

Brightmoor Community Survey

Responses as of 10/19/23

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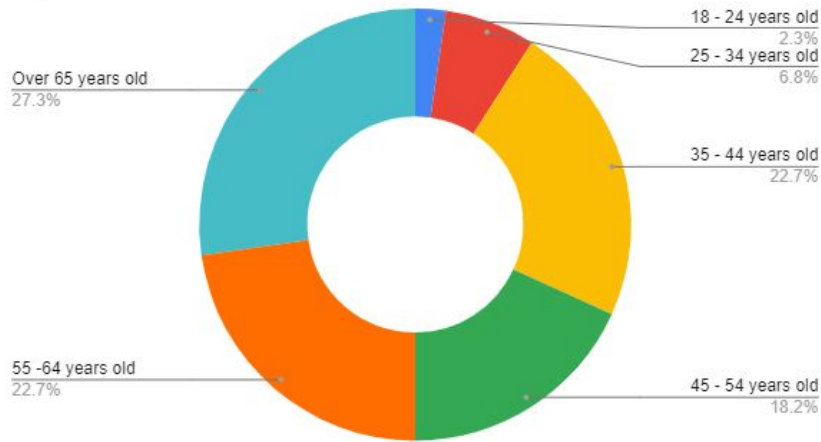
- I am committed to equity and education reform
- I am a life long Detroit, tax payer and good neighbor.
- I am a fierce advocate for equity and inclusion and spend much of my time trying to get the city of Detroit to deliver on its lip-service promises to neighborhoods outside of downtown.
- Friendly, out going and neighborly!
- I have lived on Mettetal street going on 40 years. I have been praying for this neighborhood since I moved here in July 1983. I participated in the several block clubs that were formed because I know that it takes neighbors working together to sustain communities. Over the last twenty years I was actively involved in an organization called M.O.S.E.S. (Metropolitan Organizing Strategies Enabling Strength) which encouraged people to get out and vote and speak to public officials about community issues.
- I'm Sue Willis
- George Perdue, a resident in the Schoolcraft Community for over 25 years who wants our community to be safe, clean, and attractive for current and prospective residents.
- Hello, I'm Mr. Banks, community activist for the Schoolcraft Improvement Association. Community Center
- Retired nurse
- Hello I care about my community and people; my purpose is to help people.
- Eleanor I am a behavior therapist
- Very respectful man. Good communication.
- Sam
- Hello I am Shalanda and I'm a caregiver and I believe in this community it definitely has a lot of potential.
- I am a person who love is community it has great people in it.
- Hello my name is LaQuita Brown and I am a community outreach specialist and I am involved in my community
- Hello my name is
- I am a mother of 3 I have lived in Brightmoor all my life. I've seen it in all stages and am worried about my community.
- Brightmoor Artisans exec director. I want Brightmoor to shine brighter. Community wellness, equity in care, holistic uplift.
- Hello, I am Marie Woods. "I am Brightmoor!"
- My name first and the changes in my community as a homeowner for over 30 years and what helps the community to come together and stay together

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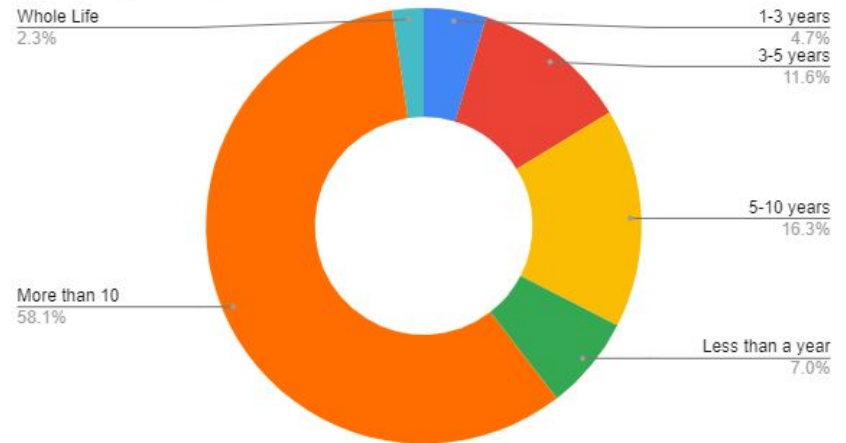
- David Edwards
- Hey my name is Amni, I'm a single mom working to build a business. I care about the places I can safely take my daughter.
- My name is Ms Briggs and I'm a very concerned mother of three and wants change
- Hi, my name is, I am a citizen of the city of Detroit. I care about my community, education in the community, and my neighborhood and home.
- I'm not a resident. But I'm a SUPPORTER of the Brightmoor Area through and through!!! Sincerely and respectfully, J. Goree and son Charles
- I care passionately about mother earth and her children, I love nature, gardening, sustainability, and social justice.
- Brightmoor Education Action Team Lead-- we fight for educational and social justice
- I am a minister in the Brightmoor community.
- Mr.
- I would ask them to come to our meeting (SIA)
- My name is Rachelle, a mother of three boys. I am excited about resource allocation and it centers around the work I do personally, professionally, and within my community!
- Hi, my name is Jackie Clipper, I am a mother, wife, grand-mother, entertainer (singer), lover of my community and very concerned about the reality and lack of economic justice in my neighborhood. Would love to see my neighborhood built up and I still be able to live there in my home without taxes and stray raising till I can't pay them.
- N/A
- Jerrica Mickens, 482Forward's Lead organizer, I am a concerned citizen. Concerned with breaking the systems that are built to keep black and brown people disenfranchised. Education, Housing , Safety, access to wealth
- Oso
- I would introduce myself as a redeemed person, that is will to help our people
- I'm a 48 year old married resident of Brightmoor who is passionate about the development of my community, up and coming business owner and program developer
- Local Farmerette. Mission is to encourage and educate community on sustainability.
- I care about Family, Community, Health, Safety, Living Wages, Residents being able to afford to stay in their homes

