

Actives


"I think [Citizens Park] is a beautiful, scenic area, although some of it's been what we call the hills and the tracks, back in there it's really beautiful. [You] feel like you're in the country."

"I like the safety of [Graettinger]; everybody knows everybody. So with my kids they can be outside by themselves for five minutes and I don't have to worry about what's going to happen to them."

"If you want to walk anywhere around the perimeter of Graettinger you can't because of the highways."

"In the summer I ride my bike to get the mail, and I have a basket on it so I can get things at the grocery store."

"I bike, and...I don't go on B14 because it's so busy. I feel like the semis and stuff are just like on the side of you."




Parents

"The sidewalks that are there, a lot of them have tree roots; they're uprooted and broken so a smaller kid can't ride on it... especially training wheels are completely out just because of how bad the sidewalks are."

"If it's really nice outside, my kids are going—we're going to get our bikes and ride to where we want to go. We can ride our bikes to the ball field, to the library, or wherever..."

"I would just say that with the sidewalks, either not having them or the shape they're in, the kids... they're on the roads with their bikes."

"I have a 15-year-old, and they spend a lot of time down at the baseball fields, little league complex in the summertime. I think there's open space there."



Youth

"A lot of people ride bikes in the summer."

"We don't have any biking trails, so we usually take a sidewalk or the road."

"The tennis court's actually smooth, so sometimes some of us go down there and ride our rollerblades or our scooters."

"The river's nice for fishing or whatever."

"In the summer I walk and run with my dad. We usually go out on the River Road to get out of town though."



Older Adults

"I don't walk very [well] because I have diabetes in my feet, so I took a turn to pay attention to the benches in town for us to sit down, and the town is very good about having benches on every block to sit on so you can stop and rest."

"It would be nice to have someplace with a walking track."

"One of the improvements they've made too for getting around is they've put a lot more stop signs up."

"In the summertime, I walk on the sidewalks, but you run out of sidewalks."

"Right now a lot of people walk the driveway that goes all the way around [Evergreen Park]."



Steering Committee

"It's kind of difficult to walk down to the little league fields I would say because there isn't any sort of path to get to the little league fields from Main if you're on the main part of Main Street."

"...the water just runs down the sidewalk—and then when it's melting—and now that sidewalk is just pure ice and the kids can barely walk on it."

"Recreational wise there's plenty of things to do; you've got the river, the golf course, tennis courts."

"There's a lot of wildlife to look at, wildlife everywhere."

"...when we walk, we walk on the roads mostly because ...most of the sidewalks aren't walkable."

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What People Said

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