



This Is My Neighbourhood - Silver Springs

Stakeholder Report Back: What We Heard
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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 with 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

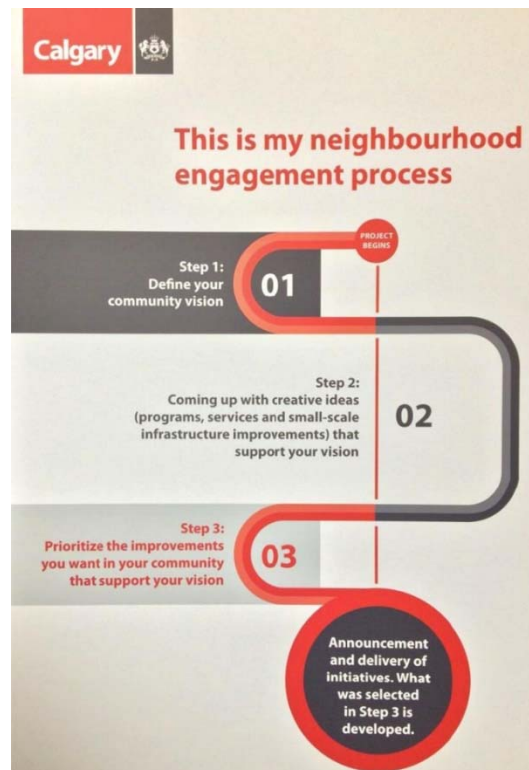
This report covers what we heard during the visioning phase for Silver Springs. This is the first step in the engagement for the This is My Neighbourhood program.

What we asked

Residents in Silver Springs were asked:

What would make Silver Springs 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 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.

- Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse
- Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable

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 citizens could provide feedback:

1. Everyone in the neighbourhood was mailed a postcard with the vision question and could drop it off at the Silver Springs Community Association, the local Fire Station or at the local library. The postcards were sent to 2946 residents.
2. The vision survey was available online through engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/silversprings portal page from July 10 to October 31, 2017. The survey was promoted on road signs, through Facebook and in the community newsletter. We received 489 pieces of feedback online submissions and nine comments through Facebook.
3. City staff attended various community events to gather feedback. In total, we received 82 postcard submissions. The table below summarizes the events we attended and how many people we reached at each event.

Event Name	Number of people reached at community events
Silver Springs Community Market	100
Silver Springs Community Market	50
Community Clean Up	68
Community Clothing and Toy Sale	50
Fall Garden Harvest	25
Total	293

4. Online respondents were asked how they heard about the program. These were their responses:

In the Mail	Social Media	Bold/Road Signs	Community Newsletter	Word of Mouth	City Website	Other	Community Association
26	58	17	9	5	3	5	13

What we heard

This is a short overview of what citizens of Silver Springs told us this summer and fall. Of the eleven vision words provided, **Safe**, **Walkable**, **Beautiful**, and **Family-friendly**, were chosen the most often.

Safe: Safety is a clear priority for Silver Springs residents, who want to enjoy their neighbourhood without fear. Concerns around speeding, especially in playground zones, and a desire to improve street crossings dominate the comments made within this vision word. Residents regret having lost the neighbourhood police station, and there is some desire for more neighbour-based vigilance, possibly in the form of a Block Watch program or something similar. There are some concerns about off-leash areas and dogs, and the suggestion of better enforcement was made a few times.

Other areas mentioned within this vision word include - improved lighting at parks and schools, the need for a shed at the garden(s), concerns around undesirable behaviours (bottle-picking, partying at the waterfalls,



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vandalism, graffiti), improved maintenance of pathways and sidewalks, and concerns around the state of some back alleys and lanes.

Walkable: Many residents of Silver Springs enjoy walking around their neighbourhood, appreciate the existing access to services, and value the health and social benefits walking provides. Many people commented that the walkability of the neighbourhood would be greatly enhanced through improved service and retail destinations – specifically (and overwhelmingly) a grocery store, but also shops, restaurants, a coffee shop, an ice cream shop, etc. Maintenance of the pathways and sidewalks is important to some, and certain areas were identified as needing improved street crossings or being upgraded to be more wheelchair-friendly. Some residents would like to see better connection between the paths and green spaces, which could be achieved (as per one suggestion) through the development of an asset map to determine the gaps.

Other areas mentioned within this vision word include – better direct access to CTrain, improved snow and ice management, increased traffic calming measures, concerns about cyclists, need to improve some intersections and the need for a bathroom at the Botanical Gardens.

Beautiful: Beauty is big in Silver Springs with nearly half of the comments on this vision word focusing on the importance of maintaining and supporting the beauty that already exists in the neighbourhood. That said, improved aesthetics and upkeep is also a primary theme – including the need for some general 'freshening up', repairs to fencing, and better maintained yards and boulevards. The desire for more flowers came up many times, as did the need for improved tree care. Continued support by The City for the Botanical Gardens was mentioned, along with the desire for a fountain at the entranceway to the garden.

Other areas mentioned within this vision word include – more dog waste bag dispensers at Botanical Gardens, concerns about illegal or unnecessary signage, beautifying the shopping plaza and community centre, better post-storm clean up, an adopt-a-tree program, having the neighbourhood be an example of progressive environmental connectedness, and playgrounds that need upgrading and better upkeep.

Family-friendly: The importance of being family-friendly and encouraging family life comes through loud and clear in the Silver Springs responses. In terms of being family-friendly, this includes keeping the streets and community safe, building more kid-friendly amenities such as a skatepark and wading pool, and (as contributed by many respondents) upgrading the current playgrounds. Many feel that encouraging family life contributes to the vitality of the community, and this includes supporting all ages (as reflected through a strong desire for seniors housing, and for more intergenerational programs and interactions).

Other areas mentioned within this vision word include – attracting more young families, access to a local grocery store, annual 'meet your neighbour' parties, and the need for a junior high.

For a verbatim listing of all the input received, please see pages 5-30.



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VISION WORD: ACCESSIBLE	5
VISION WORD: ACTIVE	7
VISION WORD: BEAUTIFUL	9
VISION WORD: CLEAN	12
VISION WORD: CONNECTED	12
VISION WORD: DIVERSE	13
VISION WORD: FAMILY-FRIENDLY	14
VISION WORD: HEALTHY	17
VISION WORD: INCLUSIVE	18
VISION WORD: SAFE	19
VISION WORD: WALKABLE	22
VISION WORDS: OTHER	25
VISION WORDS: OTHER	26
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Vision statements

From this information, 3 vision statements are suggested for Silver Springs. A quick poll at engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/silversprings will be available from November 17 to November 27 residents where residents can pick their favourite vision statement. The vision statements come from the vision words and ideas shared with us through the engagement.

- Silver Springs values being a safe, walkable, beautiful and family-friendly neighbourhood.
- Silver Springs values feeling safe in move through the neighbourhood, having infrastructure and destinations that support walkability, the beauty of sustainable surroundings and maintaining and promoting the family-friendly nature of the neighbourhood.
- Silver Springs values safe streets and a sense of security, being able to access well-maintained places, spaces and services, and having infrastructure and amenities that support the various stages of life in the neighbourhood.

Next steps

In early 2018 we will be planning the creative process. First, we will share with you a number of neighbourhood vision statements and have you select one.

From that vision, members from your community will work with City staff to come up with 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 Silver Springs. The verbatim is broken down by Vision Word and includes the submissions received online and those received in person through the postcards. If an inappropriate word was used, the following is used to indicate that it was removed: [inappropriate word removed]. If personal information was submitted the following is used where that information was removed: [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: ACCESSIBLE

Selected 14 times

Answers to “why” below

- I have a disability need better access to facilities
- City services need to be coordinated and at a neighbourhood level. This would help in managing the the day to day situations.
- Community Clean Up Lot not easy to maneuver in. Especially with a Trailer (only one entrance)
- Transit schedules in and out of Silver Springs are very poor, unless you are during peak times, buses are minimum of 30 minutes apart. Most annoying is when the bus drivers don't follow the schedule and leave the stop early, so even if you arrive ahead of schedule, you may be out of luck.
- Also, I would like to see a bus from Crowfoot train station to Winsport. Currently, my teenage boys, who love to ski, need to take a bus to Crowfoot station, a different bus to Bowness, then a third bus to Winsport, taking approximately 1 hour one way. The Winsport facility is so great and close to Silver Springs, but Calgary transit routes make it difficult to access.
- I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing the street.
- Better crosswalks lots of children walking to school
- I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing the street.
- Need more access on & off pathways for wheelchairs
- Crowchild is far too congested, traffic is heavy
- Silver Springs is divided on all sides by various invisible "walls" that block it off from the rest of the city.
- These walls are accessible to a certain niche, but encourages that niche to a point that it creates invisible, psychological dividing lines.
- To the south is the Bowmont cliffside. Fantastic pathway connections with running, walking and cycling. To the north is Crowchild Trail. Fantastic highway speeds to other feeder roads. To the east is the bus trap that separates us from Varsity, with a so-so pathway connection bridging between the new dog park. To the west is Nose Hill Drive, an intimidating uphill feeder road to Crowchild.
- In other words, the north and west is car dominated and a car dominated dividing line. The south and the east are cliff dominated and awkward. The result is this is Silver Springs is very accessible, but only to cars, and the favourite tool for everyone to use is their car. Even when it's just to get around Silver Springs!
- I would like to see Silver Springs made more accessible on foot and bike, both within the community itself and to nearby amenities. A revamp of the sidewalk and pathway system along Nose Hill Drive so that it covers the east side of the road. Right now the pathway ends on the east at the bottom of the hill, then starts again on the far west at the top. There is *one* crosswalk and it is on a blind corner, at the apex of the hill, and an absolute nightmare for everyone on foot, bike and car.



