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Police the area. schaaaf
Wouldn't mind another Chinese buffet. It would also be nice to have a small hardware store here instead of having to go to Fulton or 3 mile.
A legitimate business/s would be nice. Tired of things looking not professional in that area. Small business are great.
Not another Drug shop or Bar.
It would be great to see a true third space for the community. I understand the need to make this into a business so money can be made off the investment but having a place where I can go and commune with my community without being pressured to spend money would be amazing
We don't need any more smoke shops, headshops, thrift stores or pawnshops. We really need places that can serve the neighborhood and families.
I think it was a shame the way you treated the former tenants. They were a small ""mom and pop"" business with roots in the neighborhood and were successful until you drove them out by doubling the rent. I hope it costs you one hundred times the amount you had originally planned to renovate, and I hope your new tenant will make life miserable for you!
I live 6 houses down and enjoyed the buffet. I would like another restaurant in the building.
We need another restaurant around here we have lots of good memories of restaurants that were here before and too many that used to be on Leonard Street are gone
The west side really needs walkable, pedestrian friendly retail and food options. There's no real coffee shop on Leonard.
We would love to have a coffee shop within walking distance or more good options!
This area has fast food, and gas stations. The community could benefit from family friendly businesses and a quiet coffee cafe.
Thanks so much for asking for feedback. We love where we live!!
Just glad something else will be replacing the former business!
GoodWill Store is needed on the Westside.
Attract the walking crowd and morning people heading to work.
No pot stores Brewery
Please not a chain
I would definately like something for the neighborhood - please NO MORE CANNABIS shops!!!! How about an ALDI? haha - in our dreams, right? :-) Coffee shop/ book store would be cool... please no more cheap, chain stores selling cheap crap.

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I would like you to add a second story that would contain one or two apartments. We need housing, but even better, crime is reduced dramatically when people live above retail. Folks don't usually transgress when they think someone may be watching. PS The age option doesn't respond when I type.
No more weed or alcohol! The neighborhood has enough addiction problems already.
I understand this is a challenging location. I think we're missing a coffee shop or cafe to not only bring neighbors together but others from outside the area. I wasn't able to add my age. I am 67 and have lived in the area for 30 years.
This area needs things for the everyday person, not upscaled bars and eateries like there are on Bridge St
Age: 43. The blank wouldn't allow me to enter the number for some reason. No more marijuana stores please. I would definitely go to a smaller grocery store if prices were comparable to Meijer/Wal-Mart. A local brand coffee shop would be good (Wealthy Bakery has my favorite coffee), or a store that carries Grand Rapids/Michigan brands of groceries/other goods. I also miss Arnie's, so a local sit-down family restaurant with take-out options would be nice.
Very hopeful that this space can become a family type restaurant. Since Arnie's and Lannings closed, there isn't a good full service place to eat in our neighborhood. Or even a coffee and sandwich shop. The block above wouldn't seem to take my age - 73. I worked across Leonard Street at the church and also worked for both Arnie's and Lannings for many years. I appreciate a good nearby place to eat, as so many of my friends and neighbors. Thank you for sending a survey!
Whatever this becomes, safe bike lanes on Leonard and through the west grand neighborhood as a whole will bring more people there.
I am worried about parking space in the area. Entertainment sounds like an interesting idea as well, but I would be worried about late-night noise levels. I would love to see something that provided entertainment from 12pm-9pm or something like that.
Something family friendly, non political, non agenda, etc
Please be family friendly, please be family friendly, please be family friendly... We don't need more weed shops or bars.
Also - why can I only type ""1"" or ""2"" in the age box?
That location is very close to the library and a housing development so something family-friendly is very important.
Please no more dispensaries, there's already so many!
It was nice having a dine-in restaurant in the neighborhood. I hope that if that is the choice that it's affordable for the community in which it serves.
I've been in my home near this site for 20+ years and it has been an eyesore since Blimpies closed. Any update is appreciated-
They already built apartments on Leonard and more coming across the street. I live very close to the apartments on Leonard. You people charge to park in the lots and many do not! Where do they park? In front of all these tax paying home owners houses. Wait until

