

2021 City of Roeland Park Community Survey Open-Ended Comments

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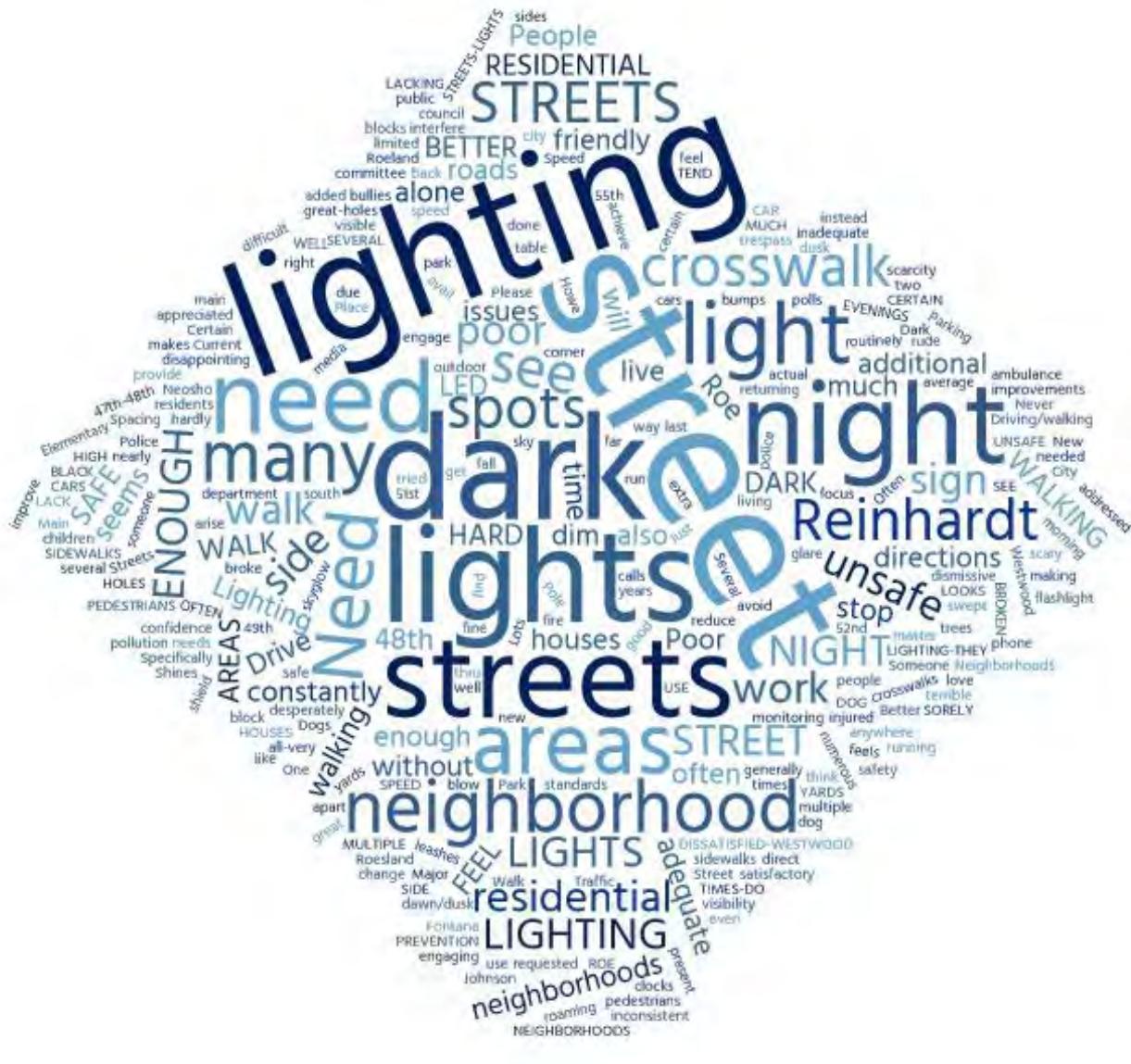


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Q5a. Why are you dissatisfied with aspects of public safety in Roeland Park?

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- BECAUSE THERE ARE STREETS WITH BLACK HOLES. NO LIGHTS ON STREETS-LIGHTS ON ROE ARE TOO HIGH SO THEY ARE IN HOUSES AND YARDS
- Better lighting needed
- CAR HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO MULTIPLE TIMES-DO NOT FEEL SAFE WALKING AT NIGHT
- Certain streets have very limited lighting at night making it unsafe to walk alone. Specifically, 48th street between Roesland Elementary and Reinhardt Drive. There are multiple dark spots where walking alone feels unsafe.
- City lighting in residential areas is not good at all
- COULD HAVE BETTER STREET LIGHTING IN CERTAIN AREAS
- Dark at night on Fontana 47th-48th.
- Don't feel safe anywhere in Roeland Park. The city council and park committee are bullies and they are not friendly. Down right rude to me.
- Driving/walking on 55th is scary at dawn/dusk due to poor lighting.
- HARD TO WALK AT NIGHT AND FEEL SAFE. LACK OF SIDEWALKS AS WELL. HARD FOR CARS TO SEE PEDESTRIANS
- I live on 49th. No lights at all-very dark.
- I run through neighborhoods in the morning, and there are often no street lighting.
- I think street lighting needs to be addressed - some areas are dark -
- Parking on both sides of streets is public safety issues as police - fire - ambulance cannot get through.
- I walk my dog all over RP. When we change the clocks in the fall and I have to walk her after work in the dark, the scarcity of street lights on many blocks makes it difficult to see without engaging the flashlight on my phone.
- I'd like more street lights
- I'd love to see more street lighting. Reinhardt is very dark at night.
- LIGHTING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IS SORELY LACKING
- Lighting on main roads is great, but seems to be very inconsistent on side roads and neighborhoods.
- Lighting on Roe is light pollution. Shines in all directions into houses not even on Roe. They lights need a shield to direct the light down instead of all directions.
- Lots of streets have poor lighting.
- Main streets improvements are satisfactory and appreciated, could improve neighborhood streets.
- Major streets need adequate lighting.
- Most streets do not provide adequate street lights for visibility of children and pedestrians.
- My street and block are very dark and could use additional lighting.
- Need additional lighting
- Need dark sky lights and more light on Johnson Drive.
- Need more street lights.
- Need more street lights.
- Need residential street lights.
- Neighborhoods are very dark.
- Never see them in my neighborhood.

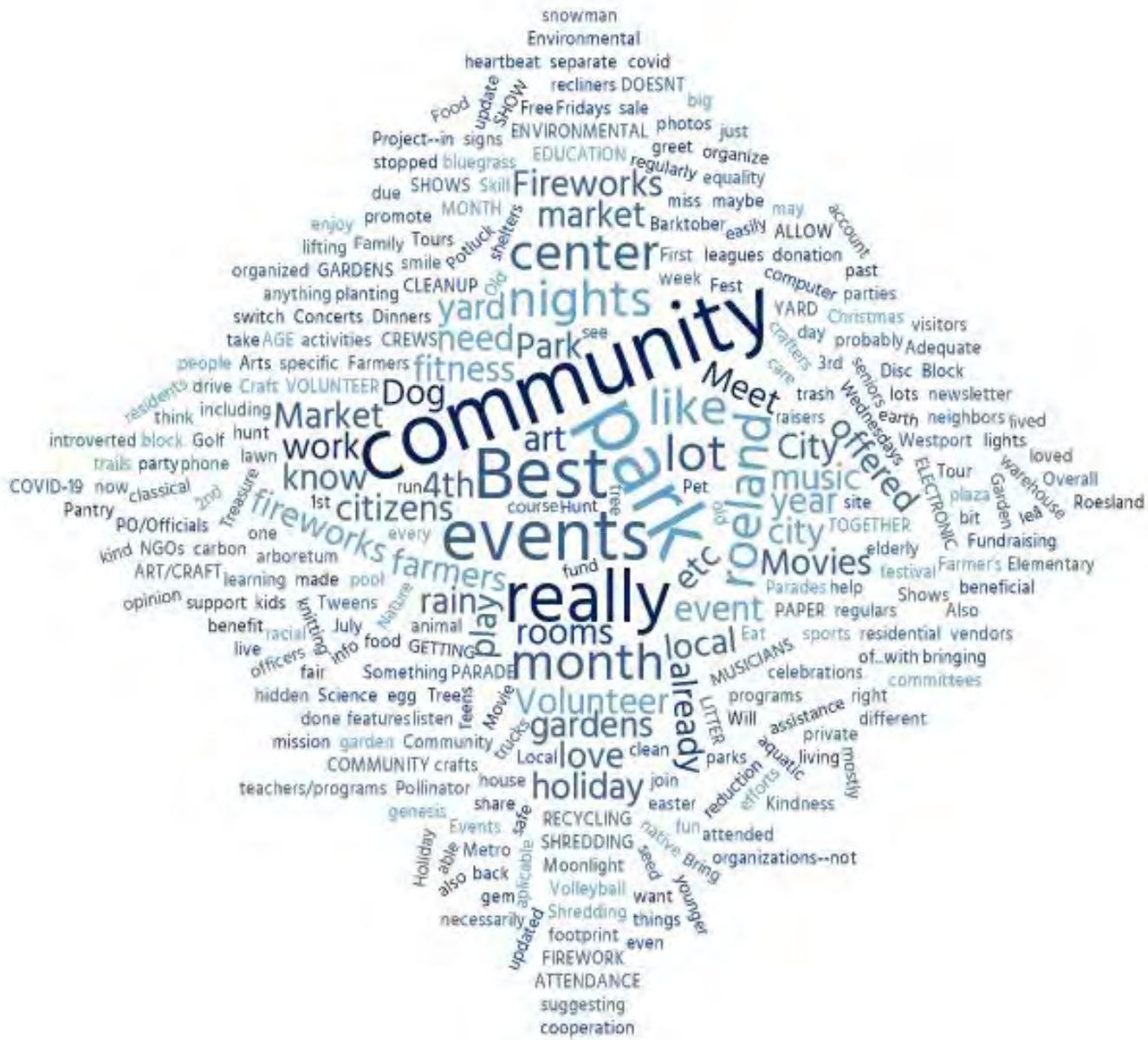
- New lighting is terrible, streets are dark.
- No light present for several houses, too far apart.
- NOT ENOUGH PREVENTION AND LIGHTING
- NOT ENOUGH STREET LIGHTS
- NOT ENOUGH STREET LIGHTS ON RESIDENTIAL SIDE STREETS
- One or two street lights need to be added on each street.
- Our streets have areas that are very dark. If I am running at dusk or night time I will avoid certain streets where there are extra dark areas.
- Over the last 12 years living here we have routinely tried to engage the department. From not returning calls to being generally dismissive when issues arise it seems there is more pr media focus than actual work being done.
- People speed through RP constantly. We live on a corner with a 4 way stop and people blow the stop sign constantly. More monitoring. Speed bumps? Traffic table?
- Please work to achieve outdoor lighting standards which reduce glare, light trespass, and skyglow.
- Pole on south side of 51st between Howe and Neosho.
- Police are very visible and friendly. Dogs are often roaming yards without leashes. There are dark spots at night.
- Poor lighting and sidewalks
- Poor lighting on back streets
- Several streets with below average lighting. We need more but not as much as 48th in Westwood, that is too much.
- Someone swept through the neighborhood and broke into cars and no confidence they will find them
- Spacing too great-holes. Current LED lighting is inadequate many dark spots.
- Street lights on side streets are dim. There should also be street lights at all crosswalks.
- Streets are too dark.
- STREETS ARE VERY DARK AT NIGHT, WALKING UNSAFE IN NEIGHBORHOODS
- The lights are too dim.
- There are many dark spots in residential areas. Often trees interfere with the lighting.
- There are many streets with poor lighting.
- There are no street lights on my street. Any light is from residents' night lights
- There are not nearly enough street lights
- There is hardly any street lighting, it is too dark.
- There is not enough street lighting on neighborhood streets.
- Too dark.
- Too many dark areas that are unsafe for walking.
- VERY DISSATISFIED-WESTWOOD LOOKS MUCH BETTER
- Walk thru my neighborhood at night!
- We need more street lights and new polls. The LED lights themselves are fine.
- We need more street lights on Reinhardt. Very dark at night. We also desperately need a crosswalk sign at the crosswalk on Reinhardt and W. 52nd Place. People SPEED through that