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- In addition to finishing the full pathway route along the east and west side of Nose Hill Drive (providing accessibility to Bowmont, Baker and Bowness Park, the Silver Springs shopping Centre, Scenic Acres AND Crowfoot), I would also suggest a pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting Silver Springs Road across Nose Hill Drive (providing access to Scimitar Point and the other side of Nose Hill without any intersections).
- Further, with this pathway system I would like to suggest a significant revamp to the pedestrian sidewalk along Silver Springs Boulevard. This is a huge uphill slog, a very popular cycle route for Silver Springs AND surrounding communities [tuscan, crowfoot, scenic acres, other nw, etc], connects to BOTH the SS shopping centres and passes two Elementary Schools. There have also been some deadly car crashes in this area, or the fellow and his son a few years ago on their motorbikes who hit the trees. My suggestion is this:
- A dutch inspired full street with a concrete barrier between the four lane road, providing a raised and separate infrastructure for bicycles and pedestrians. https://nacto.org/wp-content/uploads/gallery/2012_raisedcycletrack/raised-cycle-track_indianapolis01.jpg
- This HAS to include a widening of the pedestrian sidewalk so two can walk a pace. This should not take any, or much, road space, it would simply be a large investment. For a road section that deserves it, I think. Done properly it would let students at the school bike very safely, while still allowing drop offs by car and bus without interfering with temporary parking (there is essentially none on this road) or through traffic.
- Additionally, the intersection at 7060 Nose Hill Drive (and Scenic Acres Boulevard) should be realigned to allow Silver Springs residents to get on the other side without having to wait for a pedestrian crosswalk twice. Adding pathways to both sides of Nose Hill provides the opportunity to make this a protected intersection with 4 way pedestrian/bike crossing.
- Winter pathway clearing on the pathway from Silver Springs Gate to Varsity Estates would also be ideal. Right now the pathway plow stops at the Baseball Diamond, and the road plow stops before doing Varsity Estates Plaza. Connect both of these at the bus trap. There is no need to open the bus trap to car traffic I think, especially with the new dog park.
- Speaking of the new dog park, please provide a pathway connection from Silverview Way to Varsity Estates.
- I'd like to see bike lock stands at more locations in the community. Ex. by businesses in the 2 strip malls. This will encourage more people to ride their bikes to these locations instead of driving.
- Would like to see more wheelchair ramps to sidewalks and other aides for individuals challenged by disabilities. As well, would like to see road access between the communities of Silver Springs and Varsity. There already is a partial road that we are not allowed to use - instead we have to go on Crowchild Trail to get to Varsity. This is a waste of energy and time and isolates the two communities from each other. A connecting road between these communities would make retail spaces such as Market Mall and businesses in Varsity more accessible to Silver Springs residents and would make the extensive natural areas in Silver Springs more accessible to residents of Varsity - a win/win situation.
- Would love a grocery store on the area. I was so disappointed when value village went in. Would've been a great spot for a grocery store.
- The Edible Garden Group could sure use a shed to store tools to keep the community safe and clean!

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Vision Word: ACTIVE

Selected 41 times

Answers to “why” below

- Physical fitness is critical for all ages. By having facilities close to home and inexpensive people are far more likely to make use of them
- Activity is good for health and aging as well as providing opportunities for teens to stay active and out of trouble.
- I have a young family, we like to be active. It is healthy for us and our neighbours.
- I want to stay healthy and active.
- Better health for all
- Movement/Exercise is beneficial Social Activity too
- Active communities lead to healthy happy people who are out and about interacting with their neighbors!
- I would love to see a dirt pump track (bike track) in the community. This is a common community asset in many small towns (i.e. Canmore, Radium, Fernie, Kimberley) but to my knowledge Calgary only has one in the deep southeast. In an area such as Silver Springs which has terrific mountain bike trails a pump track would be an awesome and safe way to get the kids into biking and improving skills
- I think we need a mountain bike skills park in Silver Springs, similar to the one in Fish Creek. There is a bit of land near and around the community centre which could be used for one. Another possible location could be within the botanical gardens/ birthplace forest.
- If not either of those places, then in Bowness park would be a great spot.
- There are many pet friendly families within the community. Ensure that the bylaw officers that regularly patrol the area ensuring that dogs are kept on leash would be helpful... often times there are many off leash walkers on the leash area that make it difficult for owners who have pets who are more aggressive to walk and enjoy the rest of the community.
- We have a great community centre - very viable. Please continue to support programs like our pool, & Canada's 150 tulip celebration. Please build a new arena for our Flames & to support concerts to keep our City active and competitive. Thanks! :)
- Hardly anyone walks or bikes to work, school or shopping in this community. We are connected to such an amazing pathway system on the Bowmont cliff side which is loved by dog walkers and joggers. We have two great shopping centres within the community, and are a hopscotch away from a huge shopping area in Crowfoot. Market Mall is nearby. Dalhousie Station is nearby.
- It could be a fantastic bicycling endeavour, especially with so many younger kids and younger families here for the schools. It will never be a place that can ignore the car entirely, because it's on a cliff. But right now it seems nobody goes for a walk without the intention of being gone for an hour. My parents live here too, and they take the car to the shopping centre at the corner even though it's less than a 2 minute drive. There has to be a way to encourage the better alternative. It could be a very safe, bright, vibrant



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community that does the right job mixing pedestrian, bicycles and cars. Cars for going 5km+, bicycles for within the community or less than 5km, and wider sidewalks to encourage more than single people going by themselves for half hour walks to the pub.

- We have large amount of open space. Why does it appear a large number of people in Silversprings do not use these spaces. Let's challenge neighbours to be active in the spaces.
- We need to encourage getting out in nature
- Take advantage of location + proximity to river & parks.
- Silver Springs has many people involved in community initiatives.
- Our playgrounds seem quite bare in dated in various areas -> some newer playgrounds would be great.
- More little rinks for kids
- Our community has many activities for seniors, adults and children in summer and winter
- good community to get around in, why not keep it that way and make it even better.
- Need something for teens to do in Silver Springs
- Wonderful event do it more often
- Trails and parks!
- We love our green spaces - the forest area, playgrounds, bike paths and Bowmont Park.
- We hope to see these continue to be maintained.
- it is [active] Keep our parks & trails in good shape! Great new pool by the way!
- Bike trails, etc as above
- More maps of the trails that do exist would be great.
- More activities to meet people. There are a lot for seniors, most of which have lived here a

long time and know there neighbours well.

There is less for middle aged people.

- I have often checked out the programs offered in my community and am unable to participate. I still work fulltime an the programs offered for seniors are during the day. It would be nice to be able to take a yoga class, participate in bridge etc. in the evenings.
- Our family enjoys the opportunity to get outside and walk/run/bike/play in the park. Silversprings has some of these areas, and will even more with the update to Bowmont Park, and the eventual pool. Maintaining and improving, especially in the NE portion of the community near WO Mitchell school would be great.
- We have great pathways always could have more winter maint of them so walking is safer in the winter
- Removing snow around sidewalk BirthPlace Park in winter would really help those of us who walk.
- Outdoor activities are great to many levels such as health improvement, connecting with people and making the community more vibrant.
- Would be great to have other options for physical health
- Opportunities to stay active - especially for children.
- Provide outdoor workout "gym" possibly near the birth forest or walking paths.
- The extensive path system could have distance markers for interval training.
- Outdoor fitness equipment to keep people fit plus fun
- [Active] leads to connectedness healthy, friendly neighbourhood



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- the ability to have adequate green space and activities for young families as well as active adults

Vision Word: BEAUTIFUL

Selected 52 times

Answers to “why” below

- Who wouldn't want a beautiful community
- It should be a place where we all enjoy our community spaces.
- We see many lawns that are not ever cut or watered. People could care more for their yards.
- The excessive dandelions, Canada thistle and other weeds are horrible. In the spring the dandelions come out, go to seed and the wind scatters the seeds everywhere so the cycle continues.. the other weeds just need to be taken care of.
- Beautiful spaces encourage people to enjoy their neighbourhoods and take pride in them
- There are a lot of people who drive to Silver Springs to ride their bikes on the paths. The park is full of mountain bikers who don't stay on the paths or they go extremely fast. Keep Silver Springs beautiful!
- There is a large seniors population that walk their dogs in the Botanical Gardens. It would be good if the garden would have one more dog dispenser.
- Please take the illegal sign bylaw seriously and increase the fines for these. WE have had a vehicle with a shed on a trailer (shed solutions) parked all around our streets. This is blatant and low cost illegal advertising as they simply take the ticket off the windshield and move it a few blocks away. Please tow this thing away instead of just giving tickets! Temporary signs in the boulevard near the roadway advertising a service or a product are unsightly and when I report them to 311 it seems no action is taken. If there is a fine it is probably too low and again - cheap advertising! Perhaps there could be a designated area on the way into the community where these signs could be posted (like a grocery store bulletin

- Block exercise program - walking

board) Maybe you could even charge people and approve the signs.

