



# Westnedge Hill Neighborhood Survey

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The [Westnedge Hill Neighborhood Association](#) has recently been re-established, and we would appreciate your feedback. As a resident of the neighborhood, we'd like to learn what's most important to you. Please complete this short survey and share any ideas you have about improvements you would like to see implemented in the Westnedge Hill Neighborhood. Thank you for your participation!

### Neighborhood Priorities

We have reviewed feedback from past outreach activities and the following priorities rose to the top.

- **Transportation:** Slowing traffic, fixing sidewalks, bike lanes or other bike infrastructure, repairing streets, and lighting.
- **Youth:** Places for neighborhood kids and teens to hang out, programming or activities for kids, and working with schools in the neighborhood.
- **Sustainability:** Recycling, tree planting, and other environmentally friendly activities.
- **Commercial:** Fill commercial vacancies, improve appearance of businesses, and support neighborhood businesses.
- **Housing:** Housing repairs, housing affordability, and creating a greater mix of housing options.
- **Equity:** Equitable program development and investment, sense of belonging as well as addressing systemic racism at the neighborhood level.
- **Safety:** Sense of security, trust, connection with public safety, and comfort in the neighborhood

Please rank the neighborhood priorities from HIGHEST to LOWEST importance: (Enter a number for each option using 1 through to 7) Required

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Do you agree with the neighborhood priorities above? (Select 1 option) Required

Yes  
 No

Answer this question if you selected 'No' in *Neighborhood Priorities > Do you agree with the neighborhood priorities above?*

If no, what would you change or add about the priorities? Required

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## Neighborhood Association

As we continue to rebuild the neighborhood association, we are currently establishing our goals and the mission/vision for the group. We propose the following goals:

1. Being a voice and advocate for neighbors and neighborhood issues.
2. Linking to the City to support Kalamazoo-wide planning efforts, particularly as they pertain to or impact our neighborhood.
3. Creating and fostering a better sense of community across the neighborhood.

Do you agree with these goals? (Select 1 option) Required

Yes  
 No

Answer this question if you selected 'No' in *Neighborhood Association > Do you agree with these goals?*

If no, what would you change or add about the goals? Required

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## Neighborhood Conditions

Overall Neighborhood Quality (Select 1 option for each statement)

Very Disatisfied Disatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very Satisfied

How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in the neighborhood?

How satisfied are you with the maintenance of the neighborhood (ex. storm drains, sidewalks, streets, trees, yards)?

**Greater Kalamazoo Community (Select 1 option for each statement)** Required

Not At All      Somewhat Connected      Connected      Very Connected

How connected do you feel to the broader Kalamazoo community?

**What would make you feel more connected and help you get to know your neighbors better?**

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**If you have kids at home, what activities or amenities would help connect kids with others in the neighborhood?**

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**What does "neighborhood" mean to you?**

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**Which physical landmarks in our neighborhood do you use to describe where you live?**

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**What do you like most about living in the neighborhood?**

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**What improvements would you most like to see in the neighborhood?**

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**What are TWO (2) things you'd like to see changed in the neighborhood?**

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**Where do you often shop? Check all that apply. (Select 1 or more options)**

- Around the neighborhood
- West Main Street Corridor
- S Westnedge Avenue Corridor (Outside of the neighborhood)
- Gull Road Corridor
- Downtown Kalamazoo
- Portage Street Corridor
- Stadium Drive Corridor
- Around the city of Kalamazoo
- Outside of Kalamazoo (ex. Portage)

**What new businesses or services would you like to have in the Westnedge Hill neighborhood?**

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**What businesses and services do you prefer to be within walking/biking distance?**

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**Which transportation-related issues do you experience often in our Westnedge Hill Neighborhood? (Select 1 or more options)**

- Potholes / road in poor condition
- Posted speed limit is too high/fast
- Drivers exceed posted speed limit
- Missing / damaged sidewalks
- Blocked sidewalks (snow, debris)
- Inadequate crosswalks
- Inadequate signage
- Gaps or barriers in bike lane or trail network
- Bus stops in poor condition
- Other

**Other**

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**Where do you spend your leisure time? (Select 1 option)**

- At home
- Around the neighborhood
- Greater Kalamazoo (outside of Westnedge Hill)
- Elsewhere (outside of the city)

**Neighborhood Parks (Select 1 option for each statement)**

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How often do you visit Kleinstuck Preserve and its new addition, Little Sister Preserve?

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How often do you visit Crane Park?

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**Kleinstuck Preserve (Select 1 or more options for each statement)**

Peeler Street	Hudson Street	Springhill/Forest Glen (off of Bronson Blvd)	Chevy Chase/Edgem oor	Sunset Lane	Wilshir e Blvd	Oth er
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If you visit Kleinstuck or Little Sister Preserves, where do you enter?

