

**Actives**


"Sometimes I go over into the park—not very often—but I go and take my acoustic guitar and I sit out there and play..."

"There [aren't] many sidewalks that are really accessible to use...a lot of them are crumbled or bent or have been raised up..."

"I find it hard to skateboard in this town because going back and forth on a street just gets kind of old."

"[My family and I], we just run on [County Road] C49."

"[Sunken Grove] is a nice place to hang around in the winter, just walk in the woods and take the dog and let it loose."



**Youth**


"I feel like we have good streets."

"I like...how you can go ride your bike in the middle of the road and not have to worry about moving for a car."

"We can sled in town. They make really big snow piles in certain parts of town where you can sled down them."

"Sometimes I like to [bike] on the hills to have a fun ride down."

"I think the best place to rollerblade is in the [park] shelter, isn't it? It's got the nicest cement."



**Parents**

"One thing I would like to see [is] a sidewalk or some way of looping to stay off the highway, because we don't get [vehicles] to slow down much because you're a small town and they choose not to slow down."

"A lot of kids play over here next to the pump house; they play soccer and stuff in between the church and the pump house; it's an open lot."

"The park is a good draw...to bring our kids together. It's a safe place for them to play. It's quiet."

"Kids usually go up [to the hill by the parish hall for] sledding in the wintertime."

"There's a lot of farm equipment on 1st Street coming into town."



**Older Adults**

"I do have a motor scooter, but I usually have to go out in the street because the sidewalks aren't good enough to drive on."

"We'd like new sidewalks over at the park."

"The sidewalks are really bad."

"You don't have to worry about the kids when they go outside in Varina."

"[On the highway,] when you want to turn east [or west], if they don't keep the vegetation down, it's hard to see."



**Steering Committee**

"[Vehicles] are supposed to be slowing down to 35 [mph on County Road C49], but they don't slow down."

"We would probably ride bikes in town more...if we could safely. Some days it's not real safe to be out on [County Road] C49."

"I have an idea of making a walking path on the south side of [County Road] C49."

"At night I don't like to walk [on the north end of 4th Street] because of the different critters."

"Most of the sidewalks are not in good shape."

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## What People Said

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