- Our strong network of community volunteers have done an amazing job on the Silver Springs Botanical Gardens. We need to make sure they are being supported to continue this project. It's an amazing selling feature for our community and draws all kinds of visitors. My out of town guests are always in awe of what we have outside our doorstep and my young son loves watching the plants change with the seasons.
- Love the Botanical gardens and Bowmont park. Continue to make them accessible and enjoyable for all in the community.
- The botanical gardens are a gem in this neighbourhood. it would be great to the City and Botanical Garden get along better. what if these two groups brought their skill sets together to make this space the best in the city.
- A fountain near the entrance to the botanical gardens would enhance its beauty.
- It is an older neighborhood and can use some freshening up
- While the Botanical Garden is fantastic, other areas are a bit plain and drab, and others have need for pathway or sidewalk fixes.
- And a beautiful neighbourhood is one that is clean and well-maintained.
- Some fencing along major roadways on City land is old and in poor repair - needs replacing.
- Some trees along the boulevard don't appear to be doing very well.
- Who does not want beautiful surroundings? We have the Botanical Garden but it is a 'destination', not close to us. Add some flower pots/hanging baskets on the boulevard. Plant

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good sturdy potentillas at intersections. Something to contrast with the beige dryness of the grass. Maybe you can answer the following: What are those small flags or banners attached to the light posts on the boulevard that appeared at the beginning of the summer? They look like food items to a lot of us (hamburger, piece of pie, ...puzzling)

- Bowmont Park doesn't need any more signs or other infrastructure. It's getting cluttered up with a lot of unnecessary built infrastructure. Please leave this park natural. Also, some more control over dogs would be good, since we see them chasing wildlife quite often.
- Flower pots on Blvd
- Esthetics are very important to me.
- The shopping plaza and the area of the community centre could use some beautification.
- S.S. Community adopt a tree. S. S. Boulevards 1. Remove downed windstorm, snowstorm branches from the ground more quickly. 2. Water trees on boulevard when needed.
- Urban populations are constantly bombarded by the ugly sights and sounds of the world. Ugly sights would include commercial signage, some is necessary and required. Then why not outlaw the unnecessary sights?
- That would include roadside adverts for realtors and businesses.
- The natural world is the source of mostly beautiful sounds. Ugly sounds emanate from an endless list of devices. Sounds permeate every area in all directions no matter from where they originate. Loud motorbikes, the Hawkes heli flying over Calgary neighbourhoods and parks seemingly all day/night long. It seems useless.
- In SSs, the air flightpaths have become congested with, usually, 2 tracks of aircraft on either their approach or
- departure as they acquire their planned route. This is new since the opening of that second runway in 2016.

- A quieter, more peaceful environment would certainly beautify our neighbourhood and the green areas with which we are blessed. That is why people live here in SSs and not on the East side with all the industrial activity associated with the east side of town. It costs more to live here but we make our choices.
- There's a beginning. Make SSs a quieter neighbourhood.
- I would love to see SS have a tree pruning and bush pruning program... the trees and bushes on SS Blvd. need work... I realize this has been done recently but it appears this was done "in a hurry" or under a time line. I would love to see a similar program offered to individuals as tree pruning is so expensive... maybe a lottery or \$50 a tree etc... the trees in SS. are beautiful and so mature it would be great to see an emphasis on trees...
- We've done great with beautification. Should keep the effort up on gardens and parks.
- Best of all worlds with single family homes bordering the Bow River Valley
- Love the mature trees, the botanical garden and waterfall valley!
- Silver Springs is beautiful because: clean neighborhood, closeness to the Bowmont Nature park, BP Forest and the gardens, closeness bow river path...
- Other than my 2 complaints above.
- This is a very nice neighborhood, clean, beautiful,
- and well kept. Lovely gardens and nice friendly people.
- Proudly kept homes.
- Good community spirit and Centre.
- I love our BP forest and the beautiful garden that our volunteers are taking care of
- There is already so much natural beauty in Silver Springs. We live the birthplace forest and the botanical gardens especially. We would love to see this continue.
- Our parks and green space are such a special part of our community and I think these areas need to be fostered and continued to be the wonderful focal points that they are.



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- it is [beautiful]! We need to make sure it stays that way!
- Silver Springs has beautiful green spaces, parks & access to the river the we need to keep.
- Maintain green spaces, planters, etc.
- Flowers are pretty.
- This community has so many trees - we need to maintain them.
- We have lovely parks like BirthPlace Forest & the Bow River Walkway. Don't let high density housing take this away!
- I love the gardens and trees
- Keep green spaces and walking and biking paths
- I worry about the city's plan to fill green spaces in this community with housing.
- More colour, plant some dark red, leafed trees in community
- Would like to see planters on the blvd, entrance and other spaces. Many other communities have flowers in their neighbourhoods and we should beautify our community.
- It is time to install/provide large flower containers on Silver Springs Gate and/or Silver Springs Blvd. Silver Springs may be one of the only NW quadrants in this area that does not have some beautification at the entrance to the community. We are fortunate to have the Birth Place Forest and the volunteer supported botanical gardens. However the entrance to the community is a blvd with weeds and it is not welcoming, We really need several large containers on both streets. Perhaps our great community of volunteers could provide the maintenance over the summer months.
- We have a GREAT start with the beautiful gardens in the Birthplace Forest. And we are starting to see more street-level beautification. I think the City's support and promotion for things like garden baskets on larger boulevards lends beauty and pride in our community. I would also advocate strongly for things like community vegetable gardens - both beautiful and meaningfully functional.
- The community is already amazing, but making it more beautiful, perhaps by adding flowers, would help continue to increase pride in our community.
- • Please add more trees, shrubs, and flowers around the community. It would be wonderful if the beauty of the Birth Place Forest continued along some of the busier roadways, such as Silver Springs Blvd., Nose Hill Drive, Silver Springs Gate, ... Silver Springs is noted by residents and non-residents alike, as having an abundance of green space - so enhancing our green spaces, even if these spaces are beside busy roads, adds to the attractiveness of our community. As an added benefit, trees, shrubs, and flowers help dampen traffic noise which, in turn, will help residents feel more calm and relaxed.
- With our Botanical gardens and Birthplace forest, we have a good start on making SS a beautiful neighbourhood. I have noticed that other communities have flowers planted at the base of their community's name sign at the entrance to the community. Why not us?
- Also, the western entrances into Silver Springs have no signs or flowers. Some big flower pots on Silver Springs Boulevard could make a good impression.
- Parks and view of the mountains
- Lots of parks
- Friendly - Silver Springs is friendly and beautiful. I would like to see the community as an example of progressive environmental connectedness linking the beautiful green spaces to gardens and home eco friendly yard space. I would like to see green technology remove unnecessary electricity and carbon based fuel such as the removal of lights and replace with roundabouts.
- I find our playgrounds & parks have become old and neglected & need work.



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Vision Word: CLEAN

Selected 27 times

Answers to “why” below

- Only salt & sand when absolutely necessary, protect our homes, cars and river
- I like clean air. Unfortunately, many houses have fireplaces, and people burn in winter. In summer, bonfires = bad.
- Dirty is not beautiful. See beautiful above.
- Community pride
- That should be obvious
- Very beneficial
- Tidy streets parks no graffiti really important
- Helps overall community value
- Curb appeal/healthy
- This community has many green spaces, as well as many people who truly maintain their homes. This creates a clean welcoming image.
- Clean = pride in neighbourhood leads to safer living spaces
- The off-leash areas should have more doggie bag holders to ensure that this neighbourhood is kept clean. it would be excellent to have compostable bags so they can go into my green bin. City should model the behaviour that is being asked by Calgarians.
- More policing/higher fines of dog walkers (joggers) who don't pick up after dog and litterers down by the river.
- Need to install more garbage cans around neighbourhood for litter placement.
- Bowmont Park is one of the main reasons we bought a house in Silver Springs and it's important to us that our environment is taken care of. That is a huge feature of this neighbourhood
- Silver Springs is pretty clean, but community initiative would be great to see for cleaning up parks and neighborhoods!
- Comm clean up 2x/yr?
- Keep the community clean up going - its a great way to keep silver springs clean
- I see a central drop off for items that people want to discard
- It would be great to have a community clean up walk
- Would like to see more garbage cans placed along the paths. It frustrates me to see when people leave their doggy poop bags on the paths rather than taking them to the next garbage can. I am a dog walker and I find that I have to carry my doggy poop bag for quite a ways in search of garbage cans.
- More garbage cans are needed on the upper ridge by the trails along the roadway. This would help with litter and dog poop.
- The Edible Garden Group could sure use a shed to store tools to keep the community safe and clean!
- Please pave the back alleys. Every rainfall the gravel rolls down and settles at the end of the alleys as the community is on a hill. The gravel often clogs the street and prevents proper water flow. The gravel has to be respread and picked up throughout the year by the the city or owners. Seems like an extra maintenance expense that could be prevented.