Demographics of Survey Respondents

Ages

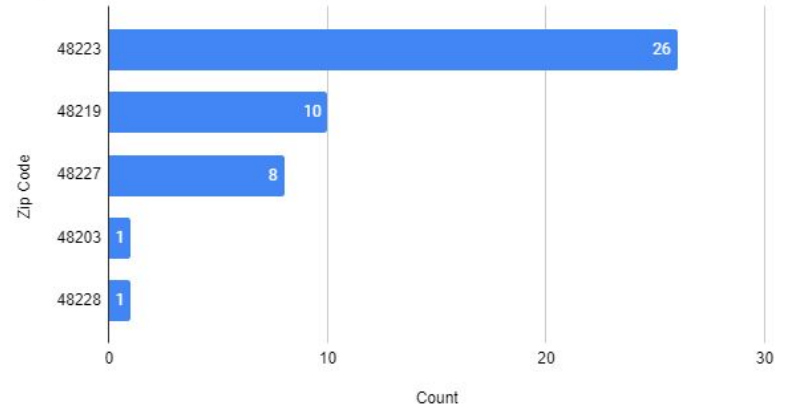


How long have you lived in the Brightmoor Area?

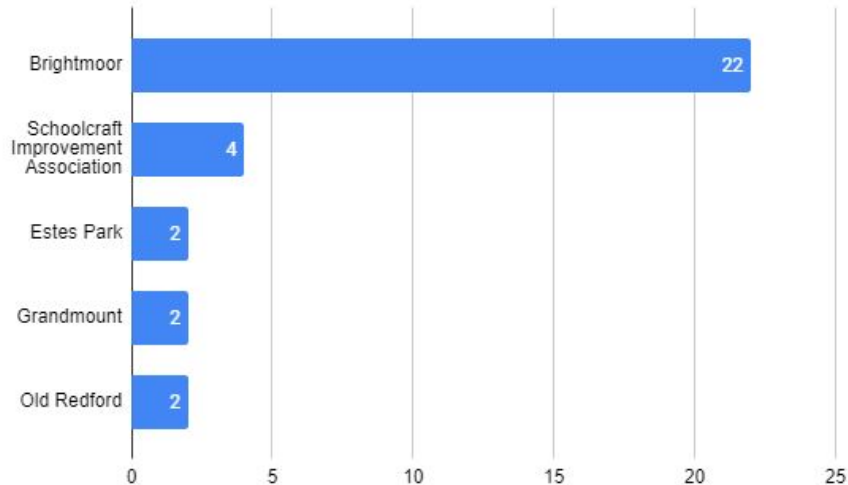


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Zip Codes



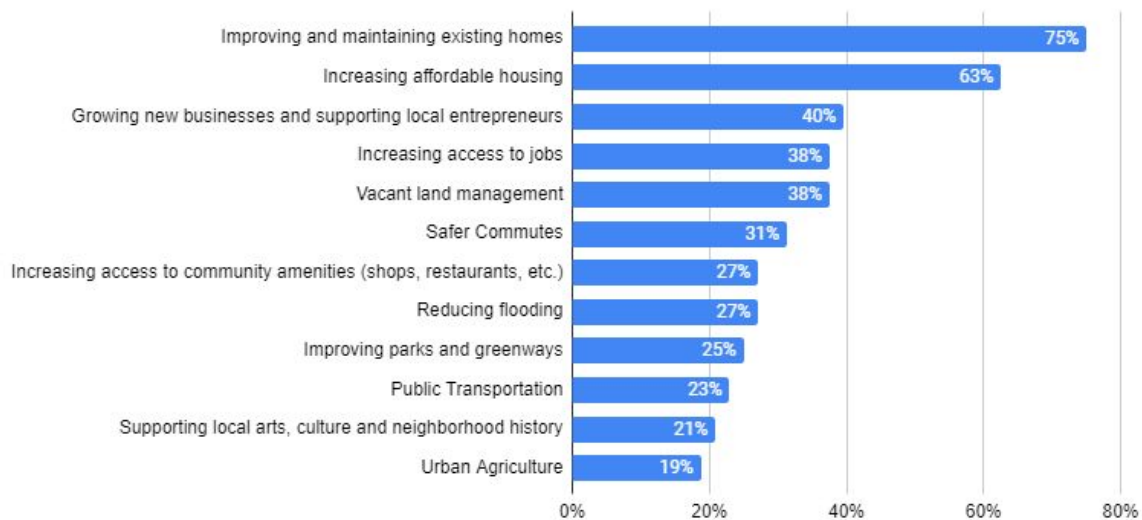
What neighborhood do you live in?



Other answers (1 each):

- Brightmoor Riverdale
- Burt + Fenkell
- Burt + Schoolcraft
- Church: Lahser bwtm 6 Mile and Puritian
- Detroit
- Detroit Hope Community of Christ Lahser
- District 1
- I represent Detroit Leadership Academy
- Minock Park
- Pembroke and Lahser neighborhood
- Six Mile / Woodward
- South of Six Mile
- St Mary's between Schoolcraft & Davison

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Other answers:

- A Community Center, and removing blight. Senior
- Accountability and transparency to residents throughout entire process
- Animal control
- Blight homes
- Community owned grocery stores
- Defund the 8th Precinct Police Department
- Funding with obtainable requirements.
- Grocery store
- How to reach persons that need the programs already in place. ways to attract people to move back into the city
- Jobs for young adults
- Zone for chickens, ducks, rabbits and goats.
- Zone land for for horses (like the Buffalo Soldiers acreage)

