

# Poets Square Neighborhood Survey Results

September 2020

BACKGROUND: The Poets Square Neighborhood Association organized this survey over the summer of 2020. Neighbors were invited to participate via fliers on their front doors and the neighborhood email list. 135 responses were returned, in total, but not all respondents responded to all questions. There are 530 homes in our neighborhood so that represents a 25% response rate.

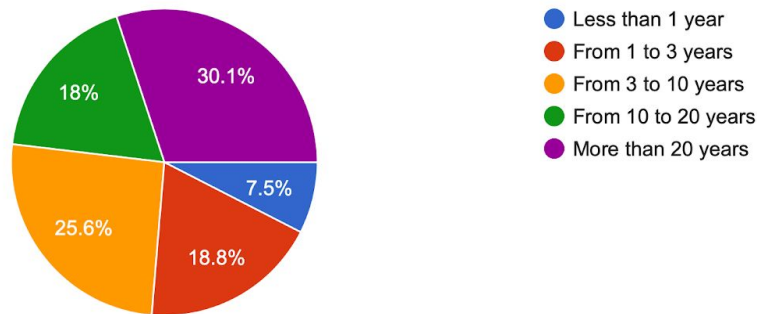
Please feel free to email questions about the survey to PSNA Chair Zack Jarrett at [zack@zackswagon.com](mailto:zack@zackswagon.com).

Thanks for being such wonderful neighbors!

## DEMOGRAPHICS

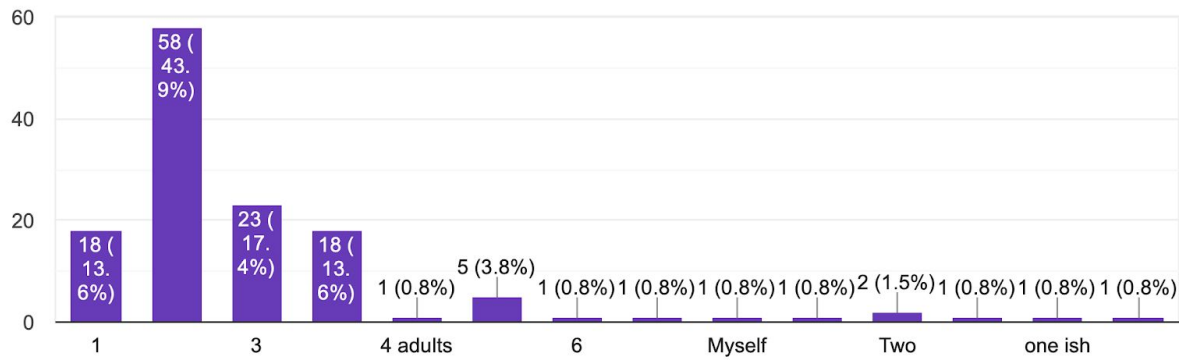
How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

133 responses



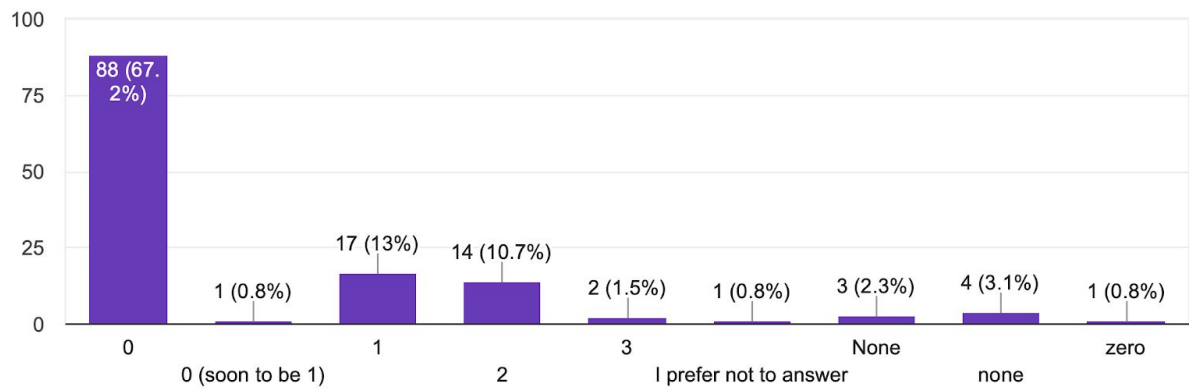
### How many people live in your home?