Vision Word: CONNECTED

Selected 20 times

Answers to “why” below

- Good access to C train
- I moved to Silver Springs from Inglewood in October and I have never felt more disconnected. I want to live in a vibrant community which brings a sense of warmth and connectivity with those around us. Silver



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Springs lacks a good coffee shop, a family friendly bar, and easy walkability.

- Community spirit
- Connected to nature and integrated private land space with nature.
- Replacing eco-dead lawns with living organism spaces that support wildlife including important insects such as bees. This move will reduce water use as well as pesticide/herbicide use.
- connectivity is key to the future
- connected to the rest of the city
- clean parks ride bikes from to any way in City
- I would like Silver Springs to be less car dependant and be more connected to public transit and have easier access to basic amenities such as grocery stores and banks, etc. I would like to see Silver Springs attract more businesses so community members do not have to drive to other areas for basic essentials.
- Our shopping anchors feel isolated
- Build a luxury seniors apartment building over the strip mall where the Value Village currently is. It is the perfect location. Doesn't impede green spaces. Benefits for the residents: access to the Botanical Gardens (where they can not only exercise, but volunteer) access to the stores in the mall (eventually) increasing the sales there. Would draw in new stores, better stores! A small grocery perhaps (this would tie into your choice words or walkable / accessible / healthy, etc...). Easy access to transit. Right across the street from SS Elementary School. We could get them engaged in the reading programs and volunteering and history and culture. Everyone benefits when generations blend.

This would also be a plus for many retirees who have lived in our amazing community for most of their adult lives and while they no longer want a large house and property they want to stay in the area.

- Have affordable seniors housing so retirees can continue to live in their community.
- connection is how we all watch over each other, how we all keep a community safe happy and healthy. it takes a village and when we are all connected we will be able to help our community and the people in it lead physically and mentally healthy lives.
- A place where people know their neighbor
- Neighbors connecting with each other instead of living in isolated little islands.
- Would like more opportunities to get to know neighbours, for example at community events such as picnics, barbecues, music events, farmers market, sports tournaments. Also, developing a "town centre" in the southeast would go a long way to connecting the community. See further comments below.
- Social inclusion is a key determinant of health and the more connected our neighbourhood is, the more everyone will benefit from strong social support networks. I want to know my neighbours and feel like this is a community, not just where I live.
- We work with others and don't isolate our selves. love that we are like a small town within the city.
- Silver Springs has amazing access to the river & pathways, more so than other communities that get ranked higher each year for accessibility. Maybe we should advertise this more!

Vision Word: Diverse

Selected 10 times

Answers to "why" below

- I'd like to see the strip mall at the corner of Silver Springs Gate and Silver Springs

Bldv. renovated and repurposed. (with the help of development investors too) I'd like



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to see shops remain on the bottom level but then add condos above. The area behind the strip mall could be changed to a green space to connect it with the other existing condo complex to the east. I'd like to see many of the existing shops remain but I'd also like to see a small grocery store added. The condo part of this idea would fit well with the "Aging in Place" initiative already in the works.

- Would like a small grocery store that one could walk to.
- More housing options, more employment opportunities
- Build bungalows for the elderly so they can live at home as long as possible. Encourage dentists and doctors to work in the area to serve the elderly.
- We need to have a seniors residence in the community. I have lived here for 43 years and don't want to have to leave when I get older.
- Senior's residence needed; permits seniors to spend last years in the same

community they had been living in for years.

- A community with one type of person (ie one type of housing and infrastructure) is it robust. It is not what I want for my family or city. We need diversity in people and activities.
- I think you need all sections of society as well as a mix of cultures and styles of living to make a community vibrant.
- Holy white people! There is almost zero diversity.
- ok lots said about the easy stuff... mostly I would like to see a priority on new families to Canada... for example ESL through Social Services and volunteers for new moms at home who no access otherwise... WOW this is bigger than you hoped but most important of all... if you are "underprivileged" who cares about trees and alleys... thanks for asking... keep a strong education and communication program in place [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Selected 44 times

Answers to "why" below

- Demographics are shifting back to young families. Important to accommodate them
- Attract more young families
- There are many family-friendly activities in Silver Springs, but I would like to advocate for a permanent skateboard park. Skateboarding is a healthy activity for teens and keeps them active and outdoors. The current city bylaws do not permit a large enough backyard skateboard ramp to keep teens challenged or entertained. Currently the

closest skatepark is at Millenium park downtown. An example of an excellent outdoor permanent skatepark is the one located in Airdrie at Chinook Winds park or in Huntington Hills.

- It would be nice to see a wading pool and spray pool, picnic tables with trees and plants where all ages could enjoy a summer day close to home.
- I was hoping our pool reconstruction would include a wading pool. It's too late for me, but



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when I had young kids it was impossible to hold them both in the swimming pool.

- A wading area near the fountain for small children.
- So I can bring my grandchildren to play in the community.
- Safer community with families; keeps older folks younger when interacting with younger families.
- I have two small children and value places to go in the area to play and have fun , safely ride bikes, playgrounds, splash park etc.
- This area is turning over once again and many young families are coming back into these older areas.
- The family is a key building block of society - support encourage wholesome family life!
- Families is where it is at
- There is no grocery store in the neighborhood, other than 2 Mac's stores.
- These stores provide limited items and are very expensive.
- Point is, if you need a few grocery items, or a quick shop, you need to travel to another neighborhood.
- Very Family un-friendly, especially if your a senior or un-able to drive.
- Something like Bowness has, The Bownessian grocery store, would be nice.
- Schools in SS, beautiful housing
- Because it is.
- Availability of schools, parks, swimming pools, active community organization, Silver Springs Botanical gardens where one can have a leisurely walk, active volunteer group, access to Bowmont park and so on
- Silver springs is in my opinion one of the safest communities in the city. Statistically speaking it has one of the lowest crime rates in the city.

- Neighbourhood is lifecycling over a whole new generation. Lots of young families and kids.
- Lots of families moving back. Important demographic.
- Yearly Block Meet Your Neighbour Parties
- The area is not very Family Friendly for the following reason.
- There are 3 Elementary schools in the neighborhood, instructing hundreds of k - 6 students,
- but not one Junior High School in Silver Springs.
- This neighborhood has turned the corner and has many new family's bringing up school aged children once again.
- So there will be hundreds of Children that will need to be bused to outside neighborhoods in order to attend a Jr. High School.
- This is very expensive, not very cost efficient, logistically poorly planned considering the constant change to school bus routes and schedules, inconvenient, unsafe,
- and un-healthy, looking at Calgary winter weather.
- Surely a Jr. High School can be built with-in the community considering the high property taxes we pay here.
- Would like to see housing to accommodate all ages. Seniors housing would be awesome and allow existing residents to remain in their beloved community as they age!
- Safe place to live.
- Families keep a community vibrant and thriving
- Gives a neighbourhood vitality
- They revitalize communities
- All age groups to enjoy S.S. This will sustain the community



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- Quiet safe streets where kids can explore and grow outside.
- There are so many kids who live here especially with a lot of new families moving in. kids running back and forth from the houses to the pool, kids being able to go to the park and play at the water falls safely. the more kids and people that are out the safer it is for everybody to be out freely. Being aware that kids are running, riding their bikes and skateboarding and playing hockey and soccer in driveways etc will help keep peoples speeds down while driving along silver ridge drive . people tend to speed a lot here . more activities in the community . i love that silver springs has grassroots hockey, soccer and lots of sports. this is so important to keep the community together and people out and about.
- Lower the speed limit to 40 kms in the entire neighbourhood.
- (Silver Springs is an active community with lots of people - young and old - and dogs outside enjoying the landscape.)
- Speed bumps needed on Silvergrove Drive.
- I have a young family. We need all ages in the community for it to thrive, Silver Springs is aging. We need to encourage all ages.
- From its inception, Silver Springs has provided programs for young and old. There are many programs that continue however, new ideas around programming for older residents is in order. I realize that the 3 communities have programs for seniors but Silver Springs seems to offer the fewest. Perhaps intergenerational would be in order.
- My family wants a place to meet and interact with others. The community parks are outdated and its too far to walk to the school parks. Updated parks would get the older kids out. My daughter is 10 and after 6 years of living here we can't meet another girl her age. We go to our park behind our house hoping to meet people. The park is old and geared for 1-5 year olds. No older kids want to play there.
- silver springs is once again full of families. The play grounds and amenities need to better reflect that
- We have many parks and playgrounds which is wonderful but some are in need of updating. With many young families moving into the area this Vision Word should be one to strive for!!
- The parks are outdated and have some safety issues. Playgrounds are a great way to bring people together and a good reason to get outside. I feel our children's parks could use vast improvements.
- Please update the parks, they are old and limited. There are many young families moving and the parks are old.
- The neighborhood has a lot of young families. I'd love to see updated play areas and other family-oriented events.
- Silver springs is starting to become home to many families with young children. I would love to see the parks replaced with themed playgrounds something like the castle ones at Nolan Hill. Or nature themed. Some of our playgrounds are really old and unimaginative.
- As a grandmother I have been spending time at playgrounds this summer. I like the idea of a FIT PARK for adults along with a child's playground. Also a few picnic tables in the vicinity. Eg at the Community Centre.
- As the originals Silver Spring residents are moving out more young families are moving in to the community. Most of the playgrounds and open spaces are not up to date.
- Upgrade some of the play parks.