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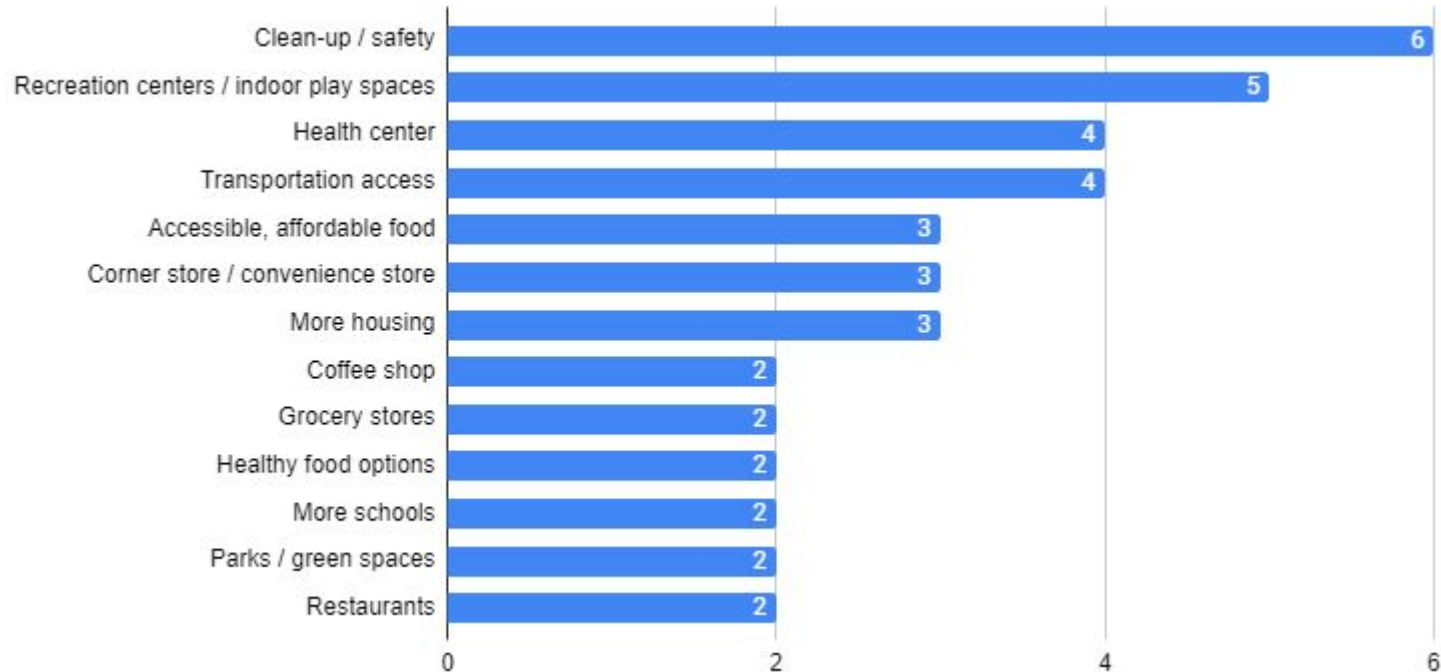
- We are in a housing crisis right now, and people often do not have ability to get suitable housing
- Every effort should be made to make sure existing neighbors can remain in Brightmoor.
- We are an extremely low income neighborhood. Affordable housing is paramount. Growing new biz and supporting entrepreneurs will help us all thrive and rise above the economic barriers we face. Only one in three households here have cars. Public transportation is a critical missing piece to connecting folks to jobs, education, and each other.
- Keeping grass cut at vacant homes and not allowing vandalism
- Access to better paying jobs are not in the city. So some persons have found it necessary to move closer to the available jobs. Persons with low income have a hard time maintaining their home and are not aware of programs that they can take advantage of.
- 1. Improving and maintaining existing homes: We have a concerning number of vacant homes in the Schoolcraft Community that need to be restored for occupancy..
- 2. Growing new businesses and supporting local entrepreneurs: We need more businesses and amenities that will attract more homeowners in the Schoolcraft Community.
- 3. Vacant land management: Vacant land in the Schoolcraft should be considered for additional community gardens, playscapes, art installations, and pocket parks.
- We have large acreage that has low density housing that could be used for animal husbandry. Teaming farms with schools would be a great hands on benefit for kids to learn naturally about nature, animal and plant biology.
- Sustainability. Youth development is important.
- The children are wondering around playing in empty home. Worm holes in street are dangerous for everyone.
- Help community
- Because I believe this area has a lot of potential and the three topics would complete this area.
- There are a number of homeless families, safe commutes were expressed during a meeting and also abandoned homes
- The rent is so high people are homeless because job are so far away people do not have jobs
- Because the dilapidated buildings encourage crime, make econ. dev. improbable because people won't come here. People need decent, safe housing and safe neighborhoods.
- Because of safety and beautification. We all want beautiful places to live and enjoy.
- We need a market, schools. We need senior housing.
- The community has many vacant homes that just need a bit of work
- Vacant lots bring crime, shops and restaurants bring jobs and people

