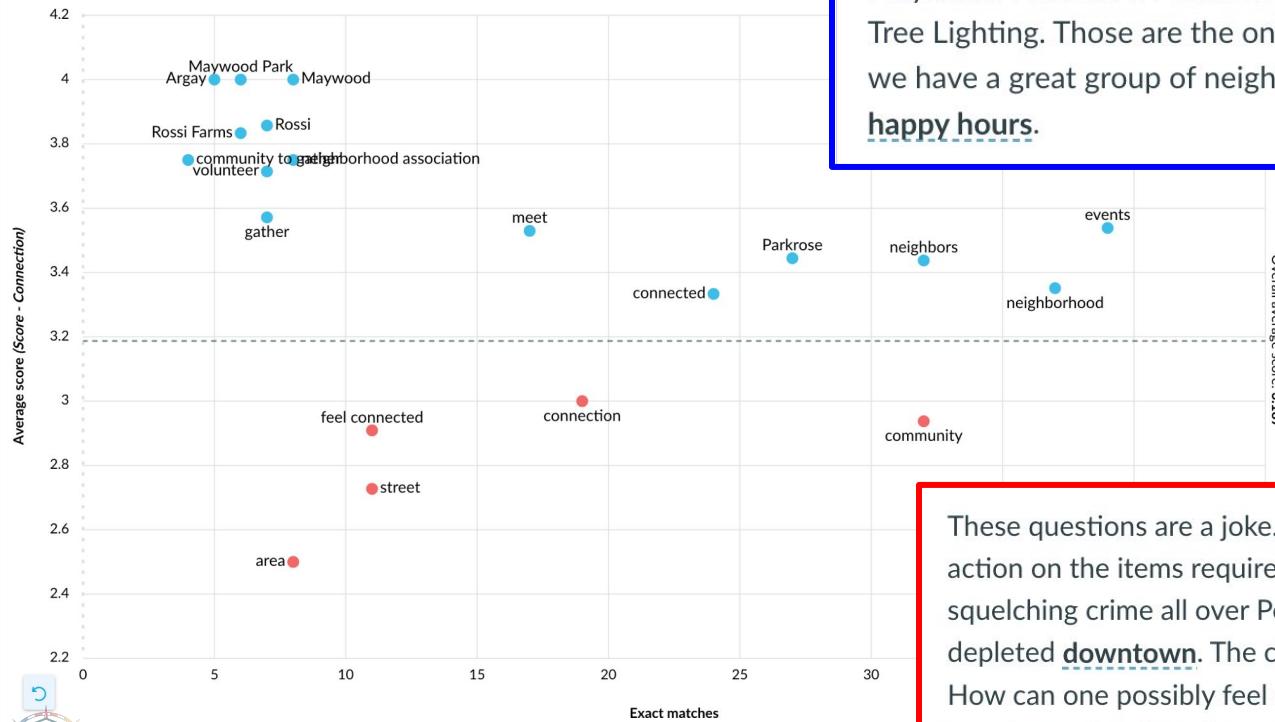
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# Where do you find connection?



Maywood Park has a Fourth of July parade and BBQ, and a Christmas Tree Lighting. Those are the only events we participate in. Otherwise we have a great group of neighbors and we connect at the holidays for happy hours.



Overall average score: 3.187

These questions are a joke...lovely, dovey hippie questions. People want action on the items required to make a city and community vibrant, as in squelching crime all over Portland, revitalizing our area, plus the depleted downtown. The city is a mess of a Blue Dem city. Connected? How can one possibly feel connected, when one cannot even take an evening walk, without carrying a weapon for safety?



