Wilkes East Neighborhood Association

SURVEY RESULTS

August, 2026

The Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WENA) asked Wilkes East residents to complete a survey to help the association better understand residents' interests, concerns, and priorities. The survey asked 11 questions, not counting contact information, and we received a total of 26 responses. Although the survey represents the views of those who responded and not the neighborhood as a whole, the results will help WENA plan future meetings and activities and identify issues residents would like the association to address.

The survey collected residents' opinions on neighborhood satisfaction, concerns, and involvement to guide Wilkes East Neighborhood Association activities.

Resident Demographics and Preferences

- Most respondents lived in Wilkes East over 5 years; many appreciate the friendly, diverse community, parks, and central location.
- Commonly valued qualities include safety, friendliness, natural beauty, and proximity to amenities.

Key Issues and Priorities

- Top concerns are safety, homelessness, traffic speed, and illegal parking or camping.
- Many prioritize emergency planning, community building, and neighborhood safety over the next year.

Awareness and Engagement

- About 62% are aware of the neighborhood association; preferred update methods include email and community meetings.
- Over half are likely or very likely to attend events; interest in involvement is high, with some volunteers already active.

Activities and Community Building

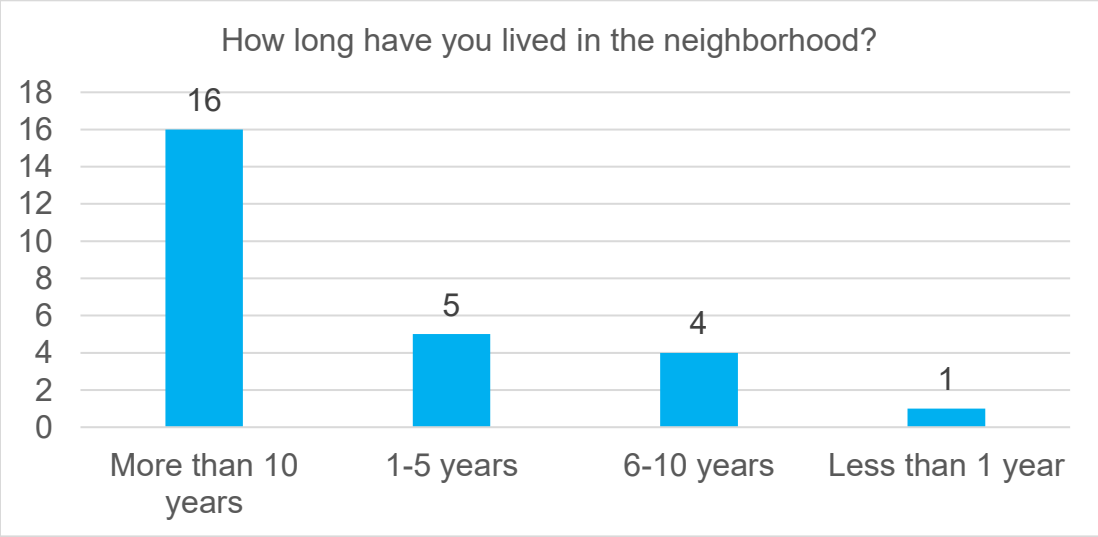
- Desired activities include cleanups, block parties, safety meetings, farmers markets, and cultural events.
- Suggestions for strengthening community involve projects, social gatherings, better communication, and utilizing parks more.

Additional Comments

- Concerns include affordability, crime, drug activity, and speeding.
- Residents request increased patrols, speed bumps, and grants for safety improvements.

The responses are presented below as they were received.