crosswalk! Just a matter of time before someone is injured. We have requested a crosswalk sign numerous times, to no avail. It is very disappointing!

- WE OFTEN WALK OUR DOG IN THE EVENINGS AND THERE ARE SEVERAL STREETS THAT COULD USE MORE LIGHTING-THEY TEND TO BE VERY DARK
- You can't see well on my street when it is dark.

Q12-7 [Other]. What type of community events would you like to have organized by the City of Roeland Park?

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- Adequate already offered
- AGE DOESNT ALLOW ATTENDANCE
- ART/CRAFT SHOW
- Arts fair
- Best of...with signs in yard and photos in the newsletter: Best yard of the month. Best tree of the month. Best rain garden of the month. Best holiday lights. Best snowman.
- Block parties attended by officers
- Bring back the fireworks!
- City does not need to organize anything other than support private citizens efforts to do what they want; block party.
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- Craft sale, maybe before Christmas.
- Disc Golf course.
- Dog park
- Dog Shows
- Environmental Science and play, seed community gardens. Meet and greet PO/Officials for kids and neighbors.
- Events to promote racial equality in RP and KC Metro.
- Family fun nights at aquatic center
- Farmer's Market
- FIREWORK SHOWS AGAIN
- Fireworks
- Fireworks
- Free donation warehouse
- Fundraising events for the benefit of local NGOs such as the Food Pantry, Roesland Elementary teachers/programs, & residents or visitors in need, such as the Holiday Kindness Project--in cooperation with local city committees, citizens or organizations--not necessarily organized by the City.
- I don't go to a lot of big events, mostly on account of COVID-19. But also because, I'm kind of introverted.
- I really enjoy the mission farmers market! Or even just an event with different vendors bringing in art, etc. I have only lived in roeland park for a year and I know a lot was stopped due to covid, So I may be suggesting things that have already been done. Also, I really think an update to the community center fitness rooms would be beneficial. I drive to genesis right now but if the roeland park community center fitness rooms were a bit more updated, I would switch in a heartbeat! And I know a lot of younger people that live here that would too! I'd love to be able to do my lifting then take a run on the trails after. Overall I have loved living in roeland park over the past year - a hidden gem in my opinion.
- I would like to see community events to clean up trash.
- LITTER CLEANUP VOLUNTEER CREWS, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, ELECTRONIC RECYCLING, PAPER SHREDDING
- Local Farmers Market
- Meet and Eat First Wednesdays (or other) Potluck Dinners at R Park.

- Barktober Fest
- Tree Treasure Hunt at the arboretum in R Park
- Something for Tweens and Teens
- Moonlight market (farmers & crafters) with music, food trucks at old pool site every other week
- Movie nights
- Movies in park
- Movies in the park
- **MUSICIANS GETTING TOGETHER**
- Nature in the city, rain gardens.
- Old, don't really care.
- **PARADE**
- Parades
- Pet events, fund raisers for animal shelters
- Pollinator Garden Tours
- Shredding event
- Skill learning, computer, I phone, knitting, crafts for seniors.
- The recliners to play at the park.
- These all made me smile.
- Tour parks to share native planting & carbon footprint reduction features that are easily applicable to residential lots with assistance info. AND concerts including classical and bluegrass music, probably on separate nights regularly on a specific one of the Fridays, like 1st, or 3rd, while other regulars are on 2nd or 4th, etc
- Volleyball or sports leagues.
- Volunteer programs to help elderly with lawn and house work in the community.
- Volunteer work and how to join. Community holiday celebrations. (ie. July 4th, earth day, easter egg hunt.)
- We miss the fireworks
- When its safe a art festival like they have in Westport and the plaza
- Will you really listen?
- Would love any community activities offered!
- **YARD OF THE MONTH**

Q13a. Why are you dissatisfied with aspects of city maintenance in Roeland Park?

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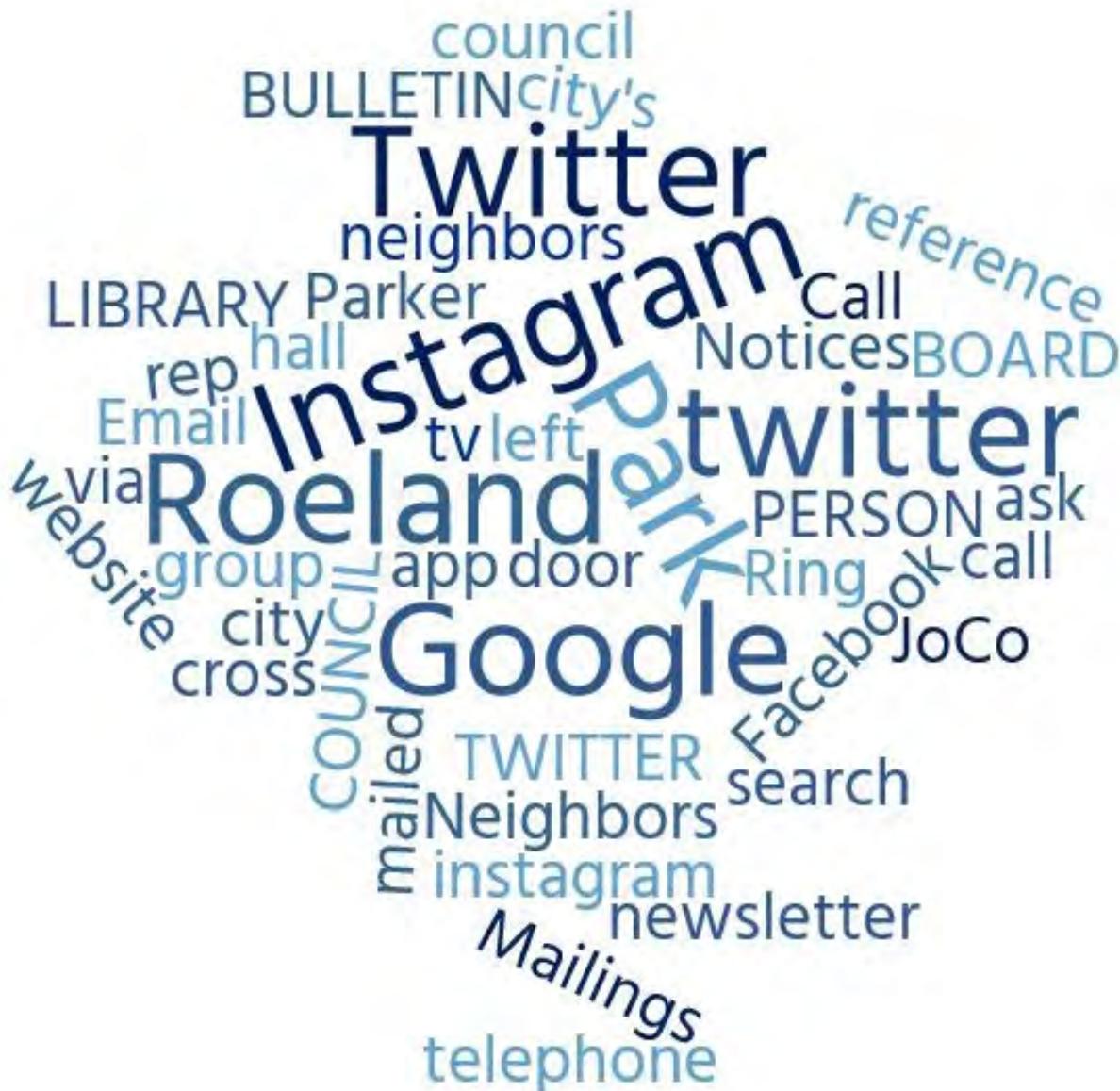
- 48th street off of Neosho to the west is very dark, minimal lighting.
- AGAIN, NEED MORE LIGHTING IN NEIGHBORHOODS TO BE SAFER
- AGAIN, WALKING OUR DOG AT NIGHT-A LOT OF STREETS ARE SUPER DARK
- AGAIN, WHOLE STREET SHOULD BE LIT-LIGHTS SHOULD NOT GO INTO HOUSES
- All the trash in trash can left over night to invite raccoons,rats,cats,mice. The trash is over flowing and then pit on grass over night. It's the nastiest park I have ever seen! Disgusting. Standing water in the pavilion, cars parked in front of all houses facing the park. Rude families that don't use parking lot! They just park on street. Very rude pickle ball players with loud music all day and night.
- ALMSOT NONEXISTENT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
- As mentioned previously, the amount of street lights on residential streets could be updated. There are many dark spots on 48th st between Roesland Elementary and Reinhardt that make it feel unsafe to walk alone.
- CAR HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO, SECURITY AT HOME. DO NOT FEEL SAFE WALKING AT NIGHT
- Chip and seal is a cheap, unsatisfactory paving method.
- City streets could use more lighting. When walking after dark it is difficult to see in the neighborhood.
- Feel like placement of city lighting is not in the right spots, especially at corners, making some turns near dark when turning at night
- Improvement needed for streets and sidewalks
- Increase the street lighting.
- It's difficult to get any meaningful response. This has stayed consistent over our time here. Very few base failure repairs, lots of failing curbs, old signage with arbitrary placement. What is the point of contacting this department with concerns, even when they cause accidents? Seems we do well with contracting out when we get federal dollars.
- Light fixtures do not add to neighborhood feel. Like highway lighting.
- Location needs additional lighting.
- Lots of dark pockets-too widely spaced.
- Main streets improvements are satisfactory and appreciated, could improve neighborhood streets.
- More consistent lighting on side streets and neighborhoods.
- More lighting in neighborhoods
- More lighting with street lights is needed along many blocks in Roeland Park including those streets around WalMart.
- More street lighting would be wonderful. Westwood has several beautifully lit streets!
- More street lights
- My neighborhood curbs need redone.
- My street and block are very dark and could use additional lighting.
- My street has no lights.
- Need better lighting for walkers and deterrent for criminal activities to private homes.
- Need better lighting in neighborhoods.
- Need light fixture shields.
- NEED MORE

