

#MyHammondTalks Questionnaire #2

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Neighbourhood Character

There are a number of elements that go into neighbourhood character, including the types of land use, built form, gathering spaces, landmarks, daily activities and the daily interactions between residents. Together these elements may create a place to which people living there feel a strong attachment, or alternatively a place where people do not feel any strong connection. Often people can describe what makes their neighbourhood special or unique and also what is missing that would make it a better place to live and work.

1. The Hammond Area Plan boundaries were endorsed by Council on July 8, 2014 (see map attached). This question is intended to identify different character areas within Hammond what makes them distinct from the rest.

Q: (a) Within the boundaries, are there smaller neighbourhoods or "sub-areas" that have different characteristics?

1. Yes

2. none that I can think of other than the local neighbourhood pub that the local go to socialize with others from the community. Also a couple of parks in the area that some of the community kids play in and the local pool in the summer time.

3. I know about the neighbourhood I live in, which is the heritage area. the place with OLDER houses. the place where the houses are more individual, and where the house is much smaller than the lot, meaning there is more landscaping, green space, with each house. There may well be others I am not aware of.

4. The areas southwest of the tracks ("Lower Hammond"?) and the area to the northeast of the tracks but south of the community centre ("Upper Hammond"?) are the areas of unique historical character. The areas north of the community centre, and east of 207th, are of a more modern character, though several interesting and unique homes do exist in those areas too.

5. The broadmap drawn, does not describe what I see as "Hammond" I see a very narrow map, Defined by Westfield to the north, a transition road. It is a mix of contemporary to modern, with the historic nature, of this community. And 207th as a boundary to the East. The River defines the South, and the Railway is the western boundary. An appendix is lower Hammond. A vital area of mixed development. Once a vital record of its historic significance, slowly, or not so slow, lost to modern infill. What little remains, should be protected. Lower Hammond represents a vital part of our heritage. The stories of the old homes need to be preserved and remembered. I live in this community, and I do not know the stories. That is a real loss and is about who we are. The developers see their future, not the past, the context of the past. It is our history that builds a community. So, in the map drawn as Hammond, there is another Hammond, the historic Hammond, and a part of that is the Lower Hammond. The doing of planning committees is to preserve, to discover the

	stories, and celbraewhat the the those stories,the history; before it lost.
6.	Yes
7.	- industrial park - Lower Hammond - commercial area on Maple Crescent - area within about a two-block radius of Hammond Park
8.	There is a noticeable distinction in character between the north and south side of the tracks.
9.	Hammond has a mix of older heritage homes and newer home built in the last 10-15 years. Westfield and Lorne ave have some very unique homes whereas Dartford street mainly the northern part is newer. Across the tracks is also a unique area with a mic of both old and new.
10.	Yes
11.	Yes, the other side of the tracks, its always been kind of cut off from the rest of the area.
12.	I am not sure but there seems to be.
13.	With these boundaries I see sub-areas of: 1) Industrial park, 2) residential area across Maple Cres and the tracks in the south-west corner, 3) small commercial area at the bottom of Maple Cres, 4) maybe the area south of about Westfield to Maple Cres
14.	1. Lower Hammond is the area below the railway line, it does have a few of the older homes but other than that has become a mish mash of housing styles, and has become known for a fair amount of homes that are not well looked after. The open ditches that become dump sites, don't make walking through the neighbourhood a pleasant experience2. Upper Hammond is the area from the railway line to loughheed hwy and from 200 to 207 street. There is the center core of this area that has a fair amount of the older heritage homes in it, especially around Lorne Park. The neighbourhood is much easier to walk through, as there are no open ditches and the streets are not as crowded with cars parking everywhere.3. There is the Larry Walker ballpark area, which I no longer walk through, as the construction of the ballpark has made this area a jumbled up mess. You used to be able to walk through there with your dog and run into neighbours from all over the area, but not anymore. This has caused a definite rift in the neighbourhood, and they haven't even started playing baseball on the new field yet. I don't understand how public parks can have fenced off baseball fields on them. That is no longer a public park, it is a one use park and doesn't make the neighbourhood feel very welcome there anymore.
15.	yes. The old houses in hammond are definitely distinct.
16.	Yes, there is the "old " Hammond, houses bounded by 203, 207 and Westfield. "New" Hammond is above Westfield. These homes were built after 1980's.I include the new homes below the tracks as part of old Hammond.
17.	Yes very distinct smaller neighbourhoods.
18.	There is a commercially zoned strip on Maple Crescent which seems like an ideal place to reclaim a central hub to the neighbourhood. How can we encourage businesses to move in there which will increase the walkability of Hammond?The historical boundaries of Port Hammond Junction contain a lot of smaller heritage homes. The boundaries would serve well to define a Heritage Area. I have a lot of concern about losing the character of the neighbourhood as well as a lot of heritage value if normal gentrification is allowed to take