132 responses



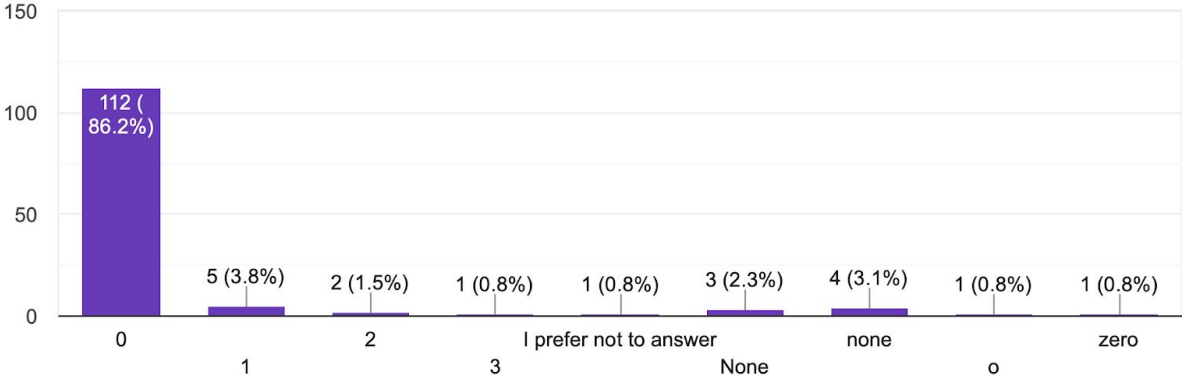
### How many children under 12 years?

131 responses



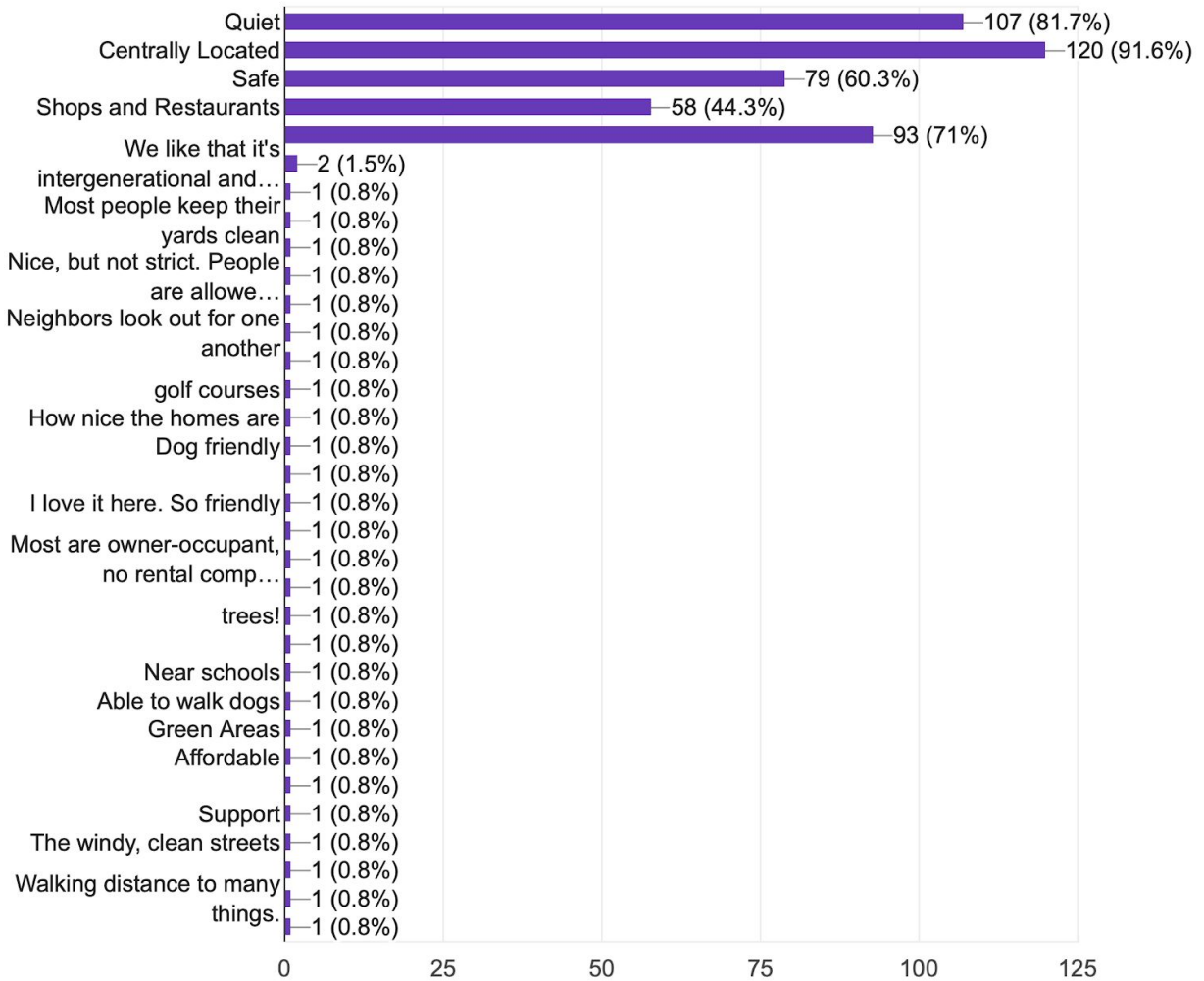
# How many children from ages 12 to 18?