- Need more in neighborhoods.
- Need more lighting in neighborhoods.
- Need more on streets east of Roe.
- Need more street lights! And fixing of sidewalks
- Need to return to the orangeish street lights
- No street Light close to my house and have had many cars hit and totaled by speeding cars.
- NOT ENOUGH LIGHTING
- NOT ENOUGH LIGHTING ON RESIDENTIAL SIDE STREETS
- NOT ENOUGH STREET LIGHTS
- Not enough street lights on some streets
- Our street (W. 52nd Street) has not been treated in any way or resurfaced in years. Very disappointing. Other streets around W. 52nd Place get resurfaced and treated, but our street does not get any attention. t's been at least five years since we have had any improvements!
- Our street is not as well lit at night as I would like it to be. Also, would love for the city to invest more \$ into updating the community center. It would be great to have a better fitness facility and things in the community center!
- Poor street conditions, trash debris.
- Residential streets are too dark at night.
- Same as before. Moving to led street lights requires cognizant thought on reducing light pollution in the process. Invest in lights with shields that keep the light directed to the street.
- Same issue addressed in an earlier question.
- SOME STREETS COULD USE MORE STREET LIGHTING FOR WALKING INDIVIDUALS
- Street lights are too dim.
- Street signs are old/worn and do not align with the new ones on Roe. More unique lighting would be preferable. Similar to Roe. Or what Westwood and Merriam has.
- STREETS ARENT LIT-SEEM DINGY AND OLD-WOULD IMPROVE LIKE WESTWOOD
- Streets too dark.
- The city should get new street light poles and more of them per Street. The LED lights themselves are fine. Also, I would like to see all of the city streets get the same new street signs that the Roe project got.
- The lights are too dim.
- The lights don't give adequate light, so streets are dark.
- The roads are in horrible shape.
- There are not enough lights on neighborhood streets.
- There are some real dark spots in neighborhoods, old lighting layout, spread it out.
- There are some very poorly lit streets.
- There aren't enough street lights on the side streets in RP.
- They don't seem to replace burnt out lighting.
- Too dark
- Too much space between street lights.
- Tripping hazards in places
- Very dark sections of streets make me feel less safe while walking/running.
- WHEN RUNNING IN THE A.M., IT IS DARK IN MANY PLACES AND STREETS

- Years ago a creek flowed freely around 48th and Falmouth. It is now an underground "spring". After rainfall city crews often have to clear the drains on 48th. Homes North of said creek experience basement water issues. If an engineer could look into this quite possibly the situation could be ameliorated.

Q17-12 [Other]. What sources do you currently use most to get information about the City of Roeland Park?

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- call and ask via telephone
- Call city hall
- Email from council rep
- Google
- Google search and cross reference R. Park with JoCo website.
- Instagram
- Instagram
- LIBRARY BULLETIN BOARD
- mailed newsletter
- Mailings
- MY COUNCIL PERSON
- neighbors
- Neighbors
- Notices left on the door.
- Ring app
- Roeland Park Facebook group
- Roeland Parker
- The city's instagram!
- tv
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Q23a. Why are you dissatisfied with aspects of transportation safety in Roeland Park?

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- Adding the mountain bike trails in Nall Park was problematic. It eroded due to heavy rain, it is slippery and hard to walk on.
- Almost no bus or bike infrastructure.
- Any place where there is no sidewalk is dangerous. Need to add bike lanes.
- Avoid bus for safety concerns.
- Bicycle lanes needed, current streets don't seem conducive to bikes.
- Bicycles are not safe on main streets, they do not stay on their side of the road.
- Bicycles don't obey rules of the road, most never stop for stop signs.
- Bike travel on Roe unsafe, too much speeding.
- Bikers and pedestrians must share road with cars. Commercial/Residential too fast and reckless.
- Bus stops aren't clearly bus stops. Yes there are signs, however a bench or covered area is nice. It sometimes feels as if standing in a neighbor's space on Roe. Also the dissatisfaction with drivers is really the speeding. Particularly the "cut through streets" like 52nd east of row to Buena Vista.
- Can't walk at night due to bad street lighting.
- Cars are allowed to speed very fast down residential streets with no police presence to stop them.
- Cars do not respect bike riders
- Cars do not see bicycles.
- Cars do not yield to bikes or even aware of them.
- Cars go way to fast on residential streets.
- City needs protected bike lanes on major roads, sharrows or lanes not sufficient.
- Commercial intersections seem unfriendly to pedestrians, many streets are narrow, intersections are too blind for bikes and cars to share.
- Dislike bicyclists and motorcycles
- Do we even have bicycle trails? We need additional sidewalks for walking. I walk almost daily and most of my walking has to be done in the street.
- Drivers don't expect much foot or bike traffic.
- Drivers drive much too fast on 55th Street and roe, even with Roe's new traffic pattern.
- Fast driving and narrow streets.
- I am disappointed that there are few bicycle options. I would like to ride more, but do not feel safe on the streets.
- I am not aware of any biking trails. There are no designated bike lanes on the streets.
- I am not really dissatisfied specifically with RP. Generally, in our area, bicyclists seem to not be respected.
- I don't have a car and walk most places on foot. A lot of the time, especially in residential areas, there just AREN'T any sidewalks. People around here never expect to see someone walking on the road, so if there's no sidewalk and not even a shoulder, I feel very unsafe walking places.
- I don't like bicycles on city streets.
- I don't think most of the sidewalks are actually pedestrian friendly. I feel safe from crime, but I don't feel safe from injury or from cars. Most sidewalks in the city are placed at the edge of the street so that the sidewalk goes through a dip in the homeowner's driveways, making me feel off-balance and prone to twisting my ankles even when I keep my balance. So even when a

sidewalk is present, I am usually walking in the street, which does not feel safe to me either. The only reason that is even tenable is because traffic on my residential streets is so low and when I can't avoid a high traffic street, I just hope for the best as long as I have to walk along that route.

- I feel unsafe riding my bicycle on city streets. I would love a bike lane.
- I have a hard time going to Mission on my bike, there is no good route.
- I just don't travel by bike at all because I personally believe it to be unsafe regardless of the area.
- I wish we had more bike lanes on the streets.
- I won't ride alone on a bike trail due to wooded areas. Perhaps add lighting and blue phones.
- I would not travel by bus or walk on RP side of County Line.
- Improve bike safety would be nice
- In general riding bikes on streets is problematic.
- In general, I don't feel safe on public transit.
- It would be nice to be able to stay on the sidewalk when walking and only some streets have a sidewalk. Also, because there is an abundance of foot traffic the sidewalks get clogged forcing someone to walk in the roadway or through yards.
- It's not very bike friendly. I would like to be able to ride my bike from Mission Rd. To the shops on Johnson Drive but it doesn't feel very safe.
- Kids cannot ride bikes to Roeland Elementary safely.
- Lack of bike lanes.
- LACK OF SIDEWALKS AND LIGHTING
- Lack of sidewalks, width of sidewalks, proximity of sidewalks to road and speed/congestion on roads
- Lack of trails
- Lighting at night in neighborhoods is poor. Public safety issues due to few patrols. Pd not realizing the timing of when neighborhoods get used for short cuts, resulting in speeding make it difficult for people to walk safely at specific times of day- to work, lunch hour and after work times of day.
- LITTLE TO NO BIKE LANES
- Many streets are still lacking sidewalks, crosswalks and accessibility for all users.
- Minimal trails and Roe is very unsafe.
- More bicycle lanes.
- NARROW STREETS WITH CARS PARKED TO HINDER TRAFFIC AND SERVICES
- Need bicycle lanes on streets.
- Need bike lanes
- Need bike lanes on Roe.
- Need more bike lanes and trails.
- Need more sidewalks on streets that don't have any.
- Need more sidewalks.
- NEED MORE SIGNAGE FOR BICYCLISTS AND BIKE LANES
- Nieborhood getting run over by thugs and your allowing it because of BLM and defund police
- NO BIKE LANES
- No bike lanes on busy streets.