its course. I don't know if other residents are aware of the possibility of creating a heritage area plan which would restrict size, style, etc. of new homes. Other district-wide bylaws would also help, such as one to dismantling homes instead of demolition (as in the new Vancouver bylaw). "Lower Hammond" with its more recent, larger homes, is an example of what happens when market forces are allowed free rein. These homes are less attractive and most were built cheaply to minimum standards. The horse has left the barn down here, but heritage and other incentives could help to save the older homes still standing. Another area you could identify is the few blocks at the centre of "upper Hammond". I think this is the area that could see some multi-unit townhomes which fit in as much as possible with the surrounding character.

19. Yes.

Q: (b) If so, what sets those areas apart and/or how would you describe them? (eg. era of built form, impacts of railway tracks, access to local parks/gathering spaces)

1. Upper Hammond -- this is the Hammond on the northern side of the tracks. Historic Hammond -- the area of Hammond where the older homes reside. We can find references to these home at the MR Museum. They include (but are not limited to): John Hammond House, William Hammond House, historic homes on Westfield, historic homes on 205th, Lorne Ave, Harry House, Hartnell House. This area also includes the historic business area of Maple Cres and Dartford, as well as the Hammond Mill and at the opposite side, Hammond Stadium/Community Centre and Pool. The area from east to west is roughly 207th to 203; however, the circa WWII homes (where I lived as a child) and MR Golf course are also historic. New Hammond -- these are the parts of Upper Hammond that are not historic, but are still very much part of Hammond. This is increasing in size because older homes/buildings have been torn down. I'd like to see more preservation of Historic Hammond because we are a unique story, not because new isn't good... History should be cherished. Lower Hammond -- this is the area across the tracks, ie: the "other side of the tracks". This is where I live now. This area was, not too long ago, a lot less developed, and there are some older, historic, homes down here, but for the most part, the dyke was a major feature. Now it's home to newer-builds from the '80s and onwards. Industrial Hammond -- this is the part of Hammond that is, but doesn't often register in my mental map which developed in my childhood. However, it's part of Hammond too. Obviously, Industrial Hammond is the industrial park.
2. Just green spaces that used in the community and there is no affect or impact from the railway.
3. The biggest difference for me is that the houses do not look like they came from the same cookie cutter, and is the biggest problem I have with "developments". How a little kid can even know which house is theirs is beyond me. I HATE such neighbourhoods with such a passion, and all of them seem to be like that, even though the style varies. Many of the houses here share some of the characteristics of the Arts & Craft period. The front porch is close enough to the street to allow me to interact with the street. It is a transition zone. If I want privacy, I have a back yard big enough for a patio AND a vegetable garden, which I do have. Landscaping is mature, and there is room for it. Because the sidewalks, where they

	<p>exist, are closer to street level, with little if any curb, there is less boundary between street and houses too. and gives a different feel to the streetscape. I miss having trails like some of the newer neighbourhoods have. A trail that goes somewhere, ie along the river like Osprey Village.</p>
4.	<p>The historical character areas I describe above include a majority of houses built 75-100 years ago (we found copies of the Vancouver Sun from 1925 under our floor boards). These houses are of a much smaller scale, and allow for generous yards and gardens. Although these homes are in various states of repair and upkeep depending on the means of the owners, there appears to be an increasing interest in the maintenance and renovation of these unique buildings to preserve their character. (Newer development in and outside of these areas tends to cover the vast majority of a lot with the building, butting one house right up close to the next, without any natural buffer between homes, and with very little creativity or individualism between the lots.)</p>
5.	<p>South of the tracks (Mish Mash looking for direction) Bordered by tracks both sides of Westfield both sides of 207th (Most suitable for redevelopment for a 21st Century community) North of Westfield West of 207th (Established mix of single family residential) East of 207th (Can likely find its own way)</p>
6.	<p>- The industrial park is distinctive because of its commercial nature (no houses, no living amenities, etc). - Lower Hammond is a distinctive area by nature of its geography: bounded by the river, the bridge, and the railway tracks; limited in-and-out options; centered on Tolmie Park. - The old commercial area on Maple Crescent is distinctive because of the type of building and their use (more historical than current). - The area within about a two-block radius of Hammond Park is distinctive, with many historical and character homes.</p>
7.	<p>South side feels quieter with less traffic, but few sidewalks make walking there feel a bit scary even with less cars on the road. The old houses have more character than the newer ones on the north side.</p>
8.	<p>The train tracks can be seen as somewhat a barrier as if there is a train u are basically stuck until it passes.</p>
9.	<p>I'd say that there is a clear distinction between lower Hammond (I'd say anything south of Westfield ave is lower Hammond) which has more historic characteristics and upper Hammond (north of Westfield) which doesn't. The train tracks also do separate lower Hammond into two separate areas, I rarely cross to south of the tracks because I have gotten lost trying to find my way north of the tracks....). There is also the industrial area south of the train tracks and west of 203rd.</p>
10.	<p>The tracks.</p>
11.	<p>South of Hammond Park seems to have the most heritage homes. Down below the tracks still seems like the "old" Hammond with homes not yet redone or newer homes on former farm land. It is a mix of housing. We built here 28 years ago in lower Hammond and still feel as though it is the "wrong side of the tracks: as we don't get much in the way of repairs and improvements.</p>
12.	<p>Use, separation by tracks, older single family houses</p>

