

Huntington Highlands Community Survey, February 2015

26 total responses

What do you like most about the Huntington Highlands neighborhood?

- The beautiful 'green belt' feeling.
- Great walking neighborhood, friendly, pretty quiet, well kept up.
- The way most people keep up their property. The appearance and the feel.
- The neighborhood has retained its housing values by restricting building of additional large (unattached) structures on lots.
- Spacious lot sizes, sense of community
- Quiet, away from the road noise from Woodinville/Duvall road. And , of course, proximity to Shopping North and South of Woodinville.
- Caring and respectful neighbors that get along. Good communications!
- The general continuity of the development. It is not a hodge podge of construction types and it generally maintains high standards of appearance. Neighbors tend to have pride in their properties and we have a sense of community.
- Friendly neighbors, popular to walk and people respect their properties.
- Peaceful and out of the way
- Quiet; front entrance is very nice
- Appearance
- Quiet neighborhood, lot size, quality of home construction, school district
- Neighborhood creates a sense of community.
- It's beautiful, safe and relaxing. Lots of trees and no fences.
- Friendly and relatively safe as well as holding its value
- Friendly people, safe to walk, and the pride everyone takes in their yard.
- How safe it feels and how everyone is out walking or playing when it's nice outside.
- Trees, Spaciousness, deed restrictions
- The quiet, except for July 4. Beautiful trees. It's lovely neighborhood. The neighbors I've, seem like good people.
- Tidy neighborhood, low crime rate
- Age range of families. I like that we have anything from young families to retired people. I like that there are walkers/joggers and I like people's yards. Not too many tall trees-just right.
- Beautiful homes and yards that are in general well maintained, peaceful, nice neighbors, and close to the town of Woodinville and main highways.
- Nothing immediately comes to mind.
- The quiet.

What are your biggest concerns about our neighborhood?

- Wanting to build fences or out-buildings that detract from the natural landscapes.
- Failure to abide by CCR's. Unkept homes and property, barking dogs, losing its sense of community.
- Security. Cul de sac islands look awful, at least the one on 199th does.
- Allowing home owners to build large unattached structures on lots.
- Some properties not well maintained lately, non uniform mailboxes
- Burglary and vandalism.
- The covenants are not followed by some neighbors and there is no enforcement. I live on 194th street and my neighbor's home is in need of painting and there yard is almost completely moss. I do not believe the BOD has contacted these owners to advise them to make the needed improvements. There also neighbors who have painted their homes inconsistently with the covenants.
- Undue noise form loud cars, stereos, etc that affect the peace and quiet we all enjoy.
- Need more street lights or crime aversion techniques. Had a motorbike stolen from my garage while I was home!!!
- I would like to see more neighborhood protection like cameras
- Neighbors homes that need to be cleaned/painted. Lawns that are not maintained.
- Property crimes & abandoned houses
- Foreclosed homes and homes in disrepair and homes not maintained during long remodels. Secondly, security - maybe we could use neighborhood watch signs.
- The possibility of property crime and any way that that could be avoided by a join effort by the neighborhood?
- Some of the properties are not kept up as well as they should
- Keeping our neighborhood safe.
- Increased crime
- People cutting trees willy nilly
- There doesn't seem to be a great interest in the homeowners association.
- Dogs running loose, power & communication utilities dependent upon non-buried lines, lack of available sewer utility, no fiber to the home utility
- Break-ins. It doesn't seem to be an issue at the moment though. Not having access to a phone list of all neighbors in this development. Also, when one wants to send out an alert, we have to go through the association/leadership and depending on when they read the e-mail , messages might not go out on time. via the website one can only send out a message to the homeowners one at a time. Another concern is the non-payment of dues. what is our recourse for non-payors? Our dues are not high, so there is no reason not to pay them. that's all.

- Straying from the original basics and spirit of the neighborhood that have kept it a high value and appearance development. We are very concerned about the lack of street side maintenance of a minority of residents that detracts from the whole. We are very concerned about some of the extreme house colors recently approved that do not fit with the general appearance standards. Additionally, we would like to see garbage/recycle/yard waste cans kept out of sight when storing other than garbage pick up day as they do also detract from the street appeal of our neighborhood.
- The disrespectful people who speed through the neighborhood and ignore the stop signs.
- Lack of police attention.