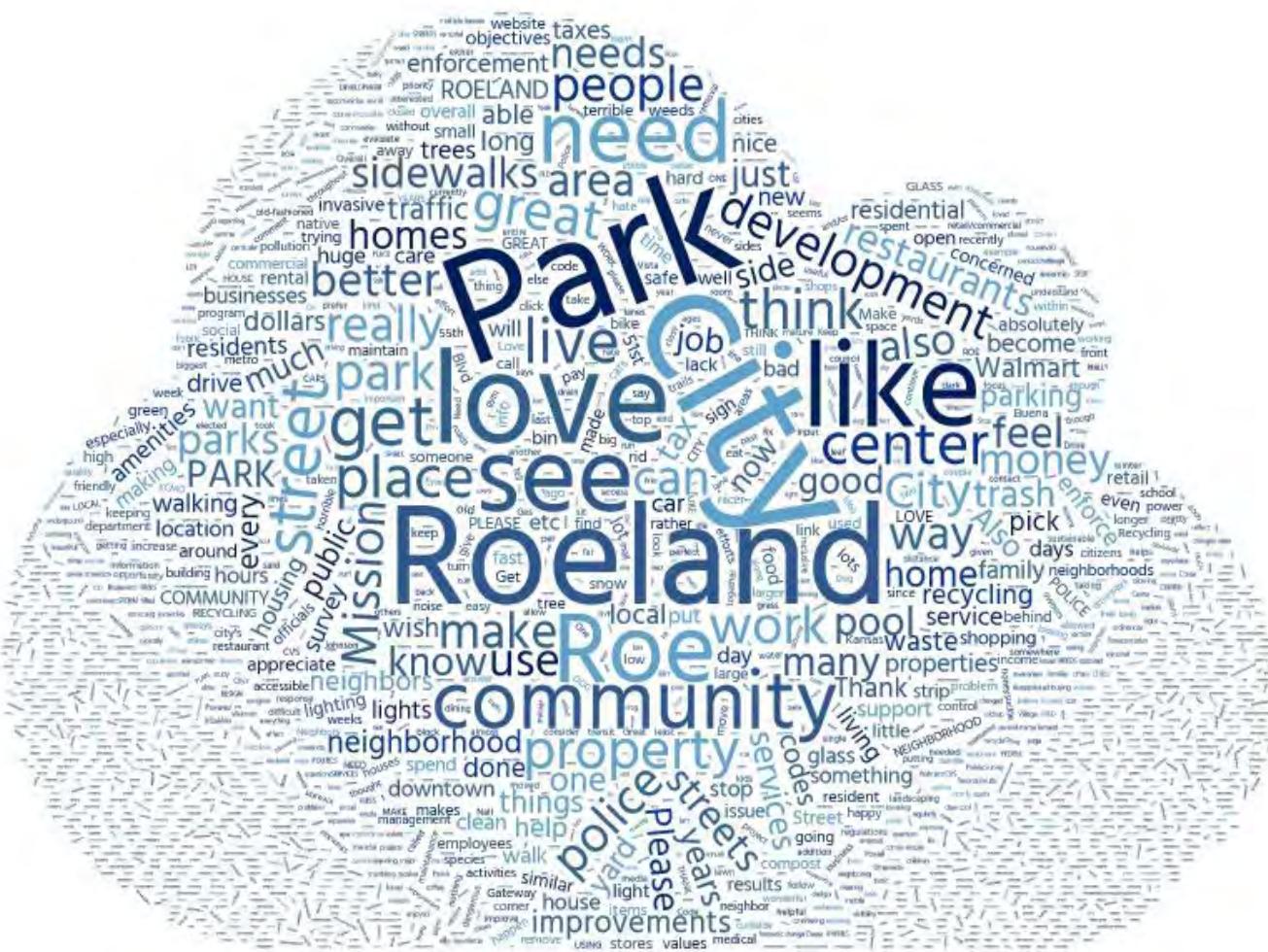
- No designated bike lane/shoulder for cyclists.
- NO LIGHTING-NOT EASY ACCESS
- No place for bikes.
- No spaces to ride.
- No trails, paths other than sidewalks.
- No walkways
- Not all streets are safe for walking or biking.
- Not enough bicycle lanes.
- NOT ENOUGH CROSSWALKS-HARD TO WALK TO STORES, ETC
- People drive like maniacs.
- Quality of bus services
- Really an area of improvement for our city. We need better walkability, public transportation and bike safety. Really all these activities are pretty dangerous right now
- RIDING A BIKE IN ROELAND PARK IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE STREETS
- ROE DURING CONSTRUCTION WAS/IS CONFUSING AND VERY UNSAFE FOR PEDESTRIANS, CARS, BIKERS AND CYCLISTS ALIKE
- SIDEWALKS ARE DISCONJUGATE, SOME WIDE, SOME NARROW, VERY WINDING, NO STREET LANE
- Sidewalks are interrupted and crossing marks are not frequent, too far apart.
- So When I am trying to go to the oak park mall which I used to be able to go to via bus. I now work night shift so it is impossible for me to ever go there now, but...I used to be able to get to work by bus. Now I cannot afford to go anywhere because I do not want to own a car because I do not want to burn gas for the environment. What I want to learn is where I can get to and from work at an affordable rate from Roeland Park to Merriam and back home because I am unable to afford an uber to and from work as the people who used to work at my job used to take me home, now they have left the area.
- Some cyclists ride in streets and sidewalks.
- Some key routes (Buena Vista- south end) have no sidewalks.
- Some streets in the neighborhoods don't have sidewalks, so we have to walk on the street.
- Speed limits are not adequately enforced.
- Streets are to narrow.
- Streets North of 48th streets need sidewalks, but it was an election year and the issue was tabled.
- The areas where sidewalks are lacking causes worry. Specifically at Buena Vista & Shawnee Mission. Heading north on Buena Vista by Einsteins is very dangerous especially when traffic is high (When the schools let out, or evening times). Very scary in the winter. Also the lack of sidewalk along Buena Vista between 54th terrace & w. 53rd street. The grassy patch gets super muddy to walk in, and it's dangerous to walk along the road with the cars traveling northbound.
- The Metro needs to have more stops available along Roe Boulevard with pedestrian enclosures for waiting riders. There is no protection for riders along the route. The bus service needs to expand its' route a stop closer to or within the Boulevard Apartments. A missed opportunity for sure!

- There are a few spots in town that are relatively high traffic areas, but there is no sidewalk. In particular the area near Burns Vista and Shawnee Mission Parkway is dangerous for pedestrians. The Walmart parking lot is also a complete mess.
- THERE ARE NO DEDICATED BIKE LANES OR PROTECTION FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
- There are not enough protected bike trails to ensure bicyclists can move between city locations without riding close to a high traffic areas
- There are several areas that don't allow for safe connections to exist trails or sidewalks. Sidewalks directly adjacent to busy streets feel unsafe
- There are some streets that are very narrow that should not allow parking on both sides (Clark Dr for example). Crossing Roe has improved, but still can be a little difficult on foot or by bike. Narrow streets can make biking on the streets hazardous.
- There are too many cars to feel safe crossing major roads.
- There is a disconnect in the JOCO bicycling trail system. Roeland Park should be the connection for cyclists and bike commuters between JOCO and downtown KC. Instead it seems to be a void. Mission and Merriam have the beginnings of safe trail ways with Roeland Park in the middle with little accessibility.
- There is a lack of bicycle lanes as well as lack of sidewalks in many parts of the city. Also, traffic on residential streets is often really fast, unsafe and motorists regularly ignore pedestrian crosswalks.
- There is not enough space for bicyclists on streets.
- Too few designated bike lanes in the area.
- TOO FEW PROTECTIONS FOR BIKERS, TOO FEW BIKE LANES
- Too many cars park in the street. Emergency vehicles need to get to our homes. Park in your garage, driveway or parking lots at public parks and buildings.
- Too many cars parked along residential streets and when a large truck is parked it is almost impossible to get through (electricians, plumbers, etc.) No solution to the problem, but something should be done to prevent a neighbor from parking opposite the driveway. Maybe the streets are too narrow.
- Too many cars parked along side the residential streets. When a service truck is required, it is almost impossible to pass. Maybe the streets are too narrow and an easement could be taken off of yards and be given a tax incentive to help with the problem. Also, residents park across the street from driveways and makes it very difficult to back out.
- TOO MANY VEHICLES PARKED ON STREETS-SPEEDING
- Too much speeding. Especially on small streets.
- Traffic lights suck and are too sensitive to non-major roadways. When I'm on Roe GOING SPEED LIMIT I get stuck at every light. Every day. Too many cars parked on streets prevent the ease of 2-way traffic, constantly have to stop to yield to other oncoming cars. Sidewalks are only on one side of street. Add sidewalks all around on every side of every st. Feel very unsafe bicycling - too many cars to worry about, want bike lanes/paths.
- Travel across the Walmart parking lot. If that were safer and more pleasant, I would be more likely to walk there and back. The same for Aldi and Price Chopper. I know those are private property and the city can't force private property owners to improve their properties, but I think those things really impact walkability.
- Travel by foot

- Unsafe near or outside Roeland Park, excess speed and disregard for red lights.
- Very few bike lanes.
- Very few streets have a bike lane.
- WALKING ON BUSY STREETS WITHOUT SIDEWALKS IS NOT SAFE-NORTH END OF NEOSHO
- Walking to certain areas around busy streets.
- We need bike lanes! It's truly the only way to feel safe on city streets.
- We need more trails for biking and walking!
- What bicycle trails? Roe is very unsafe.
- Where are the accessible bike trails.
- WHERE ARE THE BIKE LANES
- Will we had more access points to bicycle trails

Q43. Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

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- 1- sidewalks for walking should be a priority for RP. 2 - homes that are in disrepair should be cited more frequently. 3 - Street lighting other than Roe is spotty. 4- need a long term plan to address the blight and traffic problems by Wal-Mart and other businesses W of Roe.
- 1. Domestic cats allowed to run free is a huge problem in my neighborhood and getting worse. This is an invasive species that reeks havoc on native plants and birds. City needs to communicate through Nextdoor, Newsletter, etc. and enforce infractions reported by residents. 2. Increase efforts to attract business development and generate taxable income. City taxes are too high, I do most of my spending in Mission or Missouri.
- 52nd Terrace and Delmar Street needs a street light.
- A DOG PARK. I am disappointed in the aquatics center upgrades and lack of able staffing. I do understand covid but once again the pool is based upon children only and took also away open swim laps from 6-12.
- A little annoyed about the pool days, my day off is Friday and it is closed.
- A PARK IS A GREAT INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE
- Add no-through sign at the corner of 55th St & Briar St to stop all of the turn aounds in our driveways & hammer head since street dead-ended in 2020 - sign similar to Mission, KS at 55th & Lamar Streets
- Art in the park is trash and should be trashed.
- As a retired senior citizen, aging-in-place can be a challenge during winter to maintain sidewalks free of ice and snow as required by city codes. I'm not physically able to shovel snow nor do I feel safe trying to de-ice. I'm not aware of any city service & almost impossible to hire someone.
- As someone who lives along 51st Street, the number of close calls I see of motorists disregarding the stop sign at Nall Ave. is several per day, especially drivers heading east on 51st. It is only a matter of time before a pedestrian or bicyclist is seriously injured. I'd also love some more premium landscaping around the Walmart property. On balance, I love living in Roeland Park. The location is incredible for all types of activities. Just keep striving for diversity and we'll be REALLY the place to be.
- As this survey has me reflecting on the state of our city I would have to say that overall the City of Roeland Park is doing a pretty great job and I appreciate it. Some things that really bother me are: citizens/ owners/ renters who do not maintain their property, and that codes personnel does not enforce it. Litter and weeds in our parks and landscaping, especially the lovely new shelter in R Park. Cars parked on both sides of residential streets which make it difficult to pass. (Consider alternate street side parking, or one side only?). no decent restaurants or new businesses attracting a larger tax base. As I look at it, the big ticket items such as streets, sidewalks, curbs, and lighting are all pretty well nailed down. Now I'd like to see some focus on enforcing cleanup of the many homes and properties that look like the owner either does not care, rents and does not maintain, or just plain old does not know the codes. Even more so, I'd like to see our parks and greenspaces setting the standard for cleanliness and lawncare. Ever hear of the Broken Window Theory? Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
- Attract more businesses including restaurants, breweries, or other.
- Big draw of Roeland Park is our location.
- Bike trails and restaurants!!!
- Building inspector is a little gruff. He could be more helpful. Codes on website are confusing as well and hard to find/understand. Recycling is hit or miss on whether they pick up or not.

