

# Chandler Woods Community Garden & Gathering Space Survey Results



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This summer, our Chandler Woods neighbors shared their thoughts through the 2025 Community Garden and Gathering Space Survey. With 13 total responses, the survey gave us valuable insights into how residents are using the space today—and how they’d like to see it grow in the future.

## Garden Box Use

- 7 neighbors reported they do not currently have a garden box.
- 4 households enjoy tending their own garden box.
- 2 households expressed interest in having one if available.



## Improvements Neighbors Would Like to See

Residents had a wide variety of creative ideas for making our shared spaces more enjoyable. The most common themes were:

- More shade and better landscaping – trees, shade sails, and improved grass maintenance.
- Recreational options – pickleball or half-basketball court, sand volleyball, firepit, or a small gym.
- Community-focused amenities – more seating, picnic tables, and even a children’s garden or community plot.
- Garden updates – refreshed gravel, drainage fixes, upgraded gates, and replacement of aging wood.

## Desired Social Events

Neighbors are eager to connect! Ideas for future gatherings included:

- Seasonal planting days and harvest celebrations
- Ice cream socials, potlucks, and picnics
- Sports and games like soccer, pickleball tournaments, or lawn games
- Evening gatherings such as firepit s’mores nights, adult socials, and outdoor movies

“Clearly, there is strong enthusiasm for creating opportunities to both garden and gather.”

## Gathering Space Use & Suggestions

Some families already use the space for soccer, frisbee, kite flying, and casual play. Others enjoy sitting on the benches or watching kids practice golf swings. However, several noted challenges such as uneven grass, fire ants, drainage issues, and limited shade.

Popular ideas for improvement included:

- Better grass and weed maintenance
- Drainage solutions and fresh sod
- Shaded seating areas with durable benches
- Spaces for both children's play and adult gatherings

## Looking Ahead

The survey results show a strong community desire to make the Chandler Woods Garden and Gathering Space more inviting, functional, and fun. From new recreational features to simple additions like shade and benches, the vision is clear: neighbors want a welcoming, versatile hub for gardening, playing, and gathering.

The Board will review these suggestions and consider next steps. Thank you to everyone who took time to share your voice—you are shaping the future of our community!