13. 1. Lower Hammond, a mish mash of housing, no safe roadside area in which to walk with a friend or with your dog. I have found several times in the past year when all access to the area has been cut off by a train that has stopped on the tracks, if I lived in that area that would be a very unwelcome hassle. 2. Upper Hammond, definitely has a much more pleasant walking area with room for families to walk around. There is no park area anymore where you can take your kids to fly a kite other than the Hammond school field. There used to be an area at Hammond Stadium where people could gather for different events over the years but it seems that has all been given over to baseball. Even though over the last 5 years or so there have been few ball games there. When did it become right to make a public park an area for a specific sport with all other shut out.
14. the old part of hammond is distinct because of -older period built homes-many with classic arts and crafts features. The houses are smaller compared to the lots resulting in more open space, better view lines and more sun penetration. Traffic calming measures have resulted in peaceful side streets, where people feel comfortable walking without the noise and nuisance of traffic. The houses are each unique resulting in an aesthetic array of design, instead of a cookie cutter pattern of houses we see in subdivisions of today. It would appear the older part of hammond is being increasingly occupied by young families who wish to make this their home, instead of a community of starter homes and rentals. The result is people are spending money to upgrade the old houses, and bring them back into shape. The older part of hammond should definitely be classified or designated, so as to preserve its heritage. Vancouver is just now trying to introduce measures to urge developers to remodel older houses rather than tear them down and rebuild. Unfortunately for them it's too late. Most of theirs are gone. For us it is not. The old part of hammond with the right direction, could become a jewel in the municipalities crown. (see sara brown richmond and historic powell river townsite.)
15. Lower Hammond - area below train tracks. Larger lots, mix of older homes & new. Great family feel and quiet walking, bike riding roads. Seems to be a little cut off from remaining area. Train passing by no way out via car or foot. now with access cut off under bridge safety concern. Along 203rd & West to Maple Meadows station - newer homes (20 years) family feel, this is where I live. I love how this section is central to all the great things Hammond has to offer. Schools, parks, playgrounds, outdoor pool, bike paths, easy commuting, easy access to daily shopping needs. My kids are free to ride bikes up and down the streets as there is so little traffic in our area, hockey nets and basketball hoops are always out for use. Neighbours are friendly and social. 203rd east to 207th and south to Hammond community center - another great sub area, easy walkable streets, feels safe and inviting. Hammond community center south to Maple Cres - older homes like lower hammond but nicer looking area. Homes and lots appear to be better taken care of (few exceptions). More of the character homes have their character features enhanced. Sidewalks are lacking - safety issue especially for kids walking to school. 2 daycares in area also. Street lights? Better traffic control needs to be addressed along maple cres. Round a bout at maple & lorne. No more trucks, trucks should come off golden ears bridge at 2nd exit not 113 Ave exit. Trucks should drive along dewdney or loughheed to 207 and proceed to Mill. Not from 203rd and Maple cres, street is too narrow and too many curves. Hammond stadium / baseball field - how this process went down was a shame. This is a very public community area for it to be altered to only suit baseball is very disappointing. Sound features like park benches and picnic tables can be added for more community use. East of 207 is an interesting mix. beautiful area family friendly, outer streets does appear to be more run

down. Again lacking sidewalks, street lights?
16. The commercial area has zoning and history as well as key commercial buildings. The residential area features consistent lot sizes, smaller houses with similar character (some representing different building periods in time). This is a single-family neighbourhood which would NOT welcome large, cheaply constructed houses. See above.
17. Lower Hammond and in around Hammond Park should be recognized as having older/heritage homes; smaller housing with larger lots, mature trees, narrow roadways, etc.