- City manager does a great job keeping city focused and working with councils.
- City should partner with residents to help with the tree trimming.
- City staff does a great job with the resources they have to work with.
- Clean up neighborhood, enforce codes and noise ordinance.
- Code enforcement is lax. Otherwise a very good starter house community. Good location.
- Code enforcement on rental properties must be emphasized.
- Code enforcement. What do they do???? RP is not huge. Please drive around fault or weekly and enforce codes. No homes association dependent on RP code enforcement to do a job they don't. Have called many times. Follow up is non existent or atrocious. Again..do they understand being proactive to enhance property values? That is a huge problem for RP with mostly older homes. The tear down trend will come. More rental home oversight as well.
- Concern that as property values have gone up, city revenues also increase fairly significantly. If we have a downturn in the future where valuations decrease notably (as has occurred in the recent past), will the city be able to maintain level of services? Current spending feels unsustainable, though we all like nice roads, parks, etc.
- Concerned for water resource management, noise pollution.
- Control taxes, don't spend all sales tax income.
- Curbs and street gutters on W 54th Ter are in bad shape.
- Do not be ridiculous and spend money if a resident has a weed in their driveway.
- Do not know who to call on weekends if you need police or animal control.
- Dog park
- Dog park please.
- DOG PARK WOULD BE A GREAT ADDITION
- Dog Park!!!!
- Don't like that u removed the mature trees from the median on Roe. Convert streets to single lane traffic, continuous middle turn lane, bike lanes on both sides, sidewalks on both sides. Make traffic lights on Roe default to Roe, Roe should have right-of-way more than side streets, lights are too sensitive/favorable to side streets, right-turners, ONE car approaching from the side barely even comes to complete stop before MANY cars on Roe have to stop for them...just for them to turn right...or another car approaches as soon as the light changes back finally. The green lights for side streets last longer than the green lights for Roe traffic. Don't like the Roe renovation, more congestion, less convenience, fewer left turns available.
- EASY WAY TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IS TO STOP USING WHITE MARKINGS ON CARS. USE POLICE CARS THAT LOOK LIKE POLICE CARS AND ARE WELL MAINTAINED.
- Electricity cutting out is our biggest concern.
- Fence rules for corner lots are overly strict. You should be allowed to have up to a 6 foot fence within 10 feet of the egress.
- fill pot holes in parking lots esp. between Waggreens and Aldi's. front end car damage can happen
- Fix roads and sidewalks.
- Fix street from 55th south on Ash. Give violations to all who do not put trash bins out of sight.
- Generally Roeland Park is a great place to live.
- Get a City Manager with a backbone.

- Get a nice family restaurant.
- Get rid of construction eye sore that was mission mall
- Get some fine dining, better than fast food.
- Get us sit down restaurants that serve breakfast, lunch, and alcohol. We need bar/grills. We have spent thousands of dollars in Mission because we can't eat here. Why? We have perfect access to I-35 to draw travelers. Cracker Barrel would be great.
- GLASS RECYCLING PLEASE
- GLASS RECYCLINGM COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND STREET LIGHTS ARE AT TOP OF OUR LIST
- Great city
- Great city. Fund the police. Screw the psycho leftist idiots trying to ruin the world.
- Great city. Too many rental homes. Focus on the Walmart center parking lot, light pollution, the drive behind Walmart cvs, allow for wider driveways...
- Hard top the pool or put a dome on it in the winter. Ban fire works please.
- How much did this cost and property tax is up 10% this year!
- I absolutely love living in Roeland Park.
- I absolutely love the improvements to Roe. I would love to see improvements aesthetically like that throughout the city. Would love to see better businesses on Roe and would love to see Mission Gateway completed.
- I already made a comment that if I had to pick one thing I would love improved it would be the fitness center at the community center. I go to a private gym right now but if the fitness center was a bit nicer, I would love to become a part of the community center! Overall love Roeland park even though I have only been here a little over a year - love that it is quiet yet still pretty close to everything, love the greenery, the parks, the people are great. I'd love to buy a house here in the next year or so (I rent now). I am assuming I'm a bit young compared to others in Roeland park but think it is starting to be more inviting to the younger crowd too - I love it here!
- I always get the run around when I call to complain about my street condition. It is also used as a drag strip. 57th needs to be repaved.
- I am concerned about car thefts and car break ins that have been occurring. Are police patrolling? I hardly ever see them on Parish, except when they are parked in the school lot. I think they should be rolling on the streets during their entire shift unless they are on a call.
- I am concerned about invasive species I see in Roeland Park . In particular, the wild honeysuckle that has taken over other Johnson County parks and the the "tree of heaven" Ailanthus Altissima are two invasive plants I see spreading rapidly through the area. An incentive or city initiative to get rid of these invasive species and replace them with native plants/trees would improve the community! I worry that invasive species such as these are going to become so entrenched in backyards/the area, that it will become nearly impossible to eradicate them. One really large tree of the "tree of heaven" variety is at the corner of 50th Terrace and Briar.
- I am concerned about our property tax rates. Seems to me they were raised when we thought Walmart was moving to Mission, but since that decision has been changed, and Walmart is not leaving, I don't recall a reduction in our property tax rate. Am I incorrect about that? I think police protection (which I currently think is excellent here), infrastructure and business development should be the main focus of the city and the budget.
- I AM SO GLAD TO LIVE IN RP-KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

- I am supportive of glass pick up and compost pick up.
- I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE A RESIDENT OF ROELAND PARK AND ALWAYS TELL OTHERS WHAT A WONDERFUL AND PROGRESSIVE CITY IT IS
- I appreciate the environmental values of RP's leadership. Thank you! I wish our yard waste was not landfilled. I would like to see it go to Missouri Organics or similar. Recycling services are reliable, but we find things all over the streets after they've been collected. I appreciate the website that helps us measure our carbon use, but I can't figure out how to use it. I'm really interested in the topic, so I think it could use some more user-friendliness if we really want to effect behavior change.
- I believe all the effort and money spent on Roe was a huge waste. Nothing on Roe that folks want to walk to
- I currently have a membership at Sylvester Powell community center. But I will switch to RP center if it had a better gym
- I do not have room in my garage for two large receptacles. The container was taken and now I have to take my items to a recycle spot.
- I DO NOT THINK HOMES SHOULD BE TORN DOWN AND CONTEMPORARY LODGINGS BUILT-THEY ARE UGLY AND DO NOT FIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- I don't like that our police cars are hard to identify.
- I don't think i receive the newsletter but would love to! I hate that FB is where I get most of my info, and yet, that's where I get most of my info. I would LOVE to see more dining options beyond fast food.
- I hate the city of Roeland Park. Very rude city officials. Very very rude neighbor next to me. She called me all kinds of horrible names. I don't feel safe. Lots of bullies and clicks and back stabbing. I haven't made enough money on my house to sell because Roeland Park isn't as popular as prairie village, Mission Hills, Brookside. Nobody wants to pay top dollar to live in the horrible neighborhood. We should have done a downtown remodel like fairway and PV years ago! And power lines underground like in Mission Hills, KS. new power lines and generators so the power doesn't go out every time the wind blows. We shouldn't have built a pavilion it was a waste of money! New downtown like plaza and fairway and PV. And new power lines and glass recycling not millions of dollars on a park, what a waste of my money. I can't sell my house and move to nicer neighborhood because the area of RP looks horrible. Trash in my neighbors yard, out of control teenagers at park and in the neighborhood. My neighbor was allowed to bully me and someone should tell her to leave me alone. She harasses me watching my every move. And video tapes me. Weird and scary neighbors.
- I have loved living in Roeland Park. I would not live anywhere else, even if I won the lottery.
- I hesitate to answer some of these questions for fear of my answer being mistakenly taken the wrong way. For example, I would be supportive of pleasant landscaping/signage along major roadways, but I would not be in favor of increasing taxes to make this happen. So I don't want to say I'm in favor of this, and have city leaders take this as a reason to increase taxes "because the people said they wanted it."
- I hope you do not toss my work to answer this because both us adults in this household have filled out the survey online. Emphasizing what is "leaders" versus a regular (not unimportant) employee might be useful. Leaders need to work more on progressive changes, while some employees primarily need to keep up the good work. My ratings on lighting reflect a concern that

we become more "dark sky" friendly, rather than not having enough. The question about department contact should have a 2nd optional one to rate. I had contact with more than one recently, with different patterns of response. On #17 maybe it would be useful to give a person the chance to rank order them by frequency or importance? Number 30 should include the alternative of giving incentives to reduce plastic use volume, because that could be more acceptable than a ban.

- I know it is not city property but I wish you would fix the huge pothole behind Walmart/CVS. any use that route to get to Roe from the neighborhood. I just wish something could be done to the look and layout of the whole shopping center. I love everything that was done to Roe Blvd and R Park!!!! My number one thing would be better development. We don't need banks and medical buildings. We need LOCAL restaurants/bars and retail.
- I live on Ash, street sign on one end says Drive, the other says Street.
- I love being a Roeland Park resident. Perfect place to live.
- I love living here!
- I love living here! It's not perfect but the city and its servants do a great job!
- I LOVE RP BUT WE ARE MOVING TO A RETIREMENT FACILITY IN ANOTHER 1 AND 1/2 YEARS BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLACE IN RP TO RETIRE. ALSO, THERE ARE VERY FEW OPTIONS TO BUY LOCAL BECAUSE OUR LOCAL SHOPS ARE CHAINS
- I love RP!
- I love the city but am disappointed with the pool hours and days and the city's decision to cancel the July 4th fireworks again.
- I love the community feel of RP.
- I LOVE THE SMALL TOWN FEEL OF ROELAND PARK AND STILL CLOSE TO BIGGER CITIES. I LOVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD
- I really appreciate all the city of Roeland Park does, but it misses the mark on the basics and easy things. When I moved here, the city was clean and that was something I enjoyed. I walk A LOT in this city and it saddens and frustrates me that the city does not enforce simple things such as people keeping their sidewalks clear of weeds, debris, overgrown shrubbery, etc. I also don't understand why folks can put out couches, mattresses, and other large items for days/weeks and the city does nothing. Lastly, I would love to see the RoPa Police be more visible. I rarely see them drive down the street or ride a bike down the street. The Chief does a great job of keeping us updated via social media, but sometimes folks like to SEE them out & about.
- I really don't think it's safe for people to park on both sides of the street (especially on 57th). Parking like this reduces the street to one lane and creates visibility issues.
- I really love RP but am wanting it to become the charming place I know it could be.
- I recently nominated and had measured a Tulip Poplar and Honey Locust in my yard for Champion Trees of Kansas. KansasForests.org/kansas_forest_services
- I spent 6 years in KCMO and am blown away by the superiority of the services and amenities of Roeland Park. I'm so thankful to be a home owner here!
- I think rental housing in the city should be more tightly regulated to follow ordinances.
- I think Roeland Park is a great place to live. I wish the city would do a better job about having residents trim their grass, brush, and so on. It would also be nice if we had some restaurants/bars in Roeland Park itself.