130 responses



## What do you like about our neighborhood?

131 responses



## Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?

- We love riding bikes!
- We love our neighborhood !
- 2 cats
- Also 2 happy dogs
- Both retired. 3 cats
- Oldest boy moving out next week. Joanne and I'm are friendly though not overly social, we are always happy to meet our neighbors and participate as time permits. Happy to be

living in this neighborhood. Love the work that has been happening in the greenbelts... thanks!

- Our family loves going to parks!
- Military
- Love living here!
- I'm interested in knowing how to be more involved in safety/crime prevention in neighborhood
- We have dogs and appreciate dogs being leashed.
- I have my Standard Poodle who is big part of the family; her name is TiTi
- We have 2 dogs Cassie and Sport
- We have dogs and love walking them through the neighborhood!
- Botany and water person. Audobon society "Habitat at Home" about water futures for birds. No playground, prefer having natural habitat areas, round-up to get rid of Johnson grass and actually kill it. City wasn't okay with traffic slow-downs if it interferes with water drainage.
- I have a senior dog
- 1 dog, Sabrina
- sisters in college
- Retired
- 4 dogs
- female domestic partners
- We are all college students.
- all grown up and spread out
- We have 2 dogs and 2 cats too ;)
- We also have three dogs :)
- We have two friendly doglets.
- We also have 2 dogs
- We moved here when my daughters were 15 and 12 and we love our neighborhood, my oldest graduated from College and on her own, my youngest is still at home TG, my elderly mother lives with us and loves it here.
- Just me and my pup Olive
- We're both in our early 20s. We have lots of pets including chickens and possibly a goat depending on how our neighbors would feel about that.
- I have 2 wonderful dogs and an arrogant cat.
- We are a same-sex couple and have always felt welcome in the neighborhood
- Commute back and forth to Albuquerque where spouse has job.
- It's us and our 13 year old daughter
- retired/seniors
- My son and his 4-year-old daughter live with us.
- Two children left here after UHS
- Husband John has kidney failure. John and Beth have both had traumatic brain injuries.
- Self employed artisan
- They grew healthy and strong in Poets Square and have now flown to other lives.