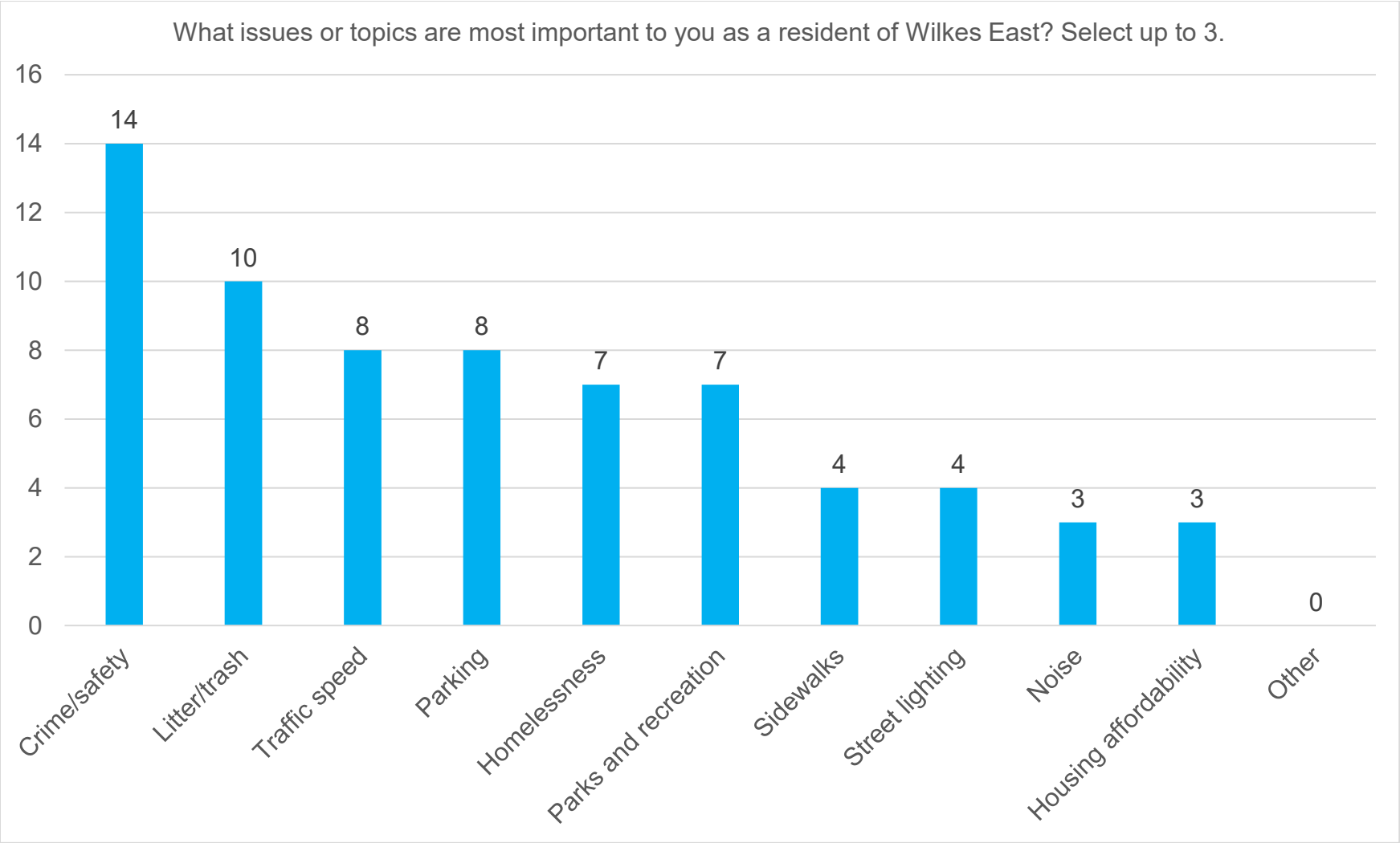
Question 1: How long have you lived in the neighborhood?



