



# 2021 Survey Results

1. How many of the neighbors on your block do you know? Circle one answer.	Frequency of Response
all of them	19
most of them	68
half of them	49
some of them	82
none of them	2

2. How strong is Historic Southwood Park's "sense of community"? Circle one answer.	Frequency of Response
extremely strong	29
very strong	116
somewhat strong	64
not so strong	8
not at all strong	2

2A. How can we build our sense of community to be stronger?	Frequency of Response
more organized events	3
block parties	2
play groups/kid activities	2

**Other Replies:** "get to know you" communications; 07 light pole banners; are we checking in on older neighbors?; communicate truthfully; community concert; directory w cell numbers; encourage kindness; get rid of COVID :-); Have the blocks that are strong with "sense of community" make a 5 minute video to share on website; Helping neighbors in need; form teams; highlight different households; It's strong because I've gone out of my way to meet my neighbors in last 15 months; Keep up the good work!; met many neighbors at Night of Lights; monthly music block parties in summer; More communication about area smaller neighborhood events; more local businesses; pandemic makes it hard to know people; post-COVID socially responsible events; smile and say hi to your neighbor; t-shirts; walking and biking groups; walking Christmas light tour/parade and/or Zoom get together with breakout rooms.

<b>3. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood? Circle one answer.</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
extremely safe	35
very safe	138
somewhat safe	40
not so safe	2
not at all safe	0

<b>4. What are Historic Southwood Park's greatest assets?</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
community/neighbors	110
architecture/homes	102
trees	75
Foster Park	50
walkability	38
pride of ownership	26
proximity to downtown	22
amenities access (cafes, businesses)	21
association/board	14
growing popularity of '07 area	14
natural beauty	13
non-rental neighborhood	11
safety	11
street layout/espanades	10
quiet	8
young/family(-ies) friendly	6
St. John's	5
value	5
diversity	4
greenway	4
stability	4
clean	3
events	3
gardens	3
history	3
reputation	3

<b>4. What are Historic Southwood Park's greatest assets? Cont'd</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
low assoc. dues	2
volunteers	2
beautification efforts	1
culture	1
flamingo fridays	1
FWPD officers living in neighborhood	1
garage sales	1
golf course	1
inclusion of folks who are afraid	1
loyalty	1
river	1
schools	1
Summit green space access	1
well lit	1
responsible dog walkers	1

<b>5. What are Historic Southwood Park's biggest challenges?</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
Speeding (16 streets mentioned by name)	53
Community Development Needed in Surrounding Area	39
Poor Maintenance of Homes	33
Association Issues such as: rentals, neighbor involvement, better communication, gatherings and outreach.	30
Crime prevention, security patrols and personal property crime	28
Condition of Sidewalks	25
Code Enforcement Issues	23
Infrastructure issues such as: alleys, stormwater drainage, and curb painting.	22
Traffic Issues such as lack of speeding enforcement, traffic noise, and busy nearby streets.	17
Good Neighbor Issues such as: Fireworks, firepit abuse, blowing grass and leaves into street, and boats/trailers in driveways.	17
Beautification Issues such as: tree canopy, roundabout landscaping, park strip mowing, and historic color enforcement.	16
Street Parking Issues on Beaver, Indiana, South Wayne, and Maxine.	13

<b>6. How do you prefer to get Association news? Circle all that apply.</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
Facebook	68
Website	40
Paper Newsletters	155

<b>Other:</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
email	33
Instagram	7
increase frequency	4
text alerts	4
better responsiveness	2
app	1
keep site updated	1
Nextdoor	1
survey monkey	1
twitter	1

<b>7. What Association programs do you value? Circle all that apply.</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
dirt day	139
security patrol	136
association garage sales	118
sidewalk reimbursement	118
pocket gardens	117
dumpster day	111
weed control	94
street trees requests	88
EAB treatments	77
winter night of lights	70
seedling tree offers	68
summer picnic	62
neighborhood flag	55
flamingo Fridays	37

7A. How would you improve any of them?	Frequency of Response
Security patrol visibility	12
More Dumpsters/Days	6
Love street tree requests - Thanks!	2
<p><b>Other Responses:</b> Ask more to help/volunteer; better communication of services; better communication on events-didn't know about night of lights; Dirt Day on Lexington; earlier garage sales; encourage residents to think about their neighbors by not keeping up their property; Great job on flag; I do not know the security patrol persons name, Maybe a bio on our security patrol; I think the flag should have been created through a neighbor contest The current one makes no sense - it looks like "no Oakdale"; info on weed control; info on where dirt is obtained; Kids block party; more dirt; more Night of Lights stops; Redo roundabout; security a joke Security speeds through; security waste of money; Security worthless –we need to hire who Woodhurst uses; smaller flags on light poles; tree/yard waste more often; welcome wagon</p>	