# What advice do you have for new neighbors?

Shop Local

restaurants      Grocery Outlet  
shops      Parkrose Hardware  
local restaurants      Prescott

Hong Phat  
area

Sandy

sidewalks

Gateway Green

parking      pedestrian

Max

walk or bike

sketchy

homeless people      trash  
102nd      122nd

Parkrose

local businesses

El Sombrero

flower  
burger

Grocery Outlet

Parkrose Hardware

local restaurants

parks

clean

frequent

Avoid walking

Sandy Blvd

NE tents

sketchy

Gateway Green

parking

pedestrian

Max

walk or bike

sketchy

homeless people

trash

102nd

122nd

volunteer

neighborhood association

Maywood Park

get involved

participate

encourage

join engage

meet neighbors

Introduce

neighborhood

new neighbors

immediate neighbors

neighbors

nextdoor

wave

nod

Argay park

evening

walk

pleasant

no sidewalks

crime

Sandy at night

noise

apartments

theft

homeless

vigilant

careful

Lock

yard

Lock your car

block

cautious

alerts

yard

Lock your car

# What advice do you have for new neighbors?



## Shop Local

Park your car in your assigned parking spot and not on the street because there is a high likelihood of it getting vandalized. Highlights of our neighborhood for me include El Sombrero. Go early because they don't stay open late. Try the mole enchiladas or pollo chipotle and a margarita obviously. Take a picture and tag them on ig! Parkrose Hardware is not only wonderful for household maintenance, but it's a phenomenal place to get gifts! A big plant or seasonal house decor, or a warm scarf and mittens. Sandy O's is always busy, and I highly recommend the smash burger. What a treat to have that shop in the neighborhood. For late night snacks and drinks, O'Dear's is IT. It'll surprise you how nice it is on the inside and they often have music, pool, and other events. The drinks and menu are worth worth worth. Also Lily's is the quickest haircut in town, and she always does a great job. Shop Grocery Outlet first before looking at other grocery stores. They have all the staples and new treasures each week at great prices.



# What advice do you have for new neighbors?

Be safe

Avoid walking or Biking on 122nd from Sandy to Division. A lot of Homeless and tents on the bike paths and sidewalks. The bike paths on I-84 avoid, Homeless people and trash. Avoid Sandy Blvd from Trash, Homeless and Crime. Traffic is bad from 3:00 to 6:00 on 122nd and Glisan is bad from 148th to 92nd during the same time. Takes 20 minutes to get onto 205 now from any place in Parkrose.

Be a good neighbor

Get out and meet your neighbors. If you see them in the yard, stop and talk. Introduce yourself and which house is yours. In nice weather, take a lawn chair to your front yard with a cool drink and say Hi! to those walking by. Meet their dogs.

Avoid driving fast on your local residential streets. It pisses the neighbors off and discourages walkers. Instead, stop, roll down the window, wave or say Hi!



# What advice do you have for new neighbors?

Make friends with neighbors, and always carry a taser if walking a dog, because others are dumb and let their dogs run off leash. But overall it's a good neighborhood. We intend to remain and retire here. Hopefully Portland takes an interest in the quality of life of East Portland at some point.

volunteer

neighborhood association

participate

engage

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introduce

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restaurant

The few local restaurants along Sandy are actually pretty good. Give them a shot so we don't lose them. Avoid NE 102 & NE Sandy and anywhere along NE Wygant after dark. Enjoy your neighbors, we are mostly nice people!

Prescott

Enjoy your awesome older home and big lot, enjoy watching neighbors do cool improvements on their homes. Let me know if I can grab anything from Costco for you.



sidewalks

Get a ring doorbell camera. Prepare for theft or burglary. Lock your car and home doors. Don't expect the police to do anything.

sketchy

hor

noise

crime

Sandy

walks

avoid

Parkrose Hardware and Grocery Outlet are worth walking to for their convenience and competitive pricing on some items compared to stores out of the neighborhood. Sometimes it feels easier to walk to these places rather than drive as it can be difficult to turn across Sandy traffic to their parking. However be extra vigilant crossing Sandy as many drivers are not expecting or respectful of pedestrians. Hong Phat is also worth walking to for diverse food choices. Pho Dalat used to be a pretty good place for SE Asian food. I feel their quality has declined somewhat lately. Other restaurants are pretty mediocre. If you need to use the transit center to catch the Max or a bus, try to get dropped off by car as the walk there doesn't feel safe often. In general dress for the weather while using transit as Parkrose now only has one sheltered bus stop as far as I know. Senn's Dairy Park although small is a nice place to take kids and there's a community garden there. If there's not an athletic event walking near the playing fields at the high school on clear nights is pretty good for stargazing and moon viewing. Once we watched a lunar eclipse there. Walking along Prescott, Skidmore, Shaver, and Beech can be pleasant and feel relatively safe after traffic hours when it's still light. I avoid Wygant as drivers seem to speed there more and there have been some gunfire incidents. You will get a nodding acquaintance with many of the dog walkers on your walks as well as neighbors in their yards. There are a few gardens worth seeing in different seasons. Someone off Beech has a beautiful flower cutting garden. Maywood Park has a MHCC satellite campus that sometimes offers community ed courses. Historic Parkrose events in summer are generally fun.