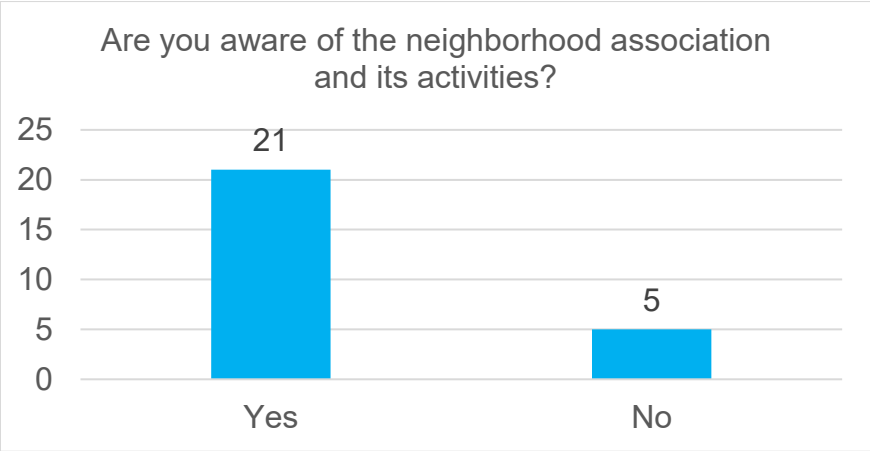
Question 2: What do you like most about the Wilkes East neighborhood?

- The friendliness of the neighbors and the location convenient to stores, restaurants, freeways, and the airport
- Tall trees
- The diversity! I love seeing elderly people, families, folks of different racial and religious backgrounds, queer folks - it makes me feel safer knowing that my neighborhood is a place where all people choose to live together. I also love our parks!
- Proximity to city and outdoor activities
- the forested beauty
- Peace and quiet
- It's quiet, the people are friendly, good central location, close to freeway
- Everyone watches out for each other
- Most of us know and look out for each other
- Friendly and caring neighbors, Columbia View Park
- Everyone is so nice and no noise at night
- Columbia View Park
- Peaceful, safe
- Diversity, Community, Location
- It's semi-rural, like Wasco St.
- Neighbors and community
- Friendly people, neighborhood watch
- Friendly and safe
- It's safe and for the most part, neighbors are friendly
- Friendliness
- Good neighbors
- Pretty trees, neighbors

Question 3: What issues or topics are most important to you as a resident of Wilkes East?



Question 4: Are you aware of the neighborhood association and its activities?

