



This is my neighbourhood – Falconridge/Castleridge

Stakeholder 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 will work with the neighbourhoods to first, identify a neighbourhood vision. From that vision, participants working with City staff, will come up creative 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

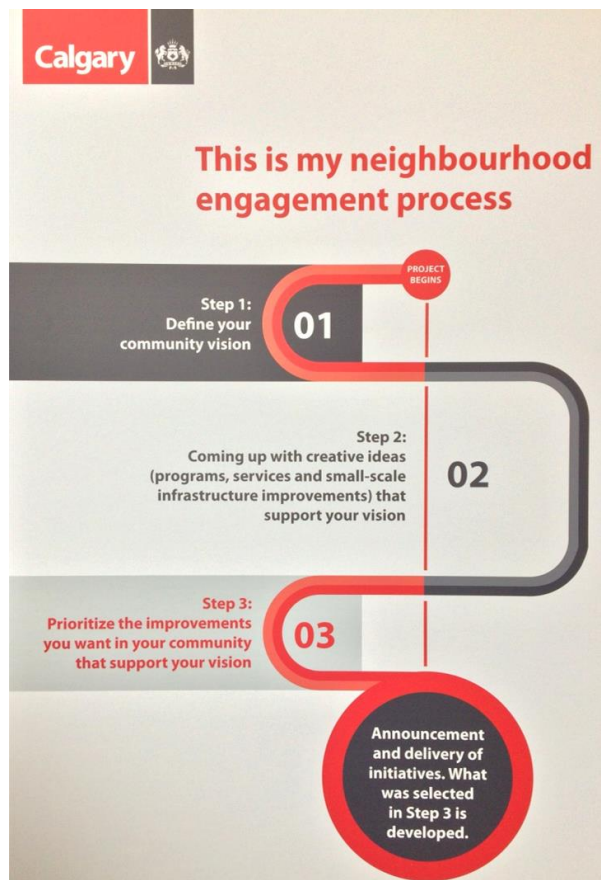
This report back covers what we heard during the visioning for Falconridge/Castleridge. This is the first step in the engagement for the this is my neighbourhood program.

What we asked

Residents in Falconridge/Castleridge were asked:

What would make Falconridge/Castleridge 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.

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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 the Falconridge/ Castleridge Community Association. The postcards were sent to 3,429 residents.
2. The vision survey was available online through the engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/falconridgecastleridge portal page from April 7, 2017 until July 7, 2017. The survey was promoted on neighbourhood bold signs, through Facebook, Tim Horton's TV, and recreation facilities as well as on the Falconridge/ Castleridge Community association websites and in their monthly newsletters. We received 346 ideas in Falconridge/Castleridge through online engagement.
3. City staff attended various community events to gather feedback. The table below summarizes the events we attended, and how many people attended each event. Through these events we received 196 completed postcards.

Event name	Number of people reached at events
Community Clean Up	400
Door knocking	50
Community social worker door knocking	2
Door knocking with community advisory Group members	50
Pop-up engagement at park	40
Prairie Winds Park reopening	400
Pop up at community association playground	30
Community social worker door knocking with resident and member of community advisory group	8
Falconridge Family Bazaar	75
Door knocking (CSW & Calgary Housing)	5
Pop-up in playground	10
Pop-up at Falconridge off-leash park	30
Total	1,100

4. When asked online how participants heard about the project, participants provided the following information:

Source	Number of participants
In the mail	1
Social Media	34
Community Event	33
Recreation Facility	1
Bold Signs	1
Word of Mouth	4
Tim Horton's TV	1



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City website	2
Community Newsletter	2
Other (Door knocking, Dog park, Family Bazaar, Playground, Prairie Winds Park, Family Member)	42

What we heard

Residents of Falconridge/ Castleridge were very excited to participate in helping to determine a vision for their neighbourhood. The most frequently selected vision words were safe, clean and beautiful. When looking at “why” these themes were identified, the following sentiments were heard:

Safe - Participants in Falconridge/Castleridge value a neighbourhood where they are safe from illegal criminal activities. They desire a community where they feel comfortable being out in the neighbourhood without risk of encountering a crime. Suggestions were made for increased police presence, more community involvement/ neighbourhood watch programs, improved sidewalk and lighting conditions and some traffic calming measures.

Clean - Having a clean community is important to Falconridge/ Castleridge residents. Residents would like to see the amount of garbage and junk disposed of in back alleys decreased and feel there is too much litter around the community. Suggestions were made for more community clean-up programs and more garbage disposal services and infrastructure.

Beautiful – Having a beautiful community is important to Falconridge/ Castleridge residents. They feel community pride can be fostered by:

- Ensuring regular lawn maintenance and removing weeds;
- Repairing community fencing and installing a new community sign;
- Regular maintenance and revitalization of green spaces with more trees and flowers.

It should be noted that there were a significant number of “other” vision words provided by residents, however in analyzing the “why”, the comments and values were consistent with what was shared for safe, clean and beautiful and reiterated the importance of these to the community.

For a verbatim listing of all the input for the visioning, please see pages 5 - 37.

VISION WORD: SAFE	5
VISION WORD: CONNECTED	11
VISION WORD: DIVERSE	12
VISION WORD: ACTIVE	13
VISION WORD: BEAUTIFUL	16
VISION WORD: CLEAN	19
VISION WORD: INCLUSIVE	24
VISION WORD: ACCESSIBLE	25



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VISION WORD: HEALTHY	26
VISION WORD: WALKABLE	27
VISION WORD: FAMILY-FRIENDLY	28
VISION WORDS: OTHER SUGGESTIONS	31
VISION WORD: OTHER	32

Vision statements

There are 3 vision statements for Falconridge/Castleridge. A quick poll on the <http://engage.calgary.ca/myneighbourhood/FalconridgeCastleridge> 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.

Falconridge/ Castleridge values being a safe, clean, beautiful neighbourhood.

Falconridge/ Castleridge values being a safe, litter-free, beautiful neighbourhood.

Falconridge/ Castleridge values being a safe, clean, beautiful and well-maintained 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 statements 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 Falconridge/Castleridge. The verbatim is broken down by Vision Word and includes the submissions received online and those received in person through the postcards. If personal information was submitted the following is used where that information was removed: [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: SAFE

Selected – 198 times.

Answers to “why” below

- With the crime rate in the area, we need more law enforcement in the area
- Need more road and parking controls in place, especially around schools and playgrounds. To make it safer to just cross the roads on a regular day. To go for walks in the day or evenings.
- A community is not a community if it is not safe enough.
- Make walkways well lit. Have pedestrian crossing lights at entrance to Prairie Winds park. Many drivers speed on Castleridge Blvd and it is not safe for pedestrians going from Castleridge to Prairie Winds Park. Keep police patrols active on bikes and foot. Especially around the c-train station/superstore as we get some wierd people around that area asking for money and following us.
- The new streetlights are very faint, I do not feel safe at night to take a walk. I have a teenage daughter and with the type of people who rent here, I worry when she walks alone.
- When I moved into the Castleridge neighbourhood 20 years ago, I maybe heard a police siren once a month. Now, police sirens go off every single night! Recent shootings just one block away. Abandoned stolen vehicles have shown up on my block at least 3 times in the last year? I have become hesitant to answer my door bell after dark. Not a feeling I wish to have.
- Increased peace of mind, lower insurance rates, higher property value.
- "Sidewalks are unsafe to walk on in & around Castleridge.
- The roads are falling apart & need major work.
- Alleyways. Hard to navigate, especially on Garbage Days, when bins are all over the place. There is no maintenance done in back alleys.
- Drivers speeding in back alleys.
- Work vehicles that are brought into the neighbourhood, parked in front or out in the alleys of residents, that are hard to see past.
- Five or more vehicles to one single family home.
- Watching City Buses & other vehicles, push their way from a right turning lane, to cut off through traffic, or traffic turning left to get ahead of the line up on Westwinds Dr, Castleridge Blvd & Castleridge Drive."
- not safe, very transient, illegal secondary suites
- There is not enough lighting on my street, where I live, there is only 4 lights, 3 on 1 side and 1 on the other side, when it gets dark, because of the gap between them, it does not make for a safe walk down my street.
- So you can feel safe in your community
- Roads are in poor repair and not always safe to drive on.
- Concern with driver knowledge and speeds
- I would like to meet friendly people in my neighbourhood



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- Shooting nearby so even being in the house is not always safe. Need more police in area
- "Because if you don't feel safe, you don't feel happy in your community. If there aren't safety measures in place, we can get hurt.
- Suggestions to make our community safer:
- Getting to know people in our community. We would like the opportunity to participate in community picnics and meet and greets with the people that live around us."
- Have two pre-teen daughters and I am nervous about letting them walk around in case someone approaches them. Also people speed through the school zones. Need more police presence.
- People speeding in the playgrounds zone...(Falmere way)
- Streets are very dark. Lots of police presence.
- Very scary here...gun shots
- We need more patrols, especially along 68th street where street racing happens at all times of day.
- Too many shootings and other crime police need to have better time on when you call about crime and show up also cracked down on these rental houses
- People who live here are nice
- More police presence
- Car got stolen.
- Too many major crimes happen in or close to my neighbourhood. Its scary.
- There is a lot of bullying in the schools. Also drug dealing in schools and kids using drugs
- Glad to see more police patrolling our streets. Makes us feel protected.
- So many times people rip through the school zones, consistently see hawks flying/circling overhead with no notifications as to why
- When something breaks in Mission, it's fixed quickly. When something breaks in Falconridge, not so much. We've had fencing (city fencing)

down for over a year, barriers broken, graffiti, etc. It's not attractive nor does it make citizens feel safe.

- Would like to see less rental houses as they are often poorly managed and become eyesores in the community as well as attracting some tenants who are often desirable
- I want to be able to go out and feel safe. I want my child to feel safe.
- Stray cats and unattended dogs wander around
- All night long you can hear racing cars go up and down Westwinds Boulevard. And no one stops to let pedestrians cross the sidewalks. You can make eye contact with drivers and they will ignore you. This occurs at both the crosswalks that join to Prairie Winds Park. And the crosswalks are not well marked.
- Add lights and proper pathways to such parks to make them safer and more enjoyable.
- Something has to be done with the skunk problem on my street and possibly other streets in Castleridge for sure. I know some neighbours might find them cute and offer them food, but as a homeowner and a pet owner they are a nuisance, and often VERY stinky.
- The number of break ins seems to be out of control
- "More police presence if that is possible would be appreciated as recent events have eroded citizen's confidence in safety and well being."
- It would be nice to not experience bullying and vandalism.
- Eliminate weapons, gangs, drugs, crime on the streets
- Children in schools are often bullied and there can be violence towards them.
- Cars drive too fast and there are a lot of kids in the neighbourhood. More playground zones needed.