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# Changes for Better ↗

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## Develop Businesses

There's a strong desire for more diverse, walkable businesses, particularly coffee shops, restaurants, bakeries, and family-friendly establishments.

Many residents specifically mention wanting to develop Sandy Blvd into a more vibrant business corridor.

## Improve Safety & Cleanliness

Residents frequently mention wanting to address homelessness, reduce trash/litter, and increase police presence.

There's a consistent theme of wanting cleaner streets and better management of illegal camping.

## Improve Infrastructure

Many comments focus on the need for better infrastructure, specifically more sidewalks, improved street maintenance, and better walkability throughout the neighborhood.

This includes traffic calming measures and safer pedestrian access.



# Changes for Worse ↴

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## Industrial Pollution

Many comments mention concerns about homeless encampments, RVs, trailers, and associated trash and safety concerns.

## Overnight Camping & RVs

References to prostitution, gang members, need for more police presence, and businesses having to use bars on windows.

## Roadway Concerns

Comments about poor street conditions, lack of sidewalks, insufficient businesses (especially grocery stores and coffee shops), and poorly maintained public spaces.

These aren't new issues, but ongoing ones that need attention



# What's Missing?

brewery  
farmers market grocery store businesses  
library coffee shop restaurants Trader Joes  
walking distance cafes shops grocery cute  
businesses to support community center pub street fairs stores hub grocery options  
arcade hang etc strip food cart pod alternatives  
accessible community spaces New Seasons

connected neighbors walkable neighborhood Argay More restaurants  
walkability activities parks

safe  
Getting around safely



## More Local Businesses

Columbia Slough area lacks 102nd and sandy empty improve  
Portland improvement Sandy Blvd  
commuters street lighting 105th parking NE enforcement  
drive sidewalk lighting Fremont bike lanes 122nd  
crossing pedestrian speed bumps traffic cleanup  
102nd to 122nd

## Safety



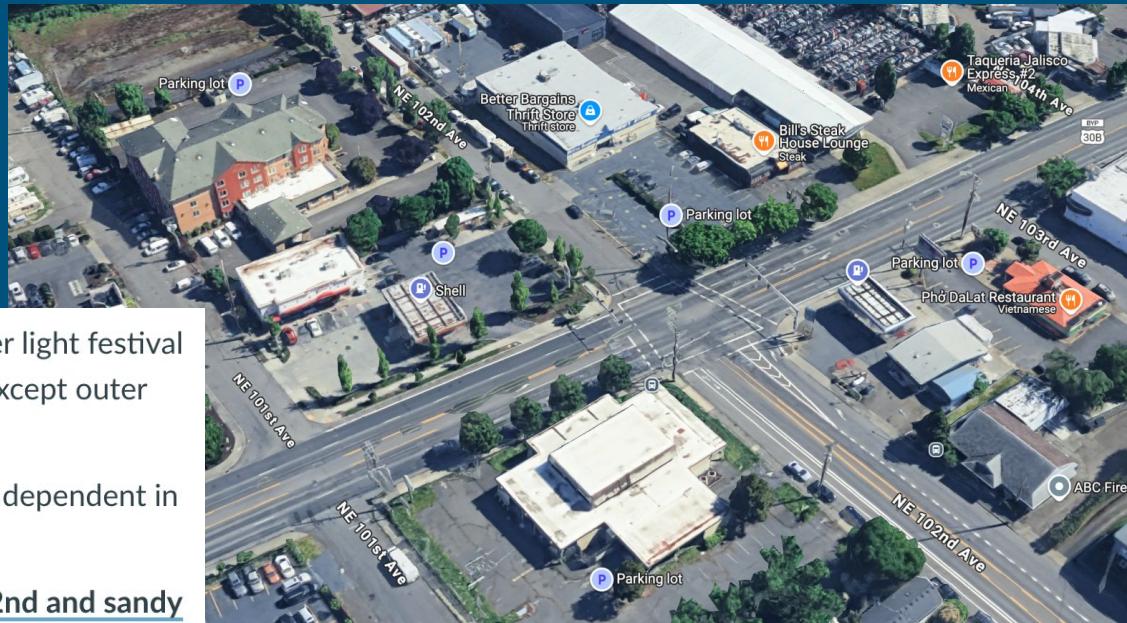
# What's missing? ... 3rd spaces on Sandy