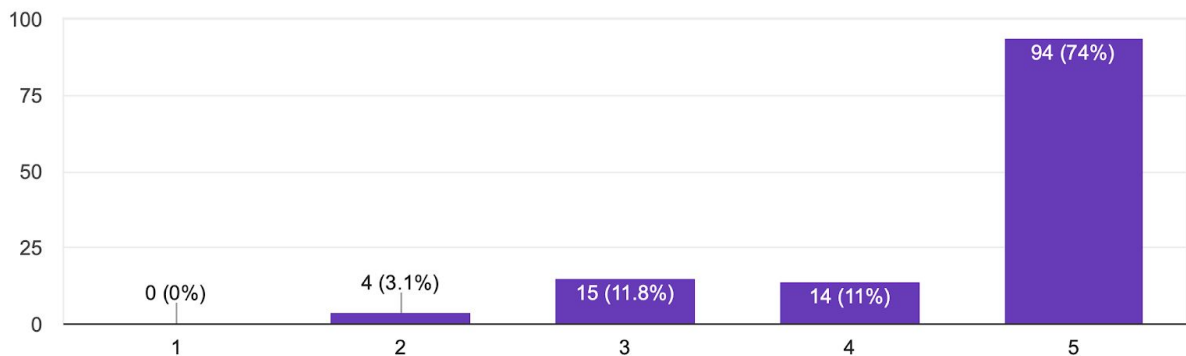
- I have a roommate, Alma. My daughters are 24 and 22 years old. I have a 14 month old granddaughter.
- Been involved with neighborhood association since inception
- Both of us are disabled and use adaptive equipment to get around the neighborhood
- My husband and I have two young adult children that are going to the University.
- Two adults and son who studies at UA.
- We are new! (2 weeks)
- Single dad and kids -- new divorce
- Husband deceased
- Elderly - children live out of state

## Neighborhood Projects

The following questions were rated on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means “Don’t Care” and 5 means “I LOVE IT!”