<p>2. As discussed above, both people and physical environment contribute to neighbourhood character. As such, people are just as important to neighbourhood character as the physical environment and identifying opportunities for neighbourly interactions is integral to the Area Planning process. This question is intended to determine the level of neighbourly interaction in Hammond.</p> <p>Q: (a) Do you and your neighbours look out for each other on your street?</p>
1. ABSOLUTELY! With extremely few exceptions (ie: one family) we look out for each other. We've even attempted to look out for the one family, but they aren't open to it.
2. The people in this area have always watched out for their neighbours and this is why it has been a very safe neighbourhood to live in.
3. Oh, yes, we do. Thanks to a MR subsidized block party a few years ago, and, ahem, a few neighbourhood sparkplug types, we DO know each other. and we chat frequently. We are Facebook friends, and support the FB group Hammond Neighbours.
4. Most definitely. Over the past 10 years we have enjoyed great continuity with our neighbours, as only one property in the 360 degrees surrounding our house has changed hands in that time - and for the better, as the new owners are working hard at remodeling their older home. We know our adjacent neighbours, communicate with them when we will be away for longer periods of time, and have been blessed with their generosity.
5. Yes Look at Hammond Neighboura on facebook
6. Yes
7. Very much so.
8. Yes
9. I believe so. We have great neighbours on either side of our house and we always let one another know when we will be out of town and have them pick up our mail/newspapers etc
10. Yes, most people in our cul-de-sac do with a few exceptions.
11. Yes
12. Not so much now as in years past.

13.	Yes. I am in a Complex on 118th and we generally see looking out for each other as a very important factor in living here. I find most people in both directions on 118th to be interested in having an interaction and helping keep the area safe and clean.
14.	I live in the upper Hammond area and our street has not had a lot of change in property owners in the past 20 plus years, so we all know one another and we definitely look out for one another and for the area immediately around our neighbourhood.
15.	yes. we were just away and had 4 neighbours watching out for us
16.	Leanne Khoen was the instigator of neighbourliness on 205th street. Prior to her arrival I was not interested in getting to know my neighbours although I could identify them. It is nice to know that when we go away, my neighbours will be watching my house. Just as I do for them.
17.	Absolutely! I have the best neighbours. That was part of the whole draw for us to Hammond and Maple Ridge. I was born and raised in North Vancouver. Could not afford to buy a home there and raise my children. Hammond the first things I noticed, people make eye contact and smile at you as you walk by, kids are out and about enjoying there neighbourhood safely (like children used to be able to), neighbours get together (casually or formally) and talk and touch base. Coumminity events are awesome like Hot summer nights, easter egg hunts. To see all the houses decorated for Halloween and Christmas is wonderful.
18.	Yes, here on "Swedish row" and up 114th Street, we look after each other's pets, have keys to each other's houses and keep an eye out for drug deals and vandalism.
19.	Yes. Our neighbours are great! Always wiling to lend a hand or keep an eye out if we're heading out of town. Sharing fruit and vegetables over the fence when there's extra ;)

Q: (b) When you see your neighbours on the street, do you stop and have a conversation?

1.	Yes. We chat with all our neighbours (with the exception of one family). We look after each others' homes while they're on holiday, my neighbour across the street pet-sits for us. Our next door neighbour keeps an eye out for my special needs son. Neighbours even tackled a hornets' nest that developed in our tree last summer while we were away on holiday.
2.	Yea a lot of the older nieghbour stop and chat but there is some newer ones that are not into this but after they live here for awhile their attitudes do change for the better.
3.	Yes, and I have a front porch that we sit on, close enough to the street to converse. People stop to talk to us as we sit there. Should I be on the street weeding my big garden, even folks in their cars stop to say hello.
4.	Yes, we do. Although these neighbours don't represent a close circle of friends, maintaining these casual relationships has proven to be pleasant, healthy and I hope mutually beneficial.
5.	Often, and more so if I have a dog, As I sit in my front yard porch, I see many people, and a "Hello, Good morning, we are having" evokes many positive feed backs, and a few not so. .
6.	Yes

