

What do you like most about Harrison West neighborhood?

THEMES:

LOCATION-28

WALKABILITY-23

PEOPLE-14

CHARACTER/CHARM/MIXED-USE-12

PARKS/GREENSPACE/CLOSE TO BIKE TRAIL-11

SAFE/QUIET-11

DIVERSITY/OPEN-5

All 51 responses:

- The people, the small businesses, the walkability
- This is a neighborhood positioned for easy access to the interstates and downtown. It is a lovely old neighborhood with some great green spaces.
- The walkability and the people
- The location , the people
- The convince of living near the short north & still having a quiet neighborhood
- Walkability / Bike Path access / Short North access / Freeway System access / Equidistant between OSU and Downtown / Perception of a safe urban neighborhood
- the accessibility to various lifestyle choices. For example, downtown 2 miles south, High St. 1 mile to the east, OSU facilities 2 miles to the north, and finally grandview yard build 1 mile west places us in the Middle of it all. Walking and biking to everything you need.
- Location,charm, neighbors
- There is an eclectic mix of residents. The streets are active and walkable and safe. We are close to downtown yet not in the thick of it.
- the location-close to restaurants
- Easy access to highways, bike path, river, walkability, friendliness.
- location- it's close to everything and WALKABLE
- Safety, walkability, the neighborhood feel
- Walkability to bars, parks, the short north. How centralized it is versus Ohio State, downtown, and all Columbus suburbs. Easy access to highways, nice people
- Open sense of community and access to parks/trails
- Quiet neighborhood with very close proximity to the short north and grandview.
- Location, parks and brick streets
- Proximity to city center, college, shopping, hospital
- The friendly people who demonstrate a willingness to help others.
- Kept nicely,proximity to walking trails/restaurants/stores/ freeway.
- Density and mixture of uses; walkability and bike ability; proximity to OSU, Short North downtown

- friendly people, harrison park is great
- The location, close enough to walk to the Short North and Arena District but parking is not as much of an issue
- Quiet and safe area.
- Walkability
- Proximity to most things I want to do.
- Location
- Ability to walk to most destinations, bike friendly environment, proximity to the Olentangy trail
- It's proximity and neighborhood feel...
- City feel. Walk to everywhere. The charm. My neighbors.
- Proximity to things
- The beautiful, mature trees, the great parks, pet-friendly neighborhood, safe.
- Walk-ability, character, access
- Walkability
- Walkability and neighborhood feel
- proximity to downtown / short north
- Walkability in every direction
- its diversity and location
- walkability; proximity to great neighborhoods
- Diversity of neighbors, income levels, interesting people, proximity to Short North, Campus and downtown.
- Diversity, walkability and proximity to fun things to do.
- Friendly neighbors, walkability, affordable to a mix of incomes. Diversity in housing, and a proactive society
- Proximity to great areas, yet reclusive enough to get some sleep.
- Feels safe. Close to Olentangy Trail. Nice parks.
- Diversity of home owners including the mix of home prices.
- Neighbors that talk to each other
- Old houses, trees, near downtown, near OSU campus, safe to walk around
- The small town feel
- historic homes, walkable streets, cafes tucked into the residential area, proximity to everything!
- Location, Location, Location! Oh, and the continued involvement of residents in the development of the neighborhood.
- Quiet and the beautiful historic homes.

What changes would most improve Harrison West?

THEMES:

Pedestrian Safety/Sidewalk improvements- 12

Property Maintenance-9

Landscaping/Park improvements-7

More businesses- 7

Traffic calming- 6

Lighting- 5

Connecting with renters- 4

Brick streets repair- 4

Parking- 4

Street cleaning/street snow removal-3

Litter-3

Cohesive features- 3

More community events/involvement-2

Reduce truck traffic- 2

Development/Density concerns: 2

All 49 responses:

- Landscaping the surrounding areas
- Trying to enforce crosswalk areas- such as those across 3rd Ave by the bike path & by Perry. Maybe add a flashing light or crosswalk signs? Also- I'm sure zoning is an impediment, but I would love to see more small businesses added such as Apropos/Katalinas.
- 1. To me the main challenge is to keep each property looking good. 2. I have struggled to get the city to address the problems with the trees lining the street and how the roots are invading and destroying the sidewalks and the retaining walls to the yard. 3. We have made great children's spaces and we also need adult green spaces that are shaded and designed for conversation. Have random
- Shoveling sidewalks
- Sidewalk improvements, less litter along the streets and in bushes, revitalizing the building on Harrison and First, more urban landscaping, better ice and snow removal, more deterrents to theft
- Some more affordable housing to keep the diversity of the area.
- City-focused efforts to repair-replace-improve sidewalk quality
- Keeping the neighborhood clean and safe. So clean up and more lighting and more stop signs to slow drive thru motorists. The biggest issue is more than half the neighborhood is young renters who don't have a stake in bettering the neighborhood. If changes occur then they just move to another location.
- slowing down traffic on main streets, lighting

