



# This Is My Neighbourhood - Saddle Ridge

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## Project overview

This Is My Neighbourhood was created to provide an opportunity for residents to partner with The City of Calgary to identify ways to help make their neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play.

In 2016, The City of Calgary delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to a first group of 14 neighbourhoods.

In 2017, The City of Calgary is working with a new group of 14 neighbourhoods. The City will work with the neighbourhoods to first identify a neighbourhood vision. From that vision, participants, working with City staff, will come up with creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support their neighbourhood vision as identified in the engagement. In 2018 those programs, services and infrastructure projects will be implemented.

## Engagement overview

This report back covers what we heard during the visioning phase for Saddle Ridge. This is the first step in the engagement for the This is My Neighbourhood program.

## What we asked

Residents in Saddle Ridge were asked:

What would make Saddle Ridge a better place to live, work and play? They were then asked to choose their top three vision words from a list (see below), or add their own, and explain why they chose that word.

**Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse • Family-Friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable**



### Step 1 Tell us your vision

What would make your neighbourhood a better place to live, work and play? Choose your top 3 words from the list, or **add your own**, and tell us why.

- Accessible • Active • Beautiful • Clean • Connected • Diverse
- Family-friendly • Healthy • Inclusive • Safe • Walkable

Vision Word (example)	Why? (example)
Accessible	I see many seniors with walkers and parents with strollers who have a hard time crossing streets.
Vision Word #1	Why?
Vision Word #2	Why?
Vision Word #3	Why?



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## How we connected

There were three different ways citizens could provide feedback:

1. Everyone in the neighbourhood was mailed a postcard with the vision question and could drop it off at the Saddle Ridge Community Association. The postcards were sent to 4572 residents.
2. The vision survey was available online through the <https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/saddleridge> portal page from July 10 to October 31, 2017. The survey was promoted on neighbourhood roadside signs, through Facebook, and through the community association newsletter. We received 285 pieces of feedback online and three comments on Facebook.
3. City staff attended various community events to gather feedback. We received 257 postcard submissions. The table below summarizes the events we attended and how many people we reached at each event.

Event Name	Number of people reached at community events
Interactive, onsite, English and Punjabi radio broadcast at the Genesis Centre Stampede Breakfast	49
Stampede Breakfast (Genesis Centre)	104
Pop-up engagement event in Saddletowne Library following the Genesis Centre Stampede Breakfast engagement event	12
Pop Up at Saddletowne Library	42
Pond Party/Community Social Event	157
Community Clean Up	400
Pop-up at a park	65
Open House at Fire Hall 32 in Saddletowne	150
Pop Up	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>1064</b>

4. We also asked participants online how they heard about this program. These were their responses:

In the Mail	Social Media	Roadside Signs	Community Newsletter	Word of Mouth	City Website	Other
25	7	4	1	2	11	27



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## What we heard

This is a short overview of what citizens of Saddle Ridge told us this summer and fall. Of the eleven vision words provided, **Clean**, **Safe** and **Beautiful** were chosen the most often.

**Clean:** Residents of Saddle Ridge value a clean neighbourhood overall. They would like to see garbage and litter picked up, better maintenance of public spaces including the lake area, more enforcement of lawn maintenance for residential properties and improved snow removal and street cleaning.

**Safe:** Saddle Ridge would like safe streets, especially in playground zones. Speeding is a big concern and residents feel that safety at crosswalks needs to be improved and that more crosswalks are needed. Most residents indicated they feel safe in the community and contribute a feeling of safety to police presence in their community.

**Beautiful:** Residents of Saddle Ridge cited more landscaping, including trees, flowers and green spaces, as the best way to beautify the neighbourhood. They would like to see improved maintenance of current public spaces that would include cleaning of litter, cutting grass and replacing dead trees.

For a verbatim listing of all the input for the visioning, please see pages 5-33.

VISION WORD: ACCESSIBLE	5
VISION WORD: ACTIVE	6
VISION WORD: BEAUTIFUL	7
VISION WORD: CLEAN	10
VISION WORD: CONNECTED	13
VISION WORD: DIVERSE	13
VISION WORD: FAMILY-FRIENDLY	14
VISION WORD: HEALTHY	15
VISION WORD: INCLUSIVE	16
VISION WORD: SAFE	16
VISION WORD: WALKABLE	22
VISION WORDS: OTHER	23
VISION WORDS: OTHER	26
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## Vision statements

From this information, 3 vision statements are suggested for Saddle Ridge. A quick poll at <https://engage.calgary.ca/myNeighbourhood/saddleridge> will be available from November 17 to November 27 where residents can pick their favourite vision statement. The vision statements come from the vision words and ideas you shared with us through the engagement.