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- Most playgrounds are old and in need of updates. Playgrounds give a safe place for families to gather.

- I have a family.

Vision Word: HEALTHY

Selected 28 times

Answers to “why” below

- We chose Silver Springs because of the access to Bowmont Park and City wide path network. Access enhances a healthy family lifestyle.
- Vast pathways for walking, biking- like hiking in the City
- We need at least one restroom in the Silver Springs Botanical Gardens. There is a water fountain for dogs & people, but many times I have seen adults and children pop into the trees to urinate or poop! It is left there and dogs roll in it. Unhealthy for dogs, wildlife and humans! People come from all over the city to walk the length of our beautiful gardens but there is no place to relieve themselves. If Parks can put washrooms on at least two sides of Nose Hill, surely we can have at least one (two would be best).
- Healthy to me means a lot of things. Environmentally friendly, green space, active, and safe.
- Changed neighbours new families school population change
- Make it an idle free zone - we don't need to start our cars & leave them running for 10 minutes before we leave in the morning - carbon monoxide greenhouse gases. Cars don't need warming up - educate. :)
- eg. a quieter community would make for a better sleep; our daily walks would be far more pleasant; being in one's yard would be more pleasant, (it's nice to hear what your guest is saying when out on the deck). etc.
- We need to get rid of Value Village!! That space could become something much more accommodating to a community such as a grocery store, or divided into offices for doctors, dentist and many other healthcare professionals. This would be far more accommodating to the Seniors in the community and attract the younger generation.
- Having Value Village in the Community downgrades our beautiful community vastly! It is not the right place for such a business! It should be relocated out to Beacon Hill for example. A larger center, not in the heart of an aging wealthy community.
- More signage at all entrances to school yards & playground as you see people taking dogs on them. More patrols.
- Outdoor gym
- Pool & Hockey Rink Well maintained
- Lots of sports facilities ie. Pickleball Courts Tennis etc.
- Fitness areas, parks
- I want to see park spaces include access to activities for both adults (workout equipment similar to Edworthy) and children
- Programs available to enable all ages to be active physically and mentally.
- Love to see more comm. gardens - resident participation sharing produce
- More community gardens to provide [sp] food for everyone.
- I would like to see Silver Springs become more healthy by avoiding the use of chemicals and pesticides. We already have a good amount of footpaths and cycle paths. I would like to see the city find out why the cyclists are not using the cycle paths especially on Silver Springs Gate. There must be some reason they use the road instead.
- Less pesticide and herbicide spraying would be nice. The poisons from these chemicals negatively affect children, pets, and wildlife.



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- Spraying chemicals is not healthy for us/ or pets
- We have 3 elementary schools which draw many children from outside the community. This brings a lot of traffic and many parents let their vehicles idle while waiting in the vicinity of the schools. I would like to see NO IDLING signs around these schools including the back lanes to the north and west of St Sylvester School which are lined with cars twice a day or more.
- We have a variety of ages in our community. Perhaps a fitness park could be installed in one of the parks?
- Please add some fitness items (ie. a small "fit park" to the area near the West side of the tennis courts. The Birth Place Forest is well-used by people of all ages, and a "fit park" which accommodates both children and adults would be a great addition to the community. The school playgrounds in the area already have excellent playgrounds with fitness-

oriented play structures, so if money is an issue I would then focus on a more adult-oriented "fit park".

- Provide job-seeking help and support at the community association.
- Our population is aging and we need to focus on how we plan our neighbourhood. We must put on Age friendly lens
- A healthy lifestyle is something everybody should strive for. Having access to parks and pathways, recreational facilities and programs, as well as easy proximity to shopping for items to support a healthy lifestyle is important
- try to draw some clubs to our amazing gardens. Perhaps yoga or tai chi in the botanical gardens. Encourage a healthy pop-up kitchen to come and cook in the garden. A movie night in one of our green spaces.
- If we have a strong neighbourhood and the social determinants of health are taken care of we will be healthy.

Vision Word: INCLUSIVE

Selected 15 times

Answers to "why" below

- Strong CA like this
- I would love to see the plaza at 5720 Silver Springs Dr. turn back into what it once was. To make Silver Springs more inclusive as it used to be. We had a Grocery store, drug store, hair salon, dry cleaner, bakery, liquor store, flower shop, coffee shop (bigger than what is there now), TD Bank. and of course Macs and Mitillini's. The community would be much more attractive to the younger generation if it was inclusive.
- Please add more benches around the community. Although Silver Springs' residents are, for the most part, very active (walking, cycling, running, etc.) it is difficult for seniors especially to locate benches to have a rest on. Many residents would explore more of the community if they could have regular rest breaks on a cosy bench. :)

- Many seniors want to stay in Silver Springs but don't have places to move that are age-friendly.
- Sr. Housing so elderly can stay in community
- Need "affordable" seniors housing in Silver Springs.
- Our neighbourhood is aging. How do we make this neighbourhood welcoming for people at all stages of their life.
- Need families & seniors -> they are volunteer backbone
- To me inclusive means all ages. Silver Springs is a vibrant community with many people residing there their whole life. Accommodating seniors should be at the top of the list because currently there is no housing for seniors. This could include 55+ communities of bungalow style homes but also condos for older residents with increased mobility concerns.



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- Inclusive in every sense including inclusive for people of all ages. I would like to see provision made for seniors' housing in our neighbourhood. A good community includes people of all ages.
- There is a dire need for senior housing in this community. It is apparent at the many events in Silver Springs that many people have lived here for 35 to 40 years and want to remain in this vibrant community so they can age in place and not be forced to sell when they can no longer manage a single family home. The recent addition to yet another area for dog walkers was puzzling. Given the proximity to

Bowmont Park and the 85th street off leash area it is difficult to understand why this particular piece of land off Silver Springs Gate and close to the former bus trap now features a fenced in area for dogs. We believe that the land could have been put to better use.

- Silver Springs should be a community of all people and for all people.
- I want SS to be a place where people feel they belong
- Silver Springs is a wonderful community that all should be able to enjoy.
- More robust services to have people walk/bike rather than drive out of neighbourhood

Vision Word: SAFE

Selected 65 times

Answers to "why" below

- Speed in playground zones needs better patrols. Also not stopping at four way stops.
- Cars drive way too fast on Silver Springs Blvd (and certainly other roads) and measures to limit speed are necessary to make people feel safer and be more willing to bike on this road. A simple solution would be to put a bicycle lane on the side of the road and reduce the width of the two traffic lanes. Reducing lane width will naturally slow down the traffic.
- There are a lot of vehicles speeding through playground zones here. Please consider putting speed bumps in to help slow traffic. More enforcement would be nice too. For example, both Silvergrove Drive and Silver Crest Drive could use speed bumps in playground/school zones.
- Speeding and passing in playground zone on Silver Springs Blvd
- Southbound Silver Springs Gate, many speed at high rates of km/hr. Move 50km/hr sign northbound.
- Many speed through playground zones. Photo radar throughout the community would generate incredible volumes of cashflow.
- Fast driver illegal U-Turns

- People speeding in the school zone on 67 Ave by W.O. Mitchell
- Boulevard. Speed. People still speeding.
- Improvements to sidewalks and traffic calming have been improved recently and have made a difference. I would like that to continue.
- Many residential roads got blocked with snow in the wintertime causing vehicles to get stuck and drainage issues to occur.
- Bring back Neighbourhood watch awareness to the community. Lower more of the speed limits on the Roads & Drives in the area. Ever since the two Playground Zones were placed on Silver Springs Blvd people have changed their route and now they speed down Silver Ridge Drive and there is a large unmarked crosswalk to the ridge pathways that is hard to see and a tight corner, esp on ice and people whip through it without looking and for the majority not stopping.
- I would like to see block parents come back. It would be great if our kids could identify safe houses they could go to if approached by strangers or other emergencies.
- Block Watch
- Block watch is a great thing