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- The fence on castleridge Blvd should be strong to keep strangers from using our backyard as a shortcut to walk from the plazas into castleridge. I don't feel my children can play safely in their backyard.
- Should be able to walk home from school. Criminal activity is high.
- Families need to feel safe in their communities and homes in order to live fully
- Roads get flooded in the condo complex - Falshire Lanes
- "Vehicle break in's"
- Drivers are not safe at night (over speeding)"
- Too much bullying of children in the schools. Kids fighting
- we all have to keep eyes, ears and tell someone when something is wrong.. The police can't do it all alone.
- During the school year every lunch hour and after school we have the high school kids from Bishop McNally driving NASCAR down our front street. There are many children who live on this street and a playground with posted speed signs. Police patrol during these times would be wonderful or worse case scenario having calming devices installed.
- If we have more people active in the neighbourhood we will be safe
- Crime - drugs, break and enters have increased
- Knowing my neighbours helps me feel very safe in. My community.
- I do not feel safe at night in my area. There are drug deals going down on our street and in the church parking lot across from me. The church finds used condoms often. It needs to be better patrolled.
- Stronger police presence
- Every member of our community deserves to feel safe.

- I hesitate to walk anywhere, at any time. Even parking lots seem unsafe after dark. Higher police presence, but in an interactive and friendly way, would make me feel more secure. Only see or interact with police in the community when they are responding to crime, often of a violent nature.
- I don't trust my 6 year old son to walk around the block. I see the ne as very unsafe. Right across the street a few years back a car was on fire at 2 in the morning. Started at the back window or trunk. The owner said there was no reason there wasn't anything in there. Also... my car broken into 2 times as well as my shed twice too. Vandalism in the alleys. Doesn't feel safe
- some violent incidents and break ins happened in our community. we will like to see more Police patrolling in the area and better street lighting to make safe community.
- The speed limit on 52nd should be slower than 60. Maybe then people would have time to stop for the red lights.
- Lots of poverty in the area. Gangs are an issue and there are also homeless people in the area. The Hawks helicopter is circling the neighborhood everyday. I've lived in the same house for 14 years and I've seen swat teams, K9 unit running through my yard, a burning vehicle, serial rapist, serial arsonists etc. It's not a nice neighborhood and unfortunately we can't afford to buy anywhere else, so we have to make the best of raising our daughter here. I would not feel safe walking at night.
- Not safe after supper, not sure any community is! Certainly wouldn't be going for any walks anywhere.
- Traffic enforcement at schools so kids are safe to be dropped off.
- Community engagement
- Too many accidents. Crosswalks not safe for CHILDREN.



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- Because I was robbed while waiting for the bus. Lots of bicycle thefts and bottles left in the backyard are stolen.
- Some cars speed.
- Because it's such a run down area, it feels unsafe. Some of the older homes look like they are falling apart, the schools need better parks, better lighting as well.
- When people know each other it feels safer
- Cars speed in playground zones.
- More police presence to decrease fights and increase awareness
- Calgary is a relatively safe place but getting less safe. Random shootings.
- Take care of each other and watch out for each other.
- People ride their bikes on sidewalks and it's dangerous
- I live in Falconridge and the community itself just has a "ghetto" feel to it. I've witnessed multiple drug deals etc down the street or in alleys in broad daylight while out for a walk or drive with my kid. Definitely don't feel safe going out at night even if it was for an emergency.
- Numerous attacks on citizens. Suggest better police presence and better lighting in alleys
- I believe that rental property owners need to be more respectful of the community by taking care of their properties and thus ensuring a more safe environment
- Lots of people around.
- People are confident to walk around and talk to people. I am a landlord so I want my tenants to feel safe.
- Repair the road on Castlefall Grove and the road leading to the school which was only partially fixed
- A car was stolen outside my house. Also my teens tell me that drugs at their school (Terry Fox Jr. High) is a problem

- I had a fire in my townhouse and there have been several fires in my Calgary Housing complex on Falconridge Blvd. People need more fire prevention information
- Potholes in road along Castlefall Grove
- Some crimes being reported in the area.
- The pavement on Castlefall Grove needs repair BADLY
- "This is a big deal..... not sure, cause this is a different world, then when I grew up. If I had kids, which I don't..... I would not let them leave the house. I would also home school. To much anger, there is no right or wrong..... just do what ever you want..... people need structure, need rules.... we need to have right and wrong. We need to have accountability. So that being said, it is very important to feel safe and secure..... I think we need, morals, values and principles. All I can come up with more Police, more security, more volunteers, more cameras and more smiles..... bringing all cultures together for seminar how to be kind and show respect and love one another..... I think most people have forgotten how to love, how to show kindness and how to respect..... maybe do a pay it forward movement to spread thru out the city..... leaving a note in your neighbor mailbox of what good deed they did for them asking them to pay it forward to another neighbor....."
- I really really would love to see a new sign for Castleridge Estates..... I have been in this area for 26 yrs..... I feel this area is in need of a face lift..... thank you for caring, like I do....."
- Better entry and exit out of Castleridge Plaza so it has better flow
- Need a stop sign at Castlefall Grove and Castlefall Rd intersection. Lots of accidents there. Replacing street name signs needed - would also improve community pride.
- Kids have weapons at school



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- No discrimination for skin, gender or race
- So we can take care of each other
- Too many speeders. We need signs thru-out comm. That encourages motorists to slow down - reminding them that this is a residential area with children.
- More Crime in NE
- I always have someone there for me
- Lights should be at crosswalk, at rubber old kiddie playground & entrance to prairie winds park (main) at the crosswalks; More police presence & awareness to help decrease breakins & fights
- More bike lanes clearly marked, with slow down on the paths
- Police & people are supportive
- Speeding where children are playing, hockey & basketball on the street
- People get stab/shot a lot in the news
- Block watch, Children walking from school need to be safe
- to feel secure
- Snow removal around mail boxes & side streets safer to get around in winter
- Crime; speeding in playground zones
- People always speed
- No comment
- valdalism
- No comment
- Parking school drop off hours people park illegally & do uturns in front of terry fox (not safe)
- I notice little kids are always playing outside. We need to make sure they are in a safe environment
- lots of vandalism & crime around here
- I see a lot of kids just running around the street
- I see many children crossing street 68 St & Falton those need flashing light; more security around area
- No comment
- I live on Falmere Way, this is a play ground zone sometimes I see people going up to 60 km/h!
- We should feel safe being at home
- Should be free from threats
- Falconridge feels pretty safe to me
- Should be able to walk around anytime
- drugs, not safe for kids too many drugs at local area/school
- Drugs in area more police patrol or something
- Too many car break ins
- Worry free environment
- So many bottle collector who enter in the house this unsafe
- It should be more safe espically mailbox eara
- Needs more warning lights to vehicles before crosswalk, lesser speed limit
- Needs securing espically night time
- To stop the drug sales
- More cops keep the place safe
- No drugs stop kids from doing drugs
- residence should feel safe to walk
- Narrow/ no sidewalks on crescents - hard to walk to a friend or a dog
- It is clean and safe
- Crime, litter, vandalism
- Too much speeding on paved back alleys; drug dealing
- I have been the victime of an attempted break-in and some of my neighbours as well
- no comment
- Bus stops should be put away from intersection. Usually see parents dropping kids near intersections (not safe)
- I heard from nows about shooting
- no comment
- A few shooting and breakins
- I see a lot of people doing drugs



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- Crack down on drug dealers in my back alley
- crime is rising
- improper parking, bad signage, bad lighting
- Some drivers won't stop, or ignoring them over the speed limit; making u-turn especially at school zone
- I see many undesirables doing drug deals, lurking around for opportunities. Not as safe as it once was.
- safe
- Far too many fast drivers in residential/school playground areas, speed bumps?
- A large rise in drug and gun violence
- no comment
- There are hazardous materials in the back alley
- Put up traffic lights at the 4 way stop near taradale/coop
- To remove the liquor store of bare; During evenings all the day teenagers and adults are getting drunk and make so much noise
- Coral Springs of 68 intersection need arrow light sign; It's hard to take the left turn and risky as well without arrow traffic light
- Hope no house break-ins
- For life safety good for mental health
- Pave all back alleys in older areas
- Community is dangerous, more cops!!
- no comment
- Be free to be out at night
- More community involvement
- No criminal records
- Kids playing on the street instead of parks
- Speed trap for the school zone
- Individuals sitting at bus stops drinking
- police; speeding in school zones
- I want to feel safe in my community
- no more breaking into garage and vehicles parked on road
- More crosswalk signs in playground zones
- Get rid of all the harmful stuff in alleys (garbage, metal, appliances)
- I live in Falshire Close NE, lot of some people who drink all day and drive very fast which is not safe for kids
- Speeding playground zones around kids
- Speeding the the Calgary housing complex on Falconridge Dr.
- Speeding in Calgary Housing Complex on Falconridge Blvd
- There are shootings in the area & are afraid to send kid's out
- Parents need to be better educated about bike & pedestrian safety b/c kids run fast out on road
- Speeding through areas where kids are
- Not feel safe after 12pm to walk
- More crime happens in lower income areas. This is a hard problem to root cause
- Add more pedestrian crossing specially near schools
- Many incidents involving young kids
- no comment
- More safe for our children to play, crime free community
- intersection Ne - [?] less accidents, no potholes
- safe for everybody to live happily
- We are in need of a traffic light on the intersection of 64th ave and Falton Dr (unsafe intersection)
- We are in need of traffic light on 64th Av Falton Dr (very unsafe place)
- There are lots of incidents of theft (garage and garbage) usually not reported
- 30 Kph in all residential areas'
- More police presence
- take guns, drug dealers out of schools
- Cars always speeding and children playing outside
- no comment



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- no comment
 - lots of crime around
 - Safety arrangements are not up to the mark.
- There have been many incidents where criminals

murdered residents at their homes only. Drugs are being sold openly at homes

- no comment
- We are secure here

Vision Word: CONNECTED

Selected – 57 times. Answers to “why” below

- To connect all the people in both neighborhoods by creating activities for all age groups. Connect via social media, flyers in community to attract more people. Get youth involved by providing volunteer positions to lead groups or activities from both neighborhoods so youth have volunteering opportunities available close to home.
- Lots of families live in these two communities
- Neighbours working together.
- She doesn't really know her neighbors... She doesn't see them very often
- He doesn't know many people in the community..
- It would be great to meet other mothers in the area with young children
- I don't feel at all connected in my community right now
- "The green space at (<https://www.google.ca/maps/@51.1021415,-113.9612672,17.65z>) relatively unused space.
- Idea - add a few benches closer to each other where a few people could sit and talk or study together."
- Need to know our neighbours more. Block party.
- Know direct neighbours but would like to know others on block
- Don't know many neighbours. Would feel safer.
- Like to know people and be known. Opportunities to meet people.
- I wish I knew my neighbours better but they don't speak English well and I'm not sure how to get to know them

- [NO COMMENT]
- It is very hard to connect with neighbours. However, now that we have community mailboxes, that provides a space that could be used to improve community life. Consider building a notice board next to each mailbox where neighbours could share information.
- Keep our neighbourhoods connected with the rest of Calgary. We have a wonderful diverse neighbourhood with wonderful walking paths, restaurants and stores. We need to be kept in the loop so that everyone else in Calgary knows we are a successful neighbourhood.
- "We have groups that are only comfortable in their own cultural community that are not allowed in. Every time there is a more Canadian event, despite the large ethnic population, they do not come. How can we help people integrate or settle if they never come out? We are tied by the religious and cultural differences that we do not fully understand (because they are not explained) and despite my efforts, cannot get explained. The community center has its hands tied.
- I would like this to work and these buzz words sound good, but it will take more work than you realize."
- It would be excellent to see the addition of activities or places for young folks (9-16) to go so to decrease their participation in unsafe and inappropriate activities.
- to know resources in the area and to know others who would like to share resources like bulk buying or a community garden.
- Help for children like homework support and education



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- Would like to know neighbours better
- Get to know neighbours
- Meet other mom's to bring kids together during the day
- Get to know other mom's
- We would love more gathering areas in the outdoors, especially with publicly accessible washrooms so families can spend more time outdoors enjoying the weather and connect with their neighbours to make it a friendlier and safer place to be.
- The neighbourhood has lots of green space. We like using it
- Would like to know neighbours better
- The neighbours move in and out because they are rentals, also landlords don't take care of properties
- Neighbours know each other and help each other out. I live in a very friendly neighbourhood.
- There are so many amenities in the area
- Access to bus routes, grocery stores, facilities, etc.
- Dog park could use benches and places to sit like picnic tables so we could meet the neighbours.
- More events at the community association like a monthly flea market that locals can sell wares and earn money
- A notice board near the community mailbox where we can post flyers.
- Meet more neighbours
- More ways for seniors to meet one another
- There is safety in comfort in knowing others are being known.