- I think that the roeland park is a good place to raise children and live, I think people are generally very nice and I think we need to make sure we spend our tax dollars effectively. I think that the eye sore on roe and Johnson drive needs to be taken care of soon.
- I think the remodeling of Roe Avenue was a big waste of money and the removal of many trees and replacement with small trees a tragedy. Also not happy with RPAC remodel, so don't use that facility anymore.
- I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE A COMMUNITY CENTER LIKE MISSION
- I walk every day and there are areas where sidewalks are crumbling. There is a stretch on Buena Vista with no sidewalk on one side and the edge of street is crumbling on the other. It's very dangerous
- I wish our community center had more opportunities like Mission KS. My husband and I support our community center but can barely the exercise room due to the hours.
- I would like to see speed humps installed ion Burns Vista to control excessive speed. Extend the sidewalk on Buena Vista south to the Parkway.
- I would like to see code enforcement of trash bin regulations, put behind barriers or out of view.
- I would like to see longer hours for lap swimming at the Roeland Park pool.
- I would like to see more city oversight of rental properties and stricter regulations regarding their upkeep/maintenance
- I would like to see more information about bike and walking trails within Roeland Park. I would prefer RP keeps its small town feel & appeal. More development = more traffic. While we support development that helps the city & residents, we moved here from KCMO to get away from too much commercial development. We would live a more robust community center. We typically join Mission's SJ Powell, but haven't recently only b/c of COVID. Would like to see more opportunities for teen focused recreational events in the city.
- I would like to see regulations regarding the tear downs/new builds in the area. Some of them are way too big to fit in with the character of our neighborhoods.
- I would like to see the city establish an inquiry response policy for City employees and elected officials. Some employees and/or elected officials are very responsive while others are what I would term sub par even leaning towards unprofessional. This lack of response in a timely manner (or maybe never) signals to the inquirer that their opinions and/or inquiries are unimportant. There needs to be a standard policy for return responses and all employees and elected officials held to it. I would also suggest that improvements need to be made to the process of developing and submitting yearly objectives. These objectives need to be tied to the Citizen's Survey results in addition to the Strategic Plan. Some objectives seem to be personal wish lists. I have seen objectives that have not been properly researched or discussed appropriately with constituents. More financial accountability and resident input is needed for yearly objectives.
- I would love for our city to replace the strip mall by Walmart with restaurants and shopping. Mission has so many cool places on Johnson drive and I know that Roeland Park citizens would support local restaurants/shops if we had them!
- I would love more dog waste stations throughout neighborhoods. I'd also love a citywide curbside compost pickup.
- I would love to be able to get rid of the soil that is not suitable for a yard, too many weed roots, poison ivy, sand, glass. I called and none of our public services accept it.

- I would love to see more inclusive playgrounds. Children of all abilities should be able to utilize the community amenities. I would love to help support this effort.
- I would love to see the city pursue dark sky compliant lighting for public roads and facilities. Obviously Roeland Park can only make a small dent in reducing light pollution at night, but we could set an example for the rest of the Kansas City Metro to follow. Also, while we consider ourselves quite lucky to have no first-hand experiences with local police, we would like to see the Roeland Park Police Department commit to sending social workers to non-violent situations rather than armed police. Additionally, we would like to see the entire department receive training in de-escalation.
- I'd like to see our red lights at intersections get a heart shaped cover like a small city I visited in the Netherlands. It's small thing, but it would make our city stand out and reflect how we treat each other as a community.
- I'd love to see a section on city council added.
- I'm concerned about developers knocking down houses and building larger houses in a style that doesn't fit in with the neighborhood, have large driveways and garages out front, and loom over their neighbors.
- I'm interested in seeing businesses in Roeland Park that are not medical or banking! It seems like every space is filling up with a bank or medical. We need more restaurants and shops in Roeland Park. The area with Walmart/CVS really needs some revitalization... that parking lot is terrible. Some nicer restaurants in that area could really change the feel of the entrance to our city. It's also very sad and frustrating to see this mess in the Mission Gateway, and feel that we have zero say in what happens there. Could there be some kind of agreement between Roeland Park and Mission to work together on this issue that has plagued both our cities for the last 14 years?
- I'm really bothered that people with residential pools drain their pools into neighbors yards or use hose to drain them into the street to run into the storm drainage system which then drains into fish waterways. I have several neighbors around me who either flood my yard or I see their hoses. Not ONE has a proper legal drain. My direct neighbor has an above ground pool that passed inspection apparently that floods my yard and garden regularly with gross pool water. He says he has nothing else to do with it, it's flooding the yard or putting it in the street. Why isn't this dealt with via codes inspection.
- I'm so happy about the new amenities at the Aquatic Center. It is far more family friendly. Thank you for making an updated pool a priority for our city. I'd love to see a continued effort to update playground equipment in our city parks. This shows families that we are committed to making parks accessible to everyone. Our city parks are an important piece of our community and people of all ages are able to connect with others. By making these city amenities top notch, it will continue to make RP a wonderful place to live.
- I'm very proud to live in Roeland Park. Love the improvements to RPark (so many people use it), the KC Symphony event was great. Leaf pickup is fantastic as is snow removal. Would like to see the city remove it from sidewalks at least on 55th though. The mayor and City council seems to be very forward thinking and inclusive. We're the best kept secret in the metro!
- Increases in property tax are driving us older folks out.
- Install a stop sign at 51st street and southridge. Traffic speeds/flow on this residential street are dangerous to pedestrians and homeowners along 51st.

- It is past time to lower property taxes which means lowering the city mill to more than offset the annual average property value increase.
- It was ridiculous the way the property tax is being handled. Shame on you.
- It's a bee u ti full day today in the neighborhood.
- ITS IMPORTANT THAT ROELAND PARK MAINTAIN AN INCLUSIVE, EQUAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL CITIZENS
- Jen Hill opinions on social media platforms and the way her voice comes across as the city's stance. Is out of line. Has been for years.
- KEEP NATIONAL POLITICS OUT OF CITY POLITICS. NEED TO RESPECT EVERYONE'S OPINIONS AND BELIEFS
- Keep up the awesome work.
- Keep up the good work, thank you for the survey, we would love glass recycling.
- LEAF PICK UP IS GREAT BUT INCONSISTENT WITH THE SCHEDULE PUBLISHED
- Light the streets.
- LIGHTING IS NOT DECOR. NO GLASS RECYCLING CITYWIDE. USE COMMON SENSE-TOOK AWAY MY ARE TO WORK OUT-POOL
- Like to see mixed use, Main Street development in the commercial area.
- Living here is a good place to live. Neighbors are caring, and love the USA.
- LOITERING AND HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE A THREAT TO MY FAMILY'S SAFETY
- Love the gym at the community center - cost effective way for entire family to work out!
- Love the location and the trees. Wish the neighborhoods were more well maintained.
- Lower our taxes, repave Pawnee Drive, it is worse than Rhinhardt.
- Main priorities should be public safety, streets, lighting and storm water!
- Make landlords maintain properties and incentive investment in rental improvements
- Make people mow their lawns
- Make Roeland Park more accessible and welcoming to a racially diverse population.
- MAKE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REAL AGAIN-ITS GONE TO POT IN THE LAST 5 YEARS
- making our city sidewalks always walkable should be a priority
- Mill levy is too high. Wasteful, silly expenditures are made. \$1.5 million reserve is stealing from current owners.
- More enforcement of personal/residential home exterior and yard maintenance.
- Mowing in parks needs attention. R park was terrible last summer.
- My biggest beef is the codes enforcement not doing their job.
- My family and I appreciate the city leadership's efforts to make RP a welcoming and environmentally friendly.
- My street was resurfaced from concrete to something I think between asphalt and gravel. Now it looks half unfinished and my son can no longer ride his skateboard on it. To be perfectly honest it looked better before it was worked on.
- Need aggressive codes enforcement of many residential properties. Also, do we still have a rule on putting trash cans out of sight? Never enforced ?
- Need sit down restaurants, clean up Walmart, attract nicer retail
- Need to support owned single family homes. All the investors buying properties for rentals drives housing prices up and makes them unavailable.

- NEIGHBORHOOD NOISE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT IS NON-EXISTENT
- Neighbors dying large tree endangering my property.
- Neighbors watch out for each other, annual block party, we are overall happy here. City planners making good improvements.
- ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS-PARK ON ONE SIDE ONLY
- On the single use bags, I would support a nominal charge per bag (10c-15c) rather than an outright ban
- One of the only reasons we may move one day is because the middle school (Hawker Grove) is so bad. It consistently ranks low and we don't want our child to have to go to school at that location. Otherwise we've enjoyed living here very much. Our favorite things are the general location, availability to parks in walking distance and the mature trees. One thing that makes me cringe is that our city logo is so bad - it's really generic and unrefined. I am very very happy to hear about the city's efforts to make itself more energy efficient.
- Outdoor activities. We have a good start but there is room to do much more. Even having small parks or a larger park by the community center. My family is constantly outdoors. I have been looking for office space and there is almost none with any atmosphere unless you go to mission. The roe blvd project was good, but with all the stoplights and fast traffic it is hard to get any business and or restaurants. More green spaces and better traffic flow.
- Overall Roeland Park is great. I think the city needs to be more judicious in how it spends taxpayer dollars and be aware that property taxes have skyrocketed over the last couple of years, this effect all residents (of course lower income the most), but it's a strain on families no matter the top line income. Also, a minor but annoying issue, especially with little kids is that I've been quite disappointed this summer in hours for the aquatic center. This has been a huge city project and the pool is only open 4 days a week (and only after 12). I know it's supposedly going to be open more once they hire more staff but who thought it was a good idea to close the pool every morning so that swim teams could practice? It was an easy deciding factor in buying a different pool pass.
- Overall, the best idea listed in this survey is to incentivize/incorporate a Main Street or downtown feel. I really wish that Roeland Park had some local shops. The big box stores are convenient, but local cafes and coffee shops add the charm and community.
- Please address noise levels done by cars without mufflers and loud engines by regularly giving huge fines, and ticketing these individuals.
- PLEASE BE FRUGAL WITH MONEY AND RESOURCES-MAINTAIN AND REUSE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
- Please bring curbside compost! FoodcycleKC offers discounts to customers in Prairie Village.
- Please create a program to encourage renters/owners to clean up their homes and yards. Too many houses in RP are poorly kept up and maintained.
- Please deliver a recycling bin.
- Please do something about Mission Gateway. It's a strain on Roeland Park.
- Please enforce no parking on Buena Vista(SM Pkwy to 51St)
- Please get glass recycling service.
- Please line the tennis courts at R-Park for Pickleball.
- Please make public transit and recycling more easily accessible!

