



This is my neighbourhood - Ranchlands

Report Back: What We Heard - July 28, 2017

Project overview

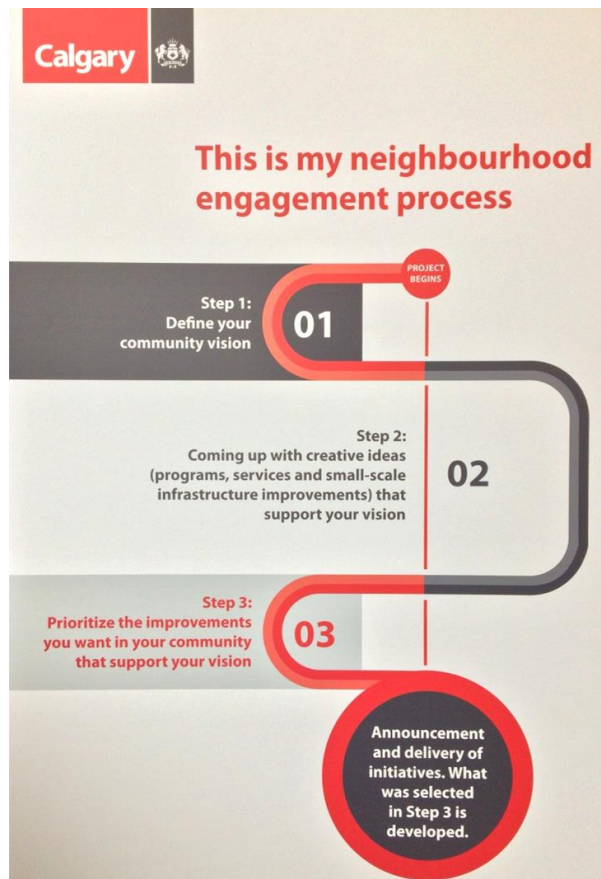
This is my neighbourhood was created to provide an opportunity for residents to partner with The City of Calgary to identify ways to help make their neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play.

In 2016, The City of Calgary delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to a first group of 14 neighbourhoods.

In 2017, The City of Calgary is working with a new group of 14 neighbourhoods. The City is working with the neighbourhoods to first identify a neighbourhood vision. From that vision, participants working with City staff, will create ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support their neighbourhood vision as identified in the engagement. In 2018 those programs, services and infrastructure projects will be implemented.

Engagement overview

This report back covers What We Heard during the visioning for Ranchlands. This is the first step in the engagement for the This is my neighbourhood program.



What we asked

Residents in Ranchlands were asked:

What would make Ranchlands a better place to live, work and play? They were then asked to choose their top three vision words from a list, see below, or to add their own and explain why they chose that word.

• Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse • Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable

Step 1 Tell us your vision

What would make your neighbourhood a better place to live, work and play? Choose your top 3 words from the list, **or add your own**, and tell us why.

- Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse
- Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable

Vision Word (example)	Why? (example)
Accessible	I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing streets.
Vision Word #1	Why?
Vision Word #2	Why?
Vision Word #3	Why?



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How we connected

There were three different ways that citizens could provide feedback:

1. Everyone in the neighbourhood was mailed a postcard with vision question and could drop it off at Ranchlands Community Association (7713 Ranchview Drive NW). The postcards were sent to 2,046 residents.
2. The vision survey was available online through the <http://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/ranchlands> portal page from April 7, 2017 until July 7, 2017. The survey was promoted on neighbourhood bold signs, through Facebook, Tim Horton's TV as well as on Ranchlands Community Association website and newsletter. We received 718 pieces ideas in Ranchlands through online engagement.
3. City staff attended various community events to gather feedback. We received 376 ideas through in person engagement. The table below summarizes the events we attended, and how many people we reached at each event.

Event name	Number of people reached at events
Stampede breakfast	250
Community clean up	250
Chilli cook-off	30
Membership drive	60
Ranchlands school open house	40
Total	630

4. We asked participants online how they heard about the program. The responses are in the table below. For Ranchlands no one selected Recreation Facility or TVs in Recreation Centres.

In the Mail	Social Media	Community Event	Bold/Road Sign	Community Newsletter	Word of mouth	Tim Horton's TV	City website	Other
26	52	11	16	4	7	1	4	9

What we heard

Ranchlands residents that participated in the vision exercise value a safe community. Specifically, this was emphasized by identifying a concern for vehicle speeds especially for people that are crossing streets, having sidewalks and pathways that are maintained and safe, and increased and improved lighting at the link to Dalhousie and throughout the community.

In addition, participants expressed a desire for a beautiful community, specifically through having well maintained parks and gathering spaces, possible addition of a community garden or more flowers, and updated fencing and community entrances. Aligning with beautiful was the vision word clean, identifying that they value neighbours who maintain their property and homes, and the need for increased garbage bins around the community. Finally, participants with children expressed a need for more modern playgrounds



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as gathering locations to emphasize a more family-friendly community where people can meet their neighbours.

For a verbatim listing of all the input for the visioning, please see pages 4-37.

VISION WORD: SAFE	4
VISION WORD: CONNECTED	9
VISION WORD: DIVERSE	12
VISION WORD: ACTIVE	12
VISION WORD: BEAUTIFUL	14
VISION WORD: CLEAN	19
VISION WORD: INCLUSIVE	22
VISION WORD: ACCESSIBLE	23
VISION WORD: HEALTHY	25
VISION WORD: WALKABLE	26
VISION WORD: FAMILY FRIENDLY	29
VISION WORD: OTHER	32

Vision statements

There are 3 vision statements for Ranchlands. A quick poll on the <http://engage.calgary.ca/myneighbourhood/ranchlands> page will be available from July 28 – August 8 where you can pick your favourite one. The vision statements are based on the vision words you shared with us through the engagement.

- 1) *Ranchlands values being Safe, Beautiful, Clean and Family-Friendly for their neighbourhood.*
- 2) *Ranchlands values feeling safe walking around the community, having beautiful parks spaces and clean properties, and modern playgrounds for their neighbourhood.*
- 3) *Ranchlands values feeling safe walking around the community and near streets, having beautiful parks and more gardens, having residents who care about their properties, and having modern playgrounds where families can gather for their neighbourhood.*

Next steps

In July and early August we will be planning the creative process. First, we will share with you a number of neighbourhood vision statement and have you select your favourite one.

From that vision, members from your community will work with City staff, to come up creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support that vision.

In 2018 those programs, services and infrastructure projects will be implemented.

Verbatim Comments

The following is all of the verbatim comments we received for Ranchlands. The verbatim is broken down by Vision Word and includes the submissions received online and those received in person through the postcards. All of the feedback is verbatim unless an inappropriate word was used then the following is used to indicate that it was removed: [inappropriate word removed]. If personal information was submitted the following is used where that information was removed: [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: SAFE

Selected – 113 times. Answers to “why” below

- Allowing [inappropriate word removed] people into our neighborhood increases crime, statistics prove it and mainstream media refuses to report it, but that doesn't mean it isn't happening. Stop it!
- Ranchlands is a very diverse and lovely community. I have lived here 21 years and the community has become unsafe to walk in since the crowfoot station opened. There are many individuals who ask for money/bottles/food and as a single woman I feel unsafe walking anywhere on my own.
- Crosswalks on Ranchlands Boulevard are unsafe due to the speeding traffic and poor lighting. There are some unsavoury people coming from crowfoot and loitering in the community and more outreach is needed to remove these Vagrants from the community.
- [inappropriate comment removed]
- "Hello! I'd like to see a Radar Speed Display for both playground zones around St Rita's & Ranchlands school grounds. Our kids play at the school parks long after school hours. Though there are new signs to indicate playground zone 7:30-21:00, I think people are still speeding past these playgrounds.
- I would like to see a flashing sign slow to 30km, in both directions on Ranchview Drive, to show people they are speeding in the hours after 3:30 to 9:00pm to keep kids safe."
- Vehicle was broken into twice and person was murdered in a basement a few blocks away.
- I have children in the community. I want them to be able to walk home from school safely.
- Ranchview Rd between Ranchview Dr and Ranchlands Blvd is a cut through for people. The traffic and speed is very worrisome, especially since there are young children living on the street. Traffic calming measures could/should be put in place to either slow down or discourage from tearing down the road.
- I see so many vehicles every morning passing close to the 2 schools on their way to John Laurie Blvd. Some of these are just going to close communities like Dalhousie. If the vehicle trap area under Sarcee trail was updated a lot of these vehicles can take that route making it safer for kids to walk to school especially in winter. It will also make for a shorter trip to parents taking several kids to schools.
- Something needs to be done with traffic controls. People use Ranchlands as a shortcut from nose hill drive to John Laurie and speed through the neighborhood. Please install speed bumps throughout our neighbourhood to make it safer for our kids and pets.
- Children often are playing in the parks, streets and alleyways independently, without supervision. Kids explore, and ride their bikes everywhere. Outdoor independent play is very important to these kids Making the community



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safe for children should be a high priority. Lots of people also are reliant on transit, and are out and about at all hours. People enjoy walking, and safety in all aspects would go a long ways to improving the community, including better safe places for kids to play sports and on playgrounds, improved traffic safety, and increased safety for all citizens who walk the streets at all hours.

- Many sidewalks are uneven and dangerous to walk on, due to frost heave and other factors. This is especially evident on Ranchlands Blvd. The uneven sidewalks are an especial challenge for elderly or unsteady pedestrians, parents pushing strollers, or those in wheelchairs or using walkers.
- The back alleys are made with dirt and gravel, when it rains all the dirt comes down and blocks the normal drainage leaving gravel on the sidewalks.
- The intersection of Ranchero and Ranchlands Boulevard is still a huge problem, especially in the dark. Cars speed and even if they don't speed they often don't notice pedestrians.
- Ranchlands is an established community with a beautiful landscape to boot. The sign coming into the community lacks luster in comparison to the other established communities surrounding it. We could also benefit from another sign on the west end- where Ranchland boulevard meets nose hill as traffic is high.
- Safe neighborhood, very friendly community, kept clean, lots of resources.
- "I walked my child to school every day. People don't pick their dogs poops and irresponsible to shovel their own sidewalk.
- Sometimes they dumped their Sofa, TV, motor oil in our back alley ."
- Improved lightning on pathways improves safety in the evening and nighttime.
- The city came and dug up Ranchview Rd between Ranchlands Blvd and Ranchview Dr, put

up road closed signs and the traffic calmed down to around 4 cars an hour. It is absolutely wonderful. PLEASE consider some sort of traffic calming technology for Ranchview Rd.