- Need more bike racks at Prairie Winds Park in the middle of the park
- Would like to know neighbours better; more events at community association
- The community needs to get together more support one another
- No comment
- Social activities, planned at local parks, fun for family
- With everybody pitching in there's always gonna be clean
- Awareness of these events are needed to the surrounding neighbourhoods
- The city has different type of organizations those connect the people
- So that residents and city can work together to achieve goals
- I believe in making good relations and building strong and firm connections
- More community events to be more involved with each other, block party
- no comment
- There are so many different ethnic groups people don't speak English
- More opportunities to meet neighbours
- More family friendly events who can come together
- Would like to meet other people in the neighbours
- More event in the community for people stay connected
- better lifestyle
- Wi-fi in parks & playgrounds
- Something for new ppl that move to the neighbourhood i.e. welcome booklet

Vision Word: DIVERSE

Selected – 18 times.

Answers to “why” below

- it's important to embrace and celebrate differences within our community
- To provide programs for diverse groups because of the diverse community in the

area. Provide banghra classes, cricket matches, field hockey, reading clubs in different languages, senior chat clubs, tea croners, board games etc.



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- I am a single mother who has been navigating the social services resources within the community for the past 4 years. I have children with disabilities one is severe. We need a school/daycare/employment integration collaborating with the "Ability Hub" (jseigner@theabilityhub.org) so that when children are 12-18 they have a safe place to go after school or on breaks that continues to grow their abilities and allows a parent to work or go to school. Daycare ends at 12 but autism is forever. Calgary is number one in Canada for autism resources wouldn't it be great to collaborate all resources together to become known for diversity no matter the ability.
- Many cultures
- Less racism and more people valuing diversity and getting to know one another
- We have been able to meet many from our culture as well as other new friends from other cultures. We were worried how we would make friends but it was easy. People are friendly.
- "There is no denying that this neighbourhood is home to many different cultures and faiths, sitting in the middle of a triangle between a Church, Mosque, and Temple. Many families make this community home for exactly that reason. I wish that it was set up better to host and showcase the richness of culture. The yearly Sikh parade needs more support and planning with the

city. I worry about my muslim neighbours in the wake of so much hate in the media, and I wish there was a way to celebrate what they bring to our space.

- I wish that prairie winds park was better for hosting cultural events, with large groups of people enjoying the green spaces there."
- More multi-cultural events for everyone to go to. Canada Day event at Prairie Winds is very crowded. Need more events on that day
- Lots of cultures and that is a strength
- Many cultures live in our communities which makes it so awesome. Rich customs and acceptance of differences is evident.
- So much value in each person's differences and similarities
- Multicultural
- No comment
- More of a particular tribe exist here need to be an equal population of tribes
- This community should be more diverse
- People from difference cultures live together to foster learning & growth of minor
- I walk around Falconridge all the time and I see people from different cultures/religion
- In nowadays society there is tons of racism so as a value that a person must have is to control and reduce this by increasing our understandings and diversify our cultures

Vision Word: ACTIVE

Selected – 62 times.

Answers to "why" below

- Bigger and more playgrounds needed. More basketball courts. Recreational places like swimming pools
- More playground
- More playground for all ages. Playground nearby is very small and for young kids
- Festivals, community events and outdoor activities
- More and bigger playgrounds. With more equipment. The current playgrounds don't have enough equipment or enough age appropriate equipment.
- More playgrounds and greenspace

- The basketball courts are old and need to be updated on the north side of Grant MacEwan school
- The small playground at the end of our street (Falsby Road) is extremely outdated. It is the same playground equipment that my husband played on when he was a child 20 years ago. It is hard to keep children playing when everything is run down and in dire need of some TLC.
- Very few playgrounds for kids to play.
- Need more Calgary rec. center.
- It would be nice to ride a bicycle to the C-Train station. However, the lockers there must be



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rented for months at a time. There must be a way to allow anyone to come and leave their bicycle in a secure space without having to pre-rent them.

- There isn't much to do to stay active and healthy in the community without having to commute
- "As a mature adult, but with some health concerns, I would like to be more active and walk. There needs to be more benches for people to rest. I have seen adult style exercise stations. Could we put some in our green spaces? They would be where there are buried power lines, but these areas are rarely dug up. The kids go through there to go to three of our schools and would probably use them as well.
- It would be nice to have a clean community, but two individual efforts by citizens had no turnout to clean.
- Also, do not mow the green area between Terry Fox and the community Center. Just ask someone to pick up garbage. We need places for kids to see bugs and birds."
- Westwinds park has been under construction since last year leaving nothing to do in the area. Many of the playgrounds in the area need an overhaul. There is a park on Falsby Place that could use a lot more. There are many children that play in that green space. I would also like to include Beautiful in this vision. All other areas of the city have natural spaces to enjoy, while the NE has very little to enjoy. I often leave the neighborhood to find somewhere to enjoy a park or walking paths. Would love to see community gardens but I think many are reluctant because of fear of vandalism.
- More basketball courts
- Would be great to have a community hiking group. Maybe several groups and set up challenges between them.
- There are very few playgrounds for children
- We would like to see tennis courts.
- There are not enough parks for kids to play.
- Keeping kids busy. Need programs at the Community Association for them. Sports. Needs to be walking distance.
- More playgrounds

- There are many people who walk around the community. People out and about helps others feel safe.
- I would love one of those fit parks here! And more parking for Westwinds park!
- "The green space at (<https://www.google.ca/maps/@51.1021415,-113.9612672,17.65z>) relatively unused space.
- Idea - add a few items scattered about in the park - exercise stations or a children's play thing (not a full playground)."
- It would be awesome if basketball courts were added to Prairie Winds Park. Kids should be out in their yards, etc but when you have five houses surrounding you and all the kids are out at the same time thumping their basketballs it makes for easy nervous breakdowns. The work going on at the park is incredible (thank you) but an actual basketball court or two would be great. And send out a map of the newly created Prairie Winds Park to all households so that the kids know there are soccer fields and such to go to.
- Need better sports fields and basketball courts
- More places to play in Castleridge
- More parks and playgrounds. All in the area are attached to schools.
- More playgrounds and resources.
- Community sports teams....
- The playgrounds should be updated, equipment is breaking..
- Playgrounds with more and different equipment. No rocks in the playground.
- Without transportation it's hard to get to kids activities. More local activities for eight year olds
- More dance classes available in the area
- Would like soccer fields
- Outdoor recreational opportunities
- Successfully complete Prairie Winds Park
- I am happy for Prairie Winds Park to open again but I think NE needs more parks
- the parks could be updated or have new sets
- More for kids programs to bring people together
- not much to do around here



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- Green spaces do not have developed parks
- More or update/upgrades of playgrounds
- More play ground activity for kids & family
- This community should have another park for senior citizens
- something more active to control crime around the areas more camars
- There's many kids around and they deserve more fun
- There are several events hold throughout the year, which is nice
- no comment
- Hoping for free program for kids, youth and adult leisure programs

- lots to do
- I haven't seen proper fields
- There are no events in NE held by the city
- more family programs to stay kis active
- So houses don't devaluate
- Community parks need better shape
- They should have a better care of the soccer fields
- no comment
- More programs for kids
- More programming at Calgary Housing Complex Falconridge - for kids like Shaganappi
- Dance classes in the area
- More playgrounds are needed



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Vision Word: BEAUTIFUL

Selected – 105 times.

Answers to “why” below

- Currently it is a very run down and neglected area.
- I think there are lots of opportunities here to create beautiful spaces. The off leash dog park would really benefit from more development, it is such a unique thing to have in a community. More trees, benches, maybe a community board for flyers?
- Many of the fences behind houses along the borders of the community (e.g. Castleridge Blvd) are old. Some have been replaced. It is a mish-mash of styles and colors. Would be good to replace all the fences!
- Community pride seems low both with residential, but also commercial property. I would like to see more trees & flowers. Fences & yards that are cared for. Parking lots and stores that are cleaned and updated. As a lower income neighborhood, with what seems like a high number of rentals, there doesn't seem to be any motivation to take care of property. Several derelict properties within a few blocks of my home.
- Beautiful and clean... a better word maintained. There are a lot of run down rentals that make it sort of an embarrassing section to live in. I am fearful of walking my dog due to falling down fences and dogs getting out.... I am horrified by all the junk mail littered by the mail boxes now that we don't have individual delivery. Sidewalks are dangerous in spring due to insufficient water drainage from the side walk. It gets slippery or very messy to walk along.
- Our Boulevards need sprucing up - grass, trees, shrubs, etc and there are too many commercial signs everywhere which should not be permitted
- Because the entire city has the impression that our neighbourhood is a dump & ugly. Family and friends hate coming to the NE - they don't feel safe & they feel it's uncared for. The city doesn't give it the same attn as other areas of Calgary. By

the way the "Castleridge Estates" sign fell apart years ago and now there is nothing. It would be nice to have that back. It was on the corner of Falconridge and Westwinds Blvd. There are also too many private individuals parking their commercial hauling trailers in residential areas and they sit for weeks and never move.

- "I see many properties that aren't being maintained, and many fences that need repair.
- The green spaces are few and not very inviting."
- The fences in the neighborhood have become an eyesore, Falconridge Blvd in particular. The sound barrier was originally City owned now it is breaking down we are told it belongs to the property owners. Other neighborhoods have concrete sound barriers paid for through taxes and create a uniform beautiful appearance. Falconridge looks like a derelict neighborhood.
- I've lived here since 1982, and have seen a decline in the way neighbors show pride of ownership. Could we please see the communal fences in both Falcon&Castle Ridges be redone. The original builders never saw fit to build these, so it was up to the homeowner, resulting in different colors, shapes and sizes and quality of workmanship. It would also be nice to see the community names shown in a bold and artistic way. We used to have one for Castleridge, but it was destroyed.
- More trees and greenery
- Flowers, trees and more natural beauty
- more trees and flowers should be planted.
- A huge boost to these neighbourhoods would be making them look better. Clean up the pathways, plant flowers and engage the community to help. A family friendly community clean up would be a great way to foster a sense of community and improve the negative label these neighbourhoods have.