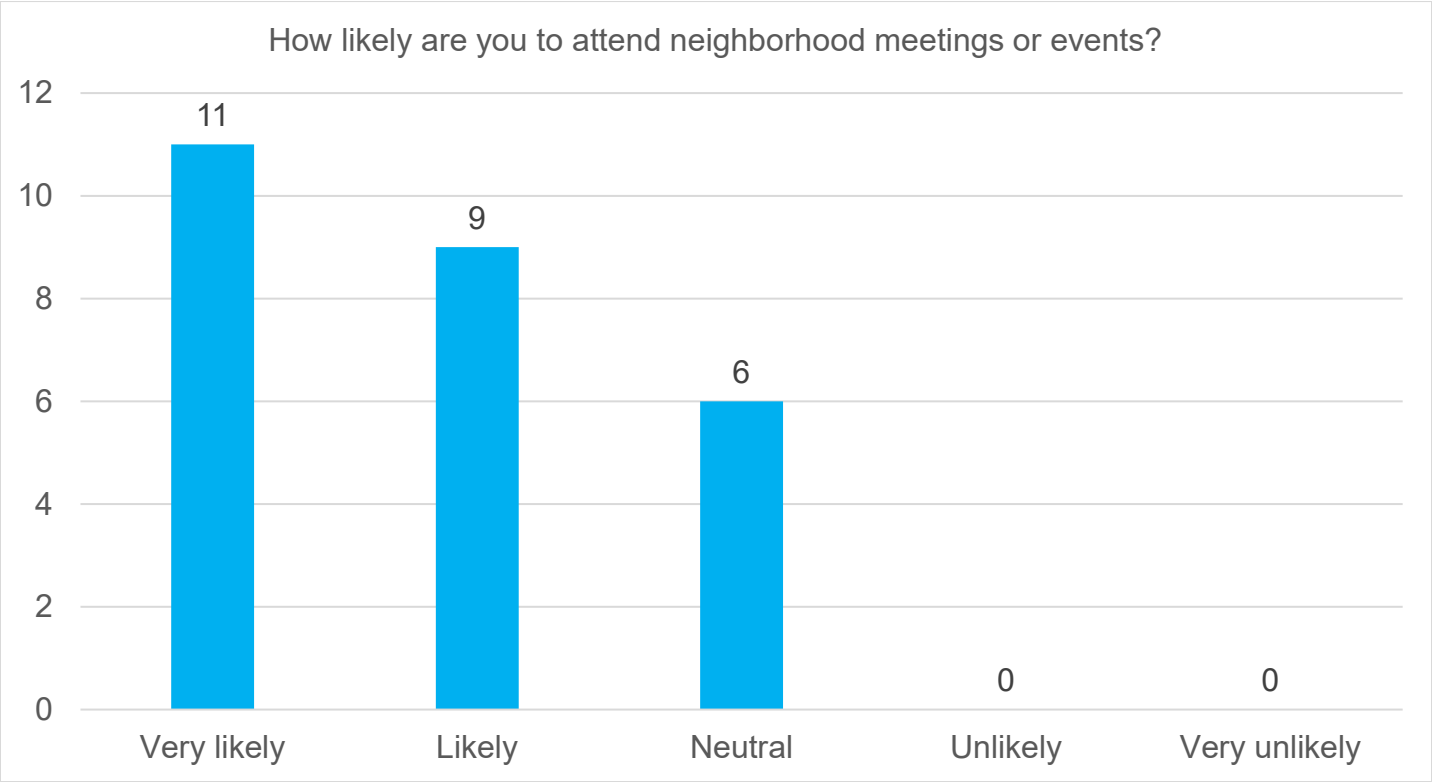


Question 5: How would you prefer to receive neighborhood updates?

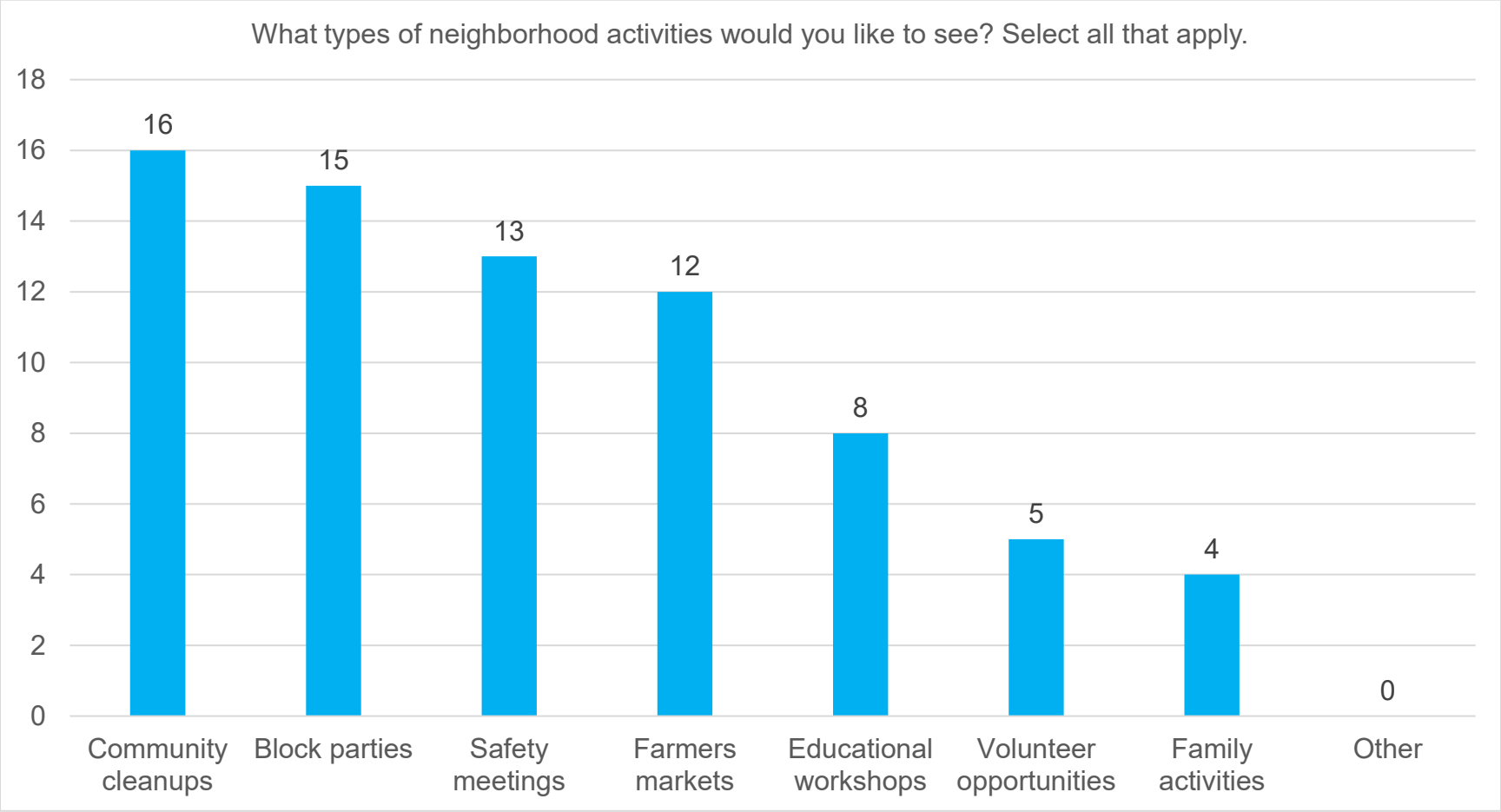
Comment: "Community meetings"