7.	Yes. If we know each other, we usually have a chat. If we don't know each other, we exchange friendly greetings.
8.	Yes with my immediate neighbours. Mostly smile and nod at the rest.
9.	Yes most of the time.
10.	Yes. Although it is typically the people with young kids and/or dogs that are out on the street more, and therefore have more opportunities to talk and meet the neighbors.
11.	Usually
12.	on occasion but mostly just a hello
13.	Usually, particularly if I or they are walking a dog.
14.	Yes, we do interact with our neighbours on a daily basis, whether walking by or driving by we stop to say hello and catch up with one another.
15.	If i know them yes, but even if i don't there is always a smile and hello
16.	Sometimes, usually it's a hi, how are you, and then move along.
17.	all the time.
18.	Yes, typically, but I'm a little less talkative than my wife. The character of our home invites conversation from passers-by. The fact that our garage is detached so we have to walk from the car to the house, means we often have opportunities to chat.
19.	Always a smile and hello when we're out walking or working in the yard. Friendly little wave if we're driving and come across a neighbour.

Q: (c) Have you and your neighbours held/attended block parties, or have you been invited to a neighbourhood party or BBQ?

1.	Yes. We've not had formal block parties (ie: using the grant) down here in my corner of Lower Hammond, but we've had a few potlucks, have had neighbours over for drinks, pizza, what-have-yous. We've also exchanged baked goods, produce from our fruit trees and gardens, as well as transplanting between gardens to share flowers, etc. It goes further than parties and BBQs.
2.	Not as a neighbourhood but some people get together with a few neighbours.
3.	We have one every year. Labour day weekend. we may be up to five years running now.
4.	We have not held a block party, but have been invited to gatherings of the Hammond Neighbours through Facebook. We have not been able to attend yet, but hope to in the future.
5.	Yes, and the .municipal`we recieved support we had has made block parties a ritual.
6.	No
7.	Yes. We've attended neighbourhood gatherings, BBQs, pot-lucks, etc.

8.	No, but I would like to do this one day!
9.	No no one has ever organized or suggested one
10.	Yes, we just had our second annual block BBQ.
11.	Yes
12.	not in many years in my neighbourhood although I hear of them in other areas of Hammond
13.	Within our Complex, yes but for a larger street of neighbourhood gathering, no.
14.	We have had neighbourhood garage sales, but not block parties, as we are a street that is used as a raceway for others surrounding our street to get to their streets. There are neighbours who get together on the street socially and there are those who like their privacy and that is also respected.
15.	yes.
16.	Leanne and Jim have a pot luck get together at least once a year.
17.	Informal gatherings have happened in our immediate area. Larger Hammond neighbourhood gatherings are sure. A planned block party has not occurred in the 4 years that I have been in our area, but it's a great idea. I live on 116B Avenue, at the end of our street where 116B Avenue, Ashley Cres and Stanton Avenue all meet is a vacant lot. Grass grows high, it gets cut down. Kids like playing in there. I always thought it be a great play / sports space for all ages to gather. Please address that in Hammond area plans.
18.	We started throwing a block party every labour day about 5 years ago. That is where Hammond Neighbours was conceived. There are other neighbourhood events, particularly organized by Open Door Church, which are shared on the facebook group.
19.	Not so much. If there's a local event like Hot Summer Nights or the Easter Egg Hunt we make an effort to attend.

Parks & Social Gathering Spaces

3. Building on the above theme of neighbourly interaction, it is apt to be more common in neighbourhoods where parks and gathering spaces exist and are well used by the community.

Q: (a) Are the existing parks/gathering spaces in Hammond sufficient to attract regular use for family-friendly recreation activities? (Yes or No)

i.) If yes, why do they work well? Are activities organized or spontaneous?

ii.) If not, what could be changed or improved?

1. There are planned and unplanned activities. Right now, I've my eye on the weather for Hot Summer Nights (MR Fire Dept) which we request annually... it's cold and damp today, and many neighbours are on the facebook group trying to figure out if it's a go; I've emailed the fire dept, but no reply probably means they've not yet decided. Kids gather to play without planning it. We've organized park clean ups, etc... and they've also happened without planning -- one person starts to clean, and a couple others join in.