- I never really felt totally safe in ranchlands, its dark, its incredibly quiet, in an eerie sort of way, I live in sunalta now and i feel pretty safe walking around alone at night, but in ranchlands it was kinda scary, maybe it needs more street lights or something, but I think a lot of neighbourhoods do.
- Some streetlights on ranchlands road have been out and it's hard to see pedestrians in the mornings because of that. I have no idea how busses see people waiting at the stops sometimes.
- Hate messages about Islam
- A safe neighbourhood allows for everyone to feel better outside and more likely to engage with each other.
- Sidewalks and pathways in deplorable condition in some areas, not lit at nighttime And very secluded/inaccessible.
- Great job improving the lighting this year!
- The roads in Ranchlands are all horrific and quite unsafe. Would be nice to have pedestrian lights at crosswalks and speed limit signs in playground zones.
- Living on a corner we see many vehicles that do not respect the speed limits come barreling up the streets and around corners. More patrols and/or radar especially along Ranch Estates Drive may resolve the speeding issue and make it safer for pedestrians and other vehicles.
- Because I am a native calgarian and have always felt safe in my past neighbourhoods growing up. I have 2 children of my own and want them to grow up feeling the same way in this versatile neighbourhood.
- Not many bus shelters on 97 route between crowfoot and sarcee trail underpass. Which is



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pretty tough in winter for people using public transit.

- Some evenings in the spring and summer there seem to be a lot of very loud vehicles roaring around our streets. The motorcycles are the worst. They seem to simply ignore all notion of speed limits or pedestrian safety.
- Improved signage on the 30 zones. Adding a flashing speed sign along Ranchlands Blvd to slow traffic
- Recently street lights in ranchlands are always out. Probably 75% off the time my street is pitch black and that does make me feel safe to go to my car, go for a walk, anything. It has also allowed vandals to trash my holiday displays many times in the last handful of years.
- Regular patrols, visible presence, active community watch
- We hear about cars hijacking or burglary from time to time. I think more patrolling around neighbourhoods would be better.
- We would like opportunities where students and children are safe to travel to and from school.
- "Due to the increasing number of young families in the community, more visible pedestrian crossings will be a benefit.
- Illegal parking and traffic volumes/speeds are also an issue throughout the neighbourhood, as many of the streets are narrow and have reduced visibility on corners and hills."
- Fixing potholes on the roads allows drivers to focus on seeing pedestrians and children instead of focusing on the road trying to avoid potholes.
- "Better street lighting.
- More police monitoring of speeders along Ranchlands Blvd in evening (soccer parents drop off their kids then drive FAST!).
- Do fix up from #1 so people value the community which makes it safer."

- When residents care about their neighbourhood they respect their neighbors
- The back lane bike paths could use re-surfacing in a lot of areas in Ranchlands - they are so bumpy in areas they are difficult to ride bikes on and probably not that safe for people with reduced mobility. These areas are not that inviting at present - a little sprucing up could go a long way. some additional trees and landscaping in parks/common areas would make the neighbourhood more attractive for walking/outdoor activities. A picnic area would be inviting for neighbours to meet and get together too.
- Being able to walk at night. Being connected to the community and knowing our neighbors.
- Safety is fundamental to human happiness. A person will struggle to cope with other aspects of his/her life if he/she feels a lack of personal safety, especially in their own neighborhood or their own home. People want to be able to walk at night, or let their children play outside, without worrying about safety. People need to feel safe in order to have energy and desire to engage and participate in their community. Communities that feel safe are more open/accepting of concepts of diversity and inclusivity. But safety requires the community be involved in addressing issues that make people feel unsafe, and come up with mutual solutions that are community driven and supported.
- Speeding drivers is always an issue. Sure the crosswalks are now marked with yellow markers but there is hardly ever any enforcement. In 20 years living in the community I have passed ONE speed trap and that was in a playground zone. Why not have more enforcement within all areas of the community - especially the main thoroughfares!
- There are some major potholes in the road at Ranchview Drive and Ranchlands Blvd, as well as various points of sidewalk heaving / curb



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disrepair in the walk looping around the community on the Blvd and Drive. For beauty as well as safety :)

- Everyone wants to come home to a safe place.
- It would be nice to have speed bumps on Ranchero Drive to slow people down when they're driving. There is a play ground here and also it is adjacent to Ranchero Park and a lot of people drive down this road for things like soccer games, to go to the daycare up the street, etc. We feel speed bumps would make the road safer for our kids.
- **IMPROVE LIGHTING AND OLD CRUMBLING SIDEWALKS**
- I feel that ranchlands is such a small place that everyone knows all the areas and most of the people
- Because I am inside with a lot of friends to keep me safe and company to keep me happy and feel really safe!
- I don't actually think our community is less safe than others, but because of the bad press I think there is a perception that it is.
- Safety is critical to a vibrant community. It is what brings people out of their homes as well as what attracts people to live in a community. Overall I feel safe during the day in Ranchlands.
- As parents of young children we value safety so we don't feel worried letting our children outside to play
- "In winter when streets tend to be icy the intersection of Ranchview Drive and Ranchlands Blvd (going north) is very dangerous to navigate. This past winter on one occasion when we made the right turn onto ranchlands blvd we observed a school bus having trouble getting any traction on the slight incline. We also had trouble as we couldn't get any speed due to the fact that the vehicle in front of us was unable to gain

momentum. Then a couple vehicles coming with more speed made the dangerous decision to slip between vehicles struggling to continue up the road. It was a situation an accident could have easily happened.

- That intersection should be sanded regularly (both directions) to avoid accidents."
- Fences along pathways in ranchlands have a lot of graffiti. We don't notice this in Dalhousie.
- In the area of 900 - 991 Ranchview Crescent, many commercial vehicles parked on the street, flat & working trailer, backhoe/snow plow, large trucks. A large RV parked in a driveway with propane tanks and lots of storage under the RV. This is a very narrow area and when heading north onto Ranchview Drive, vehicles coming south have no idea what's ahead. Dangerous.
- Ranchlands is a neighbourhood with a lot of families who have young children! Though I do not have a child myself, I feel stressed on behalf of other parents when cars speed past a school bus drop-off or a daycare when parents are picking up their kids. It's terrifying! With the major schools in the area, children and youth are often commuting or walking along roads. Bus stops are close to the road and do not offer much space for safe waiting.
- For children, crossing the street. I see people speeding through school zones
- Many of the roads are in need of repair, so many bumps & potholes
- Some of the crosswalks are not visible and someone is going to get hit by a car
- Block watch; shoveling, salting for our neighbour that are less mobile
- Lots of cars drive too fast and don't pay attention to when people are crossing the street
- Reduce crime/theft and vandalism especially for handicapped/disabled/people in chairs, etc.



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- Get rid of all the 'housing' complexes & apartments - less low income buildings (make community look nicer & not so low income)
- Clear walking paths in the hills close to Estates - esp. across from large off leash area. Lots of dangerous stumps and rocks
- improvements should include good lighting etc.
- Because my son got attacked walking through the bus trap at night
- Faster reaction to burn out street lights/ better lighting
- Cut overhanging branches & bushes on path ways - repair root heaves
- Enforce leash on dogs on pathways including park paths
- I see fences at the dog park by John Laure & Sarcee have holes where dogs can escape, this is dangerous to ongoing traffic; manholes in Ranchlands especially Ranchview Dr going down steep hill and with cars swerving to miss
- 200 Ranchlands Mews has no sidewalks or curbs and the asphalt is uneven for disabled & strollers. New paving is required. Parked school buses is a safety issue
- Parking on Ranchview Dr because of the Muslim Temple is a problem. Needs to go not design for this many parking before someone get hit or kill
- Increasing crime
- Better lightening
- Visible police presence neighbourhood watch
- no comment
- Commendation: happy to see improvements made to crosswalks
- I can walk at night - feeling safe
- bike paths, need repair - safety
- safe active CA proximity for transportation
- Safety & parwl issues around churches
- easy
- I'm always coming home late, but it's always safe to walk
- Some crosswalks are unmarked - either signs or white crosswalks
- Noise level too high motorcycles, high speed cars
- I see many street lights out, glass on paths make it feel unsafe to be out
- Couple months ago, a stranger was entering our side yard and took a big bag bottle we collected
- Security/safety better lighting at night in certain areas
- Everyone enjoy together
- More stop signs for children; slow speeds
- Feeling like family comfortable
- Some areas feel less safe
- I love how ranchlands is a very safe place
- Being able to walk around the community knowing you will be safe
- Blockwatch, Bring back safety for children, community involvement
- slow down traffic, To many speeders
- no comment
- no comment
- Police prescense (on site)
- homeless & questjionable raiding recycle bins sleeping in alley
- kids safety



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Vision Word: CONNECTED

Selected – 63 times. Answers to “why” below

- When I lived in ranchlands my biggest issue was getting around without a car, it made me feel really isolated, this is probably the #1 reason I didn't like living there. The bus only came every 45 minutes throughout most of the day, and just when I thought it couldn't get worse they stopped the bus service to my area at 6 pm. This made my commute a living hell come winter time, or any time the weather was bad, as I had to walk or bike from the train station (half hour walk, and I walk fast, and biking up hill after an 8 hour shift isnt exactly fun either) In my mind this spotty of service in a city like calgary, in a neighbourhood like ranchlands, where a considerable number of people rely on transit to get around, is unacceptable. I'm incredibly lucky that I don't have a physical disability.
- We just purchased a house in Ranchlands because it was one of the few neighborhoods in NW Calgary that we as a small family could afford that was still within walking distance of the c-train and not too far from city pathways. We only have one vehicle, so having the ability to easily connect to the rest of the city is important. We have found that since moving here, the solid concrete wall on the south end has really impeded my desire to get on my bike or feet to get anywhere wth my family. It doesn't feel safe (or convenient) to go north and around the wall to ride/walk along nosehill drive to get to the train or down to the river pathways. Too busy and close to the road for littles. Having to back track is not ideal either IMO. Fix those playgrounds and the local residents would likely become more connected with their neighbors too! I'm amazed at how little I've actually talked to anyone here. My old Street; the kids and their families were always out talking and goofing off together. Helping each other out... Connected.
- I'd love more opportunities to get to know the people living in my community
- It seems to be a long bus ride the lrt station. Takes like 45 to an hour to get to uofa but if a bus went directly to lrt it could take half that time
- quite a lot of the playground equipment in Ranchlands is dated. All of what I have seen is well maintained and safe, but doesn't have much wow-factor and quite often doesn't have a lot for the little ones. The playgrounds at the community centre and the ones at the schools are nice - but the playgrounds in the outer areas are a bit tired, and not very inviting. there doesn't seem to be a lot of user-traffic in these parks - newer equipment with more things for different ages would be great. another thing that would be nice is an online guide/map for what age groups the playgrounds are suitable for.
- Our community would benefit from having enhancements to the community centre. This is a place where some people from the community connect. It would be nice if it was more.
- This is a very pragmatic comment around traffic safety and street lighting. The main boulevard continues to be a safety issues for families and children as many drivers cut through our community and speed well above the posted speed limits. This causes much angst for car owners and pedestrians alike. In addition, the street lighting is spotty at best and there are many sections of the community have burnt out lights.