- I would love to see more cafe's, restaurants, retail within the neighborhood. Similar to German Village or Italian Village.
- more coffee shops
- Sidewalks could use some real work. Some houses need some attention. Too much litter. Not enough neighbors are willing to give their time to help with neighborhood projects.
- I'd like to see the neighborhood be a little more cohesive- in spirit and in it's physical attributes. Perhaps better sidewalks all around, lighting to define our borders a bit better, and unique features that continue to make us stand out- like the artwork and jazz in the park.
- More houses coming on the market, no one seems to sell because the neighborhood is so great
- There needs to be more street cleaning efforts, especially when it comes to fall, leaf season. Our street is always a complete disaster come Spring. Also - I'd like to try and influence the city on moving the COTA bus route off of Michigan Ave (in between 3rd and 1st) The street is too narrow for a bus that allows cars to park on both sides of the street. I have witnessed many near accidents and I'm sure there have been cars hit (luckily I have a garage so I haven't been one of them). It is also extremely loud for such a small street. As an option, Pennsylvania is MUCH wider and other COTA buses already go down it. I think they need to consolidate the routes. One more thing - how do we fix up the alleys? Ours is falling apart and especially in the winter it's never plowed, its nearly impossible to drive on, esp when there's ice.
- Side walks could use updating.
- 1. Restore paved over brick streets to all brick, i.e. Pennsylvania ave 2. Stricter enforcement for exterior appearance/code violations. Have noticed a sofa on outside porch or other non-outdoor furniture. Grass/landscape on a few residences is not properly maintained. City should issue notices/warnings. 3. Some sidewalks in bad shape. If city's responsibility, they should replace. If homeowners, they should be required to fix. 4. COGO stations to connect with rest of the system
- Remove asphalt to expose bricks beneath. Reduce truck traffic or improve signage for them so they know where to go. Acorn style street lights. Traffic calming on 1st and Perry.
- parking
- Create more methods to ensure a walkable/runable friendly neighborhood. Car drivers do not obey stop signs, do not obey pedestrian crossing signs; do not drive w/ caution and the intent to be a walkable neighborhood. Eliminate cars? ?
- An active Facebook group devoted to all topics like neighborhood watch, events , traffic alerts, etc.
- More walkability improvements, including better sidewalk maintenance and repair. Also, why don't people and businesses shovel their sidewalks in the winter? It is hazardous to walk in the neighborhood for 2-3 months of the year. One more thing - people should not litter and pick up trash on their property. Columbus is the trashiest city I've seen outside of China.
- add treeline (maybe evergreens) along river at harrison park to block out the noise and sight of the highway.
- Get rid of the last of the brick/cobblestone roads
- A few more restaurants/cafes.

- Creating a more retail opportunities.
- *No more large apartment developments - tenants do not take pride in the neighborhood like property owners do. *A nice park/green-space with trees & a quality playground. The Wagonbrenner developed park falls far short of this. A playground should have opportunity for shade - there are NO trees & the equipment is sparse. My 4 year old is already done with that playground. The rest of the open space could be graded, planted with seed or sod, strolling sidewalks, trees, wildflowers & make a nice park.
- N/A
- Get owners and city to fix broken sidewalks
- I wish more folks shoveled their walk ways...!
- More "things" that would segregate Harrison West from the surrounding area (ie...making it its own entity). I know that is vague.
- Lower crime
- More community involvement/awareness, fixing pot holes and old brick roads, community garden!
- Parking improvements - Michigan should not be the public parking lot for all of Harrison West. Either every street should be open, every street should be permitted, or we charge visitors without a parking pass to park on all the streets (computer kiosk at end of each street). Also, additional food options
- More restaurants and curb and street repair. Also repaving alleys.
- Either no permit parking or complete permit parking
- inspire all property owners to take better care / more pride in the cleanliness and upkeep of their home's curb-side view
- It would be nice if the wheelchair ramps at the intersections were placed where people actually cross the street, and were directly across the street from each other instead of staggered.
- we need some work done on a lot of sidewalks which are busted up.
- More police patrols in alleys. More public art.
- Try to decrease crime, mostly thefts.
- Building out all open land and parking lots. Conversion back A medium density neighborhood. All streets to have curbs. Maintenance of our tree lawn as far as trimming and replacement.
- Love the neighborhood
- Harrison West Society focuses too much on Harrison Park. We want nice street lights throughout the neighborhood. It is a bitter pill that all of HW (TIF monies) pays for street lights in the Harrison Park area. L oh HW
- Less truck traffic and cut through traffic
- Having some neglected houses fixed - at least painted Getting the city to clear snow on the streets Fixing some of the sidewalks that are in bad shape
- traffic buffers or a stop light at third and perry
- stricter building guidelines - there is WAY too much vinyl siding and substandard remodeling in Harrison West. Getting Zeno's replaced by a business establishment that is a better neighbor. Cracking down on absentee landlords who don't shovel snow or rake leaves or maintain their