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- Small area businesses do not abide by the city signage by-laws. There are always new batches of plastic signs tie-wrapped on traffic pole and light standards or staked on city land near the roadways. Or stickers plastered on any metal object. I don't understand why these businesses, (and year after year it's some of the same places), get away with this. Again, by-laws need to be taking a stronger stance with regard to letting this happen. I should call by-laws about this I guess, but I just end up taking them down myself.
- Westwinds park has been under construction since last year leaving nothing to do in the area. Many of the playgrounds in the area need an overhaul. There is a park on Falsby Place that could use a lot more. There are many children that play in that green space. I would also like to include Beautiful in this vision. All other areas of the city have natural spaces to enjoy, while the NE has very little to enjoy. I often leave the neighborhood to find somewhere to enjoy a park or walking paths. Would love to see community gardens but I think many are reluctant because of fear of vandalism.
- Signs during elections have damaged my fence (and my neighbor's fence) twice over the last two years. I would like to request that the city replace all the fence on Castleridge BLVD in front of Castleridge plaza. to help repair damages from signs. All three fences, are ready to fall any day now. If all the fence is the same color and type, it will help add BEAUTY to Castleridge BLVD and maybe lessen the noise level from the traffic in castleridge plaza. Right now, everyone's fence is a different color and height which look very unattractive. I have come to know that a similar project took place in Martindale, and everyone's fence on the main road was repaired.
- Everyone is beautiful in their own way.
- Absentee landlords don't maintain properties and renters don't always care.
- "We want spaces to enjoy our community and get to know one another. Also, if our community is clean we will feel proud of it.
- Suggestions:
 - More garbage cans on the sidewalks where lots of people walk.
 - Planting more gardens and trees so our community looks bright and beautiful - this also provides us spaces to have picnics and get to know one another in the community."
 - Many of the homes are older and worn down as well. Also not a lot of upkeep in city spaces/schools. Schools have gravel which is hard to keep clean and maintain. All of the green spaces are FULL of weeds.
 - Too many signs of all shapes and sizes are everywhere on the boulevards and they detract from the community.
 - Beautification of the area is a must.
 - Need more ways to promote the community, beautify, advertise. Promote gardening, outdoor areas, parks and playgrounds.
 - "prairie winds park play area should be paved
 - Urge people to beautify their gardens/lawns"
 - More trees can be planted
 - More trees, shrubs, grass planted where the grass has been torn up due to clearing sidewalks in the winter.
 - I would love to live in a beautiful neighbourhood that I'm proud to come home to. The City of Calgary could contribute to this by planting more trees, building more parks, playgrounds, community gardens and bike / walking paths.
 - It is very depressing - especially in winter - to not see greenery. Could some coniferous plants be added to our public landscape?
 - "As soon as you drive onto Falconridge blvd, Castleridge and 64 Ave you notice that all of the fence facing the road are mismatched, broken, falling over and in very poor condition. It gives the appearance that you are driving into a very low end dump community. Please verify this by looking at google street view.
 - Also there are many houses like 4 Castlebrook Drive that are rundown and in terrible condition (garage door) for many years. Please verify this by looking at google maps. Homes in this state bring property values down and once



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again make it feel like you live in a low end dumpsy community.

- I would suggest enforcing bylaws or creating bylaws to force owners to maintain their property to a minimum standard."
- Flowers or something to help add beauty to the Boulevard and take the attention off the overcrowdedness of the traffic
- The grass needs to be mowed at the soccer field at the north west side of grant Macewan school.
- There is green space, but no central beautiful gathering area in Castleridge.
- Every walked down Victoria and there are hanging flowers and no tacky signage everywhere. It will make us smile. That's a victory right there. A community that cares.
- Encourage residents to keep their garbage/recycling bins tidy. Over full and spilling bins are a major eyesore
- We need more trees, more flowers, more walkways through green parks.
- There are many mature trees and I like that.
- We need a sign for our area..... it was vandalized about five years ago and never replaced..... Castle Ridge Estates. Every other area has a nice sign such as Temple, Pineridge, Rundle and Whitehorn. The NE seems to be left behind from all other quadrants in the city. Ask home owners, renters, landlords to take pride in ownership. Offer some benefit to making your yard. Clean! Neat and organized. You do not have to pay money a lot of money to make your yard look nice, like it belongs in this country, we all should love and respect they neighbor. The city needs to set a standard, lead by example. I have been trying to convince myself that these weeds are flowers..... lolol..... it is not working. They are weeds, not flowers. These dandelions are out of control and make the whole city look messy and untidy....
- The brown fence along the backyards backing on to Castleridge Blvd need replacing and repair. Should be a unified fence all along. Also there is no longer a sign for Castleridge.

- The dandelions are everywhere and it will ruin the grass and cost a lot of money to replace sod. Also there are costs to our health with all the fluff.
- More walking paths, flower pots, signs, etc like newer communities get.
- The fences need repair, parks have weeds in general things have been
- Replace the brown fence along Castleridge Blvd. so it's uniform.
- Need to replace the brown fence that faces Castleridge Blvd that backs on the street
- Needs to be cleaner
- Helps people take care of property. Lawns, plants.
- Decorations would be great
- Need some flowers & more trees to look beautiful
- Area with trees between community hall and Terry Fox needs to be cut and cleaned up regularly. It is gross!!
- More flowers, variety of trees, colours. Lighting at night (decorative). Encourage people to plant planters in road way, get community involved
- More attractive
- to have a nice view
- More beautiful and environment friendly; Garden, trees
- yard & alley well keped it just looks better
- No comment
- all the people cullive the flower
- too many home owners don't take care of their property
- Need more artwork
- No more garbage & litter
- Should have some flower pots at intersections, so look nice
- An attractive neighbourhood is pleasant to live in
- Neighbourhood should be kept clean
- I would also like more side walks on more wram less holes in them so it looks better
- comunity have to be more beautiful
- City is doing well to keep it beautiful



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- I have seen lack of flowers, diversity which do not motivate people from taken picture in the parks
- Need more trees & flowers (bees need wildflowers)
- Lot of improvement seen this year. Would be nice to see more flowers, shrubs
- no comment
- Continue good work at West winds park
- why the city only cares about NW, SW, & SE
- I see they got all the flower's pot in the park
- Our neighbour is old , we need some new and sing[?] or some flower pots on the roads
- no comment
- It's friendly people are friendly
- need more trees
- For stressfree life
- So it doesn't feel like the 'hood'
- no comment
- More bylaw enforcement for garbage in Alley's and unkep yards
- More trees, flowers
- More landscaping

Vision Word: CLEAN

Selected – 181 times.

Answers to “why” below

- The back alleys are always disgusting. People that rent seem to throw their garbage into the alley for other people to deal with. There is always furniture, mattresses, and appliances in our alley.
- (Clean with city bylaws being followed) A twice a year alley cleanup to remove all garbage and debris that doesn't go into the garbage or recycle trucks. Trimming of hedges at street corners to city bylaws. Removal of vehicles that have been parked on the street and never moved even if they are insured. If we can not keep RV's or trailers on the street, then vehicles that are not being used should be removed as well.
- Garbage city over here! I see young people out cleaning, picking up trash, Falconridge school does it and we have a once a year, one day clean up but, it doesn't seem to so the trick. Garbage flies into our community from McKnight Blvd and litters the fences, parks, yards, etc.

- Enforce weed clean up & lawns being mowed
- no comment
- Time to time street cleaning and trees suting[?]
- More park and recreation centre
- NE is known for being less attractive and dirty
- Some roads have pot houses
- Well kept lawns some just get cut once a summer less weeds
- Well kept yards, grass kept mowed, hedge trimmed, less weeds, more tree's planted. People who cut down trees should have to plant on it [big?] people have cut down trees in my neighbourhood because they don't like to rake leaves
- Curb appeal is lacking
- I see that streets & front yards are not being kept as clean as they can be
- So it looks nice & more ppl move in
- Fences need painting, landscaping of parks & walkways
- no comment

- Many building are becoming run down with garbage and graffiti.
- "Need to take care of Litter on roads, crosswalk, junk vehicles in front of houses & out of control trees
- Back allies needs to be paved and organized"
- some back lanes and side walks are dirty.some walk ways from main roads need to be cleaned regularly.
- It seems the city has given up on these neighbourhoods. No maintenance done anymore. No raking of leaves, no garbage collected from pathways, overgrown city foliage, pathways and parks in disarray. Hard to get rid of the label of ghetto when the city seems to agree and puts zero effort into certain communities.
- I think because there are rental properties on my street, and possibly other streets in Castleridge the back alleys tend to become dumping grounds



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for unwanted furniture, tires, mattresses, etc. when the tenants move-out and the Home Owners or Landlords leave the garbage.

- Abandoned Furniture, Mattresses, Tires and Household Goods devalues and ruins the neighborhood.
- I have lived in Falconridge 28 years. Right now, the alley behind my cul-de-sac has a toilet, a computer monitor and a car tire scattered behind people's fences. They are not behind my property line or I would have cleaned them up. And this is just no my laneway. Where ever I walk my dog there are old couches and other large pieces household garbage. I would like better response time from by-laws to get this garbage cleaned up. Or a process whereby if I take it to the dump, the fee for disposal is waived.
- There is so much garbage along the boulevards due to the fast food chains and Jr. and Senior high schools. They should be held accountable for cleaning up the neighborhood. The alleys are also often full of discarded furniture or large items that the garbage truck won't pick up. Maybe more than one community cleanup per year is needed. Or fines for excessive debris. I also often see shopping carts around and I will call the store they belong to for pickup (but they are not always quick to respond). The low income housing complexes are also full of garbage, the complex manager needs to address this (the complex mentioned is directly across from Falconridge Elementary.) There is a pathway that is full of garbage and someone has layed down broken sidewalk pieces.
- Castleridge is in a much needed sprucing up. Boulevards are littered and packed with numerous signs and garbage. People put up signs everywhere and they are a distraction to drivers as well as an eye sore. The City of Calgary needs to ensure that the signs that are not allowed are taken down!
- The neighbourhood has a bad reputation and needs to be cleaned up. Cleaning up people's yards is a first step towards a clean neighbourhood. Clean yards mean pride of ownership. Clean yards are also safer.