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- So that kids in the neighborhood can feel like they can play without being afraid and people can afford to keep their homes
- In order for a community to look good, we must improve the environment and make sure it is safe
- Not mentioned, but very important. Education if we don't address education we will not have impact throughout the community.
- Just to keep the neighborhood up
- To grow new businesses you need increased population. To do that we need more houses, esp. ones that are truly affordable.
- people struggle to have stable housing and stable employment-- compounded by difficult transportation
- Blight is bad, people need to have a home they can afford, and flooding is bad in the neighborhood back up in peoples homes
- These specific topics/issues increase economic development/stability
- To rent a home in this area is too expensive/ if you can find a decent one
- That help our community to growth for our family
- Housing is a huge issue, but it's part of a holistic issue. Education should have been on this list. People with families want to live places where they have access to education for themselves and especially their children.
- There is a white supremacist in our neighborhood trying to systematically burn it ALL down. We have reported this man only to have PPOs filed against us so we can no longer submit video/photo evidence to the proper authorities. The 8th precinct seems like they work for the aforementioned white supremacist, being that it takes them no time to come when the white supremacist calls. Meanwhile, if I call and inform them that the aforementioned individual is currently trying to burn something else down, they take their sweet time, and they seem to focus on the fact he has a PPO filed against people on the same block instead of what was reported.
- To make Detroit our number one city for cleanness
- This is something the community of Brightmoor has always needed
- Release list of resources to homeowners for improvements.
- Landlords maintain their rental properties when home improvements are necessary.
- Vacant lots cleared and mosquito spraying needed again.

What amenities are missing from the Brightmoor area that would improve your quality of life?

Categorized by common themes

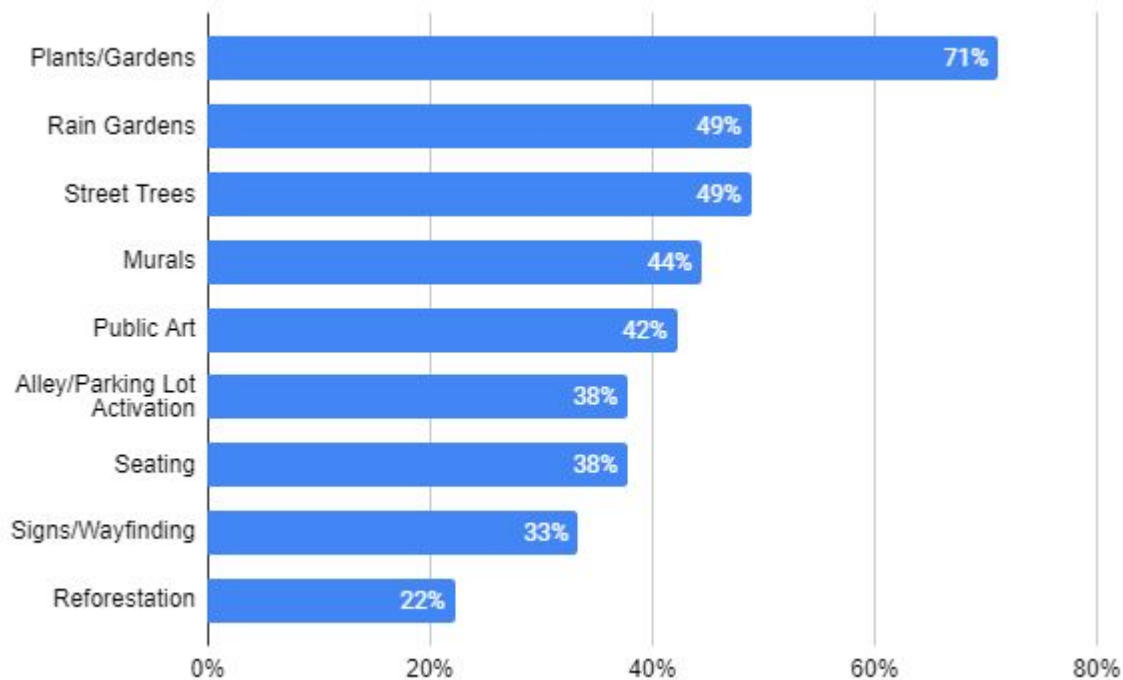


What amenities are missing from the Brightmoor area that would improve your quality of life?

All answers

- Grocery stores
- More schools. Ask Dr. Vitti to send a representative to the meetings from DPSCD to represent schools as a stakeholder.
- My quality of life would be dramatically improved if the city took care of its property. We have far too many CITY OWNED disgraces in Brightmoor. For years (decades) residents have cleaned up after the city. We are tired. DO YOUR WORK. And please cease and desist these hypocritical blight tickets for folks who have been doing the city's heavy lifting for so long. You should be issuing medals of honor to the folks who have stuck it through these hard times. Not ticketing them.
- Not sure
- Coffee shop, Hardware store, clothing store.
- Senior Center.
- Online social media to talk to one another
- Recreational centers for youth + adult. Side walks missing.
- Convient stores not a lot a stores, bus stop
- Parks and eateries.
- Indoor play space for young children in winter
- More trash pick up
- Fruit trees water at playgrounds (accessible) more soup kitchens (leave no child hungry)
- More healthy food options such as restaurants.
- Community bus to help people get to rec center, grocery stores.
- Potholes not repaired, litter and dumping not cleaned up, citations for blight when people purchase properties and need LOTS of time to bring them to code.
- Viable businesses
- Better health and education options
- Easy access to restaurants, amusement places for kids
- Reck centers and safty
- Safe areas for seniors and the entire community
- More housing
- Affordable groceries, pharmacy, doctor, dentist, bank
- Learn code for young and older people for jobs. Training for the trades! Unions to get in to train here!
- A health and healing center, library, a sportway in the empty lots down Lyndon, transportation
- Corner store in walking distance, neighbors, schools, cut the old trees down around my home before they fall on our home
- Need new homes
- Swimming pool
- Basic needs aren't being met in Detroit and by extension Brightmoor. There are no amenities save access to a multitude of green space.
- safe, accessible and low-income housing. Homeownership
- Racial equality
- Kids working to clean our neighborhood
- Grocery stores (affordable), hospital, clinics, animal shelters, health initiative programs
- Access to fresh, healthy, affordable foods, Access to efficient transportation,
- Free or low cost recreational facilities on par with those in other communities, more diverse programming, pool(s), varied sports fields/rinks, expanded children's play areas, and not near horseshoes and other areas where gambling and lewdness may readily occur, Westborn Market type of grocers, healthier and more diverse dining options serving fresh food, positive police presence, street lights, more green spaces, local small businesses, schools, after school centers, coffee shops, wellness centers, health facilities, safe and maintained gardens, walking paths, bike trails, updated libraries, animal control, convenience stores that aren't run down gas stations or liquor stores