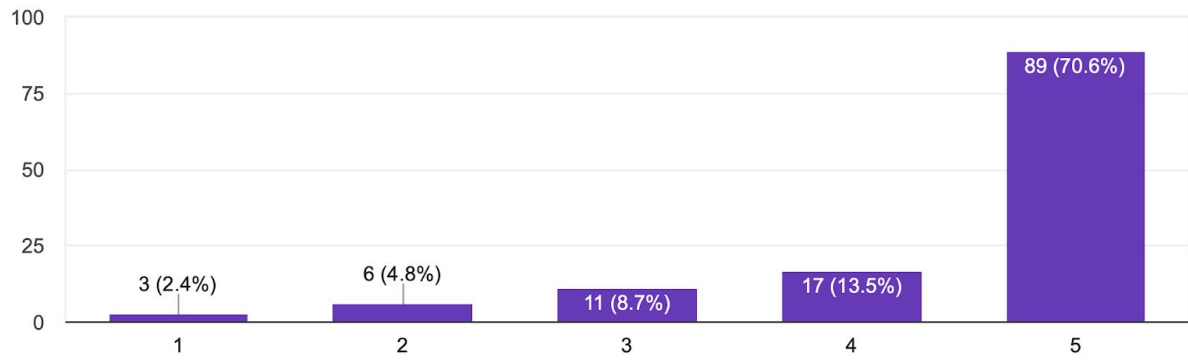
### Tree Planting

127 responses



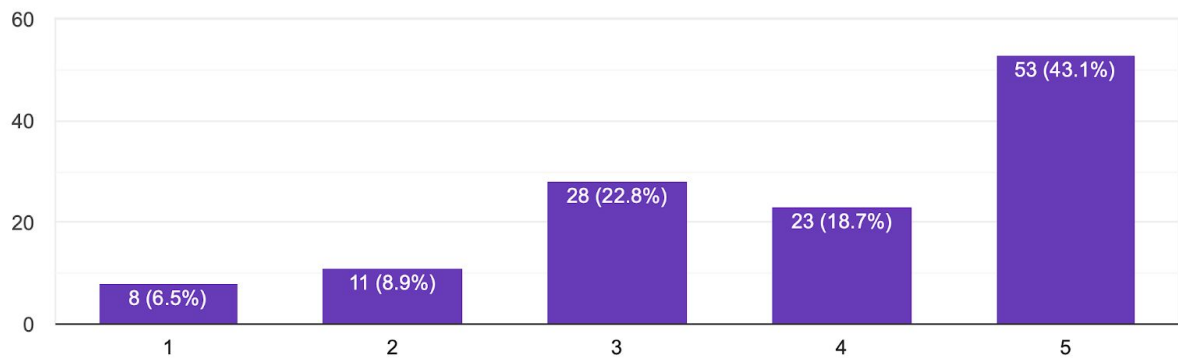
## Neighborhood Park

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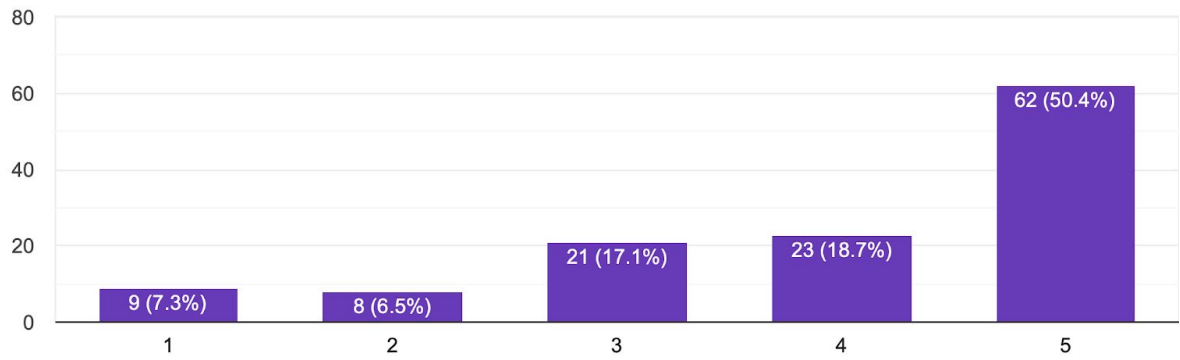
## Reduce Traffic

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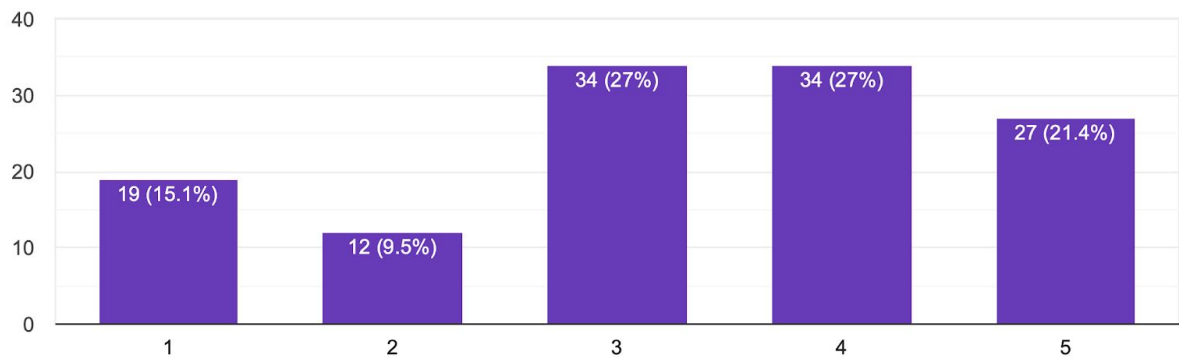
### Public Art

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### Neighborhood Block Party