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- a) Saddle Ridge values being a clean, safe and beautiful neighbourhood.
- b) Saddle Ridge values residents taking pride in a clean and well-maintained community, feeling safe, getting around, and enjoying beautiful public spaces in the neighbourhood.
- c) Saddle Ridge values being clean, litter-free and well-maintained with walkable streets that are safe for children, and being beautiful with trees and flowers in their neighbourhood.

## Next steps

In early 2018 we will be planning the creative process. First, we will share with you a number of neighbourhood vision statements and have you select one.

From that vision, members from your community will work with City staff to come up with creative ideas (programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements) that support that vision.

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## Verbatim comments

The following is all of the verbatim comments we received for Saddle Ridge. The verbatim is broken down by Vision Word and includes the submissions received online and those received in person through the postcards. If an inappropriate word was used, the following is used to indicate that it was removed: [inappropriate word removed]. If personal information was submitted the following is used where that information was removed: [personally identifying information removed].

Vision Word: ACCESSIBLE

**Selected 38 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- For work. LRT into Calgary. Sports Centre
- Shops, LRT, Genesis, Community events
- Love easy access to schools & parks
- Having accessibility to places makes everything efficient
- most things are walking distance
- Transit access is close
- LRT station is very cold in winter, I have no idea what cost measures could lead to train station not having heated closed rooms. with temperatures under 35C in winter at times, it is a punishment to use transit bus and waiting, especially at night. improving train station improves accessibility
- The LRT pedestrian gates at the Saddletowne station, and where the LRT tracks cross Saddletowne Circle are not accessible for someone in a wheelchair on a mobility scooter. Changes to the gates to make them more accessible would give persons with mobility issues more freedom to travel independently.
- Accessibility for disabled persons
- people of all abilities should be able to do sports
- I see in winter time so many people walking hard because of snow an water issue by pathwat @ Saddlecrest pond (no body clean it)
- Improved snow removal on side streets
- improved snow removal on side streets
- In winter, when the streets are cleared, huge icy snowbanks are left blocking the

- crosswalks. This is especially bad near the C-train station. There is no gap left in the snowbanks that surround the right turn cut-offs into and out of Saddletowne Circle, so in order to walk to or from the station, you need to climb icy uneven snowbanks and step down onto slippery streets, with heavy traffic around. Extremely dangerous.
- Hello
- My name is [personally identifying information removed]. I m leaving in [personally identifying information removed]. In my back alley we don't have road. We have a big problem in winter, it's so hard to get out the car from our garage. So I would like to request you to look into this matter at the earliest.
- Thanking you
- Regards
- [personally identifying information removed]
- Snow clearing in the winter has been poor in side-streets and lower-tier priority streets
- At Nelson Mandela High School, the parking lot is a huge conflict of interest. I notice many cars crowding the parking lot afterschool and it takes about 15-20mins just to exit. There should be another bigger parking lot where it is designed for parents to drop off and pick up students. The traffic would flow quicker.
- The saddle ridge circle is the worst design in the history of Calgary. Too many traffic



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lights makes it very hard for the traffic to move smoothly. The c train makes it even worse. The saddle ridge circle has made a mess of what could have been a nice neighborhood.

- Open 88 Ave to deal with traffic jams. New roads should be built before any more homes are
- Route 159 bus for both sides
- we need two way 159
- lives in Savannah and no bus to Saddleridge & busing for kids - no stop in Savannah
- use public transit and walk everywhere. more connections needed.
- (Transit) The connections between Skyview, Saddleridge and the Highschool need to increase to make this community more accessible
- 59 bus stop comes very rarely
- cars often parked in the way of driveways, or in the middle of the road, especially in

cul-de-sacs or corners making it difficult and unsafe to drivers

- People park in back alley and I can't into garage, can't find parking Saddlebrook Way
- Many visually impaired (hearing impaired) have a hard time crossing streets
- bus shelter for school bus & transit Saddledown dr.
- footpaths, train stn bus stn. Genesis centre
- 80th Ave needs a crosswalk and there is no easy way to get across - people randomly cross by the stores
- More crossing places
- Hard to get subsidy at YMCA, free/low-cost programs for adults & children
- Same as above
- Would like a spray park
- Park right close by
- We live close to the storwater pond - love it

Vision Word: ACTIVE

**Selected 40 times**

**Answers to "why" below**

- We need better connections of the pathways like the Greenway pathway. It ends at 96 ave in the community and then starts again. It should be continuous
- Biking paths
- Around the circle it is busy
- Lots of people in the area but lots of speeding cars
- Greenspace - parks, pathways
- Love the inclusive events
- Lots of people and lots of exercising
- So we can all connect with everyone
- More activities for seniors and teens to engage in community involvement
- Activities seem geared for younger kids
- More activities need
- More activities around the neighbourhood
- design program that will encourage members of the community to actively

participate in community programs and planning

- There should be more programs for youth and adults to be active individuals
- Lot of youngsters in the community, will be nice to have places for them
- Covered courts in the park that is free to use so we can stay active during winter thus preventing sickness and less gealthcare cost for govt.
- I frequently drive all the way to the WestWinds park at McKnight just to get an opportunity to climb that mound and walk around it. I constantly wondered and wished and wondered about us having one of those in the Saddlecrest community. Climbing improves heart health for old people like myself and brings back fond childhood memories of the 4 mile climb uphill we had to do everyday to



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get to school in my country. Additionally, it gives an opportunity to meet my neighbours to whom I wish to say 'hello' but who are, otherwise, locked up inside and away from others.