- Educate neighbors on the importance of cleaning up after your pets. I suggest mailing a notice to all dog owner in Castleridge or place a sign on mail boxes.
- Because surroundings need cleaning. There is a lot of garbage left around
- Teach about recycling and composting.
- People littering and it blows on the grass. Have to pick up garbage every three days. Grocery carts left on street.
- My house backs up onto castleridge BLVD. I have living here for 26 years and over the last few years, I have noticed that castleridge is becoming very dirty. My home is an Estate home but it feels like I am living in a very poor, low standard area. Over these 26 years, I have enjoyed walking towards Praire Winds Park with my children (on Castleridge BLVD) but we no longer can enjoy the beauty because there are signs all over the place. I am a teacher at Crossing Park school, in Martindale and other teachers at this school are constantly making fun of the N.E They say, "We know that we have entered the N.E area, when we start seeing signs everywhere". I am quite embarrassed because this is so true!! Especially, during elections. Why is there a need for the same sign placed 50 times on the same street? This not only makes our area feel crowded and dirty, but very unattractive. Paper signs for advertising PRIVATE businesses also are a part of this problem. There should be some sort of law allowing a reasonable distance between repeat signs. Everywhere we look, there are signs on intersections, parking lots, and sidewalks.
- Please eliminate noise pollution by building a noise reduction fence on castleridge Blvd. The traffic from the bussinesses and plazas especially snow removal trucks in the safeway parking lot make it hard to sleep at night.
- Too much litter. Yards need to be maintained.
- Mailboxes overflowing with junk mail; need recycling bins by mailboxes.
- Properties are littered. Dump garbage.
- People litter, large items and lots of junk left in the alley
- People not putting garbage in the right place



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- There is a lot of litter, and broken glass...(especially at the part/ basketball court)
- It's clean, but he wants it cleaner...
- Alleys and backyards have junk and garbage.
- Need a garbage can beside the picnic tables at the playground beside the community association
- Lots of unclean green space and side walks make it look old and worn down
- Recycling bins available for bottles and cans
- Litter on the street - not enough garbage bins, no pride
- After eating people throw garbage on ground
- I notice a lot of trash in the fields or parks and alleys. I think maybe the community could plan something where we get together and clean up trash at the parks and wherever else
- With the school closed by and the convenience store nearby, there is a lot of litter.
- Falconridge Blvd is a mess. Garbage everywhere.
- I live in Castleridge (Castledale Way) and there are several rental houses on our street whose owners do not take care of their property. Lawns are never cut, yards full of garbage. If you own a rental property there should be strict requirements of the rental property owners to at least make sure their grass is cut, and their yards garbage free. Also when streets are being cleaned cars are never removed from the street.
- Even though it is not the most affluent area, we still deserve to have clean streets with no garbage flying around like areas on south Calgary.
- Have more places where people can dispose of their garbage. With 2 Tim Hortons in Castleridge many people still throw their cups anywhere. I pick up several every year that people throw over my fence. Have a community clean up / recycle day that would help people get rid of excess garbage and electronics.
- We have a very diverse community and it would be to our advantage to encourage our members to take pride in keeping our homes and streets clean and tidy
- "The back lanes in my area have become overcome with garbage that the city will no longer pick up if unable to be containerized in the city bins. Couches, appliances, broken fences, misc junk has become the norm and the city bylaw officers need to address this unsightly mess. Maybe have a quarterly neighbourhood clean up drop off location well advertised ! Maybe a free garbage day drop off at the city dumps ? Fine offenders to encourage compliance. Many rental properties where the tenants don't care about property values or property appearance."
- The neighbourhood is not as clean compared to other neighbourhoods.
- A clean community is a safe community! Tired of raking garbage off my lawn!
- There is garbage everywhere, all the time. In the streets, in the school yards, parks and especially the alleyways. I see toilets, shopping carts, pallets and just general litter. Much of it has been in our alleyway for the 10 months that I have lived at my current address. Something needs to be done or we need to be educated as far as what we are able to do to encourage a cleaner community.
- Garbage is everywhere in this community
- not, very dirty, garbage, back alley dump sites, non registered vehicles, very hard to maintain a nice yard for home owners, why must we walk dogs and pickup other people's garbage, community cleanups are for homeowners , renters do not clean their areas, very frustrating, lived here for 30 years, we are now known as Upper forest lawn
- What is more appealing? Again the portable signs look like so much litter.
- There is so much garbage around the area, most of it is from fast food joints.. Too bad these companies don't have garbage pickup, or maybe the kids should step up and pick up after themselves! (Good luck with that)
- Street sweeping not done properly, due to neighbors not moving their cars. I suggest enforcing the towing and ticketing vehicles that are not moved.
- Clean environment nicer for people to live in.
- "We want spaces to enjoy our community and get to know one another. Also, if our community is clean we will feel proud of it.
- Suggestions:



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- 1. More garbage cans on the sidewalks where lots of people walk.
- 2. Planting more gardens and trees so our community looks bright and beautiful - this also provides us spaces to have picnics and get to know one another in the community."
- She has to pick up garbage, her neighbors don't pick up after themselves...
- There is trash in the grant Macewen park, the slide has a patch and should have been replaced
- Looks nicer when people take care of places
- Street cleaning should ticket. Forces people to move cars.
- Seen too many Dumpty houses with junk spooping out on to the alley ways more community garbage cans or recycling cans on main bus routes too
- Teach pride in their community
- Near the mailboxes people leave their flyers and junk mail, goes on to the lawns
- With the increase in rental properties in my neighbourhood there are a lot of junky yards that are not well maintained.
- People need to have more pride in their yards.
- A lot of garbage is always flying around during windy days and better cooperation from commercial residents regarding their refuse needs to be implemented
- The fields have garbage. Better bylaw enforcement needed
- I would like less garbage in yards.
- There is too much litter.
- Less litter
- People should take care of their homes, fences, lands
- If the area is dirty people don't enjoy living there.
- Garbage around the house and when he goes for walks...
- People don't care about property. No pride. Kids to be taught from young age.
- "We needs clean and non bumpy roads.
- Please help to fix inside street roads and place couple garbage cans around so people can use

them instead being rude and throwing on people's lawn

- Thank you"
- Bigger garbage cans
- Garbage pickup
- "Garbage all over around the bus stops
- Transit needs to put garbage cans back at the bus stops"
- I would like to see residents caring for their property.
- My street is very tidy but that is not true of other streets and back alleys are a real problem.
- Not a lot of people keep the yard nice. Lots don't know how.
- Garbage left outside garbage bin at Calgary Housing complex (like bags of dirty diapers and bigger items like propane tanks). Junk mail left on top of mailbox instead of put in recycling
- People from community dump their big garbage items at the CALgary Housing complex on Falconridge Blvd. The other night I saw someone drive up and leave tires.
- The street cleaning in the spring isn't done well and there is gravel left on the roads
- Just because the NE is lower income, we do not need to look like it..... make it neighbor helping neighbor..... a family event to get out doors and lend a hand. To help each other make a better place to live. Make it a community challenge example Fallonridge vs Castleridge..... have a BBQ for the winner.... meaning all of them would be winners for lending a hand and showing up.....
- Little walking paths between houses have a lot of broken glass on them, broken glass in the neighbourhood in general
- The roads need more cleaning like the gravel, etc
- People throw their garbage everywhere and especially in transit areas.
- The recycle bins in the Safeway parking lot in Castleridge Plaza are being used as dumping grounds for mattresses, electronics, and other household junk
- City property needs to be better maintained especially along Castleridge Blvd.



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- A lot of litter
- Litter scattered
- Add recycling
- Too much trash and garbage around, schools, community mail boxes
- Always trash in the area. More public trash receptacles (bus benches)
- Good for children
- No garbage people pick up
- People are leaving their black & blue bins in the alley
- # of residents who leave stuff in front yard; ownership in you property; Have even offered lawn mower; want someone to help clean up
- I see garbage everywhere (parks)
- Enforcement for residents to clean up their yards - free from dandelions & tall grasses!! & free from skunks!
- to not feel disgusted
- No comment
- Mostly from residents who don't clean these property & looks horrible
- To see less garbage in the neighbourhood makes the place look nicer
- the city always remove the garbage
- people aren't taking care of the community. There is garbage everywhere
- More options to reduce litter
- I have seen lots of garbage not thrown out at back alley
- Need more kid friendly play zones and gardens for adults
- Its nice to breath fresh air
- No comment
- Grass and trees are not taken care; foot paths are not clean; Bus stops has no shelters; Garbage is thrown on the road sides shopping areas are not cleand & not organized
- Too much trash / litter especially school kids
- There is trash // litter everywhere, nobody cares, no body picks it up, so I have to run around picking it up
- Like to see less litter/garbage around the strip malls some look like 3rd World countries eg. Close to Prairie Winds Park no one cleans up it seems
- Too many people don't take basic care of their yards, back alley's are a mess!
- Should be clean
- garbage, litter
- Clean, litters, garbage
- Too much litter/garbage, mostly by schools, must contact school board/principle
- For healthy environment
- People throw garbag in back ally and gardens espicly wher are mail box are located
- City keep streets clean depending on financial sources
- streets and yards should be maintained
- Junk in lanes
- It is clean and safe
- Saw a lot of garbage at the playground
- Peoples garbage and litter
- I see many dog poop and garbage in the playground. It is not enjoyable for children to play
- Clean the park a little so people can enjoy the cleanliness
- There is a lot of garbage around , This is great
- garbage outside, back alley
- Community has to be neat and clean, need more aware ness to clean and garbage free
- Have more clean-ups throughout the year to get rid of garbage
- lots of trash
- Need more clean and snow removeal; food trucks needed
- I see many residents using yards and alleys as garbage dumps!! Clean it up people. Please
- clean
- I walk around my block and see people taking care of their lawns and cleaning their yards
- Too much garbage in back alleys
- Yard beautification so many are wood invested
- 85% of neighbours back yards & alley have garbage
- People need to stop emptying garbage from vehicles and putting on ground
- awarness among the people not to throw garbage on the streets
- Super appreciated backyard looks clean due to clean up day can we have of 3 month



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- Clean for good health
- Homes near schools and plaza have garbage in front of their lawns and sidewalks because students throw garbage on the road
- Clean back alley; For rental properties the landlords should be accountable for garbage in back yard and alleys
- Community is dirty clean it up , less homeless
- no comment
- Perception
- City need to do more cutting grass, weeds
- no comment
- no comment
- Garbage by the mailbox, want to put 1 in front of my home
- I want cleanliness shows pride in community
- Lots of rental properties and lawn care ignored. Also lots of junk left by tenants
- Ticket people who leave garbage in alleys; so it doesn't look like welfare neighbourhood
- Too much garbage in the area; litter - people leave garbage beside bins
- Saw so much mess up on the road
- safer, less toxic, more beautiful. A clean community = healthy
- Back alley's and yards stacks with junk & junk cars
- in the winter it seems snow plans avoid us
- Some trash are all over, specially on the side walk
- Although being a fairly clean community, a lot more can be done
- no comment
- Back alley's need to be cleaned of junk
- Back alley need to be cleaned of junk and knee high weeds
- More cleaning volunteer for cleaning duties more often
- People liked, more cares get rid of dust
- Nothing worst than unclean neighbourhoods
- To make everybodys life healthy
- Curb appeal is lacking
- We need clean & maintained inner roads and green spaces
- I see trash on lawns and weeds an brocken cars
- have more drop offs
- Enforcement of weed control
- Lots of alleys littered with junk! Old tv's, fridges, work shelves etc. Community clean ups are great
- It's important to be clean
- hold this event more frequently
- no comment
- Too much litter; not enough garbage cans
- no comment
- There is so much garbage around need more clean up the community days
- no comment

Vision Word: INCLUSIVE

Selected – 25 times.