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- Alleys... some alleys need more work... our alley is on a hill and everytime it rains the gravel at the bottom drains onto the street and hence into the storm sewer system... the City has added gravel and graded and done a great job but a little creative fixing is necessary... but this is only part of the alley concern... I realize lighting is too expensive and lots of us have motion lights but... a program to clean up alleys and keep them clean - education and some enforcement i.e. no old cars (our neighbor has an abandoned truck) would go a long ways to have safety in the lanes... they are used lots for walking and we all have back garages.
- Since the c-train has come through we have more bottle pickers, some of which trespass into our yards.
- People who walk on the river paths in Silver Springs are SO, SO bad about letting their dogs off-leash in on-leash areas, and the dogs are poorly trained and don't come when they're called. I don't feel safe with so many uncontrolled sharp teeth around. Dog owners need more training so they can better train their dogs, and obey the leash laws.
- The Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs should be changed to an on-leash park. This park is heavily used by dog walkers even though there is a new off-leash area across the road. Too many owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. Out of control dogs are also jumping on and running into other walkers. This is especially dangerous for children and the elderly but also annoying for visitors who are afraid of or allergic to dogs. Too many dogs are also running through the flower gardens and damaging plants. This park is a special place that should be enjoyed by all, not just dog walkers.
- No pitbulls
- Make it safer for our pets and gardens by dealing with the over-population of wild hares and coyotes. The hare population has gotten worse over the years, and it's attracting more coyotes into our neighbourhoods.
- There seem to be a lot of younger people partying down at the waterfalls. Maybe provide more lighting along the paths to discourage the partying and to make people feel safer at night.
- Improved lighting around parks/schools
- New streetlights by parks/tot lots are too dark. I wouldn't want to walk through at night.
- There is a crosswalk on silver Springs Blvd. across from the Fire Station that is used most often for access to town homes in the area. It should be marked as a pedestrian crossing zone with lights, similar to the recently upgraded near the Birth Forest.
- The intersection at Silver Springs Boulevard and Silver Mead Road, adjacent to the Silver Springs Elementary School is dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross in the cross walks. I have seen multiple near misses over the years where drivers are speeding, running red lights, and/or not looking for pedestrians when turning. I have never in 14 years of living here seen a speed trap at this intersection. Drivers on Silver Springs Blvd are frequently traveling with excessive speed or even racing. It has been frustrating to see that the police only enforce speed limits in front of St Sylvester elementary school and not near Silver Springs Elementary. Many children cross the street to get to school at this intersection, including my own over the years, and I cannot count how many times we were almost hit trying to walk to school. PLEASE do something about this intersection and the speed on Silver Springs Blvd before someone is hit. I have often thought that a four-way red light intersection where pedestrians can safely cross in any direction with no vehicles turning or going straight thru would work very well here and be a huge improvement.
- Again-obvious on safety. However what my view of the community DOES NOT envision-is an over populated high density building amongst an R1 neighborhood.
- I have kids. :)
- Kid safe & Be able to be out at anytime.



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- Silver Springs needs more safe and inviting areas for teens to enjoy and stay active and out of trouble. The outdoor pool is an excellent example.
- The homes in the neighbourhood were not built/nor meant to house secondary suites. Many homes that host the suites are not up to city by-laws and codes and remain unsafe. The city should consider giving permits for the building of apartment buildings with rental units instead of secondary suites. that's how it's done in most other Canadian cities, BTW.
- Like to feel safe when I'm enjoying nature and my community.
- Obvious reasons; increases live-ability
- I don't want have to worry about crime in the community. Allowing our children to feel safe in the community they grow up in. Playground safety, crime, driving safety, safe commuting (i.e. a bike, walking to school etc.)
- Live at peace in community
- Very little crimes
- Well maintained bike path
- to keep enjoying the paths and lanes (sp?)
- I would like to maintain the safety of the community, along with the low (I believe) crime rates. There is still some destruction of property (graffiti, breaking glass on bus shelters, etc.), so it would be nice to be able to eliminate that.
- We are lucky not to have many - but we have some - local hoodlums who spray graffiti on garage doors, take things out of vehicles, and conduct drug deals in the Birthplace Forest. It's unnerving to see and hear HAWCS flying in circles over our neighborhood. A return of the police station in our neighborhood would be welcomed - I do not know why they left. On the positive side - City initiatives such as block parties and Neighbour Days have provided opportunities for real community to be built. As such, when neighbours get to know each other, they care for each other, and both the perception and reality of having a safe and vigilant community increases. Support for community-based opportunities to get together - local theatre in the park, summer block parties and wiener roasts, music in the park, etc. should not be confined to the Community Centre - let's do this in each other's front streets and in our shared park and greenspaces.
- Keeping our community safe is always important. We used to feel safer when the police were in the building where Value Village is now.
- Now that we have lost the police station her,. I don't feel as safe.
- we all need a place to be safe and respectful to our neighbours
- Neighbors look after each other
- Do not let gutters drain on to the sidewalk causing ice build up
- Since the Police station left and Value Village moved in,there has been an increase in crime. We were broken into and a lot was taken. Since then, there have been a number of car break--ins and thefts.
- Perhaps, instead of paying so much for art people don't like, want or need, we should be increasing the CPS budget. \$500,000 would go a long way in that department
- Because we have had vandalism issues and graffiti in the neighborhood. The police station is sorely missed. Since then we no longer see the speed patrols we used to see.
- I see teenagers and children enjoying the neighbourhood without any need to vandalize.
- #1 priority for anyone is to feel safe in their own neighbourhood
- This is something that is always important.
- All people should feel safe in our community.
- [Safe] The most important
- We have nothing if we are not safe
- Because unsafe is bad.
- A storage shed at the edible garden would provide an accessible storage facility to store tools
- The Edible Garden Group could sure use a shed to store tools to keep the community safe and clean!



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- See the above paragraphs on Accessible. I would really like to see Silver Springs community members feel safe walking around and cycling in the community, without feeling deterred by the large amounts of motor traffic, and especially with all the hills that naturally encourage speeding with little to no road control or calming. I think it's great that there are good car accessibility routes via crowchild and nose hill, but I would like to see the innards connected better rather than walled off on all sides. Especially since this would primarily be the one Boulevard solving all the problems! There is definitely space to give a high quality, dedicated space for bicycles and pedestrians so people can choose to walk up our hills or not.
- Please imagine this image along the boulevard!
- https://nacto.org/wp-content/uploads/gallery/2012_raisedcycletrack/raised-cycle-track_indianapolis01.jpg
- Or even something like this, particularly near the school!
- https://nacto.org/wp-content/uploads/gallery/2012_raisedcycletrack/raised-cycle-track-vancouver-bc-pedbikeimages-org-carl-sundstrom.jpg
- For example: The drive from Nottingham's Pub in the top of Silver Springs to Cafe Le Matin at the bottom of Silver Springs is a 5 minute drive down the Boulevard. It's a half hour walk. And a 7 minute bike ride. So what traffic does it see, even just within the community?
- Mostly cars, because the vast majority of people do not feel safe cycling on the road without a dedicated space for them and it is too far to walk. But there is plenty of space on this road to both widen the sidewalk and put a single lane cycle track! I would also recommend widening the curbs at the connections to the boulevard at Silver Ridge Drive and Silvergrove Drive. On a similar line, also widening the curbs at the pedestrian crossing at Silverdale Drive to the Gate. The bike connection is also not clear that the sidewalk along the Silver Springs Gate allows bicycles, nor is it wide enough to let pedestrians and cyclists through, as well as causing a lot of confusion at the Silverdale Drive crossing.
- Would also realign the pedestrian crossing At 164 Silvergrove Drive. Crossing from the Firehouse towards the shopping centre does not give good line of sight due to the angle the pedestrian crossing makes.
- I have noticed that it isn't bright at night when walking, especially when the days are shorter in winter months. Although Silver Springs feels safe for the most part, I do get nervous around certain dark areas while walking.
- I don't have to worry about walking at night, or leaving things out in my yard.
- So Everyone can walk in the community without fear
- Want to continue to feel safe while walking the neighborhood and local parks.
- Better use of facilities
- You have to be kidding to ask why seniors feel more unsafe everyday

Vision Word: WALKABLE

Selected 53 times

Answers to "why" below

- The City's Botanical garden is a excellent place to walk your dog, meet friends and enjoy its beauty. it would be even more enjoyable if there were washrooms on along the route. I am older person and knowing that there are washrooms around would relieve my anxiety.
- It would be nice if there was an easy way to walk to the Dalhousie train station. That would make it more accessible and active, too.

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- We need links to the LRT stations. Dalhousiestation is walkable but no one is prepared to provide a pathway through to Varsity from Silver Springs Gate and Crowchild Trail. There is an easement at the north end of Silver Springs Golf Course where a path could be constructed into Varsity Estates.
- No DIRECT walking route to train stations
- I am in my 70s and I walk in this community most days. Now I am going to be walking my granddaughter to preschool. I would like to be able to walk safely along the north side of Silver Springs Boulevard between Silver Ridge Drive and the crosswalk in front of St Sylvester's School (has a flashing light for safety) in the WINTER. There is a problem with drainage and this section of sidewalk is usually a skating rink in the winter. It is used by many people and children walking to St Sylvester school.
- This Neighbourhood has many roads. What if we could test traffic circles in this theis neighbourhood or other ways to manage the traffic.
- Need wheelchair friendly path running along Botanical Gardens
- We live on a street that faces Bowmont Park and enjoy the pathway system with our dog on leash except in the areas where off leash is permitted. However the bike traffic as so increased since we first arrived in 1978 that walking that path is no longer as enjoyable as it once was. The bike traffic is heavy and dangerous at certain times of the day. It would be nice to see some walkable area developed along a boulevard that would be for walking and not bikes. Other ideas/suggestions for making the community more walkable.
- With the lovely mature trees and access to the ridge above the river, we need more ways to allow us to walk around our neighborhood without having to stick to the sidewalks beside the houses. More walking links between green spaces, and greening up alleyways that access small community parks (like they have

all over Varsity) would be just lovely. If there were walking maps posted at the entrance to various parks, showing how the whole community is linked with walking paths, that would be ideal. Right now, we have bike paths at our end of Bowmont Park, but that is not quite enough to make us known as a walkable community. And selfishly - I am a runner. I would love to be able to run along walking pathways all through Silver Springs than have to run on the road.