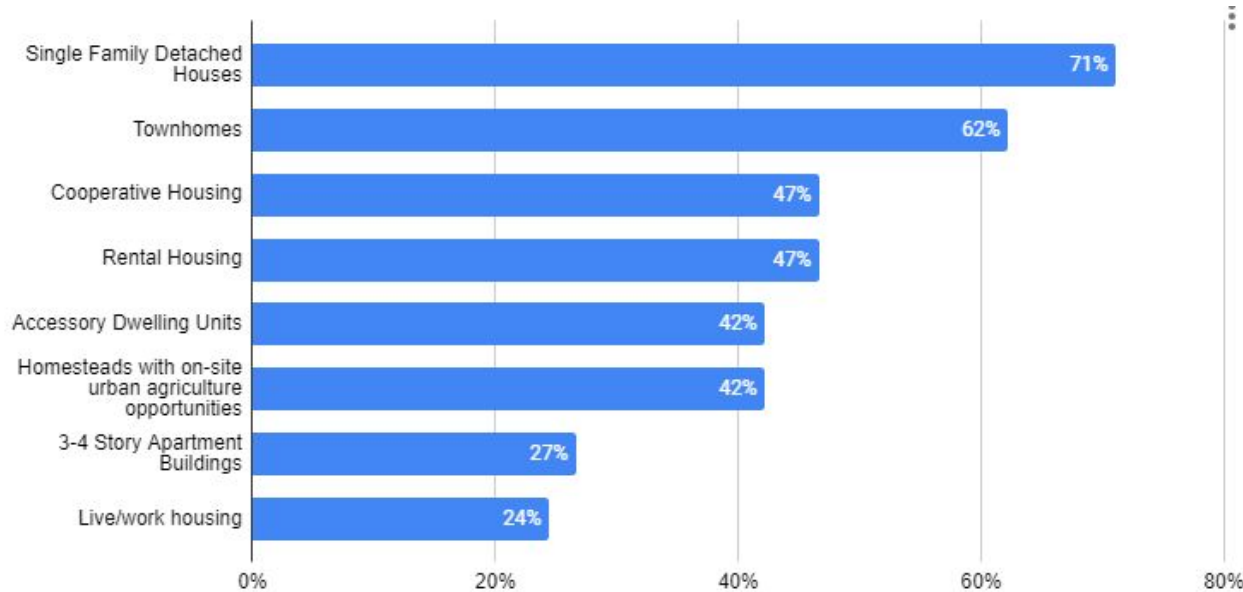
What beautification efforts or features would you like to see?



Other answers:

- Better maintenance of trees on city land
- Blight removal, trash cans, roads that are clean and properly repaired
- Children's venues
- Clean bus stops
- clean up lots and abandoned houses
- Colorful homes (volunteer)
- Curb appeal for houses and businesses, street lights
- Fenkell lighting w/ banners for corridor
- Innovative trash cans (I have a great idea for this)
- Please see above. We don't need superficial beautification, we need systemic change.
- Updated decorative streetlighting.

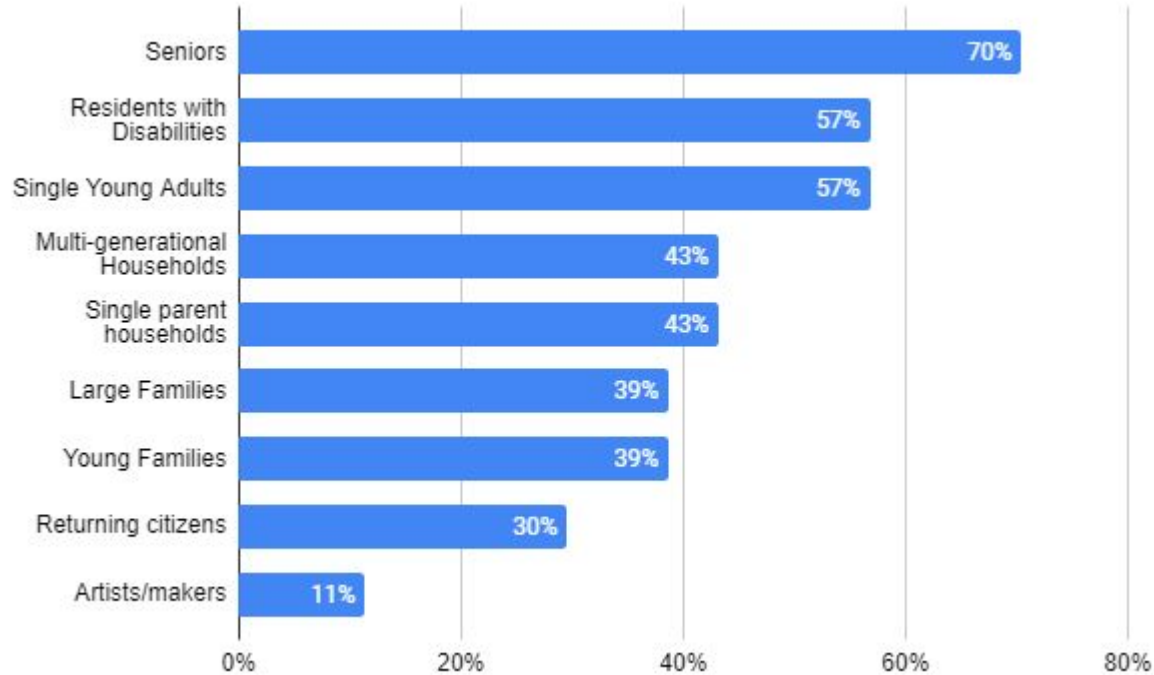
What type of housing options would you like to see more of in the Brightmoor area?