Answers to “why” below

- Genesis center has no way for a parent of the opposite sex to take there teenage child with special needs into the sauna. It is either female or male. I am a single mom and my son is 14 and needs to be kept safe we can't use the sauna because we weren't thought of in development. This is the same everywhere...
- Family events/ other communities have water parks, this community does not
- represents everyone... every individual
- The more diverse community is segregated from the rest of the city. Need more different shopung, community facilities, arts and recreation programs available here.
- Everyone should be welcome



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- To live in a community where everybody is accepted and treated equally and fairly.
- Free lessons to learn English
- He wants to be able to volunteer and help the community!
- [inappropriate comment removed]
- Lots of diff rent culture in our community. Love that.
- I want to feel included and a part of the community. Right now I don't.
- Less of an us vs them mentality.
- Our neighbour, Martindale, has a French elementary school that serves the entire NE Community and which my children attend. It would be great to have community events that include and encourage the francophone community. I speak to many people who have no idea that there are options for French education and extra curricular activities and who are so excited when I tell them about it. Also, those of us who are already in the French community need help to encourage and expand it so that access to these activities and education opportunities can become more widely available.

Vision Word: ACCESSIBLE

Selected – 41 times.

Answers to “why” below

- Bike paths are non existent, the streets along the main Blvd in castle ridge is in poor shape and when buses come by extremely tight in sections just to fit two vehicles, street lights are never maintained, it took 8 years to replace my street lights which were all out and vehicle were prowled because of it.
- As I age and find my husband in a wheelchair I find a need to have our streets and parks more accessible to the needs of the aging.
- Our neighbourhood seems to have more than a few residents not clearing walkways during winter. That being said however, the City did not keep the bikeways and pathways clear either, most of the winter. I am a senior and walk all the time, some of these pathways are impassable especially for strollers and walkers.
- Not many events for kids.
- I see many couples who have no kids needs to be involve in community gatherings as there are not much for us to in NE
- More activities gathering place for whole family
- Many different ethnic groups. We all get along pretty good.
- community involvement
- Cultural integration more to aware
- One of the most brilliant idea of the place is inclusiveness for some of the gender, races, cultures
- I would like more knowledge of community members like to see more community events for families
- Community english classes for conversation
- More english classes so people can talk to one another
- I want to see more different community activity like BBQ, picnic & music festival
- we should live together harmoniously
- Close to grocery stores, transportation is good, good schools
- Near Apollo Dental need a crosswalk into the community - Castlebrook Way - no easy way to access the plaza from there.
- Well connected to bus and train options. Important to me because my family does not drive.
- I walk with a cane and see many other people either with disabilities or who are mobility challenged in some way. It would be helpful to have better quality pavement/sidewalks. Drivers should be encouraged - and rewarded for being mindful and considerate when driving around or through our community.
- The walking paths need to have more benches and rest areas, as well as perhaps some



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covered visiting areas for seniors and the disabled.

- 21 bus and 55 needs more frequency. Some buses come early and that's not awesome to stand out.
- Painting for biking safety
- Some street r so narrow u can't see who is coming from ahead check Fallaswater road street
- When Country Thunder returns this summer, something has to be done with the parking on the residential streets near Westwinds Park.
- That makes it welcoming to all. Curbs have improved but there are still many business with ledges or doors that are difficult to open.
- Relates to embracing and accounting for differences in our community
- No where to park because too many cars on the street
- Lots of shops have most everything you need close at hand.
- Access to sports centres, transit, shopping, hospital close by.
- Easy access to things
- No comment
- Indian grocery store and restaurant
- No comment
- Wifi on the community
- My wife taking a transit bus everyday

Vision Word: HEALTHY

Selected – 35 times.

Answers to “why” below

- Because it cleang
- Lots of places to walk and bike.
- I would love a community garden. I would love more programs for children. I would love to have healthier air.... maybe have a tree planting program too?
- Need more activities for kids and adult programs; we just have skating would like to have soccer
- Walking and being out in nature
- I live next to a city play park and pick up garbage including broken bottles etc. daily. I am prepared to contribute more like weekly grass

- Don't have enough playgrounds for kids & adu - narrow roads everywhere especially around schools
- Better walking trails / lanes for bikes / walking
- Anyone who wants to come should
- When you want to travel the airport buses and roads
- Snow removal in winter too hard to walk
- Accessible to have cleaners
- Make safe for bicycle and non-auto vehicles
- I have seen many people in wheelchairs unable to go places
- Narrow/ no sidewalks on crescents - hard to walk to a friend or a dog
- Many different routes in and out of community
- no comment
- Close to airport and shopping
- Because the houses are so much beautiful and clean
- I enjoy having most of my materials on hand and ready. Do the same for the community
- this should happen twice year
- Need ramps for people with disabilities
- lots of curbs with steep bumps hard to walk w/ strollers
- no comment

mowing and daily garbage pick up if the city would consider some minor compensation for this ongoing service. I see and talk to many disgruntled parents about the condition of the park. Mostly a result of a few inconsiderate teenagers, however, city employees are seen rarely for obvious financial reasons. [personally identifying information removed]

- Eating well is a constantly increasing expeansen. The Falconridge/castleridge neighbourhoods could benift from a few community gardens.



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- "When our brains and our bodies feel healthy, we feel happy.
- Suggestions:
 1. Support for mental health issues
 2. More opportunities to exercise - building gyms, having lessons available (basketball, soccer, hockey, karate, yoga, swimming)
 3. Having quiet outdoor spaces around the community that we can go to unwind/relax
 4. Building more libraries
 5. More playgrounds where we can be active"
- Need more stuff, may be skate park
- [No comment]
- promoting farmer's markets to come closer to where we live
- Garbage cause diseases
- Community programs like yoga, tai chi, etc., that are affordable
- No comment
- Illegal drug free community
- No comment
- A clean environment, green grass, happy faces makes the place look nice.
- There is a lot dandelion floating around and those can be very bad.

- Dog poop in park
- more places to play
- We enjoy a walking environment in the City of Calgary
 - When you take care of vision word #1 & 2 the neighbourhood becomes healthier less anxiety for all, leads to trust, respect etc.
 - Arrange more events related to health awareness to stay healthy
 - Hope emergencies can take us immediately
 - More programs or group walks initiated in public parks for community development
 - Community farms for community grown food
 - We need some camps where we get knowledge how to get healthy
 - More activities outside healthier food
 - Health & wellness = active, clean non-abnormal lifestyle
 - Because health should be priority
 - I want to see more different community activity like BBQ, picnic & music festival
 - not enough paths to go for walk / run that are safe and well lit
- no comment
- no comment
- It is perfectly fine

Vision Word: WALKABLE

Selected – 34 times.

Answers to “why” below

- I love how many people talk slow walks in my community, taking their children or grandchildren to school, walking to see their neighbours. It is the first place I've ever lived where people keep benches in their front yard, to sit and talk to their neighbours as they walk by.
- There is also an incredible amount of dogs in the neighborhood, my own two dogs included. There aren't a lot of paths to walk them on though. I wish it was easier to cross the pedestrian bridge by the Ctrain station to the paths on the other side. Those are a great area for dogs, although some paths are dead ends. I wish there were more planned paths and routes to

just walk the community, or walk to green spaces nearby."

- Our neighbourhood seems to have more than a few residents not clearing walkways during winter. That being said however, the City did not keep the bikeways and pathways clear either, most of the winter. I am a senior and walk all the time, some of these pathways are impassable especially for strollers and walkers.
- More people in the streets, more interaction
- Neighbors do not shovel their walk in the winter, roads are not cleaned
- Walkability is important to bring a community feeling among people who live in our community.



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- Walking to the parks is important for our health
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- Access from alley ways that border roadways. enough to get a walker through. repair and clean (remove snow and ice) walkways between houses.
- More access to shopping and services that are within walking distance but also streets that are inviting to walk. Circles back to beautiful - this community feels run down, dirty and depressing which does not encourage you to walk anywhere. Also connects to safety - this community doesn't feel very safe to walk in during the day, let alone at night. Shopping is very limited, with little choice.
- There are several intersections that have unmarked cross walks, but driver's don't stop for pedestrians. e.g. Westwinds Dr. at the Westwinds Transit station.
- This is a diverse community with lots of immigrants from India. It would be lovely to have a places to walk, walking / cycling paths throughout, places to walk to such as parks and specialized shopping. Why not increase the walkability to Indian shops and restaurants?
- Like to get outside and walk
- Some neighbors do not shovel their walk in the winter.....
- Bus stops need shelters or at the least benches.
- not, unsafe crosswalks, speeding in playground zones, to get to prairie winds , better crosswalks should be considered, fences are about to fall down, where homeowners are replacing them, too many businesses, has become a soft INDUSTRIAL area, criminal activity, panhandlers, drunks and tent city at superstore, crack down on the people who don't move their vehicles for snow or street cleaning,
- Walking is an important part of my family's routine. It helps my mental health and my husband who suffers from depression. Walking is

supposed to help us feel calm and at peace. Castleridge BLVD has become the opposite. When I was a child, I would walk on this same BLVD with my dad and buy ice cream from Mcdonalds. 26 years later, I am not able to enjoy these walks with my own children because of the overcrowded signs, unattractive fence, shopping carts left on the sides, noise pollution from the traffic generated from all the buildings being built on this BLVD and seeing semi trucks being allowed to park in residential areas.

- Grandchildren visit and off leash dogs can be threatening.
- Some neighbors do not shovel their sidewalk
- Snow on the roads in winter
- Need lights (RFB) Castleridge BLVD in conjunction w Prairie Winds Park crosswalk, Cars drive thru intersection while ppl walk
- St. John XXIII need pedestrian push button student need that
- 64 Ave & Falton Dr. need stop light this road is bushy specially if school time lots of accident.
- Pedestrian line in Falton Dr. for the student crossing St.
- No comment
- No comment
- In the winter its crazy the number of people that don't shovel their walk, I ride my bike a lot, It'd be nice to have bike lanes
- I like to walk for exercise purposes
- I would also like more side walks on more wram less holes in them so it looks better
- Pet safe friendly places
- We need openness to walk and run like NW
- benches in the alley; I see many seniors in the alley walking and it is hard for them because they don't have a place to sit
- I like to walk for exercise purposes
- I like to walk
- I see many dangerous dogs on the street un-leash and make kids afraid to walk around

Vision Word: FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Selected – 71 times.