- I know my neighbours and some people on my street but not many others in Ranchlands. More opportunities to meet young families would be appreciated.
- MORE WALKING AND BIKE PATHS WOULD BE GREAT
- Another Way to bring the Community together is a Picnic area with some barbecue options, maybe :) Close to a Playground would be beneficial as well
- The #97 bus route no longer connects to Market Mall or Northland Mall. It is very difficult for transit riders to do other than grocery shopping. And in the evenings it is very disheartening to go out because the bus runs so seldom.
- "The bike paths need to be redone. They are bumpy and hard to ride on or get strollers over. Better walking and bike paths over to Crowfoot crossing would be good too.
- Open up the underpass to Dalhousie for traffic."
- A better website and community available free wifi.
- Just as we need to be connected to the neighbourhood, we need to be connected to the world. We need fibre optics throughout the community. Also, is it possible to make some improvements with noise pollution? During the summer (especially on weekends) Crowchild Trail and John Laurie boulevard between Nose Hill Drive and Sarcee Trail are often used as late night raceways for cars, trucks and motorcycles.
- The back lane bike paths could use re-surfacing in a lot of areas in Ranchlands - they are so bumpy in areas they are difficult to ride bikes on and probably not that safe for people with reduced mobility. These areas are not that inviting at present - a little sprucing up could go a long way. some additional trees and landscaping in parks/common areas would make the neighbourhood more attractive for walking/outdoor activities. A picnic area would be inviting for neighbours to meet and get together too.
- Our neighbourhood has a high immigrant population, which is fantastic. But it can be hard to connect with your neighbours when there aren't many family friendly, easily accessed amenities nearby. A park with BBQs and other activities (horseshoes, spray park, something similar to the labyrinth on silver springs etc) would be great for promoting connections and socialization.
- In order to be connected I think there should be a sense of shared purpose and identity. I think that Ranchlands has lost that. When we moved in 30 years ago it was a community for families with young children and two elementary schools that were well respected and in fact Ranchlands Community school was a demonstration school as a hub for community activity. We used to have to line up at 6 am to get our kids into the school. I understand communities change....but we need to have an opportunity to redefine ourselves so that we can all say it is good to live in Ranchlands because.....
- Our community center has become the hub of activities throughout the community, but could use some beautification and would be nice if there was more summer activities accessible beyond the playground (splashpark, activity center, etc).
- I know we all have busy lives, but I'd love to see some way to have community members connect more easily. Perhaps we need better leadership to rally the community around beautification and inclusion. Perhaps a monthly open house at the community centre for residents to drop in and learn about the goings in our community and neighbouring communities, about city programs, etc.



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- Everyone needs to feel connection and what better place than your own community
- would love more activities. I want my kids to grow up with strong friendships from our neighbourhood
- I know we have our community centre but more events to connect people more and encourage them to participate would be much better. Now I feel like everyone is busy with his/her own life forgetting about the community concept.
- Calgary has many amazing resources that parents have difficulties accessing. Please provide additional public transportation routes for parents to access these services.
- Better advertising of community events on signs so people driving by know what's going on (in case they don't read the newsletter or check the website).
- "As a Census Taker I've been able to come to see the diversity that lies within Ranchlands.
- There is a wide spectrum of individuals ranging in various economic levels, many renters, homeowners, and ages
- Diversity causes one to provide a wide spectrum of options
- For the low income it would be great to be able to put on a free meal, education programs
- For teens having them involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, young Canadians challenge
- Having programs like Toastmasters"
- Because we need places to sit and meet our neighbours in a casual way. I think we should have a series of benches along Ranchview Blvd from Ranchlands Dr to the end of St Ritas school field. It would encourage connection, tolerance and inclusion.
- I would love to get to know my neighbors. Something that would really help me is if there were programs at the community centre geared towards parents with small children.
- Social events would bring our community together
- The community centre needs to be better used and offer more programming
- better transit needed
- Between agencies services and community
- Appreciate the monthly news letter could add more info for helping seniors with odd jobs
- Efforts to get to know neighbours challenging
- Close to shopping main roads & transit
- look all close amenities!
- people connecting, 11 years
- Try to get people to join be a little more pushy
- Neighbours look out for one another & their families
- Easy to get to a bus
- Because Ranchlands is small
- The closest mall is Market Mall, which is about 15 to 20 min drive
- Good access to CT, could be more frequent
- Get to know people who live in the neighbourhood
- no comment
- no comment
- Better LRT access & bus service
- it's easy to get around the neighbourhood
- The new bus routes make it harder to get from community to com.
- More community activities
- More bus routes to get to C-train/downtown
- More or paint bike lanes



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Vision Word: DIVERSE

Selected – 36 times. Answers to “why” below

- Our community includes families from all walks of life
- I'm happy to see the amount of smiling faces within ranchlands. everyone is welcome here
- Ranchlands strength is in it's diversity. Ranchlands has many different income brackets, and many different ethnic backgrounds. Several religious buildings of many denominations reside here. Highlighting this and encouraging sharing and diversity would further make Ranchlands a model for our neighbouring communities.
- I love the diversity now in Ranchlands
- It is important to welcome people of various cultures, family groupings, generations
- i found ranchlands to be a kind of dull place for me to live, lots of boring white people to be honest, i dont know how else to put it. I feel like living in a neighbourhood like that can really narrow your worldview.
- Give the community Centre a major reno so that it could be rented out for major receptions. It is not a very appealing building. Great for the day care that is in there now and meeting hall for cubs and scouts.
- Diversity fairs ,multi cultural events such as food days
- Diversity & harmony go hand in hand when it comes to the sense of living in community.
- different nationalities living together
- Activities for all ages and physical abilities
- quiet neighbourhoods peaceful, diversity/good
- Parks transportation diversity - out to moutains easy, love it!
- Many cultures
- The whole community is always diverse
- Many types of people live here
- Many different people live here
- Many different cultures celebrated through different events
- I use the community centre for the great services it provides
- Need more community work for all level of people
- Many different nationalities
- Having a community that spans all global communities with pride and outreach
- Always see people of different cultures able to embrace it
- Seniors, families, etc. out walking & enjoying neighbourhood, good to be encouraged
- Many different types of people/cultures/socio-econ mix keep this
- More culture events/art
- Lots of people from different places
- Everybody brings something different to the community

Vision Word: ACTIVE

Selected – 62 times. Answers to “why” below

- More pedestrian access points to other communities from the South side of Ranchlands would make us more walkable. An opening in the concrete fence at the intersection of Nosehill Drive and Crowchild Trail would make getting to transit, Crowfoot area shops and Silver Springs much more accessible to foot and

bicycle traffic. Having to walk along the fence to the "Ranchlands Village Shop" shopping centre at Nosehill Drive and Ranchlands Blvd adds quite a distance to the journey especially for little feet. Another area that would be great to add in pedestrian access would be at Crowchild Trail and Sarcee Trail.

- We have great access to pathways and open hills and open spaces and seeing people out walking and being active is so great.
- There is a playground on Ranchero Dr. That no kids really use (it is pretty out dated). It could use some up grades.
- More paved pathways or fixing the existing pathways
- An active community will spawn off many other benefits for its residents. People will be involved and outside, improving connections, health, safety (since people around will discourage crime) and the community will become a friendly and inviting place.
- A LOT OF THE PLAYGROUNDS NEED TO BE UPDATED TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BE ACTIVE
- It's so important for everyone to be active and healthy. Having spaces to use that are safe are important
- The bike paths and walk ways are in serious need of repair and or replacement. Tree roots crack through the pavement all over the community and these pathways are not assessing. Also, connect pathways better to help with flow of commute throughout the community and towards other communities, the pathways are very broken and usually lead to nowhere.
- quite a lot of the playground equipment in Ranchlands is dated. All of what I have seen is well maintained and safe, but doesn't have much wow-factor and quite often doesn't have a lot for the little ones. The playgrounds at the community centre and the ones at the schools are nice - but

the playgrounds in the outer areas are a bit tired, and not very inviting. there doesn't seem to be a lot of user-traffic in these parks - newer equipment with more things for different ages would be great. another thing that would be nice is an online guide/map for what age groups the playgrounds are suitable for.

- the play grounds are dated & small. they need to be upgraded. picnic benches would be nice too
- I would like to see an outdoor gym/workout space to promote healthy living and an active lifestyle! Maybe beside a kids playground to promote family activity?
- Active communities can mean many things. This can mean active in terms of being involved in your community - either through volunteer work, or belonging to a spiritual centre, or contributing in some other way. Active can also mean physically active - with opportunities to walk, run, play and participate in sport, both organized or spontaneous. Activity can be a way to get people together to have fun and engage with each other, and build connection and relationship. It can also be a means to contribute to our community - this is an opportunity many people are looking for, but don't know how to achieve.
- In our neighbourhood, the outdoor rink is used year round for activities from hockey, skating to roller-blading. However, it is in need of a facelift - the boards are losing their covers in many places and is general could use some repairs.
- Walking paths throughout would be great. Improved community centre, active programming for kids and adults.
- More modernized playgrounds and safer access routes for the kids to get to them either by biking or walking.
- Keeping community members active helps promote a healthier community.



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- Keeping the sports facilities (tennis courts, rink, playgrounds) clean and well maintained would encourage more use year-round! Hosting more events around these attractions would also be great!
- So that become strong.
- "Most of the playgrounds are outdated and could use an upgrade to interest kids more.
- The pathway system in the community is pretty good but needs surface maintenance because the pathway surfaces are becoming very uneven and can a tripping hazard and difficult for those to navigate who have mobility issues."
- We are seniors so not too involved in family activities however look forward to reading the "Roundup" and about all that is happening in Ranchlands. The Community Clean up is a wonderful and we appreciate this service.
- More community things to do for families /kids
- To keep people engaged and healthy. Pull them outdoors like Silver Springs w/ pool & edible forest
- Improve health of community & build up community
- Need more homeowners to cut grass on their BLVDs along Ranchlands Blvd.
- Most activities geared to school age, ie playgrounds, walking paths
- Groups to include seniors needed
- good parks for dogs walkable
- Proximity to dog parks & friendly
- Use community centre '15 year'
- Proximity to services & shops, active community (park & play user)
- Fun events
- Don't see many activities that involve people in the area
- More community centre events for sports and other active events
- Get young volunteers that would assist the Srs.
- Organize many activities
- Active because there are many different thing's in my community to do
- Because it has lots of (activities) for families evetns
- Having more events might make our community a better place
- no comment
- Play equipment for children with swings & slides
- Many runners and dog walkers doing their thing
- Lots of kids and adults looking to play basketball on courts that need rehab
- More daytime activities weekday for people who are "at home" (shift workers, semi-retirees, stay at home parents) i.e. fitness classes, coffee/socials, crafts etc.
- Lots of paths for cycling, running
- exercise park & jogging route with distance markers
- Skate park
- the slide returned please
- We could have better hockey rink; we could have new baseball batting cage

Vision Word: BEAUTIFUL

Selected – 92 times. Answers to “why” below

- Beautify the entrances to the community with planters ect like they did with hawk wood.
- Lately there's been a lot of hate around Islam and I've been seeing spray paint about Islam
- if it's beautiful the rest will come.it will encourage people to walk,and have pride in our community.
- Enhance the natural rooted beauty of this neighbourhood.