Question 6: How likely are you to attend neighborhood meetings or events?



Question 7: What types of neighborhood activities would you like to see? Select all that apply.



Question 8: What would help strengthen the sense of community in the neighborhood?

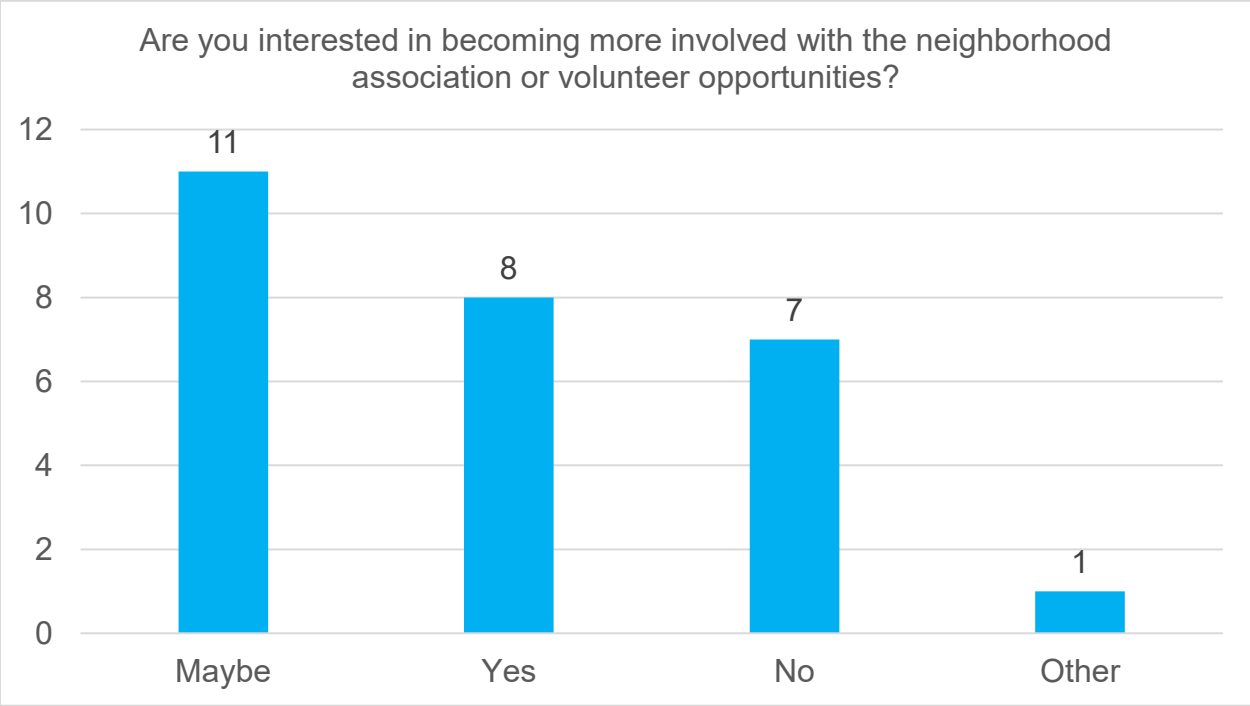
- Work on projects together
- I would love to see the park utilized more to bring the neighborhood together. Would love to see some cultural celebrations, yoga, movies, music. More ways for us to get out of the house and off of our phones and connecting with one another.
- I'm interested in neighborhood safety that includes our houseless neighbors. They are not going to go away, so I'm interested in learning how to live alongside in a respectful way that feels safe.
- A get together to introduce ourselves to our neighbors
- Block parties or other community events where we can get to know people
- Having the NET team back to make us feel safer
- Block parties, intentional gatherings (e.g. once a month dinner with a rotating small group of neighbors)
- More communication / updates
- Farmers' markets
- Activities
- Involve, educate and have empathy
- Checking up on people and neighbors when they are outside. Helping people with donations if they are on hard times.
- All the houses being bought to rent
- Community communication
- More community activities
- Additional dinner meetings
- Activities like this -- picnic / meeting, also periodic neighborhood dump box drop off