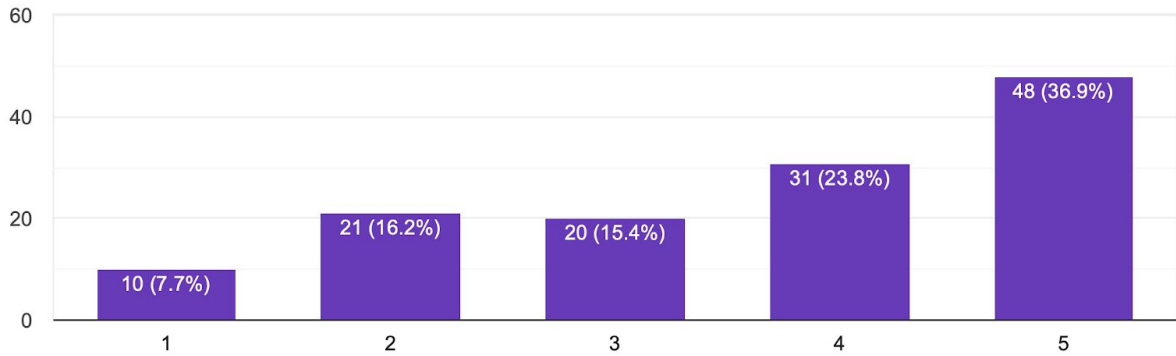
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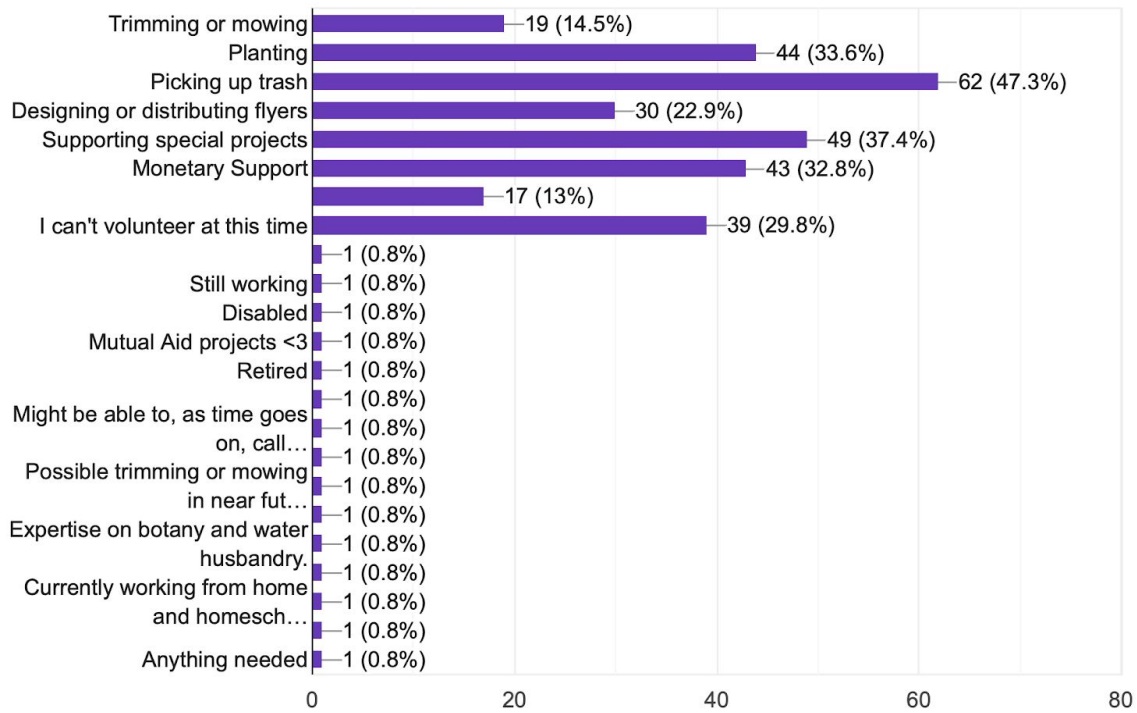
## Addressing Drainage and Pooling Water

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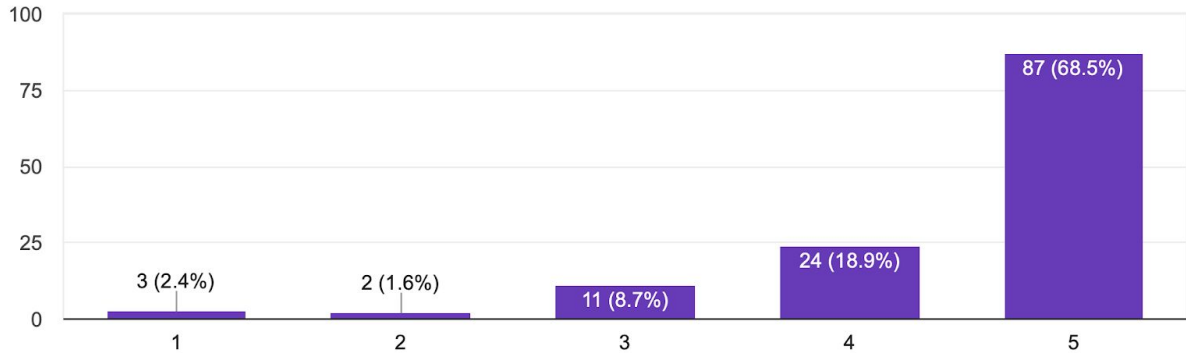
## How would you like to volunteer to help with neighborhood projects?