- the natural landscape of ranchlands is absolutely stunning. great off leash dog parks as well as large fields. beautiful mountain backdrop as well.
- One of the biggest eyesores in our neighbourhood is aging fences. As one drives along John Laurie Blvd. and Sarcee Trail, there is no consistency in the fencing and, I'm sure, for budget reasons in some households, replacing fencing is not a top priority. I would like to see continuous concrete barrier fencing all along the roadside - the same as they used for Ranch Estates. If that is too expensive, possibly those families whose fences are in poor repair could be given a voucher from Rona or Home Depot to upgrade their fence. This could apply to all fences here as the age of our neighbourhood is reflected in them.
- Because this is a mature neighborhood, a significant amount of fence and signage has old, fading and chipped paint. We are in real need of beautifying the area as things are starting to look a bit dated and shabby.
- Ranchlands is great but I wouldn't call it beautiful especially in the main areas. It would be nice to see some community flower beds to add color and vibrancy or even the utility box art projects would be great. Or an art project within one of the pathways to make them more enjoyable to walk through.. or even just replacing the paths would be a great improvement.
- So many trees are marked for cut down, or already have been cut. Paths are wearing. Ranchlands use to be beautiful. Now its like no one cares about nature
- "It's a great place to start new group's of kind and thoughtful friend's that always help you and make you smile. It's very beautiful to alway's have nice new friend's with you by you're side!"
- Safe neighbor hood, very friendly community, kept clean, lots of resources.
- The community has many beautiful trees and pathways, but other elements that make a community beautiful are sorely lacking. i.e. well-maintained /existent street furniture, plants and trees, tasteful wayfinding. No offense intended, but the entry signage is very dated (even with the paint update last year). A little money spent on these would go far towards attracting home buyers and raising our property value. I would support a fund to make this happen.
- "More benches for people to sit on.
- More garbage cans (so less litter).
- Community contest for best garden.
- Bold banners/signage for community when entering.
- Paint the fence along John Laurie Blvd.
- Repair Ranchlands Blvd - full of potholes."
- NO COMMENT
- Nice plantings at the entrance to our community. Similar to Hawkwood.
- A community garden or other type of social activity that brings people together, while adding beauty to the neighbourhood would be amazing! With the high immigrant population we have, it would be a fantastic way to get to know everyone!
- There is a "dumpy" feel to Ranchlands. Lots of mixed matched fences, some falling over. Lots of houses in need of repair . This could be a Trending neighborhood, if planned and implemented.
- "Our community is mature like many others that surround us (Hawkwood, Scenic Acres etc.). It is however is not taken care of as well as others. When you drive in you see many different colors of the fences along the main community entrance. They all are mismatched, different shapes, heights, age. Those fences are indeed an eye soar. Along with that poorly looking wooden sign from 1970's. We need something modern that would reflect the vibe of the community.

- We need our trees to be pruned. Some work was done to many of the trees, but many still have excessive branches.
- We need more flowers. Summer in Calgary is very short and we want to enjoy the community in full during that season.
- We need our green areas to be cleaned from trash on a regular basis. Trash around prevents us from enjoying the beauty of the place we live in.
- We need to improve our hockey ring. It is so popular, yet so poor looking.
- Lastly we need all the wholes to be paved in our community. Some wholes in the major roads are not paved for over 6 months!"
- a beautiful community is a community people want to migrate into and want to stay in. Currently Ranchlands is a community people stay in because they can't afford to live anywhere else. The community is located in a beautiful part of Calgary (I can get a million dollar view of the downtown core from one of the hills!) but it is looking run down. It could be so much more. The pathway system could be one of the best in Calgary but it is old and beat up; heaving asphalt, fences and barriers rusted and in need of repair, overgrown vegetation. Ranchlands Blvd, Ranchview Dr are in need of repair (i.e. potholes). The elementary school yard looks more like an L.A prison; cracked asphalt, weeds growing.
- The divider poles leading into the parkway system along Ranchlands Blvd across from the public school (and likely other places) are heaving and discolored. It would be a nice-to-have to have them repainted or re-seated :) in the ground. There are also a lot of weeds in the medians right off of Nose Hill Dr. and on Ranchlands Blvd that would be nice to be maintained - maybe in-ground planters (?) But know those are hard to keep up / commit to.
- "The (private) fences that surround around our public areas need to be replaced. They are falling down in many areas and generally look terrible to people entering or passing through the community.
- We need more public garbage cans and maybe some flowers in the summer!
- *The updates to the strip mall on Ranchview Dr by 7-11 look great! Community Centre looks better on the outside, but inside still feels dirty and dated."
- Ranchlands is full of old trees, they are just beautiful, we have lot of parks and small spaces, It would be lovely to spruce them all up.
- Right now I feel that our community looks run down. Other than the school playgrounds, the playgrounds close to our home are old and in need of new equipment. The trees along our main roads are gnarly looking things, and several have been marked for removal. It would be nice to see prettier trees planted in our community replacing the old ones. It would also be nice to see planters/shrubs on the medians to spruce them up. We also have an issue with some residents not looking after sidewalks and plant growth that encroaches onto the sidewalks.
- It would be nice to beautify the community centre and its grounds. The exterior of the building looks dated, and the surrounding greenery also looks ugly and dated. Having a more attractive community centre might make community members more proud and involved with the community.
- While many properties are well cared for, there are some that need attention. Fences unpainted and in need of repair, lawns that are not cared for.
- The Ranchlands sign on Ranchlands Blvd is quite old and is falling apart. Also, it is not visually appealing whatsoever. It would

be great to have this sign cleaned up and get a new modern look to show how much beauty this community has and how proud we are to be living here.

- The fencing in the community is in terrible condition. The issues start on the exterior on the community and extend into the center. Fencing is falling over in places, boards are broken, and paint is mismatched. Exterior fencing should match surrounding communities, with the clean cement fences we see in dalhousie and hawkwood. Inside the community fences should be replaced or repaired as needed.
- Updated buildings, updated welcome sign and plants.
- It makes you proud to live in a neighborhood that looks good!
- The back lane bike paths could use re-surfacing in a lot of areas in Ranchlands - they are so bumpy in areas they are difficult to ride bikes on and probably not that safe for people with reduced mobility. These areas are not that inviting at present - a little sprucing up could go a long way. some additional trees and landscaping in parks/common areas would make the neighbourhood more attractive for walking/outdoor activities. A picnic area would be inviting for neighbours to meet and get together too.
- I love places that are clean, user friendly and beautiful to spend time in.
- We would like access to the composting to make our gardens more beautiful.
- potted plants/planter beds/community gardens in the areas where there is enough space. There are a lot of green spaces in ranchlands!
- The community has not aged well, and needs a lot of refreshing. City-managed beautification programs require ae which is unlikely to gain enough support and does not offer good value for \$\$\$\$.
- Ranchlands has many beautiful parks. These parks are part of what make ranchlands a great place to live. Their maintenance and continued improvement is important for the future.
- The neighbourhood needs to be freshened up and maybe flowers and shrubs planted to beautify the neighbourhood
- Beautification along boulevards into the Ranchlands community (flowers, flower garden) and uniformed fencing especially when coming in off of John Laurie Blvd (down Ranchlands Blvd). This would definitely enhance the imagine of the community.
- When I lived in Citadel, there were planters on the boulevards and flower gardens in public areas. It beautified the area and was a small cost added onto the property tax that paid for landscaping company to maintain these public spaces.
- Goes with word #2. The fences along ranchlands blvd and john laurie should be all painted the same color as most other neighbourhoods. Alot of fences need repairing or replacement and they detract from the quality and beauty of the area.
- We are already diverse and a lot of other things that are more important than beauty. Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to be superficial. We have some beautiful natural spaces, but increased landscaping, pride in personal property etc. Will make Ranchlands a more desirable place to live.
- Ranchlands has some great walking routes and green spaces. We're also a neighbourhood prone to graffiti. Cleaning up the neighbourhood, usable/durable public art and maintenance would go a long way here.
- We need a better entry presentation for Ranchlands at the entrance on Ranchlands Blvd/John Laurie Blvd and at the entrance Ranchlands Blvd/Nose Hill Drive. We need something more like the aesthetic entrance to Hawkwood or

Citadel or The Hamptons. Also we need enforcement of bylaws prohibiting unauthorized commercial signage. We do not want to become like the American Interstate entry to Edgemont community.

- "We have such a lovely community. The walkways in the back of homes - homeowners should be encouraged to clean up and remove weeds and junk. The asphalt is not in good shape but I don't know if the City is allowing funding for the repaving of these.
- We need a more outstanding Ranchlands sign and flowers, flowers, flowers and perhaps a community garden?"
- We love all the trees in this community. One of our reasons for being here.
- Would love to see more trees and flowers all around to enjoy
- A beautiful environment is essential to my personal ability to rest and relax after a long or stressful day. A pleasant aroma is important to me, so I love spring and summer when fragrant neighbourhood gardens are in bloom along roads and pathways. I also love neighbourhood environments with small archway or bench installments and stone work in sections of pathways that allow for change in visual stimulation. At this point, there is minimal gardening and most green spaces are overrun with dandelions and weeds!
- Trees are being cut down. Tops of trees are being cut off at the top and it doesn't look good. More community clean up, garbage on the floor, garbage coming from the 7-11. More garbage cans on the community. There are garbage cans at bus stops with shelters but not at the stops without and that's where lots of the garbage is.
- Fences along pathways in ranchlands have a lot of graffiti. We don't notice this in Dalhousie.
- It is important to me to be proud of the neighborhood I live in and proud to show it

to visitors. I appreciate when buildings, signs and pathways are kept up and looking nice. The gates to the bike pathway across from the 7-11 that runs behind Ranchview Mews are a bit rusty and that pathway could use some maintenance, there are a lot of bumps from tree roots.

- "Some of our back alleys are becoming a mess due to all the renters within the community.
- Fences are needing repairs due to a variety of reasons
- The appearance of Ranchlands has gone considerable over this past decade so it would be great to help it look nice
- Having work bees, people that can come together to assist in repairs
- Grants available to help with fixing, repairing or rebuilding"
- I see garbage in parks & off leash areas
- We lack flowers and plants. It would help to brighten things up
- Would like to see big pots of flowers at entrances possibly along main Blvd.
- Change the sign close to 7-11 the one there now is ugly!
- Improve our city by providing drop bins to collect refuse - more plants! Canvas citizens to living in LEA Prog. Trim trees in walkways - repair asphalt holes in street
- The planters on DL Blvd entry were beautiful, why moved. A bit more walk around sign would be great if plants can't go in
- Love the flowers that have been put out pots. Don't like colour of fence paint as you enter from John Laurie. More community consultation on this would have been good.
- pride in ownership leads to care for the community
- Fix the fences new paint especially on BLVD thru community
- See gaps where trees could be planted, add flowers, more neighbour pruning



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- Replace old wood fencing on John Laurie Blvd!!
- Ranchlands entrance from John Laurie looks shabby with all the different fences
- The poplar trees are falling apart; branches & sap, they should be replaced with other trees.
- Need more plant pots flowers
- Pride of ownership; Designated sign corridors for communities; Ranchlands Blvd at Nose Hill
- Look. Trees, lawns, boulevards, natural spaces, playgrounds (with grass). Friend of my son's first impression - looks like Canmore
- planters were a great idea more of the same. Intersection maintenance, weeding, signage
- Trees, shrubs, neat front lawns
- Nice entrance into Ranchlands - I like
- New Ranchlands entrance signs; Many districts have beautiful signs to welcome you as you enter a district
- beautiful parks & views (20 years) lived in varsity & S.A. diversity
- dogs parks landscaping
- More flowers around care for others about the garbage
- Remove the poplar trees and plant different trees eg. Black oak, elm (drought resistant)
- Really pretty scenery & trees throughout the community
- Use to have so many trees now they are being cut down! Please plant lots more (sides of roads)
- Make this community look beautiful too entrance decorate pot holes fill
- Beautiful with all the tree's and green grass
- Some areas look less clean/tidy
- It is beautiful but perhaps entrance beds like Hawkwoods
- more plants, trees