rental properties. I'm concerned about the mix of housing. Historically there have been lots of single family homes and small rentals (1-4 units). Density can be a good thing, but I am very concerned about the number of large 1 BR apartment buildings going up everywhere in the Short North. We need to maintain a good balance between single family homes, condos and rentals for all sizes and demographics of families.

- Traffic and parking control, more signage giving folks the understanding that they are entering/exiting Harrison West to promote the neighborhood identity within the city. We also need to keep an eye on how much of the neighborhood OSU owns and rents.

What skills or resources can you offer to help Harrison West implement your suggested improvements or other initiatives? (examples: writing skills, good with websites, I often walk the neighborhood, cooking, I understand the real estate market, organizing events, I enjoy shoveling sidewalks... just to name a few)

THEMES:

People who run/walk/use the parks-9

Writing & social media- 7

Gardening/Clean-up- 7

Organizing- 7

Cooking- 4

City connections-3

General volunteer- 2

Development- 2

Shoveling sidewalks- 1

Art- 1

All 34 Responses:

- Writing skills, Artist
- Cooking & writing skills. I can't often attend things in person given my young children, but if there is something I could work on in the evenings I'm happy to.
- Gardening and cooking for a healthy plant-based diet. I focus on paying attention to environmentally sustainable practice in the kitchen.
- Perhaps making an ordinance to shovel sidewalks.
- Writing, helping with clean up and planting
- I've worked years in the neighborhood & willing to help with most things
- What? Confusing: "Harrison West" or "Harrison West Society"
- Assist on clean up crews and petition to implement changes either to the city or board members. T
- I often run in the neighborhood
- I already write and edit for the website and organize a number of events in our wonderful parks. I would like to continue contributing in those areas.
- organization, connections to community groups and city administration, and I like to walk the neighborhood
- writing skills, im interested in the development that's constantly going on in the neighborhood
- I walk the neighborhood daily with my dog Bear (large chocolate lab) and can cook as well for various events.
- I am on the board already
- NoneNone
- The variety of skills our household offers includes - shoveling sidewalks, preparing meals for those in need, and organizing community gatherings.

- I would be an active poster/responder if we had an active FB page. My previous neighborhood has a very active FB page and I felt so connected to neighbors and all goings on. Now I feel very isolated from neighbors.
- Perhaps OSU student projects involving mapping and field surveys? (I teach GIS at OSU).
- I could definitely volunteer
- I have no skills, that is a city project
- I enjoy our parks.
- I often walk the neighborhood in the summer
- sorry...not sure
- I am passionate about community involvement and love meeting new people and getting them excited about becoming more active in their local community, Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition and former officer of campus organic gardening organization (helped start my college campus's first on-campus garden, hosted mini on-campus farmer's markets with the produce, helped put on campus educational events on environmental issues and nutrition issues.)
- Writing skills, walking the neighborhood, knowledge of the City
- I can organize
- Working with city
- none
- I'm always picking up trash, and I work in the Side by Side Park pulling weeds, trimming dead plants, and planting.
- I walk the neighborhood.
- I am an architectural designer who designed our Gazebo and layout of the hardscape. I like working on our TIF and following through on projects.
- I bike the area frequently
- Skills were offered by many neighbors. HWS did not want them. You should look at the history of the organization from the beginning.
- I walk the neighborhood almost daily, I understand real estate and banking, I am in the hospitality business. I love to garden