131 responses



How likely are you to support the transformation of Venice/Desert Stravenue into a neighborhood park?

127 responses



#### Do you have anything you would like to add?

- Super interested and willing to get involved in a neighborhood park concept!
- I absolutely love the changes happening and would be THRILLED with a park!
- A park in the neighborhood would be so fantastic! I'm completely onboard, but I also have younger kids which means sometimes it's hard to help, but I will do what I can
- I'm always in support of more parks and more trees!
- This may go without saying, but I think the drainage issues will have to be addressed before the greenspace can become a park. :-)
- We would like to have the low spot on Desert Stravenue blocked to cars and trucks driving through - makes a big mud puddle and mosquito pond!!
- Thanks for doing this. It's nice to know the neighbors care about their neighborhood
- Thank you!
- Our thanks to Mike (corner to 6th and Belvedere) for all the hard and amazing work he has put into the wash on Desert Strav!! Did you know he is hand mowing the entire thing single handedly and used his own money, equipment, labor and materials to put up barricades so people would stop 4-wheeling through it and leaving impossibly deep ruts, built hand made artistically beautiful steel benches and put out gorgeous solar lighting for night time visiting -- which is taken advantage of often? [Actually, I am not sure the lights were his, but I bet they were!] AMAZING!! And so, so, so appreciated!! Now this section of Poet's Square has our own beautiful park AND we are not drowning in mosquitoes this time of year!! Double bonus!!! YEAH, MIKE!! OUR HERO!!!
- So grateful to everyone who has been creating and maintaining the park along Venice / Desert Strav ❤️
- Thanks for all you do. Where can I mail dues?
- Any chance on getting Audio Express to move? Their noise pollution is awful.
- Thanks for making our neighborhood a better place!

- I am wary of this Poets Square Neighborhood Association turning into some type of HOA. Please steer this carefully to avoid such a disaster.
- Thanks for putting this together! Great ideas!
- Yes, neighbors need to keep their trees trimmed along sidewalks and those blocking visuals of oncoming traffic. Alleys and easements need to be maintained. Some way to slow traffic down on some streets. Establish a park on the Stravenue.
- Awesome job with everything, Zack!
- Trees on SE Burns/Belvedere need pruning to see Burns traffic
- Trees SE of Burns and Belvedere need to be pruned to see Burns traffic.
- CONCERN ABOUT LIABILITY ISSUES OF PARK EQUIPMENT USE/ACCIDENTS
- I'd like to know more info about the proposed park. Is it safe to have a park in the middle of the street? I like that someone/s is/are taking care of that area now and it looks so inviting. On another topic, what I would like to see is a mural. It would have to be on someone's wall facing the street so maybe Catalina or Belvedere. I don't know anything about painting murals but I imagine some creative or artistic resident in this neighborhood does or we could find a budding mural artist or experienced person for guidance. That would be an awesome neighborhood project. I want to thank you for all you do for PSNA and the MAS.
- I think we should look into green infrastructure and traffic circles, if done correctly they can address drainage issues, traffic calming and add more vegetation to the neighborhood
- Very interested in park idea
- I love neighborhood and changes
- We do not support turning the strav into an actual park as it would bring homeless and transient issues more so than we already have.
- We are in our late 70s and 80s and can't do much.
- I would love to see the triangle (sort of) area in the middle of the intersection of Holmes and Belvedere turned into a desert planting area. Properly constructed, it could reduce the flooding on Belvedere during rains, recharge the aquifer a little and reduce the amount of heat-retaining blacktop. And it would be so much more attractive.
- whats that extremely large round thing in a tree top at Holmes/Belevedere ,eastside. Looks like its in a yard.
- We are moving out to a different place in eastern Tucson next week, but I do think putting a park in that area of this neighborhood is a great idea!
- Really likes the neighborhood park
- how safe is the information I am supplying?
- What kind of park/use will the Neighborhood park be?
- I think in the future it would be nice to have a neighborhood (donations) rummage sale in the 'big parking lot' and the funds could be used for neighborhood improvement/enjoyment purposes. 😊
- Two items of interest, both told to me in the 1990s by elderly long-term residents: The intersection of Holmes and Belvedere once had a triangle of soil with trees and other plants; but one day it was suddenly just paved over. Also, historically the park intended to serve this neighborhood was immediately across Swan, south of Rincon High; but