- PLEASE PUT A SIDEWALK ON BUENA VISTA ST SOUTH OF THE 53RD ST 'T' INTERSECTION. ITS DANGEROUS TO HAVE TO WALK IN THE STREET-BABY STROLLERS CANT BE USED ON GRASS
- Please use LED street lights and underground powerlines.
- PLEASE WORK WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES TO DEVELOP A CONNECTED BIKE PLAN THAT IS PROTECTED FROM TRAFFIC-IE: FOLLOW STORM R.O.W.S OR WATERSHEDS
- Police need to be seen in Price Chopper, Lowes, and Walmart parking lots.
- Policies are becoming far too liberal to represent the majority. Recycling is so confusing. We attended a program offered by the city and the speaker was unclear about what can be recycled.
- Priorities need to be on basic services and not solving problems that do not exist (trash service years ago).
- Public transportation is a major issue throughout the greater KC metro area. It is impractical to live/work in this area without a vehicle and Roeland Park is no exception. However, I don't believe that this issue can be solved just within Roeland Park. To make the city more accessible this would have to be an issue tackled by the greater metro area together.
- Public transportation sucks. Art is a waste of money. The community center is an absolute embarrassment. The only recent development is a community hospital on one side of the street and a medical office/urgent care on the other. Vacant lots at 47th and Mission because the city totally messed up attracting a restaurant. No real sit down restaurants in Roeland Park, only fast food. If you want a nice night out, you go spend money somewhere else.
- QUIT USING CHIP AND SEAL ON SIDE STREETS
- Recycling services are not available at the Boulevard apartments. Its difficult to recycle when we don't have the same options. I don't know if it is something that would happen through city services but it would be great if we had the opportunity. I love the parks and would love a splash fountain addition somewhere.
- RESURFACE THE STREETS OF ROELAND PARK WITH AT LEAST THREE INCH ASPHALT-LIKE THE CITY USED TO DO EVERY 3 TO 5 YEARS BACK IN 60'S. 70'S, 80'S, AND 90'S
- ROE AVE CONSTRUCTION WAS/IS A MESS TO NAVIGATE AS A DRIVER AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY
- Roe Blvd, some good, some bad
- Roe improvements are beautiful! We are the first impression off the Highway and it's so much better! So thankful for the leaf pick up. My husband has a disability and it's so helpful. Can anything be done to get Walmart to improve their parking lot? CVS /Walmart/tacobell etc are eyesores . I get we need them but they're just so ugly and falling apart. My neighbors lawn is a nightmare and I don't care. Obviously she has issues. Live and let live. If you want to judge your neighbors go to PV. With that said, if ppl are struggling I hope the city has ways to help them. Absolutely adore the preschool program at the community center. It's a gem. It's been a while since I've encountered the police but it's still a very bad memory for me. Victim training needed. Females needed. BOYS CLUB. Don't be offended by this. Do something about it. I have always loved RP and I feel like things are getting better and better. I truly wish we had a commercial city center local coffee shop, watering whole, anything . If done well, it wouldn't need to be extravagant. Charming goes a long way in NEJOCO.
- Roeland a park is a wonderful place to live. We love raising our kids here. Council/staff does a good job and should focus on maintaining what we have with update/improvement and not feel the need to add tax dollars to new things just because we have the money. It would be great if

we would consider lowering the tax level as our property values continue to increase at such a high rate. My family appreciates the opportunity to give our opinion.

- Roeland needs better/safer affordable housing. The BLVD. is not providing this as it is not safe.
- ROELAND PARK FEELS LIKE A SMALL HOMETOWN AND A GREAT COMMUNITY
- ROELAND PARK IS A GOOD HOME AND COMMUNITY
- ROELAND PARK IS A GREAT COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE, NO MATTER THE AGE, GENDER OR ANY OTHER PERSUASION. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION TO THE CONDITION OF OUR ROADS WHETHER SUMMER OR WINTER.
- Roeland Park is a great community. Residents are friendly and local area has a lot of amenities.
- Roeland Park is a great place to live. My neighborhood has sidewalks and mature trees and I like that. I love that I'm a couple of blocks from R Park and 5/8 mile from Cedar Roe Library. But walking to the commercial stuff on Roe, is unpleasant. Part of it is the way big-box stores are laid out, reliant as they are on having a parking lot in front of them. It's unpleasant to have to walk through parking lots to get somewhere. And although there's been some improvement, I don't feel safe walking from my house to CVS on Roe. And it's not far from my house. And I like walking to where I can do my errands. Thank you for listening.
- Roeland Park is a sweet place to live.
- ROELAND PARK IS LITTLE KNOWN IN THE AREA-THOSE WHO KNOW ABOUT IT THINK ITS ONLY OLD PEOPLE; GLASS RECYCLING PLEASE; WHERE'S THE POOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER? NEEDS BETTER PR-THE WHOLE CITY DOES
- RP IS A FINE PLACE TO LIVE-EMAILS REGULARLY-WHICH I FIND HELPFUL-CONVENIENT GEOGRAPHICALLY
- RP is a great place to live overall. The biggest challenge facing Roeland Park is ***extremely poor*** management of residential/commercial planning and development. In residential, the city is years behind Prairie Village or Leawood in the basic administration of residential projects. The ***terrible*** management and execution of the Lambie homes at 48th and Parish is a perfect example of this - no drainage study on the development, absolutely terrible design of the homes and the city management in RP has no regard or care about the existing homeowners that are now stuck with the absolutely awful results. Why have city planning and codes departments that produce awful results??? In the commercial/retail areas, the city of RP is a mish-mash or hodge-podge of low mostly low quality properties. Awful strip malls with check cashing stores, fast food and other low value vendors. So much of RP property is used up by bank locations that are typically closed (most hours of the day) and when they are open add little value to RP as a city. The Wal-mart in RP is one of the worst stores in Kansas City. The Wal-mart shopping area with the adjacent strip malls and retail stores - again are terrible. It seems that many of the improvement projects in the retail/commercial space are done in a silo, like someone said "Who can we get to build absolutely any structure on this property? When anyone offers to build something the city basically green-lights the project and there is not evidence of any thought given to the bigger picture of the surrounding neighborhood, overall design of the retail/commercial area, traffic flow, etc. RP is a case study in non-sensical retail/commercial development and this evidence is everywhere you look.
- RP is a walkable community with amenities closeby.
- Should have code violation for having over growth concealing front of house.

- SLOW TRAFFIC DOWN ON NEOSHO LANE-MORE SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET- LIMIT NUMBER OF DOGS YOU CAN OWN
- So what I really just realized as of right now is I am now going to have a problem working where I do at the Taco Bell in Merriam Kansas. I would get rides to and from work and I would uber to work (which added up among my 5 days of work) is 200 dollars just to get to work. That is 5 days a week for 10 bucks (If that, Uber's been 20-30 dollars per trip lately because of Covid) Upon Doing so, I have to be paid more than 13 dollars an hour just to rake in 700 dollars every 2 weeks, I pay 350 in rent every 2 weeks, and so uber.... every 2 weeks without people taking me home is literally going to be 400 dollars+...and I eat at work. I am being encouraged not to eat at work anymore so I have to spend money on food and just to eat ramen (which isn't sustainable) I could probably survive but I won't have any nutrients to continue living. So... Public Transportation..... I do not want to harm the environment driving a Gas Powered Car to and from work and there's an interstate I take Every Day to get to work I would not be able to afford a car and I have never driven a car. and I am overweight and never rode a bike more than 2 days of my life. If I do I would not be able to work the hours I do (which is used to be almost 50 hours a week, now it's more like 35). Consensus. I would like to help out the city. I own a computer. I can walk around the city of Roeland Park. Where is there the ability to help with Financial services, or even places I could help the city for, for a sustainable job on the side I can do on either my days off, or Fulltime with Cheap Transportation In Mind? Also I am sure nobody is having this same problem as me because everyone wants to drive a Gas Powered Car because it's Cheap Enough to Just Work.
- Spend less money on the appearance of the city and more to help the elderly.
- Still in my starter home, 27 years later. Love RP.
- Still too many people speeding on Elledge Drive, many exceeding 40 mph!
- Stop the McMansion building. Stop treating them like they are better than all of us. Why did you remove the trees on Roe Blvd? Make decisions based on those of us who have lived here as opposed to trying to gentrify Roeland Park. Quit taxing us so high that is is cheaper to shop elsewhere.
- STOP USING TAX DOLLARS FOR ART
- STORMWATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS HAVE NOT KEPT PACE WITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY- WSATE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS OLD AND NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO HANDLE ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HEAVY RAIN EVENTS. STORM DRAINS AND SEWER LINES SHOULD BE SEPERATED
- Suggest code enforcement to get rid of invasive weeds such as honeysuckle Lonicera morrowii. .Nall Park - clean out honeysuckle; restore native shrubs; convert idle public lawn areas to native shrubs and grasses; i.e. habitat restoration. The steep slopes at the old pool site should not be in grass! Codes to make all night lighting consistent with "dark skies" objectives.
- Survey results from questions that lump two or more programs, built environments or services together for an "overall" rating will yield unreliable and invalid results. They do not conform to industry standards for reliability and validity. Also, the survey omits any references to the City's commitment to building and maintaining a community for all ages, and there is no apparent awareness of the City's old-fashioned housing that is not amenable to aging in place or accommodating to citizens of all ages and abilities. This old-fashioned approach to housing continues to be accepted by the City as old housing is razed and replaced by similar old old-

fashioned features inside with new cosmetics outside. Roeland Park shows outstanding leadership in other arenas. Why not be a leader in innovative housing initiatives? It starts with awareness and education. Citizen surveys can play a role in that.