2.	Spontaneous
3.	Hammond Park is close, but not a park I frequent. Our shorter walking route takes us through it, but it is small, and boring.
4.	These spaces seem to be sufficient, though I don't use them regularly, and don't see many people using them. The Hammond community centre and adjacent sports fields seem to be used regularly. As we do not have children, family-friendly recreation activities don't apply directly to us, nor are they an aspect of Hammond life that I focus on.
5.	You forced a YeséNo answer. My honest answer is maybe, But ... The question is too complex and vague to give a good response. But. if youe mean supporting the community needs with councilk goals, a very complex goal,then, Yes. But, I am afraid I am being nieve, ..
6.	The spaces worked well when are kids were young. Both spontaneous and organized. Parks for rollerbladding Swimming Pool
7.	My neighbourhood is well served in this regard, with the community centre and Hammond Park. I think Lower Hammond is also well served.
8.	Big open space at Hammond stadium but community centre is a bit small.
9.	No real picnic areas.
10.	My answer is actually yes and no. The parks for baseball, soccer, tennis, etc are good and used for organized sports.
11.	Hammond Elementary does have some events that the area can partake of, but they are not many in a year.
12.	the parks attract families whos children play together-hence the parents meet.schools especially elementary same as aboveNeighbourhood Pub someone organized a pub dropin nightcommunity center-great for all our organized eventspool-see first comment
13.	The existing park spaces work well for families with children. They can play on equipment, run around,play baseball,swim etc. And they are close to home.
14.	The spaces that exist are okay. I enjoy the trees in Hammond Park as it's different from the typical open field plastic playground (even if the playground is same old plastic boring). I'm very excited for the biking/trail network to find its way under the bridge to Pitt Meadows. This will help to expand our family friendly recreational activities. The activities that we've attended have been organized and advertised in advance. Not opposed to spontaneous but sometimes it's harder to get the word out with that kind of gathering.

Q. b How often do organized or spontaneous neighbourhood events take place in Hammond?

1. It could be better if the old neighbourhood celebrations could return but there doesn't seem to be the interest or funds to do so.
2. I doubt the size could be increased. In the 11 years we have been there, I have seen trees cut down, fall down, and die. I think only one was replaced. I wonder if the landscaping could be improved so I can't see the other end when I walk in to it from one corner. Could my path be

	more interesting, intriguing? Less like a lawn, and more like a wood? There are a few benches there. Placed far enough apart that it is DIFFICULT to chat. Again, something happened to one, and it has not been replaced. How about benches clustered, so as to ENCOURAGE interaction, instead of discouraging it? ie bunches of 2 or 3, but more than one bunch.
3.	Council needs to listen to what the community desires. Council needs to thinking beyond the developer. Council needs to listen to staff. My comment
4.	I think that some areas of Hammond are not so well served. Maybe if we had some benches sprinkled about, it would encourage people to stop and sit, or stop and chat more. Maybe tiny "pocket parks", where there's a bench, a little bit of garden or a tree or a potted plant, something like that. Parks are big and expensive, but maybe we could make many small, inexpensive, easily maintained stopping spaces. Maybe we could even get the Hammond community to "own" and beautify these little spaces (painting the benches, looking after the plants, etc.)
6.	There used to be. The Hammond stadium field was an excellent place to spontaneously meet up and toss a ball for your dog or play a game of catch/kick a ball around, etc, but this has recently been hijacked by the new baseball field and no one else can use it anymore. Larry Walker Field would make a great alternative if it wasn't always occupied by more baseball players. This field should be open to everyone, but I feel that it is being monopolized by baseball. A section of the field should be fenced off to allow dogs and families a place for free play!
7.	Expand the community center in Hammond. Make a spray park there
8.	There are some good spaces, playgrounds (although I don't see them used much) and the pool seem to attract families. We do not have kids but we do have a dog (who is considered our family) which is why I answered no. We need more (or at least one) dog friendly areas. Any time there are spontaneous meetings at a park with more than one dog, people are always very friendly and on the look out for dogs going to the bathroom just in case that dogs owner was looking the opposite way, this includes parents who bring their kids too. However the experience is always soured by the fact that we are not supposed to be there with our dogs. Everyone that is see there on a regular basis walks to the park so I have a feeling they share my sentiment of not wanting to have to drive to an off leash park in a different neighbourhood anytime I want to play fetch with my dog. Most of the time people are talking about local/neighbourhood things too, so it helps me stay in touch with what's happening in Hammond, and meet more local Hammond neighbours.
9.	Put aside some park area for picnics.
10.	need more areas for people with dogs to get together. It is a huge social event for the neighbours, and dogs.
11.	The parks for organized sports do not encourage casual users unless unless interested or involved in the activities. It would be nice if more areas were in a more natural state with walking trails and benches to sit. I believe there is a new park on Wharf St that is more on this line.
12.	The Hammond stadium has been given over to baseball, so use of that area is no longer possible. So for the upper Hammond area there is only Lorne park now, and there have

never been any events organized there that I know of. We used to have Hammond Days, but like all events change, so to did they and the flow of volunteers to organize it dried up and that was the end of that event. I think there could be a lot more neighbourhood events held at the Hammond Community Centre, but it seems the cost of using the building are now quite substantial and it does not make it viable to hold flea markets, craft fairs, etc. there.