Vision Word: CLEAN

Selected – 80 times. Answers to “why” below

- Ranchlands is very dog friendly community with many off leash areas. It would be great if garbages are more available around the community with provided poop bags, throughout the off leash parks as well as along pathways and parks.
- a clean community is a healthy community. Currently Ranchlands is looking run down and dirty. It's a community that has been forgotten. It was a community that when it was first built was quite prestigious but it seems the City has forgotten about it.
- Presently some of the parks are messy/dangerous. Provide more/better garbage pickup for them; improve the paths within them;
- Let's create a clean neighbourhood and stop spraying toxic pesticides. Hundreds of studies show they show an unacceptable risk to biodiversity and animal and human health. Let's be a leader with so many other great areas of Canada and ban commercial pesticides and herbicides! So many people, myself included, get extremely sick and have to miss work when the city sprays carcinogenic herbicides.
- We need more public (bear-style) garbage cans throughout the pathway system leading into the neighbourhood along Ranchlands Blvd from Nose Hill Drive. They would also be wonderful along the public sidewalk next to the schools. The stores and strip malls are a source of litter



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- and without anyplace to put it, it gets dropped.
- Have been in Ranchlands for 17 years. Litter has been a creeping problem as it has in all of Calgary. The danger is a community that becomes like a Third World country!
- "When going for a walk it would be nice not to see garbage lining fences.
- The wooded area by the community centre I have often noticed that leftover food is dumped on the ground.
- Broken Glass I often find on pathways
- I have noticed an increase in profane/gang oriented ""tagging"" on wooden fences/cable boxes"
- "I walked my child to school every day. People don't pick their dogs poops and irresponsible to shovel their own sidewalk.
- Sometimes they dumped their Sofa, TV, motor oil in our back alley ."
- Some general beautification of the neighbourhood.
- Increases resale value and gives the people in the community a sense of pride, makes the community more appealing
- 2 off-lease dog parks are located in Ranchlands around Ranch Estates Drive - most times when we go for a walk we see either dog poop which has not been cleaned up, or, dog poop which has been collected in a plastic bag and then just left - some of these doogie poop bags are left for many days/weeks. We have also had to avoid dog poop right on sidewalks (which is not an off-lease area). Dog owners are not watching their dogs. I would like to see these 2 areas made into a lease required area so people without dogs, or, are responsible, can enjoy without fear of walking on doggie [word removed]. It is not working and is very dirty. People from outside of the area also come and use these parks as many times we see them travel by vehicles.
- Doesn't have a very clean look to it when you enter the community
- The gravel from alleyways/lanes that ends up on the sidewalks makes downhill skating look like a safe past time.
- Sidewalks and pathways in deplorable condition in some areas, not lit at nighttime And very secluded/inaccessible.
- Mostly issues w potholes and garbage being caught on fences
- "The (private) fences that surround around our public areas need to be replaced. They are falling down in many areas and generally look terrible to people entering or passing through the community.
- We need more public garbage cans and maybe some flowers in the summer!
- *The updates to the strip mall on Ranchview Dr by 7-11 look great! Community Centre looks better on the outside, but inside still feels dirty and dated."
- There are a lot of back alleys and rental properties that need a thorough cleaning to make the area cleaner and more appealing.
- It's hard to feel pride in your neighborhood when there is litter all over the place. The sports fields up on the hill along Ranchlands blvd regularly has massive amounts of trash blown up against the fence, it's where a lot of people enter the neighborhood and it gives a bad impression. I'm not sure how to prevent this though. There could be volunteer community clean up days with a BBQ as an incentive to participate. A lot of homes also have messy yards, many people may lack the skills/ability/tools to do it themselves. There could be a lending library of yard tools or a volunteer based yard clean up that people could sign up for to help neighbors in the spring and fall.
- So people would be safe.
- Clean our street snow and rocks faster.

- Some of the blocks south (west?) of ranchlands road and along the south (west?) side of Ranchview are messy and have not been kept up. It's like the neighbourhood the city forgot and sheds a bad light on the rest of the neighbourhood. It doesn't feel very safe either.
- The back lane bike paths could use re-surfacing in a lot of areas in Ranchlands - they are so bumpy in areas they are difficult to ride bikes on and probably not that safe for people with reduced mobility. These areas are not that inviting at present - a little sprucing up could go a long way. some additional trees and landscaping in parks/common areas would make the neighbourhood more attractive for walking/outdoor activities. A picnic area would be inviting for neighbours to meet and get together too.
- i have walked the community. it needs a good clean up
- Because who doesn't want to be clean!
- Keeping the community clean allows safer playing for all kids, safer waling for all adults.
- There is a big problem with people not cleaning up after their pets. This is a problem in public areas as well as on my property, and I don't own a dog.
- During the winter months the snow removers pile the snow in one corner (the small off-leach park close to the shopping centre in Ranchlands Blvd.) and they don't clean the sidewalks going to the entrance. It makes it harder to walk and many people have fallen because of that.
- Clean is a first step towards beautiful and it instills a sense of pride and helps maintain property values.
- Ranchlands has an abundance of dog parks, but very few bins for disposing of waste. Add more bins to the path systems and around the dog parks.
- Replace fences along John Laurie with a wall as many of the fences are in bad shape and make the neighbourhood look dirty.
- Trees are being cut down. Tops of trees are being cut off at the top and it doesn't look good. More community clean up, garbage on the floor, garbage coming from the 7-11. More garbage cans on the community. There are garbage cans at bus stops with shelters but not at the stops without and that's where lots of the garbage is.
- When entering Ranchview Crescent, there are some untidy areas, i.e. behind Ranchview Court for one.
- It would be nice to see the metal gates and signs around walkways maintained or updated. They are rusty and dirty.
- Ranchlands is a beautiful area but can be covered in litter. Parks, streets, fences
- Get rid of all the 'housing' complexes & apartments - less low income buildings (make community look nicer & not so low income)
- Cleaner - more up keep of yards and spaces
- pride in ownership leads to care for the community
- People not picking up dog waste in parks, random furniture floating around neighbourhood
- Ranchlands entrance needs more trees & flowers
- I see litter, graffitti and unkept yards and alleys. Little to no pride of community or home ownership
- Lots of loose garbage around parks & trails
- Laneways, parks & buses have lots of garbage
- Alleys are a mess, junkie, weedy
- Blvd's messy
- Clean back alleys
- It discourages misconduct and promotes pride in property/neighbourhood
- Less signage, garbage, sidewalk redesign, repair, more noise walls, fencing repair



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- Streets clean clean parks
- Many areas not cleaned of grass, etc. Not easy to walk
- quiet/clean over 20 year residents
- the project are clean
- Help people repair fences
- Public spaces (community centre, seven-eleven, strip mall, etc.) are usually grimy and littered
- Always kept clean & organized
- Never dirty or messy
- cost & case, community clean-up
- Many unkept lawns, unfinished buildings
- Many unkept lawns & unfinished buildings
- Area is not clean as other areas
- Love the cleanup, please keep it

- maintenance
- no comment
- Clean and no garbage all around the street
- no comment
- There are a lot of alley ways with garbage & trash that should be taken away
- Recycling bins accebile
- Its never dirty
- Neighbour hoods are clean
- Shows care for community making it safe
- no comment
- no comment
- no comment
- Keep it clean
- Streets & sidewalks kept clean

Vision Word: INCLUSIVE

Selected – 29 times. Answers to “why” below

- We need to be proactive in welcoming the Islamic Centre to the community. The Islamic Centre has reached out to the community with open houses, snow removal and knocking on doors. We (all residents of Ranchlands) need to be more welcoming to the Islamic Community by being good neighbours.
- Diversity is strength, but only if everyone is/feels included and involved. As a high density, diverse community, Ranchlands see people of all walks of life and all nationalities. Ranchlands would be better if everyone felt like they belonged and were welcome, and had opportunity to participate. It would be great if neighbors got to know one another and, by becoming more familiar with each other, naturally and organically removed some of the barriers that are perceived to exist as a result of different nationalities and beliefs.
- A safe community is also an inclusive community. I believe it is important to foster neighbourhood community (through events, public use facilities, parks, small business etc) in order to help our

community be as friendly, respectful and inclusive as possible.

- People are accepted for who they are at school and in Calgary Housing
- Ranchlands is a very, young diverse community of choice. We would like to provide more community resources that support the diverse demographic population of this community. KStudents are very active and believe in healthy living.
- Randlands is already such a diverse community, which I am glad to live in. When going for a walk in my neighbourhood, there are people of all ages and backgrounds. There are many places of worship in our community, and again I am proud to live in a neighbourhood which includes many different ideas and faiths.
- Diverse cultures only benefit the communities. The community centre should perhaps attempt to pilot more cultural events to try and mitigate the anti-islam graffiti that is occuring in our lovely community. These events are a slur to the spirit of the people of Ranchlands.

Although the mosque has been outstanding in reaching out it is up to the community to reach back.

- Many ethnicities and cultures thrive in this neighbourhood
- There is a community hall that could need some tlc, maybe more recreation like a pool or exercise Gym that is reasonable priced. Continue with events for community
- Ranchlands is diverse and recently there has been anti Islam graffiti all over the place. It's unacceptable, no children, especially Muslim children, should not have to walk by this and feel unwelcome here.
- We could do more with the hall if it was expanded. When the school was a community school that helped but now we have this little hall that is getting old. We need somewhere that the community can gather, sit, chat, play...

- People of all abilities should feel welcome in our community
- We have amazing resources in our neighbourhood-and clearly are a hub for a large Muslim community, but the newsletter has a lot of blond kids in it. It would be great if the "roundup" looked more like the people who live here peacefully together
- Everyone should feel welcome
- Include everyone in community
- Welcoming to all as sense of community among neighbours
- Green space / parks inclusive events
- inclusive, community events; 15 year residents
- I see a lot of IslamicPhobic graffiti in public spaces
- All people are accepted
- The plaza provides different retail services for families and individuals
- Education

Vision Word: ACCESSIBLE

Selected – 42 times. Answers to “why” below

- I would like to have a pathway through the wall Ranchlands Crescent to Nosehill and Crowchild intersection. People have safe pathway to walk or bike to Crowfoot station and bowness park. I saw some people are clambering over the wall. Which is not safe for them. Thanks
- Snow isn't cleared from the pathways in the parks during winter. This means that 6 months of the year, we can't even access the pathways the city prides itself for. Would also like the snow cleared off city sidewalks as well.
- I would love to see better pathways. Right now they are crumbling and uneven which makes it impossible for our kids to bike on them.
- More pedestrian access points to other communities from the South side of Ranchlands would make us more walkable. An opening in the concrete

fence at the intersection of Nosehill Drive and Crowchild Trail would make getting to transit, Crowfoot area shops and Silver Springs much more accessible to foot and bicycle traffic. Having to walk along the fence to the "Ranchlands Village Shop" shopping centre at Nosehill Drive and Ranchlands Blvd adds quite a distance to the journey especially for little feet. Another area that would be great to add in pedestrian access would be at Crowchild Trail and Sarcee Trail.