Other answers:

- Low income
- Low-income housing
- Many of the current rental properties are poorly maintained
- More attached garages
- The categories are irrelevant. WE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING. Housing costs that are based on Brightmoor median income NOT the inflated AMI.
- Tiny Houses.

Which community members are in the highest need of housing?



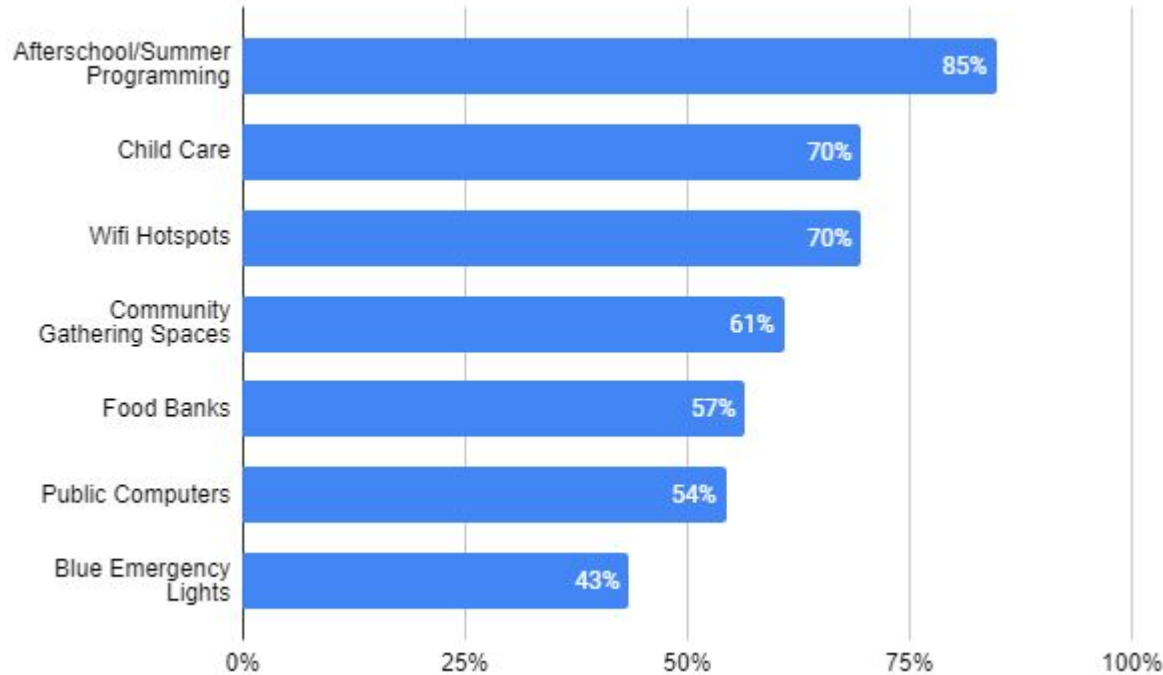
Other answers:

- Digital literacy, improved internet
- More passive recreation opportunities...Also a return to a focus on amusement parks in the community
- Paid Community organizers that have gone the Urban Roots classes to teach love of community embodied in urban farming
- Rec center for kids
- Recreational facilities
- Sportways in the vacant lots (basketball, outdoor gyms, soccer, volleyball, etc.) and peace spaces (spaces with seating, beautiful gardens and prayer spaces)
- Urgent cares, health and healing centers, non-traditional healing center
- What is the purpose of this question? We would benefit from all of these. As would any other community.

What are some of your other thoughts or concerns regarding housing?

- Post covid, schools are seeing an increased amount of homelessness every day
- Senior housing in an apartment style setting.
- More efforts on helping home owners keep their home, discourage squatting!
- None at this time
- We have a great housing stock in the Schoolcraft Community that only needs attention given to those homes that are vacant and in need of restoration for occupancy.
- In-fill housing is best. Make lots bigger so people don't live too close together. Save the vacant lots for gardens and farms. Team up with Keep Growing Detroit to monitor and mentor farms.
- Help community
- Because every other community has this type of housing
- Rent has went up but pay check have
- Places that people are proud of and maintain
- Homelessness is terrific in this community and there's no reason it should be
- Biggest community needs
- It's just how it is no one cares and landlords just want money not to help
- Having it suitable for the community
- The above may be available but not affordable and/or not in good repair
- Due to the fact that there is not enough affordable housing
- Seniors need more housing
- Housing needs to be close to resources. You can place the most beautiful homes somewhere, but if there aren't nearby resources, they won't stay occupied. Safety also needs to be priority. Removal of so many damn gas stations.
- Quality needs to meet affordability. Retrofits have to happen to update and make homes in Brightmoor more resilient
- A company in southwest Detroit owns my house and I pay them rent. I want to own the house but the company claims it isn't for sale.
- To make Detroit an opportunity city
- Because Brightmoor deserves all the opportunities that the rest of Detroit has
- Slumlords, Corporations and City Taking over houses, Housing being inaccessible to residents already here

What are some community resources that the Brightmoor area would benefit from?