13. I really think we need an organized dog park / run area. A lot of people own dogs, pay taxes, but have no place to take their pet locally.

14. The "new" Hammond area to the west of 203 does not have close by access to a park. That I am aware of. Does the school yard play area at Riverside count as a park? I would like to see an area for a community garden.

15. Park use seems to be catered to specific, like only baseball teams, or only young toddlers, only cyclists. Make parks usage for all aging. Child to adult. Make "playground" equipment for older kids too. Older elementary kids and early high school need safe areas close to home to gather and socialize responsibly. If kids are bored they will find trouble. A skate / action park would be awesome. Design a Parkour space, or natural area to test themselves physically and mentally.

16. The number is sufficient, but the parks are underutilized. One reason may be there seems to be a conflict between people and dogs sometimes. Dog owners would like to let their well-behaved dogs off-leash, but these dogs intimidate people, especially kids. I think most people will just not come to the park as much because of the dogs. Our closest park, Hammond Park, could use another feature to draw people in. We thought of an amphitheatre. This could be simply a landscaped feature with seating sculpted in a semi-circle. It could draw impromptu music and theatre performances.

Q: (c) Have you and your neighbours held/attended block parties, or have you been invited to a neighbourhood party or BBQ?

1. Not often enough. But people are busy. More spontaneous things happen in the summer. I think more planning could go into rainy-day and/or cold-months activities.

2. rarely

3. I only know about the block party, which has a rather small scope. Whatever happens at the community centre is in alien territory, and especially so since the prison fence went up. What an eyesore! and right next to the community center and pool, too. I hope the ball players love it, but I consider it ugly and intrusive beyond belief, and no longer want to walk through there.

4. Unknown

5. My comments have tried to preclude the philosophy of "Greed" But it is endemic in our economic and philosophical foundation. Notwithstanding whatever theological/philosophical position one takes, if it includes greed, then we are bound to our demise. We must take a step beyond greed, and find a new vision of the future.

6.	Hammond had/has Hammond days once a year. Free swimming days. Swap meets Flower Sale Church Beavers at the Church Terry Fox Run
7.	In our neighbourhood, a few times a year. It would be nice if it were more often. James Rowley and Leanne Koehn are the drivers of these events in our neighbourhood. Other people should do it also (including myself and my partner).
8.	I am starting to see more of them. The open door church has been good about organizing and informing the neighborhood of happenings. The Hammond Neighbors Facebook group has also been wonderful in creating events and sharing info! There is a lot of interest in the area to maintain a strong identity and sense of community.
9.	Quite a few. Terry fox run baseball and the open door church hold different functions.
10.	Not sure what an event is characterized by, but there are spontaneous gatherings of dog owners at parks throughout Hammond a few times a week. As for our local block party, those are organized once a year.
11.	Not very often, things kind of fell apart after the Hammond org quit.
12.	I see it happen on occasion. Our children are grown now so we don't hear about it too much
13.	Not often in my area.
14.	There has been a few organized events for families with children this past summer, but that is about all I know of. There have been a couple of neighbourhood clean ups done, but that too has stalled. The only thing I see now are the occasional neighbourhood garage sales.
15.	maybe a dozen or so a year.
16.	There are events happening at Hammond stadium however we do not attend them. They tend to be oriented to families with children. Hammond neighbours tried meeting at Dartford House the last Friday of the month but it petered out. The Open Door Church has had events which we have not attended.
17.	Spontaneous just happens, 2-3 times a month I guess
18.	At least once per month. More if you consider all the events at the church and baseball field.
19.	Not as often as I would like but I suppose it takes someone (and money) to organize these things and people are busy. I would say 6 a year.