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**What improvements would you like to see in Crane Park?****What subcommittees or groups would you like to see formed in the neighborhood? Check all that apply. (Select 1 or more options)** Required

- Parenting Support Group
- Youth Peer Support Group
- Scholastic Tutoring Group
- Volunteer Work Days at Kleinstuck Preserve
- Volunteer with Community Food Assistance (ex. Loaves n Fishes)
- Neighborhood Planning Committee
- Neighborhood Events Committee
- Neighborhood Safety Committee
- Other

**Other**

**What are your thoughts about the future of the neighborhood?**

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## Neighborhood Safety

**Tell us how you feel when moving through the neighborhood. (Select 1 option for each statement)**

Very Unsafe	Unsa fe	Indifferen t	Saf e	Very Safe	Not Applicable
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How safe do you feel walking/rolling the in the neighborhood?

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How safe do you feel riding a bike in the neighborhood?

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**What would help make you feel safer?**

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**If you have school-aged youth (K-12) living with you, are you comfortable letting your kids walk/bike to school without a parent or guardian going with them? (Select 1 option)**

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

Answer this question if you selected 'No' in Neighborhood Safety > If you have school-aged youth (K-12) living with you, are you comfortable letting your kids walk/bike to school without a parent or guardian going with them?

**If no, could you please share your concerns?**

Examples: Inadequate lighting in the early morning, live too far from school, stranger danger, no sidewalks or crosswalks along the route, etc.

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**Does the presence of Kalamazoo's public safety officers increase your sense of safety of the neighborhood? (Select 1 option)**

Yes  
 No

**What are your thoughts about the service our neighborhood receives from Kalamazoo Public Safety?**

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**City Staff Representatives - Before taking this survey, were you aware... (Select 1 option for each statement)**

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Our neighborhood's community policing officer (CPO) are Samantha Schmeltz, 269-762-0700 and Casey Crooks, 269-762-0379

Our neighborhood's rental housing inspector is Alan VanderBeek, vanderbeeka@kalamazooicity.org

Our neighborhood's code compliance officer (CCO) are Jason Adams (Exterior violations including trash, litter, debris, junk autos), adamsj@kalamazooicity.org and Carmela Hostiguin Haba (Abandoned & vacant properties), hostiguinc@kalamazooicity.org

The City's Neighborhood Activator is Jae Slaby, slabyj@kalamazooicity.org

The City's Sustainability Planner is Justin Gish, gishj@kalamazooicity.org

The City's Zoning Administrator is Pete Eldridge, eldridgep@kalamazooicity.org

The City's Historic Preservation Coordinator is Luis Peña, penal@kalamazooicity.org

The City offers free recycling pick up for households (enroll online via city's website). This program is managed by the City's Solid Waste Coordinator, Chris Broadbent, broadbentc@kalamazooicity.org

**Any additional thoughts on your sense of safety in the neighborhood?**

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**What else would you like to share with the Westnedge Hill Neighborhood Association Board?**

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## **Tell us about you!**

**What street do you live on?** Required

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**Are you interested in volunteering for neighborhood projects and events? (Select 1 option)** Required

If you select 'Yes' or 'I need more information' you will need to provide your contact information below for us to reach out.

- Yes
- No
- I need more information

Hi neighbor! The rest of this section is optional. It's a great for us to know who we are reaching with our communications so we can continue to improve. **The first THIRTY (30) residents who submit this survey and opt in by sharing their name and contact info will receive a free pack of neighborhood stickers.**

**Name**

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**Email or Phone Number**

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**How long have you lived in Westnedge Hill? (Select 1 option)**

- Less than 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- Over 10 years

**Do you own or rent? (Select 1 option)**

- Own
- Rent

**What type of housing do you reside in? (Select 1 option)**

- House
- Apartment
- Condo
- Other

Other

**What is your preferred method of transportation through the neighborhood on a daily basis? (Select 1 option)**

- Motor Vehicle (car, motorcycle)
- Bicycle (non-motorized, e-bike)
- Rideshare (Uber, Lyft)
- Carpooling
- Public Transportation (Metro, etc.)
- Walking
- Other

Other

**Do you regularly walk your pet? (Select 1 option)**

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

**Do you use any of the Little Free Libraries within our neighborhood? (Select 1 option)**

- Yes
- No

**Do you have any children? (Select 1 option)**

- Yes
- No

Answer this question if you selected 'Yes' in *Tell us about you! > Do you have any children?*

**Which schools do they attend? Check all that apply. (Select 1 or more options)**

- Home School
- Parkwood Upjohn Elementary
- Kazoo School
- Gagie School
- Montessori School (Howard St)
- El Sol Elementary
- Maple St Magnet School for the Arts
- Winchell Elementary
- Evergreen Academy
- Milwood Middle School
- Paramount Charter
- Other

**Other**

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