- It would be great to feel like you can walk around the entire community in a connected manner. Pathways are good but perhaps tweaks can be made.
- Silverspring has tons of green space, sidewalks and trails. However, the community is disconnected. it would good idea for the community and City to do an asset map to determine the gaps.
- I love to walk in the community!
- Love that you can walk in nature that hasn't been disturbed by over gardening, but also love that you can walk through the Birth Place Forest and enjoy the beauty.
- We love to bike and walk.
- family area with lots of amenities that can walked to making things safer for everyone.
- I really enjoy walking around my neighbourhood, and getting to local services without the car.
- I see people of all ages choosing to walk or bike to do local errands.
- Great location in the city. Close to 2 train stations. Pathway can be taken from bowmont park all the way downtown.
- Meet your neighbours
- We need to build more daily exercise into our lives to be healthy. Walking in one's community also keeps people connected to each other
- For healthy lifestyles and for seeing & meeting people
- Exercise/Contact Neighbors
- Better health, fewer cars



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- I believe in sustainability for communities. I would like to see Silver Springs transform into more of a village concept where the residence are not so reliant on cars. I would like to be able to have a local grocer and be able to walk to shops and restaurants instead of having to drive.
- I want a community where I can walk to restaurants and cool coffee shop. We already commute to school, work and shopping and extra curricular activities. It would be nice to relax and enjoy our beautiful community and meet others in our community. I feel that my house is in Silver Springs (which I love) but I don't live here. I live in other communities. I find it hard to meet people my age as does the rest of my family.
- It would be great to have a grocery store in the community to be able to walk to
- A GROCERY STORE!!!!!! or market! a year round place where people can WALK to get produce and fresh groceries year round! preferably local . something like the bonesian would be amazing. more stores and amenities in the lower strip mall. it seems so empty in there.
- We need more stores in the area. Pretty sad that I have to drive to Ranchlands to take kids for an icecream. Also would be nice to have a Canadian tire around here. Closest is either beacon Hill or Dalhousie.
- Silver Springs again needs a grocery store. It would have been nice to have a Sunterra or comparable store in the space that Value Village took. Or any other kind of grocery store so one wouldn't have to drive to Crowfoot or Dalhousie station. There is currently nothing within walking distance.
- • While there are ample natural areas in Silver Springs for walking, it is very difficult to shop or do other business in the area without getting into your car. It is so unfortunate that the current retail space (Crowfoot) in the northwest quadrant is so difficult to walk to and around. The strip mall at Silver Springs Gate and Silver Springs Blvd is struggling to offer a variety of retail opportunities and there could be some incentives offered for more viable ones. The adjacent empty space where a dog park was recently fenced off should be taken out This park area is not needed for walking dogs as there is ample natural space for walking nearby. This along with the community building where the pool and skating rink are located could be developed into a "Town Centre" with a mix of high density housing and retail space. These two areas when developed would provide a focal point for the southeast quadrant of Silver Springs if developed with high walkability in mind
- If the plaza was regenerated to what it once was to be an inclusive shopping plaza, the community would become a very walkable community. There are many Seniors that have lived in the community all their lives and would like to remain. Being a walkable community would benefit them and the entire community.
- We use our vehicles every day as there is a lack of services and businesses in Silversprings - no more grocery store or bank like there used to be, only 1 gas station left. I miss the grocery store. There is only 2 strip mall and they offer lots of services but of course not everything. Walkable in Silversprings may be difficult as it covers a large area, we are too spread out.
- It is lacking gathering places to walk to besides the two strip malls. I would like to see neighbourhood bodegas or drive by coffee huts.
- ability to walk to where you need and buy local would be better
- More services in our community - walk to get groceries
- We have addressed this [walkable], but there may be other intersections.
- With the many parks, fields and natural areas our community has to offer, it is a destination even people from outside our community are taking advantage of! To help locals and visitors make the best use of these areas, we need to add a safe pedestrian crossing to



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connect the Birthplace forest to Bowmont park!!! The current situation is dangerous, as one must cross two lanes of fast moving, turning traffic to reach the other side. Our retirees and young families deserve better!

- Pedestrian should be the main priority in the traffic. Unfortunately not everything is always done to promote this. Silver Springs has great hiking path and a wonderful botanical garden but connection of these path within the community could be improved. For example the botanical garden and Bowmont park are separated by the Silver Springs Gate road on which the speed limit is 70 km/hr (WAY too fast for no reasons) on which no pedestrian crossing exist to get to Bowmont Park or connecting to the Varsity acres community. A speed pump and a pedestrian crossing would help so much and make the crossing of this highway within the community so much better.
- I'd love to see the walk score of the neighborhood increase.
- Keep our paths as is. Please don't add further (housing developet).

- I love being able to walk places and feel safe - having more pathways that are car free and places to bike. I wish we had a grocery store we could walk to!
- Healthy living, due to well kept pathways
- There are various pathways, parks , gardens in the vicinity for walking. You can choose different path for walking .
- We have the walk through the forest to the garden and paths troughout bowmont park and beyond
- The sidewalks near the school on SS Blvd are very uneven due to roots from trees. Very difficult to negotiate with stroller or by foot.
- Paths
- We celebrate the great bike and walking paths! Maintain them
- Encourage home owners to cut trees & shrubs back from sidewalk
- Wider bike path. Bikers - Walkers - Birdwatchers
- Wider sidewalks
- Less car-dependent, increased density, row housing, coach housing, secondary suites. More people.

Vision Words: OTHER

Selected 59 times. We asked if people had “other” words to share. When “other” was selected people gave these other words:

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| • SNOW REMOVAL | • POOL |
| • CONNECTED ACCESSIBLE | • POTHOLE IN PARKING LOTS |
| • GREEN | • FRAUD FREE |
| • GREAT CA | • TRANSPORTATION |
| • DOGS | • CONNECTED, WALKABLE & FAMILY FRIENDLY CLEAN/BEAUTIFUL |
| • COURTEOUS | • BOULEVARDS BANDSTAND |
| • OFF LEASH AREAS PROPERLY LABELED AND SOME PATROLLING | • FAIRY GARDEN (FAIRY GATES?) (FAIRY POST BOX?) |
| • DOGS OFF LEASH | • COMMUNITY WASHROOMS |
| • ACTIVE & CONNECTED | • WIRELESS ACCESSIBILITY |
| • CONNECT OLDER COMMUNITY TO YOUNGER FAMILIES | • NOUGLYART (“NO UGLY ART”) |
| • ONE-STOP | • SERVICE |
| • INTENSIFICATION | • TAX LESS |
| • CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL | • REVITALIZED |



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- SEASONAL DUMP SPOTS FOR YARD
- ACCESSIBLE & WALKABLE
- DIVERSE HOUSING
- DESIRABLE
- LOW DENSITY
- NATURAL
- SPACIOUS
- HONEST
- ENJOYABLE/EDUCATIONAL
- WEEDS GROWING IN CEMENT CRACKS OF BOULEVARDS
- HOUSING NO MORE SUB-DIVISIONS
- BIKERS LIVE
- ACTIVE & FAMILY FRIENDLY
- WASHROOMS
- WASHROOMS
- SERVICES (HIGHER END)
- SECURITY
- HOUSING
- SENIORS COOP
- RETIREMENT
- SENIORS HOUSING
- HOUSING
- SENIORS RESIDENCE
- 55 PLUS VILLAS
- NATURAL
- PEOPLE FRIENDLY
- NEW AGE
- FAMILY, SAFE, CHILDREN
- CLEAN AND HEALTHY
- BALANCED
- PLAYFUL
- NATURAL INTEGRATION
- BIKE/WALK COMMUNITY
- MORE CROSSWALK LIGHTS AT BIRTHPLACE FORES

Vision Words: OTHER

Selected 94 times

Answers to “why” below

- Seniors could stay in s.s. Area!
- The new crosswalk on ss gate by value village is fabulous.but, the dirt patches between the sidewalk and the road get very muddy. Wheelchairs & strollers get stuck & dirty when accessing the crosswalk button.
- I see the best connectivity for every resident to bike paths and bike lanes.
- More programs and activities for families
- A community that provides something for everyone of all ages
- Bandstand near shakespeare garden place for occasional music and dancing in a lovely setting.
- Help with net [zero] & builds a closer happier community
- Need to walk bike across - crosswalk - they think they own - road - sidewalk - bike path. Dirt paths
- Leaf program? Adopt ourselves. Private contract?
- Enjoyable surroundings for us all to enjoy
- Collapsing drains need to be repaired. The collapsing drains on curb corners collect leaves and dirt from gravel on roads and do not allow adequate drainage during a rainfall or in the spring when snow begins to melt.
- Gravel lanes should be oiled more frequently to keep dust at bay.
- The grass on city lands gets very long and weedy, detracting from the beauty of our lovely community
- Great need for community port-a-potties in botanical gardens
- Those w/ time connect w/ those w/ no time. :)
- I see (have a vision of) more accessible passageways from ss to crowfoot centre (by foot)
- "my words include connected, walkable and family friendly all rolled into a single idea...
- I would like to propose more beauty and access along the length of silver springs boulevard. Geographically, this roadway is the major collector route and the ""backbone"" of

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the community, but it lacks any sort of aesthetic appeal. I would like to propose the addition of banners, pavers and enhanced green spaces along its length, encouraging more foot traffic. This could perhaps also include some traffic calming devices where the residential feeders link to the boulevard, as traffic speeds are excessive at times."