- SYNCHRONIZE THE LIGHTS ON ROE
- Take care of trash in yards of homes and green grass.
- Tax rates are way too high-unrealistic appraisals on homes.
- Taxes are too high, the city is pissing away on stuff we don't need.
- THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO
- Thank you for asking this question. I do not like the fact that Roe Boulevard is being narrowed. We are really discouraging people from coming and shopping in our City because now the traffic is being backed up. We need to stop making bike lanes, there is only a few residents who actually use them. Unless neighboring cities want to pay for them, we do NOT need them.
- Thank you for considering resident input!
- Thank you for soliciting community input. We love Roeland Park and feel very fortunate to have found a home here. Some things I would like the city to consider: Enticing development of sit-down restaurants/coffee shops in RP. Yard Waste dropoff location, similar to other cities in JOCO. Enforcing noise ordinances for repeat offender nuisance-level barking dogs. During working from home this has become of particular importance. Paying attention to properties who have cars/trees/branches/weeds, and other items that block city sidewalks or obscure intersection visibility. Partnering with adjacent neighborhoods to help take care of Shawnee Indian Mission historic site. THANK YOU!
- Thank you for taking an interest. Please post results on multiple platforms.
- Thank you, please give us an outcome of what you learn.
- The city should not place the "Gay Pride" flag on city hall. If you do that you should also place "Quanza" or any other ethnic group to be fair.
- THE CURBS AROUND MY HOUSE ARE SHOWING WEAR
- THE CURRENT TRASH COLLECTORS MAKE A MESS AND JUST THROW DOWN THE BINS
- THE DESIGN OR NON-DESIGN OF THE LEFT TURN ACCESSES ON ROE ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS-VERY POOR DESIGN
- THE FOCUS ON CURBS AND NOT SIDEWALKS BAFFLES ME-A SIDEWALK IS UNEVEN AND CRUMBLING AND I SAW 4 GUYS FOCUSED ON 2 1/2 FEET OF CURCB FOR 3 DAYS
- The improvements on Roe have had some benefit, but overall still need more. The removal of some of the left turn lanes is dumb founding. Intersection lights could be better synched.
- THE LITTER IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL; I THINK THE TRASH/RECYCLE TRUCKS SPILL A LOT. POLICE SHOULD FINE FOR LITTERING. I SUPPORT PLASTIC BAN
- The little park on Nall should be upgraded.
- The only public activity we use is the pool. I was very opposed to closing during the winter.
- The pole lights are very bad. We can't see our drive way!!
- The police department and City need to evaluate using traffic tickets and social control (vs public safety) as a revenue generator for the city. This is a practice all municipalities need to move away from. This should also be a time to evaluate who is arrested within the city vs the population make up (are more minorities being arrested?). Additionally, the police department needs to evaluate it's presence and sensitivity via social media.

- The property owners in our downtown commercial spaces need to be held accountable for trash. We have a beautiful new Roe Blvd but so much trash.
- The Roe redevelopment was carried out very well. As a realtor, the beautification and update of the city helps make Roeland Park more desirable which increases property values and makes it a great place to live. Well done!
- The RP Fitness Center is great!
- The time range for leaf pick up in the fall is too long. The wind blows leaves around multiple times before Thanksgiving.
- The website is hard to navigate. Often, when I click on a link to find information, I end up getting city council minutes and other city documents, rather than the info I am looking for. Sometimes when I click on a link, it just takes me to another link. Example: When trying to find out if trash service has changed for a holiday, I would like that info on the home page instead of having to click a link, then click another link to be directed to the trash companies website, which is also difficult to navigate. If there is an easier way to find this info on the city's webpage, it's not obvious to me, at least. Also, it would be nice to periodically feature a resident or city employee or police officer in the newsletter and on the website (on the home page). Tell personal stories, what they like about RP, interesting hobbies or businesses. Something to allow us to get to know our neighbors better and to improve city relations with residents (and people who use our city).
- THERE HAS BEEN A TEARDOWN AND REBUILD NEAR MY HOUSE-THE HOUSE IS MORE THAN 2 TIMES THE SIZE OF HOUSES AND OUT OF CHARACTER WITH NEIGHBORHOOD.DONT KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS-BUT IT CAUSES US TO LOSE FAITH IN OUR LEADERS
- There is an increased amount of crime at the Wyandotte county border of RP. Is there any way to partner with those city officials to fix it?
- This city has become way too WOKE!!
- This is long, keep it simple.
- This poll appears to be leading
- This survey is: much too long, and limits respondent to the items someone else thinks is important without considering or asking what other things are important to residents.
- I am most concerned with the lack of retail development, and the fact that "Walmart leaving" was used an excuse for needing the extra city tax, and we have never been able to remove that in the past 10+ years. Too much money being spent on parks and amenities over other things. Don't need art enough to pay the highest taxes in the state. If you are thinking about a "downtown- like" development, why hasn't this been communicated? I hate that concept, as it makes an open livable city feel closed in and urban; that is not why people live in the suburbs. What Mission has done is to eliminate green space and allow building all the way to the sidewalk/curb, which make me feel claustrophobic. Don't follow this fad just because they are doing it. Bring in some casual dining restaurants that people really want, and other retail. Very displeased with the lack of movement on this. Also, what kind of pressure can you put on Mission to clean up the Gateway eyesore? At least mow the weeds!!!!
- This survey was way too long. It took me over an hour. I'm concerned you won't get an accurate sample to assess citizens perception of the city.
- This took a long time to complete.
- tired of slanted surveys

- Traffic on 51st is too fast; the turquoise Corvette treats it like a drag strip. Look into on-street parking to narrow road to get vehicles to slow down. Also enforce "No Trucks" sign on 51st. Lowe's supply trucks should use Roe, not residential streets.
- Trash service does a horrible. You get complaints every day and you know it.
- Truly, yard waste has only been an issue once and I had to call. I don't know that they saw the branches were indeed tied in bundles. (Benefit of Doubt.) I hate the current set up of CVS WalMart etc. I love the downtown development idea and going back to a retail square.
- We can tell Roeland Park is trying hard to be sustainable.
- We filled this out a couple of years ago and nothing happened!
- We have a compost bin that we started to utilize; however, the city of Lawrence has a compost bin, similar to the trash and recycling bin, that gets picked up every week. I would like to see Roeland Park start a program like that.
- We have fantastic police services - lets keep it that way. Invest in them. They keep our city a safe place to live. Do you know that KCMO police are so busy that they don't even respond to car thefts, etc. Keep funding our police so we're not in the same boat. Our officers are friendly - I appreciate that. The waste collection service and fees are SO MUCH LESS than say, Overland Park. Good job City Staff on negotiating that. The bulky item pick up is especially valuable - it keeps people from "collecting" junk beside/behind their homes because they have no get rid of it. THANK YOU for including that. Curbside glass recycling would be a nice addition. The Roe Blvd improvements are nice. Even my friends from other cities have made complimentary remarks on them.
- We like the updates made to Roe and the inclusive community in Roeland Park.
- We love leaf pick up. We want curb side recycling. We want more family/ community activities. We would love to make Roeland park more like a Main Street with fun restaurants and activities.
- WE LOVE LIVING HERE AND PLAN TO BUY OUR HOUSE SOON
- We love living here. Came from Olathe.
- We love Roeland Park & the customer service of Administration is fabulous. My only silly complaint is the lack of ease of service to the trash company & requests for larger containers and/or bulky item pick up - other than that, the police presence is good, town is clean, and feels like diversity is growing. We love Roeland Park!
- We love Roeland Park.
- We love RP, and are proud to call it home. We are grateful for our wonderful neighbors and all the city does.
- We love the city, contact with employees, parks and distance to downtown!
- We love the Ripple Glass bin at Aldi, but curbside glass recycling would be great too!
- We need a disc golf course.
- WE NEED A FENCED DOG PARK
- We need a light signal at the corner of Shawnee Mission parkway and Buena vista.
- We need a sit down restaurant like Corner Cafe or similar.
- WE NEED MORE SERVICES FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS
- We really need more/longer walking trails. I am also unaware of any biking trails.

- We recently considered taking advantage of the housing market and moving to downsize, but after looking at other communities in the KC metro, decided to pay off our home and stay in Roeland Park, because we couldn't find anywhere with the combination of benefits and amenities we enjoy here.
- We support channeling police funds to community groups. More public transit.
- We would like the city to enforce the neighbor behind us to clean up his yard. It is a rat haven!!
- What about a dog park?
- When I first moved to Roeland Park in 2007, the quality of the city streets, pavement, curbs, and street gutters seemed much better. Around 2009-2011, it appeared the city cutback on street maintenance and it seems like we have been in catch-up mode ever since with the quality now being subpar in some areas of Roeland Park.
- When plowing residential streets I would like to see the snow NOT plowed onto sidewalks.
- When plowing, the city needs to do a better job not to put fresh snow over the already plowed sidewalks, this makes it very unsafe for the kids when walking to school, they have to walk in the street. Homeowners have given up on keeping the sidewalks clear. Crossing Roe is still dangerous, the walk light needs to be longer.
- When receiving emails about meetings on the city calendar it is hard to tell which meeting are open to the public and what the meeting is for. Getting this information given in more in "layman's terms" or more of a description would be helpful. I think more services or help should be provided to incentivize homeowner's with moderate to median household incomes to make repairs and improvements to homes.
- Why did you put sod down on Roe and then remove it?
- Why were so many trees cut down at Cooper Creek park??? We are so sad about the lack of shade now. We'd greatly prefer for local artists to be chosen for statues instead of expensive long distance artists with shipping expenses and no ties to the community.
- WITH REGARD TO RECYCLING SERVICES AND LARGE ITEM PICKU: THE SERVICE IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET AHOOLD OF-POOR CUSTOMER SERVICE
- Wonderful place to live.
- Would be interested to know the % participation of this survey. Very thorough but Extremely long!
- Would like a highly attractive community center, I feel access to this is not currently desirable for local transit.
- would love to see development of the main shopping area - better/more useful shops/restaurants and other developments. Also, easy access to the library/r park/pool from the neighborhoods on the east side of Roe.
- Would love to see more local businesses & restaurants in the Roeland Park shopping district. It would be amazing to see our community be more than a "drive through to the highway" kind of place. The Wal-Mart/fast food restaurant area & strip mall doesn't have much to offer, and we spend our money in other communities. I know that is not an easy fix, just putting it out there. Would be so cool to utilize the area more!!!
- Would prefer that the city invests money in native landscaping rather than expensive pieces of art.
- Yard maintenance is horrible on my block. Lots of rentals and weeds. Exterior of houses are also bad.

- Yes. I wish all these had a comment section because I think some of the answers will be misinterpreted. The city is making efforts to become 'greener' but when I went to R Park a few weeks ago it smelled so strongly of pesticides it was very disconcerting. Possibly it wasn't the park but a neighboring home but if the city is allowing poisons on our public lands used for recreation, it needs to stop. Gas powered lawn equipment needs to be banned. The air and sound pollution are damaging. It won't happen but it should.