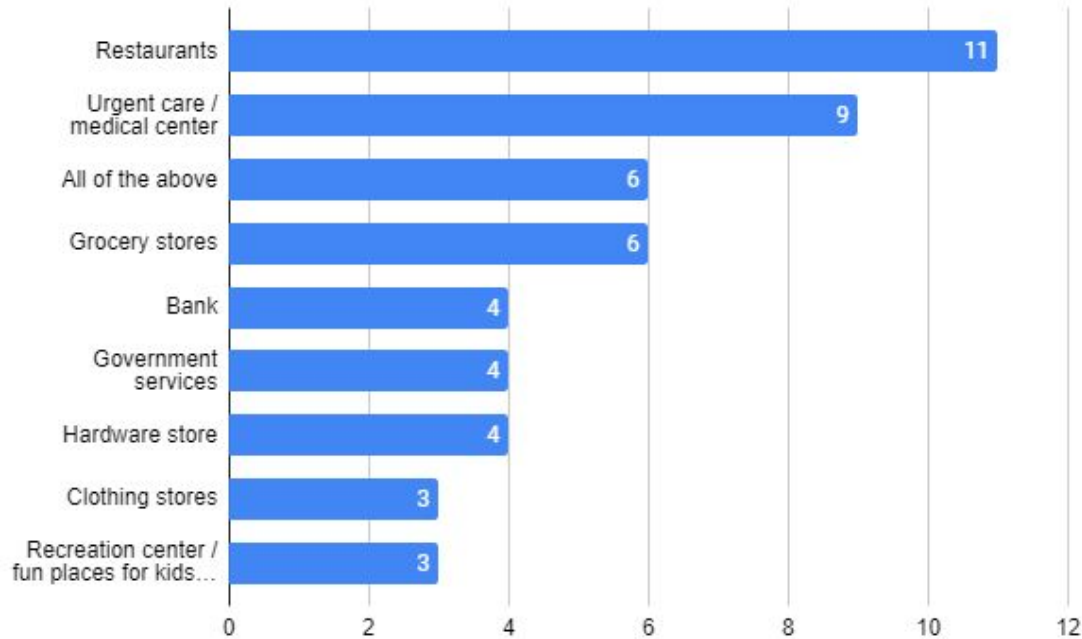


Other answers:

- Unhoused community members (2)
- Homeowners need restoration
- Middle aged married adults
- The already displaced
- This is a question no individual can answer. How on earth would I know who is in the most need? Offensive question.

What type of businesses would you like to see in the Brightmoor area or on Fenkell?

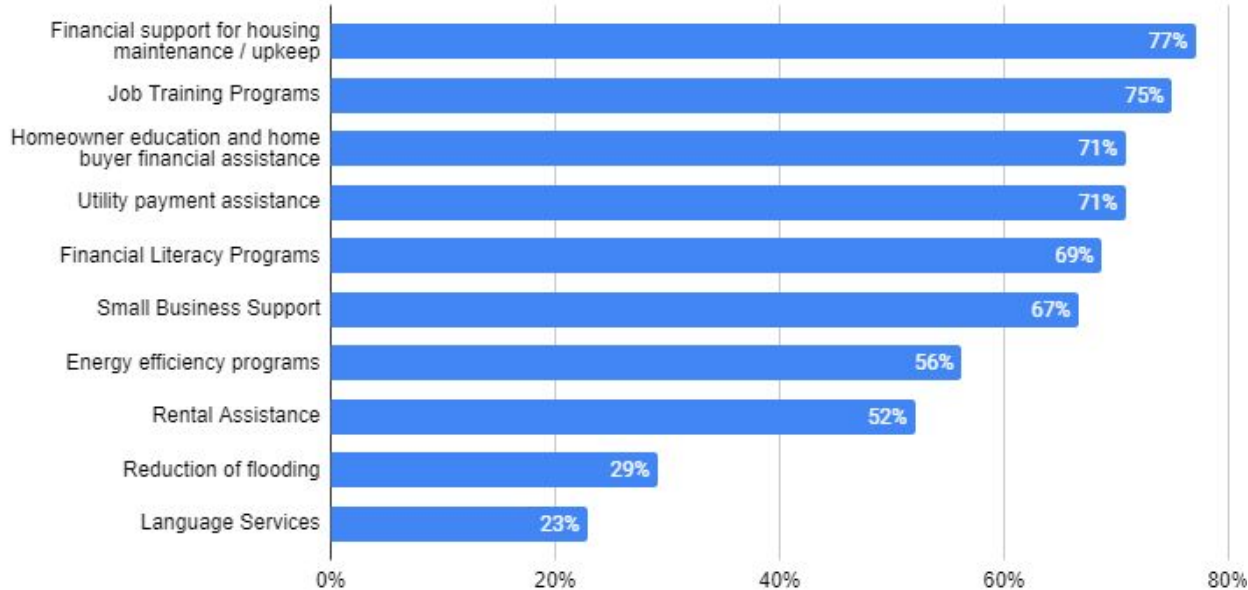
(for example, restaurants, clothing stores, furniture stores, hair salons, hardware store, medical, government services, banks, etc.)



Other and/or more detailed answers:

- Convenient medical center
- African and all cultures
- Markets
- Childcare
- Bakery
- Black own bank urgent care / mental health
- Businesses that meet the needs of its residents
- Community owned and operated full service grocery stores. Affordable full scale recreation center, and technology hub...with programs for Community members only.
- Facilities for people and children with disabilities
- Feed/pet supplies store that also sells supplies for urban agriculture.
- Fun places for kids (bowling, arcade, computer cafe, things to expose more of the world).
- Health food store / gym (community)
- I would like businesses that could rely on the city to clean up their act. We can't attract commerce as long as you all degrade our commercial corridors.
- I'd like to see businesses that are apart of the future economy. Places that can help us understand sustainable living, solar power, etc. The last thing we need is more stuff to buy. We need businesses that will employ and offer opportunity.
- Job opportunities
- Mom and pop stores for entrepreneurs of new fresh businesses
- MORE POSTAL STAFF
- No large business or corporations unless on anchors of the borders
- Open and clean seating areas
- Parks
- Pool at recreation center with lessons
- Restaurant chains.
- Sit down restaurants
- With online shopping, I feel there is no need for a business on every corner
- Credit unions

What opportunities do you think will aid in the financial stability and security of Brightmoor area residents?