- We back on a natural area that is not a bike path or an off-leash area. Yet, we have people who do not put their dog on the leash, pay little attention to what their dog(s) are doing and consequently some people do not pick up after their dog. We have mowed and watered the grass outside our fence for 40 years and would really appreciate it if others would respect the regulations. Our city has one of the highest percentage of off leash areas so why do people insist on coming to an on-leash area to let their dogs run free? We would really appreciate it if the city would change their policy of not posting on-leash areas. When we bring it to their attention that this is an on-leash area, often all we get for our trouble is someone swearing at us. Not courteous at all!
- Bicycle traffic is another concern. My husband and I have both experienced high-speed bikers coming up on us with no warning. No bell, no shout out, nothing. We have a walking/bike path in the bottom of the ravine but these people with mountain bikes do not want to use them. Why do we keep putting in special bike paths when bikers are not using the ones that are already there?
- Not overcrowded and full of trouble from them and their disrespectful ways
- Support diversity in housing: townhomes, duplexes, single family homes (bungalows, splits, two stories)
- Dogs, dogs and more dogs
- If we could get a bylaw officer around in Bowmont Park it could improve a lot. In the spring we can see all the dog crap left by dog owners. I have been in Silver Springs for 45 years and it is not getting any better.

Professional dog walkers with 10 dogs on the loose when we have the fenced in area both east and west .

- Don't like dogs running at you! Birth place forest
- A "little library" would be a great addition to the edible garden & would be a great place to have gardening related books.
- Happy, whimsical, fantasy area for children. See similar in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, UK.
- No drug grow ops, no gangs, enforce speed zone
- I see a place where would-be fraud or potential fraud is limited eg. [sp]/water insurance scms
- No changes
- More oxygen to breathe
- Quit pretending that you are engaging citizens
- We're tired of seeing your own agendas deciding what's good for our city
- We have lived in Silver Springs for 41 years. Now as we are looking at downsizing, there is no affordable seniors' housing in Silver Springs. We love living here because of the community, green space and the beautiful area in which we live. Because of lack of planning and support (by the city) for projects to find areas, in which appropriate housing could be situated, there is no place in Silver Springs to which we can downsize. We feel sad that we will have to leave the community of Silver Springs to find adequate accommodation.
- Need a seniors home in Silver Springs
- No more building permits. This is a r1 community we do not want more housing in the community. Leave our green space alone.
- Intensification: more people, more jobs, more local businesses, more housing choice, more mixed use, more frequent and connected transit, more sidewalks, more connectivity, more and better playgrounds, bigger community centre, more places to walk to, better school design, less traffic.
- More green space



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- Low density. Stop the re-zoning application at silvercreek.
- Kids play and people speed on silver springs drive
- Keep the road behind the baseball diamonds unpaved. Not only is this better for the environment since the soil can absorb moisture (rain), but on the colder days when it ices up the gravel makes it less slippery. If it is paved, it will get very icy in the winter.
- Not overcrowded and full of undesirable behaviour, smells and crime, etc
- Integrate all the beautiful natural areas so they flow: bowmont, birthplace forest, botanical gardens.
- Creating a modern community that starts to be a leading community in the city that is ahead of its time in terms of environment and developments. For example having community facilities that are sustainable/green facility, unique/innovative programs for seniors housing, leading urban planning projects.
- Yup, you guessed it. Need one explain?
- I am afraid for will happen once the election is over; 3 more years to run amok in this great city.
- Taxes:up, up up.
- I wouldn't be so negative but, your leaders just make it so easy.
- Off leash area signs conflict. Check both end of the area. Respecting others who use the off leash areas by dog owner picking up. Its not fun when you play with your kids and they fall on dog poo. Happened three times. Find poo continously. If they own the dog, why do i have to own the poo?
- We need more shops in the little strip mall on the south end, before it has to go out of business from lack of tenants.
- Bowmont park
- I would like to see an improved playground at the corner of silverthorn drive nw with more structures. The neighbourhood contains apartment buildings, condos, townhouses as

well as single-family dwellings and a nice playground would be very appreciated and used a lot. We drive to other playgrounds as the one very close to us has very old and limited equipment, mainly for toddlers. I am envious of new communities where i was told the developers put in these nice playgrounds.

- We hope the pool is ready for 2018 use
- There is no law or rule setting standards so our mini mall parking lot is never fixed and getting worst
- We need a place for aging residents of silver spring to retire
- Residents fixing up houses and yards.
- We end up with way more than green bins and up with piles as we wait for next pick up dates
- No police station in the close proximity
- Not included in silver springs orignally. I'm over 71
- So neighborhood seniors can move into a seniors living accomodation.
- Needed as population aging. Place on se corner!?
- Bring back services that were taken away, ie: dump hours, should be 7 days/week
- People are most invested when they can shop close to home.
- I walk my dogs on the bike path at the birthplace forest. It doesn't get shovelled when it snows, ever. I've called and complained to the city whose response is for me to use another path that is shovelled. Why have the path if it isn't maintained?
- We need to keep our city bright, clean and spacious
- The city needs to actually listen (for a change) to residents - not just pretend to involve them!
- Stop with the high density developments that are ruining e v e r y t h i n g in our neighborhoods
- We don't want overcrowded everything, crowded roads, crowded schools, crowded spaces



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- It is beautiful here in Canada because we have space
- Stop ruining it just for your tax base dollars
- There are tons and tons of actual examples where you have ignored residents only to be in the pockets of the developer
- City needs to learn to live with lower taxes.
- Inner city, but still suburbs, getting around is important.
- Porta potty or public washrooms people - poop in the park dogs roll in it or hurry to sprint home!
- Bp forrest bp facility - water @ park
- The cement boulevards are full of weeds growing in the crack. Removing them would be good. Looks abandoned.
- Weak telus signal along 7300 block of Silver Springs road. Encourage and permit a local cell tower
- Better community hall
- Silver Springs is an overall lovely community :)
- Community spirit
- Ultimately I want Silver Springs to have more restaurants and businesses in it. I don't know what the word is but we need more commercial areas
- Access to more public water fountains & washrooms along river pathway
- Better side street snow removal after garbage trucks make ruts
- Not toss out garbage...slurpee cups, pop cans, leftover bags of take out food
- Best reason to live in Silver Springs - 1. Birthplace forest - www.tripadvisor.ca > shuttleworth gardens, fairy gardens, sensory gardens 2. Botanical gardens - www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com (gardens in Scarborough, UK) 3. Edible gardens - www.scarborough.gov.uk/shuttleworthgardens
- Birth place forest
- Botanical gardens
- Senior residence so people can stay in community
- SS has all the above - we need more places for seniors to live and not have to move away from SSprings
- Removal of speed bumps on Silver Mead road NW - an 18-response survey is not a proper sample. Please contact all residents who will be affected by the change and who live in the area prior to making road changes that will affect entry into the area. Or post survey signs with a website at the location of change. If speeding during playground zone hours is an issue, place a police car with a radar gun there prior to affecting speeds 24-hours a day with speed bumps.
- Fix gravel back alleys
- A neighbourhood that is a cradle to grave neighbourhood. Start the conversation with homeowners, developers, schools, city etc. Everyone needs to be involved. No one group is more special than the other.
- [personally identifying information removed]



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Verbatim Facebook Comments

- Would love a grocery store like the bownesian . Somewhere to get produce eggs and fresh food year round . Local would Be even better . Within walking distance . Seniors home would be awesome . More local business in the bottom strip mall .
- Grocery store instead of the donation place . Finish the pool ! Inside soccer for children and Hot yoga to be offered at silver springs . I don't want to go crowfoot in winter ! that's all , I love silver springs .
- We love SilverSprings!!!! We would like a seniors home as well as grocery store within walking distance.
- Get the swimming pool fixed. By the way Coop will deliver your groceries if you phone an order on.
- The swimming pool should have been done by now
- Less green bins
- Seniors home for sure!
- don't pretend your better its silversprings blue collar neighborhood
- Make it gold