General Comments

1. I gave up on this survey! The map would not enlarge for me. I put information in the first 2 questions, went back to look at the map again, and when I returned to the questionnaire the information I had put in was gone and I was right at the very start again.
2. It would be nice if there was a group that had the funding to do these events or even the backing of the district to try and put together some events. At the present time only the fire dept. puts anything together but only once a year in a local park. It would be nice on another subject there be a way to encourage the resident of Port Hammond to clean up their yards and show some pride in their community.
3. Hammond is a wonderful community, to live and participate in. It was the rural nature of this community that was our primary attraction to move into Hammond. And, we wish to preserve that nature. However, 'greed' seems to be a force that is destroying the rural value of this community. And, if the axiom 'Farmers Feed Us' is forgotten, then our very existence is lost. For each acre lost from farming is an acre of sovereignty lost. And, we become a peon of California. They will feed us, but only after they feed their own! As an aside two things need to be protected--agricultural land and industrial land. They are separate but connected. Planners need to know this, and developers need to respect this. And, they cannot be swapped. My comments are meant to support the general work of the staff of the municipality of Maple Ridge. As I better understand the work they do, the better I appreciate what they do. While I do not always agree, I am better prepared to listen. WE owe a lot to the Maple Ridge Staff, beyond what most of us understand. Thank you Al Sather
4. Without a clear plan for Hammond, the hard core supporters of Hammond have had a vision for Hammond much as it once was. As much as we would like to live in such a community, we do not believe this vision to be viable for the future. There is little left that is worth saving, a dream of single level homes with front porches is unable to pay the bills. Keeping in mind community and what once was, the future can be respectful of the past, however being responsible to today and tomorrow. The foot print of Hammond (Railway, Westfield, 207th) It's mix of Park's, residential and commercial beg's for higher density. It's proximity to bridges and light rail make it a no brainer.
5. I feel strongly that we need a place that is family and dog-friendly that we can walk to within Hammond. Such a place will make spontaneous happenings occur frequently! This was how I met the majority of my neighbours (prior to the 'destruction' of Hammond Field) and this really helped me to feel safe in our neighborhood. I want my daughter to grow up in a safe and friendly neighborhood, and Hammond has the potential to be this!
6. I'm disappointed to see half of Hammond stadium being ripped up and closed off from the local community. The open half of the park is used regularly by baseball/softball, soccer, kids, and dogs. When there were two halves of the park open to everyone, the people using the field for sports could use one half whereas dog owners could stay on the other half. Once the new stadium is opened for use, it would be great to see part of the park become an off leash dog park. There are smaller areas that could be fenced off for a sizeable dog run area. An alternative for a dog off leash area could be the park beside riverside. I believe it's still school district property but I so rarely see it being used by kids, the main users are dog owners and homeless people sleeping under the trees. If there could be any way to get some

of the land back or on loan from the school district, i think it'd be much more useful to the Hammond community.

7. One of the biggest social events is the daily dog walks and the city is doing everything to screw it up. We just want to walk the dogs and socialize, instead we are hounded everywhere we go. When the fields aren't being used what is wrong with letting the dogs play and the people socialize? We have been doing it for decades with no problems other than the baseball booze fest. All the usual people are very responsible dog owners, the bad ones you will never see or find, it is totally unfair to go after everyone else. Instead of it being a nice time it is going to get real ugly if the city keeps trying to kick us out of the fields and other places that aren't being used.
8. We have been here 28 years and loved raising our children here. Of course all things change and Hammond is no exception. Lower Hammond has grown in size with many more houses now but still only has 2 ways in and out. These spots are getting more dangerous because of the bridge traffic routing along there. Our children are grown now but still living at home. As all adults living here there is a shortage of parking because of the ditches. I know some people think the ditches are part of the charm but lower Hammond isn't where most of the heritage homes are so the ditches don't add charm down here. We still love the area but we need more places to walk safely without walking in the middle of the road avoiding ditches and also to let our dogs run free as this is not the city and this is where the dogs should be. If something could be added to the undeveloped area under the bridge for dog friendly park land and walking trails it would make the area seem more open and rural as it should be.
9. It can be very hard to have neighbourhood events, especially something that is inclusive of all ages of residents. Without a central park to hold events at or a hall that can be used without a large sum of money being required, it makes having a area to hold events very difficult.
10. My husband and I often walk down to the new park on Wharf St. and sit awhile, enjoying the water view. I would like to see a community garden develop in our area. It would be an activity that would be more geared to adults.
11. As Hammond increases in density there will be more foot and car traffic. We like the walkability here which depends on the low level of car traffic because there are few sidewalks. Yes, we can help by putting sidewalks on at least one side of every street, but we must also work to calm the traffic as it increases.