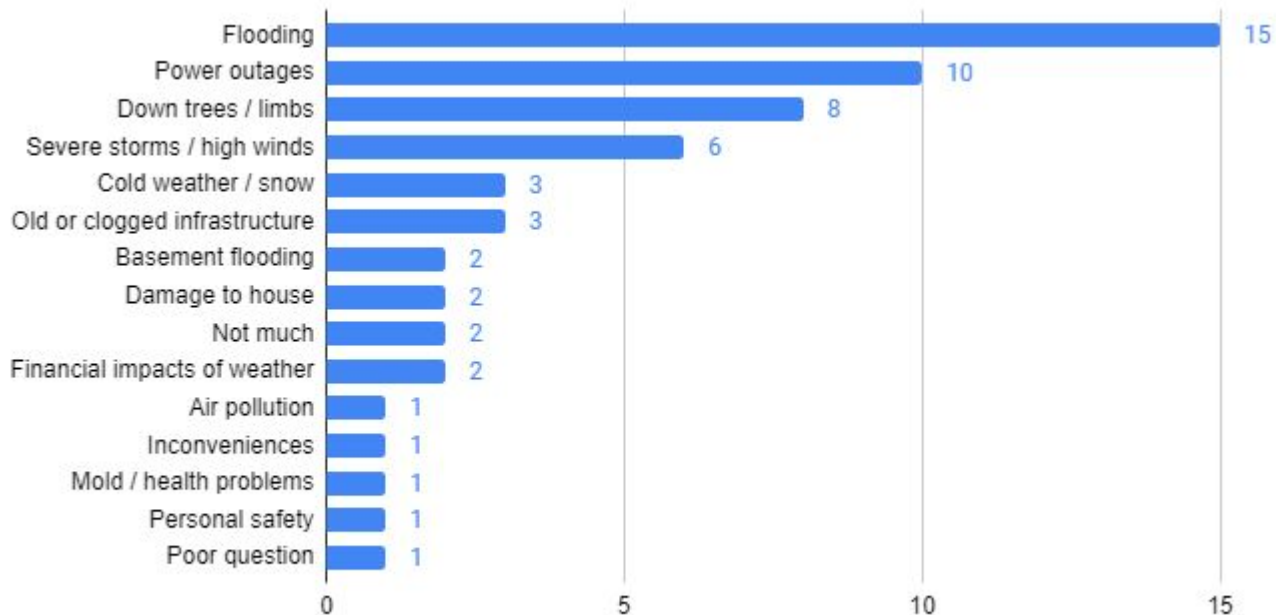


Other answers:

- Affordable housing
- All. Educate people on taxes and programs to keep homes.
- Better public transportation
- Better, upgraded, affordable, diverse utilities companies
- Funding a grant proposal finding and writing classes
- This question is too broad to be meaningful. Whoever you are paying to create these surveys is overpaid and under delivering.
- Transportation accessibility
- We need to train a cadre of young in the skills to make Brightmoor a go-to center for solar and geo-thermal energy installation

How have recent weather patterns impacted your neighborhood? Your residence?

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All answers

- Flooding due to no water retention and the Rouge River proximity.
- This is a poorly conceived question. My question to you is where/when will we be able to see all the survey responses? I have been warned by others who've been involved in this process for longer than me that you ask questions and ignore responses. Where will we be able to see that our answers were collected and also able to see what's important to our neighbors? I am not interested in some cartoon graphic that summarizes input. I am interested in the raw data. Also, why is there no option for us to get a copy of our responses?
- Not really
- The high winds have caused more dead limbs to fall from city owned land.
- Flooding
- Weather patterns have not severely impacted the Schoolcraft neighborhood.
- Severe Storms have caused dangerous conditions with residential trees.
- Power outages
- Floods and power outage
- Cold weather. Snow. No one cleans snow off the street.
- Flooding. Cold weather.
- Flooding
- Flooding in streets that makes it hard to drive. Wind knocking out power for days.
- Trees falling, lights and power going out
- Falling trees and flooding. I still have a huge tree trunk in the lot and tree debris, still suffering financially from floodings.
- Just trying to alive
- Flooding, dead tree fall
- Flooding in sewers; citizens homes and streets. No affect on my home due to no basement.
- Dead trees need to be removed they are destroying driveways and sidewalks
- It leads to power outage and floods
- Flooding in basement
- The draining system. Needs to be cleaned.
- Yes. Power outages several times a year
- Power outage, roof damage, flooding
- Inconvenience to the church
- Water backing up in my basement
- Flooding. Cold weather. The old water infrastructure is not adequate, today, and if a new water infrastructure is implemented it would resolve flooding
- Water backing up when the pipes are old and can't take the pressure
- More of the time
- Weather exposes sick trees causing fallen trees and damage to property. We've not had flooding in my neighborhood.
- street flooding
- Wind and rain knock the power out incessantly
- Flooding-- the rain because Brightmoor sits somewhat in a low valley
- Storms has caused power outages, and people lost food, and can't afford to replace. Flooding causing mold and other health problems
- Trees- I tried for the weeks to call and schedule the free tree removal per video conference I attended. Couldn't get through, voice mail full. Tree fell on swing set, almost knocked out electrical line.
- Smog, air pollution and not enough sunlight have affected plant life. Any heavy wind, rain, storms and there are power outages- too often of an occurrence, energy company (DTE) not held responsible to upholding a higher standard to their customers whom they over charge as is