Quality restaurants and small locally owned business like the other neighborhoods in Portland. Eliminating abandoned/empty businesses like the old bank on Sandy and 102nd. It's missing safety and a sense of community. What if Sandy were more like Hawthorne or Fremont or Division and we had street fairs that brought the community together and people felt safe walking instead of driving?

Involvement in the bigger city. For example the winter light festival that just happened had map points all over the city except outer NE.

We need more places to walk here. It's incredibly car dependent in this area.

Invest in a better food cart pod. There's a few on 102nd and sandy but it's so sketchy there no nice picnic tables to eat at. A nice pod of carts with outside seating would be great.



# What's missing? ... sidewalks on 105th

Sidewalks on 105th. I live on 105th and ride public transit. the 105th stop for the 73 is heavily used as people make their way north to Sandy for businesses or catching another bus, and people have to walk in the road on the stretch from Prescott to Sandy most of the time. There are a few sidewalks on the right side (walking north) and a sidewalk connecting them all would be so helpful.

As I already mentioned, a local rec center or a library. To get to Gregory Heights library, it is 2 busses. I am comfortable with my teen doing it but not my 12 year old. Midland library is one bus, but it would be nice if there was something closer.

One way to reconnect the neighborhood to a welcoming Sandy Blvd business area could be putting sidewalks along north-south through streets like 105th and 112th. Already there is a lot of foot traffic along 105th to cross Sandy to get to Parkrose Hardware and Grocery Outlet. Despite being a school route and having speed bumps 105th can quickly become a commuter overflow street in the afternoons and uninviting to pedestrians. For various reasons 112th feels even less safe to walk on. Getting more pedestrians to Sandy would improve business success there and perhaps even help slow some Sandy Blvd traffic. Parkrose lacks a balanced, welcoming commercial amenities area and good sidewalk access from the neighborhood could help develop that.



# What's missing? ... upgrades on 122nd

Fremont corridor upgrades from 102nd to 122nd. Sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, better railroad support/cooperation, speed radar displays etc.. Better Bike lanes/sidewalks on 122nd from Fremont to I-84 entrance.

Wygant from 94th to 115th upgrade and cleanup. Pave the 'cattle trails'. It would help a lot with the gunshots, dead cars, etc. and make a better neighbourhood.

More community & mental health support resources from City of Portland coming to Parkrose to support our homeless population. As opposed to policing, rousting, etc. Very specific to Gateway Green, Fremont 102nd to 122nd, Sandy 110th to 122nd.

1. Traffic calming in 125th Pl between Sandy and Shaver
2. drug store
3. Community activity center
4. Graffiti removal on a repeating basis and aesthetic improvement under the I-84 overpass on 122nd
5. Reduction of air and noise pollution and heat domes
6. Service equity of multi-family housing with residential (garbage/recycling service and cost control)
7. Illegal vehicle parking enforcement
8. Beautification of Sandy including tree canopy
9. Safe pedestrian walkways and crossing on Sandy