Answers to “why” below



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- I want me and my kids to be able to make friends with other families in the community
- "The green space at (<https://www.google.ca/maps/@51.1021415,-113.9612672,17.65z>) relatively unused space.
- Idea - build a group picnic area with a number of picnic tables together and a rain shelter."
- When you talk to families you can come together to help.
- Families make me happy.
- Would like to see more opportunities for kids to have places to play
- More family events - bbqs, activities. Meet other parents and kids can meet other kids.
- Would be great to have a way up the big hill at PWP for tobogganing and rolling down. Rail would be great stairs second choice.
- Neighbours know each other.
- You know what would be really great? A summer farmers market up here in the NE. Also, more events for families
- There are many large and young families in this neighbourhood. The revamp of the water park in Westwinds is a great start but family should mean more than just children, as multigenerational households are common in this area. Give us more benches on walking paths for those who want to come out and walk, but cannot make it the whole way home. Give us more bus shelters to keep our revered elders out of the wind and snow.
- Family friendly is the basis of a strong community.
- Activities with families brought together; activities for kids and for mom's to socialize
- More events in the community where families can meet and socialize
- More activities for families
- No community/ family events (jellybean dance)
- Not many events at the community centre, for kids.
- There is not many family events
- More kid/family activities - ages 2-5
- More Affordable summer camps and children's programs
- Many families in the area, and likely more in future years.
- Good for Indian families; white ppl are nice
- More family events
- Lots of small children, would be nice to have some sort of kids event maybe a teddy bears picnic?
- Need prairie winds park re opened asap, if more contractors need to be hired do it, want to see it opened for July 1st no later,
- By providing programs of every age group will help to involve whole families. For example movie nights, outdoor market, funfairs, potlucks, family game nights etc
- I have lived here for 8 years at the same address and in this time I have come to see the needs of the impoverished community. The "At risk" teens need more...free transit passes and places to go during high risk times (3pm-6pm) for families with income issues sending kids to camps etc is impossible. If children are better able to access activities to expand there thinking they are less likely to become at risk teens. I am dumbfounded with the amount of teenagers that are cutting and there are no resources for these families? Health care is of no help yet there is astronomical numbers of teens doing these things. Parents have no clue what to do. Everything has a fee, annual cost or just a deduction yet there are no funding for the added expenses that come with these extra mental health issues that affect everyone. The community center in falcon ridge could use an upgrade to accommodate the things that the community as a whole is encountering. Bus fair is the biggest and greatest obstacle in my own life as well as all around me and with the city so large 90 minute transfers are not long enough to go to a lot of the meetings and appointment necessary for the issues that come with poverty.
- Again, these neighbourhoods are currently going downhill. No real effort from the city which translates into no effort from the residents. Encouraging family friendly spaces, like Prairie Winds park helps people feel better about their community and let's them know the city does give a [inappropriate word removed] about them. Cleaning up pathways, fixing roads and sidewalks,



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maintaining and adding plants, tree and flowers and dealing with the skunk problem allow families to enjoy and take pride in their community.

- If small parks were spruced up families on the street would enjoy them instead of the riff raff and druggies that tend to hang out and make us uncomfortable to enjoy them.
- There are few green spaces, and not enough updated play ground equipment for children. There is road noise from both Falconridge Blvd, and Castleridge Blvd, as well as from the business districts across from the residential areas. e.g. big trucks backing up in the middle of the night, and large garbage containers being emptied. A sound barrier would be nice.
- Somewhere to go to get homework help for kids
- Weekend events where kids and family can do activities together. Doesn't need to be large scale.
- Community pot lucks, bbq's, events, etc
- Not many family events, it would be nice to have family events for her kids.. And the rest of her family.
- I would like to attend more events in the community like the Prairie Winds Park party where everyone comes together and families can attend together
- More programming for kids located in the community
- Would be great if kids who are home-schooled could access after school programs.
- More activities for kids like a soccer league. Also homework help for my kids. English classes on site at Calgary Housing complex to improve my English so I am more confident when I communicate.
- we don't have close access to a sportsplex or any entertainment facility by our community
- Mathematics classes; homework help
- No comment
- No comment
- Its hard to have a unfriendly neighborhood/ more communit activities to choose
- some family gatherings activity, where we can get together in evenings & weekends

- Full of families
- With the reno to the park there's always something to do.
- Family focused activities, especially in Winter
- Family is good
- Helping, caring neighbours & community
- Have event to bring the community together
- I see lots of children play in the streets with no near by park to play at
- lots of kids and young families. Must get to know neighbours
- more programs for family
- family and friends
- Fix slide at Grant McAween (green)
- no comment
- Lots to do & family friendly with genius and village space close by
- Because there is police around here
- Families are not very much connected to each other. Organise more family events
- Parks like prairie winds do not have any drinking water fountains for children and elderly people
- Good relationship with neighbours
- Playground is old and not much to do with youngsters
- More programs for families affordable daycares
- no comment
- More community events for children; camps in the summer that are in the area
- Everyone needs to be nice. Outgoing, inclusive. People in a neighbourhood should be family-orientated
- Self-explanatory
- So that everybody feel safe
- I have grand babies
- I want to see nice playground and clean & green area
- need to have fun with family
- Children play here

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Vision Words: OTHER suggestions

Selected – 178 times. We asked if people had “other” words to share. When “other” was selected people gave these other words:

- MORE PLAYGROUNDS
- BETTER ROADS
- PARKS
- SAFETY FIRST
- FUN FOR KIDS
- PLAY AREAS FOR KIDS
- WELCOME
- SHARING
- SHARING OF SKILLS
- SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- OPPORTUNITY
- SOCIAL
- GREEN
- HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
- ACTIVITY AREAS
- OUTDOOR GYM
- PLAYFUL
- LESS ISOLATION
- COMMUNITY
- SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY
- VOLUNTEERS
- FRIENDLY
- HOME
- BIKE
- PAVED BACK ALLEYS
- NO CURB APPEAL
- PERCEPTION
- CARING
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- TRANSPORTATION
- ACCESS TO STONY TRAIL
- SCHOOLS
- PARK GROUNDS
- PLAY
- RECREATIONAL
- ACTIVITIES
- NEIGHBOURLY
- QUIET
- TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
- FENCING
- TRANSIT
- CROWDED
- ENVIRONMENTALLY
- FRIENDLY
- WIDE STREET
- PLACE FOR INTERACTION
- TRAFFIC CONTROL
- IMPROVEMENTS
- GRASS & TREE CARE
- RESPECTFUL
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- ZONING
- AFFORDABLE
- COMMUNITY PRIDE
- COMMUNITY
- INVOLVEMENT
- RENTALS
- KNOWING NEIGHBOURS
- RELIGIOUS
- ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO
- HELP
- FRIENDLY
- JOBS
- PRIDE
- CARE
- SOCIAL
- RECREATION
- EDUCATION DOOR TO
- DOOR
- SPECIFIC BIKE TRAILS
- PAVE BACK ALLEYS
- EDUCATION
- WRITER'S GUILD
- RECREATION
- WELCOMING
- CARE FOR OTHERS
- SHARING
- GHETTO
- NOT ACTIVE
- DANGEROUS
- WASTEFUL
- GOOD
- DIRTY
- KIDS
- ACTIVITY
- RESEPECT
- SPIRIT
- HELPFUL
- YOUTH FRIENDLY
- FUN
- ME
- SOUND FRIENDLY
- QUIET
- GOOD AREA
- DETACHED
- POTENTIAL
- HOME
- CONVENIENT
- DANGEROUS
- PLAYGROUND/PARKS
- SPEED RESTRICTION
- COMMUNICATION
- STREET SWEEPING ALLY'S
- FAMILY
- TRAILS
- TREES/FLOWERS
- LINES
- GREEN BINS
- MORE FREE FAMILY
- ACITIVITIES
- MOR ACCESS TO
- GARBAGE DROP-OFF
- PUBLIC OUTDOOR
- SWIMMING POOL
- MORE GARBAGE BINS
- SAFETY PLACES
- ORDERLY



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANTI-LITTERING• FUN/ACTIVITIES• PET-FRIENDLY• DRIVING• NO DRUGS• LESS LIQUOR STORE• LIT CROSSWALKS• CRIME• MORE KIDS PROGRAMS• MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMMUNITY OPINION• CROSSWALKS• SECURITY• MULTICULTURAL• MORE BLOCK PARTIES• SNOW CLEAR• GOPHER• PARKING AT CORNERS• GARDENS• MAKE PARKING SPACES FOR THE HOUSES | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAKE THE ROADS WIDER• TRAFFIC• VISIBLE• CROSSING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY• CULTURAL EDUCATION• PERFECTION• RECYCLING• HAPPY |
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Vision Word: OTHER

Selected – 178 times.

Answers to “why” below

- Bqz I don't think there is enough playing place
- The roads need some repairs
- Smaller parks in the neighbourhood are run down and old. The park on my street is dark and not fun for kids. Castlebrook Way. I'm sure there are others.
- "I live on 1163 Falworth road and there have been many incidents in past few years when things were stolen from cars in my street, including mine.. and some of my neighbors cars got broken glasses. Some one shot down my back door with air gun. and then some one stole my 100 ft long power cable that i use to plug in my car.. Some one also tried to steal my garbage bins in our back alley, we stopped him to take away the second one as my mom and wife ran after him. some shootings were also in news around same time in falconridge. All these events makes me a bit uncomfortable and feel insecure in the community.. Hence I advice installation on CCTV cameras in sensitive areas, and more rounds of police. plus a seminar where the members in my community are invited for a seminar targeting awareness of security in our community.. and how we as neighbors help each other.. some incentive should be offered in installation of out door cameras in home facing street and back alleys.. that will help police to crack down people responsible for the theft and damage.
- These are my Ideas. I am not an expert that is why a meeting/discussion/ seminar with an expert would be great."
- "With the exception of Prairie Winds, the parks all need to be updated and enlarged. We have many great spaces for the parks but the existing structures are small, old and (in the words of my 8 year old) boring to play on.
- When I am in other parts of the city (MacKenzie Lake, Hidden Valley) the parks are beautiful, full of super fun structures and have the blacktop instead of rocks.
- My kids don't even ask to go to the parks near home anymore, and are tired of always going to the same one (Prairie Winds -although we are looking forward to the construction being done to enjoy the water features)"
- Because most of the playgrounds in the community are very old
- "There should be some appeal, something that makes people want to come here. Why doesn't Falconridge have a neighbourhood sign
- One thing that is NOT welcoming is the abundance of portable signs. On many boulevards there are too many to read and they look trashy and cheap."
- There are many low income housing units. A community garden and community orchard (apple trees) that would be free for anyone to work in or to harvest their own food would increase the wellness of residents while reducing stress - more accessible food and healthy, productive exercise.



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- Have a clean place to help people learn skills like playing instruments.
- Return to how it was long ago when kids would be able to play outside.
- No child should be hungry and everyone deserves educational opportunities.
- Chances to have educational learning.
- More parks and trees and a garden. People should recycle more and compost
- Because it helps people connect and stay active which not only helps them stay energized but helps them in their personal or work life.
- Parks bring people together
- Outdoor gym is very important for Us to maintain healthy life, it will be useful for those people who can't afford (\$) to go to gym can now work on themselves easily
- We are a community that likes to walk. Nature is important to make this fun
- We are kids and with out places to play this would be a boring neighbourhood
- More parks all we have is one rec centre
- Parks well maintained, roads are great
- "Schools need to Involve their students in voluntarily cleaning in school premises and adjoining community. This will create a habit in children to keep their surroundings clean. Ideal children is the ideal society.
- Every community should have old age volunteer members for community cleanup and frequent cleaning events need to be organized. Door to door communication method should be adopted, instead of flyers. Flyers are itself a pollution."
- I like knowing the people on my street and the comradie of being friendly with each other.
- My neighbours are not nice people and make it miserable for my family.
- I would like to meet more people. Right now I feel very lonely and that is not a good feeling.
- I have lived here for many years, love it and will never live anywhere else.
- It's easy to ride bike bcz some of the street s r very narrow
- My back alley is in such a bad situation that it needs to be paved. Right now it is so uneven and there

are many potholes. It only have some gravel. but the gravel is also not enough. as a result cars slips in winter over snow. and during spring when ice melts or during heavy rain.. it become very slippery because the mud become very sticky and slippery. Please make our back alleys paved and more safe to walk and drive on.