- Many sidewalks are uneven and dangerous to walk on, due to frost heave and other factors. This is especially evident on Ranchlands Blvd. The uneven sidewalks are an especial challenge for elderly or unsteady pedestrians, parents pushing strollers, or those in wheelchairs or using walkers.

- my husband is a super active wheelchair user but the sidewalks through Ranchlands are uneven and full of roots popping through and it makes it hard for him to get around. The train and bus are his main modes of transport and it makes it tough with the poor sidewalks and curb cuts...even harder in the winter when the boulevard sidewalks are not shoveled.
- Sidewalks should be safe for everyone to walk on regardless of their physical abilities. ie : bumps, ice, snow shovelling
- To make our community friendly for everyone.
- Again; I am getting old and my mobility is already somewhat compromised.
- Lots of resources around ranchlands, dr offices, fast food restaurants, movies theatre
- The back lane bike paths could use re-surfacing in a lot of areas in Ranchlands - they are so bumpy in areas they are difficult to ride bikes on and probably not that safe for people with reduced mobility. These areas are not that inviting at present - a little sprucing up could go a long way. some additional trees and landscaping in parks/common areas would make the neighbourhood more attractive for walking/outdoor activities. A picnic area would be inviting for neighbours to meet and get together too.
- too easy to commute on transit here!! awesome bike paths
- In Ranchlands we do have buses which make fairly quick connections to the train. However, since the new buses routes started a few months ago, it is not nearly as convenient as it was for people to get to such places as Northland Mall and Market Mall by public transportation. Before, a person to get to Northland, Brentwood or Market Mall by riding on ONE bus. Now, it takes at least a bus + a train or a second bus to get to any of those places.
- Quick transit by bus or C-Train; not on very outskirts of Calgary any more so easy to travel to. Easy to get to highway 1 or 1A or Stoney Trail to head towards Airdrie.
- "Would love it if someone could clean the ice at the rink at the community association. We always bring our shovels but no one else seems to volunteer. Could there be a volunteer group of ice cleaners
- Potholes are bad in the community and don't seem to be addressed unless they are really bad so some potholes have been in the community for years.
- Lots of stray cats around the neighbourhood. Lack of responsible pet ownership."
- Reduce crime/theft and vandalism especially for handicapped/disabled/people in chairs, etc.
- Really bad sidewalks
- closer to Ctrain
- Road maint.
- Several entrances to neighbourhood unlike several new one with only 1 or 2
- location, close
- no comment
- transportation easy, great access to all modes
- look all close amenities!
- Close to transity - especially LRT (accessible); parks are good & safe
- proximity, parks & schools - easy accessbile
- convience - tranportation wise
- proximity, shops; transportation, easy
- good transit & walkable, 16 year
- Proximity amenities; child friendly public transit
- Transportation convenient; family friendly - except speeding
- Close to services, easy to get around



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- no comment
- no comment
- Roadside parking more than capacity
- I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing streets
- Sometimes hard to use strollers walking on the sidewalk

- Ctrain & buses connect
- Most of everything I need is in the area and work
- no comment
- Good transit access is key
- Transportation
- transportation accessibility

Vision Word: HEALTHY

Selected – 25 times. Answers to “why” below

- We would love more playgrounds with more exciting options for kids to play with. In addition to getting kids outside more, it would bring the community together, which is healthier for mental health.
- Access to pathways, parks skating
- quite a lot of the playground equipment in Ranchlands is dated. All of what I have seen is well maintained and safe, but doesn't have much wow-factor and quite often doesn't have a lot for the little ones. The playgrounds at the community centre and the ones at the schools are nice - but the playgrounds in the outer areas are a bit tired, and not very inviting. there doesn't seem to be a lot of user-traffic in these parks - newer equipment with more things for different ages would be great. another thing that would be nice is an online guide/map for what age groups the playgrounds are suitable for.
- "The (private) fences that surround around our public areas need to be replaced. They are falling down in many areas and generally look terrible to people entering or passing through the community.
- We need more public garbage cans and maybe some flowers in the summer!
- *The updates to the strip mall on Ranchview Dr by 7-11 look great! Community Centre looks better on the outside, but inside still feels dirty and dated."
- Everyone in ranchlands is just so good at taking care of the roads the parks around
- Because you are always running and always looking out for new adventures to go on.
- Good physical and mental health are promoted. Alberta Health promotes healthy babies
- We need to be?! I think the best way to accomplish this is by making changes to enable people to be active and outside. Don't make them drive to get somewhere else. Give families beautiful safe places to play together so they can connect with each other and the rest of the city... Easily, without the need of a vehicle.
- I love the idea of a fit park. It's important to me that my kids grow up active and healthy.
- The back lane bike paths could use re-surfacing in a lot of areas in Ranchlands - they are so bumpy in areas they are difficult to ride bikes on and probably not that safe for people with reduced mobility. These areas are not that inviting at present - a little sprucing up could go a long way. some additional trees and landscaping in parks/common areas would make the neighbourhood more attractive for walking/outdoor activities. A picnic area would be inviting for neighbours to meet and get together too.
- I want to raise healthy kids. I try to do that by role modelling. It would be wonderful if this was promoted in our neighbourhood.
- There are many areas within the community that could use walking paths.



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Walking paths along commonly-traveled areas sends the message that Ranchlands members are welcome to walk to where they need to go, and that folks with strollers or in wheelchairs are welcome everywhere in Ranchlands.

- A Community Garden, its just the best, coming together to grow your own food, teach your children where food comes from ! Plus Bikepath, to get there would be the ultimate goal :)
- Lots of play grounds!
- "Most of the playgrounds are outdated and could use an upgrade to interest kids more.
- The pathway system in the community is pretty good but needs surface maintenance because the pathway surfaces are becoming very uneven and can a tripping hazard and difficult for those to navigate who have mobility issues."
- our path systems are amazing for encouraging folks to get out and enjoy the parks but they are worn out and not accessible. A fit park would be pretty cool

for the lower income families in our neighborhood!

- The first 2 vision words lead to the third.
- Classes, programs out of community centre.
- "People own their community - a sense of ownership and pride
- Willing to do what they can do to ensure that their home is well looked after"
- I think having a healthy community will lead to a happy & active community
- People are always jogging/walking in our community. Workout stops.
- Adding more physical options in playground & fields
- Love to see more sports and activities for adults and kids. Drop in programs like yoga, sports
- Running track around park outdoor exercise station; Park - large gazebo. Somewhere together if it rains, picnics/bbq's
- Ban firepits smoke coming in house
- Designated cycling paths

Vision Word: WALKABLE

Selected – 64 times. Answers to “why” below

- Improve the sidewalks and walking paths, they are in a terrible state of disrepair.
- Better maintained pathways. Shoveled or plowed in the winter. Damaged pathways fixed. More garbage cans on pathway systems. Better lighting on pathways.
- Snow isn't cleared from the pathways in the parks during winter. This means that 6 months of the year, we can't even access the pathways the city prides itself for. Would also like the snow cleared off city sidewalks as well.
- More pedestrian access points to other communities from the South side of Ranchlands would make us more walkable. An opening in the concrete

fence at the intersection of Nosehill Drive and Crowchild Trail would make getting to transit, Crowfoot area shops and Silver Springs much more accessible to foot and bicycle traffic. Having to walk along the fence to the "Ranchlands Village Shop" shopping centre at Nosehill Drive and Ranchlands Blvd adds quite a distance to the journey especially for little feet. Another area that would be great to add in pedestrian access would be at Crowchild Trail and Sarcee Trail.

- The neighbourhood crosswalks are dangerous right now. Crossing the street is more dangerous than mountain climbing and whitewater kayaking.

- A walkable neighbourhood is active, clean, connected, healthy, and safe. A walkable neighbourhood is safe for kids to play outside because it has vehicles driving slower and more attentively. A walkable neighbourhood is more connected because you see your neighbour's more often. A walkable neighbourhood has more green space.
- Though I have lovely green spaces nearby my closest bus stop is a ten minute walk (downhill) bitbuphill at the end of the day. This was rough when I was pregnant with twins in the middle of winter! Also the services available nearby (community centre and seven eleven) could be improved upon. Where is the cafe? Grocery? High street? Crowfoot is not close enough for walking in winter.
- In my strolls around the neighborhood, I notice how uneven, broken and hazardous many of our sidewalks are.
- Many sidewalks are uneven and dangerous to walk on, due to frost heave and other factors. This is especially evident on Ranchlands Blvd. The uneven sidewalks are an especial challenge for elderly or unsteady pedestrians, parents pushing strollers, or those in wheelchairs or using walkers.
- I am getting old and need to walk for exercise.
- "Our paths and sidewalks are in really bad condition, especially in the estates area.
- Sidewalks have been lifted by tree roots and are in disrepair. Repairs to date have typically included asphalt patching which is unattractive.
- Paths are over grown in some areas, and tree roots have made walking with a stroller near impossible. Either re-pave or tear up the existing pathway and leave a natural path."
- More easily accessible by walking to store and shops would be benificail to my family
- I would love to have a coffee shop within walking distance! And transit. We are a great neighbourhood, but my walk to the bus was really long (especially when pregnant in winter) the transit maps don't accommodate the walk through the park that may have been quicker. Also there are a lot of stroller pushers and it would be great to have a cafe near one of our lovely parks.
- More marked crosswalks, slower residential speed limits, traffic calming measures (i.e. speed bumps or curbs that narrow the streets) would make the community less of a drive thru community and a safer walking community. Just overall calmer place to be outside either walking, bicycling, or playing.
- When people are able to walk their neighbourhood, they get to know their neighbours. This is one proactive way of building community.
- The parks and green spaces are lovely and should be maintained.
- We love to stay active by walking or biking places when we can
- "There are a good number of pathways in Ranchlands that become impassable in winter as they are not kept clear of snow and ice.....presently a small number of volunteers clears a small number of paths but why can they not all be kept clear either by paid contractors or enforcement of houses that are along them.
- Continue making the community a more walking friendly community"
- Many people walk and use transit in our neighbourhood throughout all four seasons. We have some nice walking paths but many need to be improved and maintained, especially in the winter. Many of the walking paths are used for daily commuting for our kids to and from school and for adults to get to and from bus stops. Yet, in the winter these paths get very lcey, snow covered and dangerous. I

would also like to see more crosswalks, especially around bus stops.