8. What should the Association offer, but doesn't?	Frequency of Response
snow removal	8
Free online dues payment	4
volunteers for the elderly/disabled	4
directory	3
mulch day	3
welcome wagon	3
5K or bike event to raise money for a goal, local cause (SPCA, womens shelter, foodbank, etc)	2
flower baskets on lightpoles	2
Home Tour	2
individual block parties	2
neighbors needs	2
pool	2
recommended contractors/services at discount	2
street light flags	2
we're impressed with what we do offer	2
<p><b>Other Responses:</b> 07 business directory; alternative to Nextdoor; art: murals or sculptures; ask police to pull over speeders; asset mapping; Block parties with Oakdale/Woodhurst; cameras; care of grass sidewalks to streets; community voting; online discount cards for local businesses; dog waste stations; education on laws being violated; Facebook group; gardening workshop; historic preservation enforcement; I would gladly pay more for security like Woodhurst's; leaf bags; list of babysitters; yard help; meet &amp; greet with new neighbors other than Flamingo Fridays; moving help; pedestrian right of way signs/lights on Old Mill; rental advocate/lawyer; sidewalk from Foster Parkway to Summit campus; summer picnic in other areas; tree inspection/trimming; walking/running groups; winter activities like snowman building</p>	

**9. What street, alley, or sidewalk most needs repair?**

[EDITOR’S NOTE: Rather than a list of streets and block numbers, we are attempting to present the information from this question in “article” form.] The most mentioned specific “hotspots” include the Tacoma/Prange esplanade, Tacoma Avenue sidewalks, and Beaver Avenue paving. The most mentioned streets for sidewalk repair were Tacoma Avenue, Indiana Avenue, and Beaver Avenue. The most mentioned alleys were Pembroke/Drury, Pasadena/Prange, and Indiana/Tacoma.

One oft-mentioned item was the loss of sycamore trees on the Westover Road esplanade. We are happy to report the Association has already replaced those missing trees with new plantings!

Your answers regarding sidewalks, alleys, and curbs were quite varied on this question. How do we tackle this as an Association? A way forward involves cost-sharing petitions for alleys, curbs, and sidewalks. The City will split the cost with homeowners for new curbs or alleys. All it takes is a petition that has a majority of homeowners signing “yes”. Regarding sidewalks, you can pass a petition to have a whole block of sidewalks at 50% City cost-sharing. If you need just your sidewalk (or just a few squares) replaced, the City will pay 50% and the Association will chip in 25%. On any of these options, City financing over ten years is available. Contact the Association for more information on any of these options, or to get started with a

**10. I have room for, want, and would water a City street tree paid by the Association.**

31 Residents are interested in a street tree.

<b>11. What public spot needs a bench, a pocket garden, or some other improve-</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>
Indiana/Beaver Greenspace	3 (+2 Bench)
roundabout	3
Arlington bench is primitive and uncomfortable	2
Tacoma at Prange	2
Westover needs tree replacements	2
Other Responses: more benches; neighborhood entrances; pillars lights/color; South Wayne; speed bumps or remove Indiana traffic light to make it always flashing red; Stratford/Pettit; Tacoma biker park removal; Tacoma median bench.	

**12. Contact me about the Association's Sidewalk Reimbursement Program.**

14 residents are interested in the sidewalk reimbursement program.

**13. I am interested in volunteering! Circle any that apply.**

4 residents are interested in running for the Board of Directors

13 residents are interested in helping with the annual block party

13 residents are interested in hosting a Flamingo Friday

16 residents are interested in opening their homes for a home tour

16 residents are interested in joining the beautification committee

1 resident is interested in a progressive porch party

**OTHER RESIDENT THOUGHTS:**

Wants another flag choice

Increase dues an additional \$55. Our neighborhood is one of the finest in Indiana. Our dues, I believe are too low. Increases may be difficult due to the fact they are tied to our deeds/covenants, etc. I'd suggest a second dues invoice for special projects and invoice that would be classified as a contribution, a dues that would not be tied to our deeds or written in the covenants. Provide a newsletter to the neighborhood explaining the "second" dues invoice and what projects it will fund.

We have lived here for 51 years and I see things and the neighborhood going down.

Please send radar sign back to Old Mill. People see it and slow down.

Thank you for my trees! Thank you to the board for its work on behalf year in and year out!

Thank you leaders. For all that you do! So much appreciated!

Good job on flag! Fun! Keep up the good work of being available and seeking to improve

Love the idea of a neighborhood flag, not the design

Stay on top of the Foster Park project. I have gotten pushback from Parks on what the new entry will look like. Do we need a fundraiser?

Used to see security a lot - not seeing them since I was robbed. Neighbor said the same. He moved away. Said unhappy with neighborhood. Lowering speed limit won't help if no police to stop speeders. See people not stopping @ stop signs. Almost hit by older lady turning on corner. Bring back dirt day on Lexington.