- "Coming along Falconridge Blvd, 64th Ave, McKnight Blvd into Castleridge & Falconridge is disgraceful in any direction to look at.
- Fences on Falconridge Blvd are falling down - no maintenance/upkeep done.
- Front driveways, that are not professionally done.
- There is no curb appeal, unfriendly & looks like a ghetto.
- Garbage thrown on the ground at the corner stores, gas stations etc.
- Junk mail thrown on the ground at the mailboxes.
- The outside appearances of the businesses at the local shopping centres, gas stations, Castleridge Plaza are uninviting etc.
- *There is no pride of ownership/cleanliness.."
- Back alleys that are not paved, require maintenance, not just having a grader come through once a year, but, also in the summer when it is hot and dry lots of dust arises from vehicles driving on them, as well as when it is wet, damage begins to occur with ruts and bumps, causing damage to vehicles. My brother who lives in Edmonton in a much older neighborhood, not only are all the alleys paved but also have lighting, and his property taxes are lower than mine. I believe with the back alley paved, it will make this neighborhood much more appealing to people who may want to live here.
- There is a reputation that people in the city have for our neighbourhood. Behaviour affects the way that others think of us.
- More people involved in community service
- Community garden; garden info and how to garden in small spaces
- This is because it attracts tourists and helps them and other people get involved which helps newcomers in many ways through the especially having support
- Bus stops need to be reviewed. In particular the stop in front on #7 Falshire Dr. NE is placed in an awkward spot as school busses and transit busses block traffic and driveways. The large amount of foot



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traffic causes the sidewalk to sink and ice continually pools no matter how hard the property owners try to keep it clear. The #55 should be relocated further along Falshire Drive.

- There is always traffic backed up at the corner of McKnight Blvd. and 52nd street. Drivers are forced into one lane turning left onto McKnight.... could there possibly be two turning lanes here to rectify the problem.

- Easier to make friends
- "There are lots of rocks in kids play area which aren't safe for the kids. We found many times kids fell on them and injured their selves.
- We need soft grounds in kids play area to protect our kids"

- We need to build on playgrounds
- How can we make the playgrounds for older kids.

Make it more active

- Skateboarding needed.
- Friendly, take care of each other.
- Makes people feel safe. Neighbours are elderly.
- Traffic enforcement
- Some if the fences along Falconridge Blvd are an eye sore. in terrible shape.
- Good transit. Crosstown brt will be good addition.
- Many people live in one small house. Makes it seem like re lots of people. More than is expected.
- People are so nice to each other and help each other when a need is known.
- Planting tree in the community is always a good idea
- Some street r so narrow u can't see who is coming from ahead check Fallaswater road street
- "there should be a indoor place where seniors can go during the day time and talk to other seniors, interact with them and some quality time.. also a nice indoor play area for kids. so that parents or grand parents can take them there.. also from time to time, city can organize some informative/ helpful events there..
- This ideal place can have:-
- a nice indoor play area for kids.
- indoor games for adults of all ages.
- comfortable sitting are for people to interact with each other, watch news or games on tv.

- a place to read news papers and current magazines.
- some hobby classes can be organized there as per the votes of community members. (of-course a nominal fees can be charged for the classes)
- a nice gym with nominal fees not expensive.
- all other areas except classes and gym should have free access so as to promote healthy life style of our community members."
- The traffic congestion around the schools at school start and end is chaotic and dangerous.
- "**Taxpayers money put back into the neighbourhood..
- Would be nice to see new fences along the Blvd.
- Signage for each community.
- Roads & sidewalks fixed.
- Properties maintained to a higher standard & held accountable.
- I have lived in this neighbourhood for over thirty years & it is a disgrace to see what it has become!"
- Trees and grass are in a poor condition
- I believe this was a screw up in the designing phase, as my street has only one sidewalk, the other side has just a curb, and when people begin to park on both sides, there is only enough room for one car to go by, so if there is one car coming east and one going west, someone has to pull to the side for the other to pass. Why is it that when I go to exit my street the street I'm turning onto is wider which allows not only parking on both sides and is still wide enough for two cars to pass? I have lived here for more than fifteen years and have lost count on how many times I've seen cars almost colliding, not safe! I would have made this my first choice, however I believe if I did, there might be some talk about it, but nothing would change.
- Wish people took care of their properties and common spaces. Have pride.
- Would like more basketball and volleyball courts to play on.
- More acceptance of each other and differences.
- Playgrounds are scarce. Limited places for children of varied ages to play.
- I believe this is important because then people can explore different cultures and so they can learn new things and know that stereotypes are not sometimes



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true and learn it is more than one thing in a persons culture'

- "There are too many illegal suites which Bylaw enforcement are turning a blind eye to.
- Legal secondary suites should require licensing."
- I just work to pay bills and I don't have any extra money for anything else
- I love my Community and my home and neighbors, but it is a poor neighborhood. Lots of people can't afford a proper fence, they don't have money or help getting rid of rubbish from their yards, some may not know the bylaws of our city, and lots of people just couldn't be bothered to report offenders. Could we have a mass blitz done whereby Bylaw Enforcement would canvass our Communities for messy yard offenders and offer resources to those who need help? Thank you for helping our Communities!!
- Recreational programs at the CA like kids art and crafts free. Get to meet neighbours and know community.
- People are nice to each other
- Need to be controlled like approved by city first and you should give fines to those who have illegal and checked for safety and up to code too many house fires and a nuisance law for those who are loud or disturbing others and not being respectful or are fighting with there significant others out side the house at early Morning hours
- More activities to create opportunities to grow together knowing people and our neighbours.
- Take care of each other
- They can contribute a lot
- Of traditions, cultures, new foods, languages, etc. It's amazing.
- Lots of food purchasing options in the neighbourhood
- Everyone can be good neighbors & think of others in the community when they do stuff
- Property can look shabby
- Look after public spaces and repair broken things like basketball rims
- Opportunity to interact with neighbors
- People need someone to show & talk about the diff. between the two garage cans.
- Limited bike trails

- Dirty, mess, garbage strewn everywhere, at back.
- Share what we know, and are trained for, with each other, i.e. handiwork, gardening
- Everyone should have food and shelter
- People have skills & tools and knowledge that others can learn from
- Help support others
- Great way to learn English & learn how to write stories
- Community name at entrance is a sign of pride & ownership
- More access to free equipment (Fit park/ skate park)
- People stealing; dirty; car stolen 2 times
- Need more activities for children
- The people who live in the neighborhood make it dangerous
- Feel the city wastes money unnecessarily in this[their?] difficult[sp??] tune for everybody
- Everything I need in this neighborhood
- Feel the city don't treat NE as equal to SW and NW; no snow removal
- Outdoor, easy to access & affordable, equal for everyone
- The community centre is for the whole community and needs to take that into consideration
- Let's keep our community bright, clean and safe
- Let's help our neighbours specially our seniors
- Art classes, meet new friends in the neighbourhood
- Because the community always has new things to do
- Always does it the green way = my way
- Prairie winds park should have 11pm shutdown - all people should be out - no exceptions, no parties, noise should be done at 11pm
- All neighbors talk to each other
- People do not make noise
- Walking distance to everything
- Where I am living
- Lots of rentals / people move in / out
- City is taking more notice - clean park
- Family friends near school
- Friends look after each other
- People say 'hello'
- Friendly people



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- People from the country, culture, stores, food
- People are respectful
- Lots of access to stores
- See police cars around
- Lived here for 12 years
- More programming/activity/ features for grade 7 and up
- There are many kids playing on streets needs a playground
- Some people driving very fast
- Called places to go on the clean up and found out at clean up they don't accept what 311 told us
- No comment
- We have paved allies and get neglected from winter gravel & such & should be maintained
- good for kids and for us
- More connected walk trails, and cleaned off (mud, snow)
- Replant the trees that are damaged
- Paint a centre line on all roads. Many people drive in middle
- For the next generation; Basketball court
- Don't have enough playgrounds for kids & adults - narrow roads everywhere especially around schools
- People speed through school / playground zone, should do something
- Speed through school zone, kids safety
- Before we lived in the SW and the green bins were helpful in the summer for grass & tree clippings
- to help with costs and let families do activities
- So alley ways & communities look nicer
- Prairie winds poor is not deep enough to actually swim in
- Because it's important to have a good outward appearance
- People want a cleaner neighbourhood
- So kids can enjoy
- A place for people in danger can go to for help
- Other places for kids to play such as a swimming pool
- I would like more bike paths so I could bike more without having to look for cars
- I would also like more parks to play in to be more active
- More police presence as there are more drivers that does not follow traffic regulations
- I have walked around in seeing much garbage that students end up cleaning
- There have not been many parks around with great equipment for all kids to play with
- everyone has a pet, a dog park would be great
- I see a lot of driving too slow or speeding & talking on devices up here
- Government should give some subsidy to turn our old homes to built new
- Have more community help when there are events going on
- More community events to be more involved with each other, block party
- more education on drugs from grade 5th
- less liquor store sir
- We need more lit crosswalks for pedestrian safety!
- Crime rate is high. Need more police activity
- There are so many kids more kids programs
- Have community building activities ie tree lighting, family skate, spring planting
- As in community unity and friendship
- I lived in this neighbourhood for 20 years and know what goes on!
- Parents need to teach kids to cross at cross walks
- More police in area
- Lots of different ethnic & cultural backgrounds to learn from
- get to know neighbours
- No one comes to clean streets here
- Gopher treatment
- Educate people not to park at street corners
- I see many people jay walking and if you put more crosswalks people will be safe
- This will decrease potholes in our community and give it natural colour
- Community gardens bring people together
- Community 30 years old should have paved alleys, very dusty to enjoy backyards in some areas
- I see people always parking in front of someone else
- The roads are always crossed so their people could drive and walk freely



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- Falconridge Blvd and 64th street, I see many close call for accidents as it is a different intersection to cross 64th street
- Most seniors have bad eye sight
- I would like to see some training given to people about where and how to cross roads safely, [inappropriate words removed]
- Plz keep big garbage bins like this at scheduleb places, so that we can dump garbage like this right way & we keep surroundings always clean
- Lots of trees being cut down in neighbourhood
- Streets are potholed
- How about recycling every quarter
- Free meals low cost meals
- no comment
- There are very few job opportunities here. Residents have to go to SE or SW for work which is very far from here
- We got the information from one of our family members that you are in Falconridge today