Which street do you usually use to drive in and out of Huntington Highlands?

- Driving south on 184th Pl: 0%
- Driving east on 198th St: 29%
- Driving east on 194th St: 12.5%
- Driving north on 184th Pl: 50%
- Driving north on 189th Pl: 8.5%

What do you wish we could do as a neighborhood organization that would increase a sense of community, safety, or home value?

- Become better acquainted with the neighbors. I know my immediate neighbors but not many others.
- Safety: camera system Home Value: encourage clean front yards, painted homes, upgraded kitchens, bathrooms. prohibit obscuring trees and "dangerous" dog breeds. allow up to 5 chickens-no roosters. invite a "garden expert" for neighborhood talk-make it a Spring Event?
- More "get to know your neighbor" events. A front yard standard and/or a solution to help homeowners maintain their yards.
- I am not sure what would be possible. There are no police patrols and the neighborhood is not gated.
- Encourage overall property maintenance & upkeep
- Have a more consistent looking edge of people's front yard border.
- Have community get together to help those in need. those with need for paint, or lawn clean up, etc.
- Fix the circles in a way that would allow neighbors to sit and be able to talk. 2- video cameras 3- more lights in certain parts of the streets
- Periodically clean the mailboxes. I'm not sure if there's a current list of members; if so, it would be nice to have.
- We do not look for social connection through our neighborhood. However, we do appreciate notices about lost animals, home robberies, etc.
- Can't really think of anything we don't already do.

- Top pick list for maintenance, repair and remodels. And estimates for routine maintenance e.g. roof cleaning helps with negotiations.
- Install the mail units that are all locked and have an outgoing mail section.
- Develop a way to encourage all residents to maintain their properties with general home and yard upkeep and to remind drivers that entrance D is a stop sign at the 4 way. We are very concerned that a serious accident will occur as cars many cars regularly run the stop at speeds in excess of 25 MPH. Just as important is that folks walking their dogs need to pick up after them. Most do a good job of this, but in the past 6 months it can be found everywhere and appears to be from the same animal. Also, don't put your filled doggy bags in my empty garbage can that smells up my garage since I store it out of sight until the next pick up date.
- I think you're doing a good job. Is the neighborhood having a garage sale this year? Also, what about having the Halloween party on the closest Friday or Sat. to Halloween instead of on the actual night. Everyone is always in such a rush to leave and with all the work that it takes it's a shame there's no time for more visits. I know there hasn't been a party the past couple years and NO, I'm NOT offering for this year, but when the Blatner's had it the last time and had precooked the food and had wine, that was a lot of fun. I'm willing to help out but our garage is just too full!
- Address concerns as they come up and be willing to change covenants as necessary.
- Communicate more with group about what is happening, updates. Who is responsible for centers of cul de sacs's upkeep?
- That's tough. Find a way to make people want to participate. Something for ladies to do or share their talents. Ladies seem to out-number men at events.
- More social/community activities
- Enforce the covenants. Summer block party. I feel Carol & Dave have done a great job informing safety issues - robberies and unsafe animals

Would you be willing to participate in infrequent meetings and some email dialog to help us make the community better?

- Yes: 88%
- No: 12%

Other comments:

- We've enjoyed living here for 29 years and have no real complaints to voice!
- Safety improves by numbers.
- Suggest increasing annual fee by \$5
- Thank you for your service to our neighborhood and the HOA.
- Would it be possible to send out a monthly update of the spreadsheet showing income and expenses for the HHC0? about \$6900 comes in -- how is it spent?

- Could we have name tags at community gatherings? It's hard to remember people's names you only see once or twice a year.
- Thanks for all your hard work!
- We regularly hear a barking dog in the day, sometimes starting at 7 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. Is there anything that can be done about this?
- I thought we were not allowed to rent out our homes as part of CC&Rs? I don't have anything against renters, but I do have a problem with the homeowner who doesn't notify the renter of the CCR's. Their gardens still need to be taken care of as does house maintenance. The owner needs to be held responsible for this. Can we address this? I like the website and postings about services that are good to use. I also use the Woodinville Neighbors Facebook page- everyone should check it out.
- Thank you for creating and distributing this survey!