# Discussion

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# Take Action

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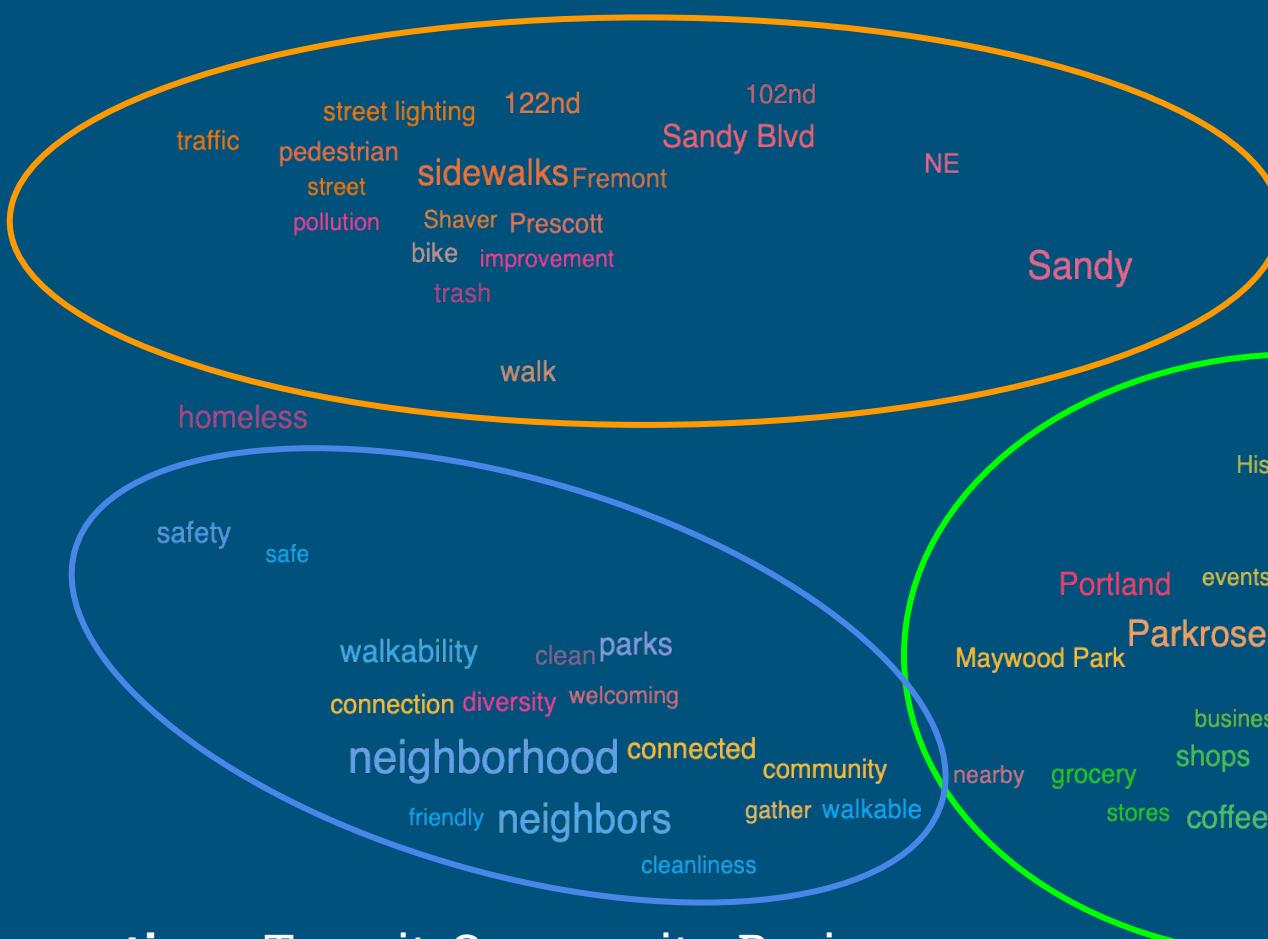
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**Conversations:** Transit, Community, Business



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Sumner

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Maywood  
Park

Natural Area

Historic  
Parkrose  
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WOODLAND  
PARK

NE Weidler St

WinCo Foods

WinCo Foods

NE 105th

NE 102nd Ave

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NE Prescott St

NE 122nd Ave

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# Are your experiences represented? Take the Historic Parkrose Survey