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odd even parking starts the first of November! Yes City owns the street, I have lived here for 38 years and have always parked in front of my house, now I don't dare leave or my spot is gone! 90% of these homes don't have driveways, some no garages. Plus I have a state license for daycare and my parents now walk half a block or more sometimes with a child, diaper bag and sometimes car seats just to come in my door because there is no where to park. You charge for parking to make your pocket book full! So NO, no more damn apartments
The Leonard Street corridor is in desperate need of revitalization. Let's get some thriving retail businesses going there, please.
I just want to say that as a member of this community I appreciate being asked what our needs are. I'm excited to see the resurgence of Leonard Street and how the area develops to fit the needs of our community members. One thing about the Westside is that we are loyal!
More policing
Would love a place to grab lunch and a beer and be able to walk home
A local-focused space always seems like a good idea as opposed to a chain restaurant or retail. Eco-conscious and affordable for the existing neighbors/community members is important, too.
We would like the previous Chinese restaurant back.
We miss our great family Chinese food we had there !!!
We would love a new restaurant close by. Quite a few restaurants have shut down the last couple years all around here
I would take another Chinese restaurant!
No fast food national chains in this spot! Hoping for something local/small business/michigan based
We really need to get this part of the west side cleaned up and looking nice! Thank you!
I own a house in Westside Connection. What we don't need is another bar or weed shop. I WFH and I'm not aware of a coffee shop I could walk to. That would be perfect! No drive through. Brings more cars playing loud music late at night. We already have enough of that on Leonard.
With the closure of both Arnie's and The Landing, a causal family dining restaurant is needed in the neighborhood. It could have table service or be more in line with a "Panera Bread" model.
The Westside needs a 24 hour diner/breakfast place for bar crowd and those who like to go for some food later.
We need a bus route going east and west on Michigan/Bridge St
Thank you for taking care of the Westside!
Bring Back The Great Wall ... I miss it

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We have a lot of apartment dwellers in the area now that want to walk somewhere for breakfast or coffee. Arnie's is absolutely terrible, we need a better option.
We need more sit down nice restaurants on Leonard Street. Think of bridge at but we more nicer restaurants! The more foot traffic the better. A good coffee shop would do great as well.
Thank you for getting input of those in the neighborhood.
How about not building anything higher than the houses around it and having appropriate off street parking.
Move the Mexican restaurant across from Mr Car Wash on Leonard NW
Something child oriented that is indoors would be nice
Not another weed shop, please!
Leonard needs an elevated and healthy foods restaurant. Either quick service or sit down. Salads, wraps, healthy food!
I think we need to look at places like Eastown and kinda copy what they have going on. I've lived in the west side for close to 20 years. And its just blah. We are all poor here. But we don't need to look it! Dress for the job you want not the job you have do to speak. Lets get some book stores, high end breakfast spots (but a nice price point), clothing stores. That sort of thing.
A nice family sit downn
Need different places to eat that will be a staple to the west side like the old red lion or mr. fables was.
The (good) westside restaurants are always packed, especially during the weekends it can be difficult to find a table without a long wait. We need more!
Food has always been popular on the west side I love to see more of it !!
We elders need a good place to hang out since big boy closed. This has convenient parking. There are very few businesses, catering to older people, and many of us have time and money to spend!
The West side is lacking affordable and manageable (size wise) eateries. Something that speaks to our community of people. Diverse, but sorta plain like white bread. I'd personally love something spicy and fun, but it won't fly. So why not support the local folks?
A small grocery store but not a party store.
We live in the neighborhood and would like to see more food options.
The thing I care most about seeing on Leonard Street is small, locally owned businesses, and those are the businesses where I spend my money
I and pretty every much other westsider I've spoken about this topic to strongly dislikes whoever bought this property and priced out the

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former tenant. Seriously trash behavior.
Please no cannabis shops, no re-sale, no beer/liquor, no sporting anything, just a nice sit down sandwich coffee place with airy pleasant feel. Walkable. Secure lighting, clean, westside proud gathering for normal residents.
Would love to see West Leonard become more pedestrian and cyclist friendly and have more green infrastructure.
West MI seems to have good people
I wouldn't mind another Chinese restaurant. I miss the New Great Wall
Turn it back into Oriental Forrest like it was in the 90s. Turn the ""short stop"" back into a Blimpies Sub shop like it was in the 90s.
It is important to bring local entrepreneurs into the west side, to support locally.
A destination place
<p>Hi there! We have been living here on the NW side over 29 years. It's been safe and calm, but the city let open up the bar behind us. Called Playpub and since then, we saw men's peeing behind the bar, that's facing my kitchen and visible on my backyard! My 3rd child is growing up here and seeing this behavior is awful.</p> <p>We had car tire thrown our backyard, backpack, beer bottles, cans, glasses!</p> <p>When I called the police they told me to return those bottles and they can't do anything! Shame on them!</p> <p>Also we had a cannabis store opened recently! What a shame!</p> <p>How can you let opened these nasty stores open in a residential area??</p> <p>Whatever you decide to open, make sure not hazardous for our young kids!</p>
Chow hound pet store
Family friendly activities/gym for kids
Would love the Chinese restaurant back!
No more bars or breweries
<p>in answer to your most recent postcard sent out: ""a club to relax and be social. With hot tubs, saunas, co-working,..."" this sound weird - who want to work and be in a hot tub at the same time. Please tell me this isn't some cannabis social spot?!! it does not sound like a good idea and definately not something that would interest the demographics in this area. Perhaps something a little more practical? A gym/ coffee shop? an indoor playplace/grocery/ social space would be especially neat for winter and rainy months. There are a lot of kids around here.</p>