similarly, one day the playground equipment was removed and the area fenced off. (Interestingly, Google Maps still labels that as Burns Park.) These changes obviously happened before city agencies were expected to communicate with or be responsive to citizens and neighborhoods! It would be great to reverse one of both these changes.

- I'm so pleased with the way our neighborhood has evolved over the past few years. Thanks.
- What would be done to create a park?
- Thanks for doing this!
- Please let us know where we can contribute donations to these projects.
- Please address the noise / "boom" box, bone crunching vibrations emanating from the local AUDIO STORE AT INAPPROPRIATE HOURS/DAYS. Especially Sat/Sun/Holidays but everyday, early AM and late PM. It's enough to SHATTER WINDOWS at times in time periods surely longer than noise codes (or "pushing the code envelope" = 59 seconds, stop - 59 seconds - stop). It's 5 p.m. dinner time and BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM resonates in my head and stomach. 7 a.m on Sunday and no enjoying peace. The noise/vibrations from audio store are much less on 9th street and further north/west, yet unbearable for those homes a block or so away. Thanks!!! This is a lovely neighborhood.
- Traffic reduction marked "NA - not a problem" on paper survey.
- I Love our neighborhood! 😊
- You guys are doing great!
- The hood is looking good!
- we need an HOA
- Concerned that kids & dogs might get hit by cars if Desert/Venice turned into park. Fencing would look terrible, don't want that.
- Tree planting was great!
- Would be nice if "park" could be fenced off. Cars drive by too fast, doesn't seem safe. Interested in what all would be done to consider it a park.
- The pooling of water at Catalina and Elmwood is unsafe, so I'm relieved that 'pooling' is on the list. Another problem at Elmwood and Catalina is that people run the STOP signs all the time. Cars from Broadway use Catalina as a short cut. I often count at least 10 cars a day running the STOP sign. I reported it to Council Ward 6 and to the City, but never got a response.
- Thanks to all the officers!
- We appreciate your hard work to help our neighborhood be more interconnected. Thank you!
- "I would like to point out that the pooling on Desert Strav near 5th Street is the habitat of a rare species of toad. The Western Spadefoot is under review for endangered species status (beginning 2015), one possibility for their low population size could be that breeding pools and ponds "often dry up before the tadpoles get to complete metamorphosis".
- I know that mosquitoes breed in the pond; so do the toads.
- We got a grant from Pro Neighborhoods for a wash park design. There is a desert for the Desert Strav Area by a landscape arch firm.

- We should already be on the list serve. Also, with creation of the park, it would be nice if some sidewalk was put in at least to seating areas, so folks using wheelchairs or mobility aids could access the seating area and chat with neighbors
- I can be contacted if anyone is interested in playing live acoustic music in the street with physical distancing. John Corrin.
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- We are very happy in our neighborhood, the neighbors are friendly.
- It has been just a year, but feel very comfortable. Love the neighborhood feeling, the diversity, the compromise
- Thanks for all your hard work!
- We can grocery shop for those unable to go to stores during COVID-19 or other illnesses/situations.
- I'm interested in volunteering
- I'd like to thank whoever keeps the arroyo trimmed. It really looks beautiful.
- Need speed bumps on Venice and 9th St; address flooding on Venice and Desert