Question 9: What should be the neighborhood association's top priority over the next year?

- Emergency planning
- building community connections
- Safety
- Illegal parking and camping
- To form stronger bonds with each other, reach out more, and get to know each other better
- not sure
- Neighborhood social gatherings
- Getting organized after the death of Kris Freiermuth
- Getting to know neighbors, assessing needs and opportunities.
- Safety
- Cleaning up and homeless issues
- Creating community
- Community building, stop Flock cameras
- Street repairs, and patching up holes
- Homeless, crime
- Discuss traffic safety
- Code enforcement issues
- Crime/safety, Traffic speed, Homelessness
- Traffic control

Question 10: Are you interested in becoming more involved with the neighborhood association or volunteer opportunities?

Comment: "I am the ‘go to’ person it seems on Wasco Street. Maybe each street needs someone like that. Just an idea!”



Question 11: Is there anything else you would like the neighborhood association to know?

- The affordability issue is important to raise, as well as transients moving into our neighborhood in 162nd & Halsey, just a little behind Halsey and 160th. The area needs to be cleaned and patrolled. Saw my first fentanyl sold right there in 162nd. For newcomers even into the country, it is scary and unsafe
- I am just glad that Code Enforcement and the police have helped us clean up the entrance off 162nd. It has been a long 5-6 years since we lost the NET Team.
- Thank you for all that you do!
- I'm very interested in getting involved. I have been in fraud banking for 15+ years. I'm new to the neighborhood (3 years) love it here, and would like to know more.
- Not at the moment
- Nothing at this time.
- Rentals—in Sandstone—how many? Care homes? Clean up their houses and lawns. Slow down traffic on Russel. More community events. Land use.
- Need good communication
- Discussed at the meeting—speed bumps on speed recorder trailer needed for NE 169 Ave. from Halsey north to the Wilkes Elementary School—posted at 25 MPH but consistently speeders of much higher is the norm (even 50 MPH).
- I would like the association to pursue grants to fund speed bumps on 169th by the school to slow the traffic. Also, traffic speed signs on Russell.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey.

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