- A lot of the city sidewalks are broken and heaving and it is very difficult for older people to walk safely in the neighbourhood
- Making/ keeping Ranchlands walkable can contribute to good health, meeting neighbours and access to shops at Crowfoot.
- There are amazing pathways and trails all throughout Ranchlands that need to continue to be maintained, or they won't be in good shape for long. The trail system is a real treasure within Ranchlands.
- Some streets don't have sidewalks and you are forced to walk on the dirt. All streets should have sidewalks; it's safer.
- I'm a huge advocate for health and walking is a great part of this. It also can bring neighbors closer when it's easier to walk through the neighbourhood
- There are parks and businesses and restaurants that are within easy walking distance. One of my favourite things about the community.
- "The bike paths need to be redone. They are bumpy and hard to ride on or get strollers over. Better walking and bike paths over to Crowfoot crossing would be good too.
- Open up the underpass to Dalhousie for traffic."
- The sidewalks need to be replaced, it is very hard to walk places when you are constantly tripping
- People would walk more if they felt they lived in a safe and family friendly community. [inappropriate comment removed]
- Our sidewalks are a mess. The tree roots have caused them to bend and buckle in many places making mini mountains. Improvements to sidewalks and pathways would be appreciated.
- Walking/crossing roads is unsafe due to the many individuals who speed. Crossing

the road especially on Ranchlands Blvd is extremely dangerous as cars are going 60-70km/hr and don't see pedestrians and don't stop! The parked cars on the street even stop cars from seeing pedestrians (especially at ranchlands Blvd and Ranchero rise). It would be nice to get pedestrian lights or speed cameras.

- "We need more shops in our community! Coffee shops, little eateries and dine-ins should make their appearance in our community. We have nowhere to go to socialize - we have to drive as many places are not easily accessible by foot so we pollute more than we could have.
- We need some small groceries shop, a bookstore and a gym in our area."
- There are so many beautiful trees in ranchlands, it would be great to put in new, updated walking and biking pathways.
- Walked home one night and was called a racial slur from a car.
- On the days when roads are icy it is very difficult to get off at Ranchero and Ranchland Boulevard and cross to Ranchlands Way. When the roads are plowed they can become very icy. And it is difficult to get from Ranchero and Ranchlands Boulevard to Ranchlands Way because there is no cement path across the green space and the snow becomes hard and icy.
- "The sidewalks in Ranchlands are well maintained for the most part. However certain crosswalks could benefit from better signage and/or lighting. An example would be where ranchero drive meets ranchland boulevard. Crossing lights would be a safer addition to those walking.
- *of note (not entirely in ranchlands) is the crosswalk where the Crowchild offramp meets nose hill. There most definitely needs to be a light sooner on the off ramp to let drivers know there are pedestrians ahead."

- Great place to walk lots of trees
- Physical activity is important to how I rest and relax or release stress. Wide pathways that are somewhat removed from roads and wind through natural green spaces allow me an environment for this rest. I also love when shops are close enough to my house that I can walk or bike to them! The Crowfoot Centre is close, but having to cross Nose Hill Drive makes it a significant transition from peaceful neighbourhood to busy urban shopping centre. My trips there for coffee are not the most relaxing and exposure to the congested traffic at these intersections are anxiety provoking at times!
- Clear walking paths in the hills close to Estates - esp. across from large off leash area. Lots of dangerous stumps and rocks
- Pathways need repair not safe
- Many pathways are hard to navigate due to tree roots
- I like to walk
- Deciduous trees, sun in winter, shade in summer, sidewalks set back from major roadway. Don't change what isn't broken!!
- good sidewalks, good pathways
- pathways, green spaces, LRT, Crowfoot
- Walking gets you out of the house! More sidewalks on both sides of street. More walking paths
- Parks & landscaping, very walkable
- Walkable for kids from kids!
- proximity & walkability, services & shopping
- easy
- good transit & walkable, 16 year
- Quiet & affordable; walkable - more bike paths; more child play thifs[?]
- convenient
- The bushes grow so fast during summer time, I do have a stroller and it's really hard to use sidewalks
- Some of the sidewalks are heaving & that makes it difficult to walk safely
- no comment
- A lot of the pathways are damaged from roots and it causes tripping hazards
- Many natural green spaces to far
- Many people speed in residential areas which makes me nervouse for my kids
- A need for safe places to walk, a rehab of existing walkpaths necessary, right now many impassable to walkers strollers
- Everthing is everywhere
- no comment
- Walking is good
- Lots of places to go for walks, dog friendly areas
- Benches & repaired sidewalks easier to walk

Vision Word: FAMILY FRIENDLY

Selected – 72 times. Answers to “why” below

- We just purchased a house in Ranchlands because it was one of the few neighborhoods in NW Calgary that we as a small family could afford that was still within walking distance of the c-train. The playgrounds though. My goodness. So old and outdated. Boring. All the same simple hunks of steel. Yawn. Kids need to be outside. Compared to my last neighborhood (Capitol Hill) they are not outside. We've not seen any of the multiple families of kids on our street

playing... At all... Anywhere. Not in their yards, not on the street, and definitely not at the sad playgrounds where kids should be! Mental issues in the making imo. This neighborhood needs a family friendly make over. Big Time. Families ride bikes... We can't get out of the neighborhood to the river pathways safely/easily. We south residents can't walk to the train easily without heading the wrong direction first (unless you can huck your kids over the cement wall?!). Healthy Active Families

need to get outside together. Let's make that easier!

- There are many younger families in the community (ourselves included). Our kids are 4,2, and 8 months. Many of our direct neighbors have kids these ages also. The parks lack equipment. Better playgrounds and parks would be phenomenal. More activities in the neighbourhood for young kids. More/better childcare options.
- It seems everyone has dogs and there a lot of parks that would be nice to be fenced in and have a gate to access them
- to see families connect & being a community
- We, and many others, are a young & growing family living in ranchlands, I think we'll be here long term and want it to be a great place for our kids.
- It would be so nice to have a larger upgraded playground at Ranchlands school, with a swing set and more play structures
- Current programs offered at the community centre are limited. The community demographics are changing and a lot of young families are now living here.
- There are many young families in our community, including ours. Our son has many friends in this community that we hope turn out to be life-long friends.
- For young families, would be good for residents to have nearby access to friendly activities and services - which would meet their needs and also help them to get to know neighbours.
- We would love some quality playgrounds for our young children to enjoy. Or flat sidewalks they could bike ride on.
- There are no real nice playgrounds for the kids that live here in Ranchlands. Ranchero Park has a stunning view of its surroundings, with great soccer fields, however its playground is dilapidated. Also the playground on Ranchero Drive is quite

small, and doesn't have even half the space or play equipment that other communities have (i.e. Hawkwood). We feel that a beautiful playground and an adult out-door workout space at Ranchero Park would cater to the many young families that live here, and there is plenty of space to develop on. Ranchlands is a great community and deserves to have a great play area for kids and families.

- The community is changing with many new younger families moving in. The infrastructure in place, playground structures, ice rink, basketball courts etc are from the original creation of the community, back in the 80's, and are now dated and seeing wear and tear. Upgrading the public places to be modern and clean will provide a safer and cleaner place for families to gather and create a stronger community. New playground structures, pave and re-paint the basketball court at the community centre
- I believe that young families and pets are beneficial to the vitality of the community. We have awesome pet friendly places to walk our dogs and the playground in the ranchlands park should be upgraded to include more interactive structures for the children. It seems to be barely used as it is. What happened to the swings for example.
- The existing playgrounds are old and very basic. I would love to see something like a nature playground or splash park for the little kids
- Lots of families have always been in this area. Lived here for over 30 years and there always seem to be some children in the area. Unlike some other mature areas
- Bigger playgrounds for example would make families spend more family time here instead of going to big parks and spend time elsewhere .

- families bring children into the school. An active community school makes for a vibrant community
- There are many young families in the neighbourhood and it seems like more moving here so it would be nice to see a new playground that can be used by children between the ages of 1-5 years old. Including equipment that is lower and baby swings. The community centre would be a great place for this.
- We don't have family friendly play ground for kids to play. I wish we have nice play ground for our kids to play.
- Again, same as the first one [Inappropriate wording removed].
- A community our age needs, young families and others to remain vital.
- The neighborhood is getting more families and having activities for people to connect and play is important.
- We do this really well I ranchlands
- As I am currently expecting our first child, family friendliness is very important to me. I am happy to live in Ranchlands and am looking forward to making memories with my growing family. I know of some activities for families in my neighbourhood, but I need to get more information as to what is offered.
- As parents of a young family, we highly value our community being family friendly. Makes us want to stay local and do things with our children within our community confines. Getting to know other families in the area brings a strong sense of community.
- Very few kids parks and playgrounds in the community and the ones that are present are dangerous for kids, old, and need of replacement.
- The parks look like they've been neglected since the 88' Olympics here. Not the greatest for young children.
- A family friendly is walkable and safe. For the benefits of those, see above.
- Playgrounds or more places for children to play safely.
- There is nothing better than being able to be part of a community .. including family friendly events
- There's not that many programs that get whole family to participate together and have family time. Maybe some programs to educate about vegetable gardening,
- I think, for many families, Ranchlands is fine in the daytime, but at night, it is advisable to make sure your children are inside and safe.
- Very safe neighbor hood for families.
- I have a toddler and a baby, so it is important for me that there is a focus on family in my neighborhood. I would really like to see a baby swing put in at the community centre. There are 4 full size swings there, and I think one could be changed to a baby swing since the community centre is meant to serve all the members of the community.
- "Would love it if someone could clean the ice at the rink at the community association. We always bring our shovels but no one else seems to volunteer. Could there be a volunteer group of ice cleaners
- Potholes are bad in the community and don't seem to be addressed unless they are really bad so some potholes have been in the community for years.
- Lots of stray cats around the neighbourhood. Lack of responsible pet ownership."
- For children to play & have activities
- Improve parks and upgrade so there's something for everyone
- More community things to do for families /kids
- Needed to encourage family activities
- Few areas for family events picnics/ BBQ
- There are seasonal park but no spray parks or access to water focus activities/features



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- Clean up graffiti and put a plan in place to monitor so that the racist graffiti stops happening
- Where families can get together ie picnic areas
- parks, schools more young couples and families
- programs & safe
- needs upgrading - modern
- Proximity 'family friendly' safe central community
- small town community - moved here 2 years also, family -friendly
- Family friendly - little too far from downtown; family friendly & playgrounds
- Community centre
- Playground equipment in every green space
- More family-orientated events
- Fun events
- Tons of fun community events
- Playgrounds needed
- no comment
- More events not just directed at kids, event cost go back down like before (affordable)
- I work/volunteer in the NWIA in Ranchlands, I would like to get this community family-friendly for myself and my family
- All events should be as inclusive as possible
- no comment
- no comment
- Kids are welcome with parents in different activities
- splash park; Family orientation
- We always can enjoy every activity as a family
- no comment
- Build stronger community
- Seems to be some pockets of older families
- One playground for every two Ranchlands streets
- Having events like Stampede breakfasts to bring family and community together
- Lots of parks around for kids
- A diverse age dynamic keeps the community vibrant
- A lot of families here
- More parks, brings families together

Vision Word: OTHER

Selected – 125 times. Answers to “why” below

- (Modernization of the community center and their playground area) I lived in Ranchlands for over 9 years and I love the community. However, in my opinion the center is a bit outdated. It would be nice to see that the playground have more option for children specially during summer, like a wading pool.
- I would love to see better pathways. Right now they are crumbling and uneven which makes it impossible for our kids to bike on them.
- It seems everyone has dogs and there a lot of parks that would be nice to be fenced in and have a gate to access them
- As an older community some of the infrastructure is needing to be replaced and repaired. (ie potholes, tree roots in pipes, sidewalks buckling..)
- I feel that Ranchlands overall looks rather tired and needs a reinvigoration esthetically. This pertains to main thoroughfares, green areas and shopping areas as well as the general vibe. It feels tired. Things have been done in for example Charleswood by putting planters

in the centre of the road - there would be lots of other things that could be done. The back alleys are an absolute disgrace in general and there needs to be a concerted effort on the part of both residents and the city alike

- All of the parks in Ranchlands are really old and outdated.
- Our pathway system is not safe. The fences are tall, there is no lighting and they provide too much cover for unsavory activities. I would never allow my children to use them without supervision. Also, they are in need of repair in many areas.
- As users of the off-lease park backing onto John Laurie and Sarcee trail, we see many people that come from within and outside the community walking there dogs that do not pick up after there dogs even though there is a sign outlining the fines. We have never seen a by-law enforcement person or vehicle in the 26 years we have lived here. More surveillance and/or enforcement may get the message across.
- There are many parts of Ranchlands that are looking rundown. Low income housing and rental properties contribute to this issue. It would be helpful if the city could create responsibility for maintenance of these properties .
- There is not enough affordable housing for young couples to raise children in.
- I believe that young families and pets are beneficial to the vitality of the community. We have awesome pet friendly places to walk our dogs and the playground in the ranchlands park should be upgraded to include more interactive structures for the children. It seems to be barely used as it is.
- What happened to the swings for example.
- Kids are our future and Playgrounds is a way to come together, build strong Communities ! I would like to see some improvements on the Ranchero Park PlaygroundP
- The pathways are in such bad shape that I have to drive my young children to Bowness park to go for a bikeride.
- Good school. Services that care about supporting families.
- Using the great parks, paths and treed areas for learning with kids and at the public school. It would be nice to see sitting areas in public places.
- Because it would be fun and people would have fun.
- Ranchlands is such a great community it has such friendly people
- Safe neighbor hood, very friendly community, kept clean, lots of resources.
- I grew up in this community so it feels like home to me. :)
- Ranchlands is a very, young diverse community of choice. We would like to provide more community resources that support the diverse demographic population of this community. KStudents are very active and believe in healthy living.
- The community has many beautiful trees and pathways, but other elements that make a community beautiful are sorely lacking. i.e. well-maintained /existent street furniture, plants and trees, tasteful wayfinding. No offense intended, but the entry signage is very dated (even with the paint update last year). A little money spent on these would go far towards

attracting home buyers and raising our property value. I would support a fund to make this happen.

- Improve the cycling paths and connectivity to other neighborhoods via those paths.
- Our neighbourhood has a playground in ranchview and it is falling apart but used by so many kids. I would love to see a fun playground there.
- Our community skating rink is lined with asphalt. Asphalt absorbs the sunlight & melts the ice more quickly. We'd like to see it repaved with concrete or pavement. The change would also support a skate park in the summertime.
- There is such a blossoming of culture in the city, let's revitalize ranchlands, specifically the strip mall near the St. James church. It's been almost exactly the same and quite run down for over 20 years.
- I have two dogs and live in the south part of Ranchlands. The only dog park is in the north part of Ranchlands.
- Entrepreneurs need space to rent in order to build markets that will increase foot traffic and business opportunities.
- (Driveable - repair and maintain roads) Deterioration of roads has become a creeping problem similar to "litter creep". Again, the end result of not repairing and maintaining the road surface is a community that becomes like a Third World country!
- They are dangerous, I have almost tipped my stroller due to uneven damaged sidewalks, kids have tripped and fell. I have twisted my ankle. We actually prefer not to walk in the neighborhood with the kids. A big problem as well is that the

concrete sidewalks are being repaired with Asphalt. I feel this lowers the value of the neighborhood as it looks terrible.

- There seems to be a lack of color diversity within the main roads of ranchlands. Other communities have art work or drawings to brighten up the drab bus stops, garbage cans, etc. I hear a lot of angst in regards to the fencing along ranchland boulevard... Perhaps some bright art work could help turn those frowns upside down :)
- It's an older suburb but the houses have space and there is potential for lots of improvements and face lifts to the area
- If there was a Community Events, it's very crowded.
- "The bike paths need to be redone. They are bumpy and hard to ride on or get strollers over. Better walking and bike paths over to Crowfoot crossing would be good too.
- Open up the underpass to Dalhousie for traffic."
- "walking paths are sometimes difficult to walk along because of branches/trees that have grown out over the path. Roots from trees have split/broken many of the paved paths.
- Graffiti painted along fences, etc."
- Community Hall is old and in need of an update.
- My husband bikes our kids daily and often ranchlands drive is so busy. It would be fantastic to have a bike lane on there or a bike pathway in place of a side walk. Even with a school zone it is so busy and makes me nervous that my kids are biking along there (all seasons)
- There is only things for little kids

- Having excellent services for youth will bring new families and to community.
- a quiet community is a community where people will WANT to live in. Ranchlands east side is bordered by Sarcee Trail. I know there are other communities in Calgary that are bordered by busier roads than Sarcee but what makes Sarcee exceptionally noisy is that the north bound traffic is going uphill. A car accelerating uphill is much noisier than a car driving along a level road. The east side of Ranchlands needs noise barriers put up along the entire length of Sarcee trail. There are some nice houses along this stretch but the turnover rate in these dwellings are high with the main complaint being road noise. These houses get turned into rentals and then the quality of care for them decreases and the neighborhood begins to look run down. Mitigate the noise issue and I assure you people will stay in Ranchlands and that Ranchlands will become great again.
- Get those neighbours talking to each other somehow!
- The community centre is really small.
- I've live in Ranchlands for 35+ years and I've never seen so few young people. The cost of living is driving youth away and not giving them the chance to start families. Provide opportunities and affordable shelter to young Canadians.
- "There is a perception within Calgary and the NW that Ranchlands is a ""bad"" neighbourhood. This couldn't be further from the truth and it makes me feel angry that these opinions continue to give a bad rap to the community. Some of the comments I have heard
 - ""The Ranchlands Hum"" this is a non issue that I have never experienced or heard of a person experiencing. I have also done research on the matter and there are complaints all over the city regarding a hum.
 - The flooding in lower Ranchlands - this happened over 10 years ago and was fixed. Another non issue that people continue to be fearful of.
 - The low income housing in the south west corner - yes there is low income housing but it does not create any problems within the community.
 - I would like to see a city initiative that helped to educate people on how much Ranchlands is becoming a family friendly community"
 - We are lacking a swingset with a baby swing. We use the small playground behind Ranch Estates Place, It is small and could use some new equipment. If we want to use a swing we have to go into Dalhousie.
 - Lots of trees and park areas for families to use
 - I work at the public school in ranch lands and it would lovely to accommodate the growing population and cultures. Support for the community centre, after school programs, wheelchair accessibility and new exciting updated appropriate for playgrounds for all types of kids in the community.
 - Need a new community playground and build a spray park. It's a fast growing Community.
 - Keep the green spaces. Perhaps enhance them with some community gardens and restful spots to picnic or reflect

- Because we live in a very multicultural community and we should get to know each other for our similarities and uniqueness.
- Community signs and billboards could be updated, modernized.
- We have parks that are falling apart. It would be great to have a modern healthy park
- I think its important to take care of the planet for the future citizens
- A bright community brings people together
- More than the community center. Lets get neighbours connected and talking. Take more ownership in our neighbourhoods.
- There is a house in Ranchlands that has chickens. Is that ok? Have the bylaws changed?
- Our community hall is old & outdated
- Because the planet needs all the help it can get
- shopping/schools
- playgrounds/green spaces
- It should not matter what issues you have everyone has same access important
- Please replace trees that are getting removed by city
- Ranchlands would be better with more stores
- Too many old people. Not enough young people
- We have parks with breath-taking views but nowhere individuals can sit/rest/take it all in/meet others on top of the hill. Could you imagine how inviting it could be to have a bench waiting for you?
- Yes - a radical thought/suggestion! Instead of fencing in we open up, be environmentally friendly, cheaper, adds beauty, natural beauty to our neighbourhood, more shrubs for birds & natural shade; wooden walls are ugly! A real eye sore! And costly.
- Why? Committee of cowayes[?] individuals of all ages to work on living well within our means! Gather cost saving tips for every household - kind of a club - research & spread the word, ie. The Ranchlands Roundup
- For breaks and to enjoy the views
- to minimize the risk of dogs onto John Laurier Blvd
- So that the kids have a safer place to play
- We all come from different places, where living healthy together in harmony will ensure the growth of this community
- Treat people nicely
- When needed some one can provide help
- Actual ones do not connect
- Because I always forget my dogs water
- I like to get a wave or nod from neighbours when we pass
- General pathway improvements / root removal
- talk to lots of people
- Would like to see fences upon John-Laurie entrance in better shape
- Would like to see trees pruned & cleaned up better especially popular trees
- The amount of trees and parks is beautiful don't get rid of them
- We use the hockey rink a lot. Very happy w/ it's conditions
- With limited city funds, maybe a community wide local improvement that could be spent on improving the main streets, intersections, sidewalks, fencing, improving rink, bb court
- peaceful
- Good neighbours

- monkeyville childcare; demand for childcare
- 20 year resident; quiet, friendly, proximity
- proximity , medical & transportation
- quiet & friendly great parks, 10 years
- schools close offleash areas - gates would be good, proximity & family friends
- Quiet & proximity, 1 year resident from Evanston
- Good proximity; parks & businesses
- Safety & parwl issues around churches
- proximity to transportation, school in area, improve crosswalks, like stropdes
- neighbours & friendly, quiet & prozimity to shops; biking on paths & parks
- friendly & proximity to shops
- Community events friendly & people, 2 years; friendly - need more events to bring people together
- proximity to schools & shopping
- relaxed proximity
- quiet & friendly
- Central location green spaces
- New playgrounds - not too modern, would be good; parks & green space
- Friendly good people; friendly & wedding for visitors
- Quiet & peaceful (3 years), close to services
- Nice people, good schools
- Maybe a spray park or something like that more free activities for kids
- repair path ways
- repair play structures
- Nice in community
- More flower beds (sunglasses are genius and adorable!)
- Because we are loosing 10 trees down Ranchlands Dr this year!
- I have to travel far to get to one
- Support the homeless
- Need to travel far for one for my baby
- I love how there is a lot of events that happen in Ranchlands
- There are many events that draw people together & the people! A larger variety of events would be nice.
- There are so many lovely gardens & forests & trees & plants! Prome community walk around in; new gardens
- Love the new paint job out on the sign & the community centre; more colour would be nice
- Beautiful natural areas & parks could use playground manitenance
- to get to know people in community * empty tennis courts... install tennis practice wall. Roster of local people interested in playing tennis
- Make the natural areas better/keep the Rio trails
- Everyone I've met on the roads bus are friendly
- Lots of young families have moved in, lots of playgrounds for children
- Assistance Living
- assisted living