- \*Thanks for the information plaques/signs I see and stop to read while cycling the new bike path in our area. It is great to connect with neighbouring communities while walking/cycling these pathways -- I am beginning to LOVE living here! Thanks, Thanks, Thanks,
- Would like to see a older kid park in east side of Saddle Ridge off of Saddlecrest Blvd
- The strip behind Saddlebrook Way is supposed to have a small park but nothing yet.
- Love to see a volleyball court (outdoor)
- Sometimes when going to parks it is hard to find an empty place to play sports
- Gymnastic equipment/ & soccer fields
- Wish there were more places for basketball, soccer, hockey
- soccerfield repairs & better nets & grass near Saddle Crest Blvd.
- Lack of park and recreation centre in this area and overloaded population is the reason people are less active. We only

have Gensis Centre which is overcrowd and always full to do any activity.

- There are many new schools that have been built in Saddleridge which means a lot of kids and teens. Afterschool many people like to play sports or relax at a clean beach/lake. I think a there should be a recreational community outdoor park for residents living in Saddleridge similar to the one in Coral Springs. There are many kids who ride their bike in the neighborhood and a skate park would also be beneficial.
- A fit park at Hugh Bennett Park would be a great addition to the neighbourhood.
- We want more basketball and lawn tennis courts in our area
- Kids love basketball but no court nearby
- Swimming pool closer than Genesis
- Need one park like Parriewinds Park with swimming pool
- Swimming for kids, water park, splash park
- Ourdoor water park
- Better closer parks to play in
- Playgrounds are boring
- More playgrounds
- More playgrounds equipment needed
- Playground. Fun to play on

Vision Word: BEAUTIFUL

**Selected 62 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- How can a place be beautiful when it's not safe and clean!!!!!!
- Very nice area to live. Around home it is beautiful.
- Construction wrapping up makes it more filled in and become nicer.
- Beauty is there along Saddletree Drive by the pond. Other communities have functional fountains. Bring back our fountain and waterfall. CLEAN is important too. The pond is a magnet for wind

blowing debris. Can we stay on top of this please.

- The beauty and serenity of nature is universal.
- Back alleys are full of tv's and furniture. Bicycles broken and abandoned.
- Saddlelake is not clean does not look beautiful
- Please take care of making it beautiful, garbage in parks cutting grass.



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- Boulevards are left too long before they are mowed....they are full of dandelions. The dandelions go too seed in the early summer before they are mowed so this will always be a problem. The first impression when entering the community is not good when you see the boulevards, etc not mowed. Looks like we don't care about the community. Also, the strip of grass between the sidewalk and road are never mowed. Homeowners may not realize that they should be mowing this as well as their own yards.
- too much weeds around and skunk!!
- Wish our lake had better fencing (Hugh Bennett storm water pond) b/c people drive in that area on grass
- Too many alleyways are full of strewn garbage and bins are constantly left out 24-7 - even some people's front yards and between houses - AND people dumping junk-mail at community mailboxes instead of simply recycling it at the very least
- Neighbours using back-lanes and yards as business premises - storing building materials and parking several trucks around the neighbourhood year-round
- Consider re-introducing weed/dandelion control - it's a rampant issue
- Sidewalk repair - cracks in sidewalks of older/original Saddle Ridge streets
- Citations/re-work-orders for people who have illegally extended/expanded their driveways - having multiple vehicles out front on these illegally extended aprons
- I see lot of garbage around & there is no management to direct/educate to keep street, walkways & parks clean. Weed growth & more green spaces, tree spaces is the need of the hour.
- For a newer community it looks run down not kept up.
- Lived there, hated it, it is a suburban hood.
- I see parks in the Saddleridge community are in very bad shape. I never seen grass in the park is maintained. We see weeds everywhere. I saw many people complaints for these weeds everywhere in the park. It is very tough for all community people especially who are allergic. I would say, parks, sidewalk green areas should be maintained in the summer.
- Bear park is in bad shape, benches need TLC, big bushes overgrown
- Better maintenance of grass, planting flowers.
- We need better city maintenance of grass, weeds and planting flowers like other communitites
- I see trash & garbage at lakes where people walk & unwind. I also see food trucks near the lakes. I don't know if they have permits. But they contribute to garbage in these areas.
- Sidewalk maintence not the "caulking" temporary fix
- Parks needs to more clean and paths inside the parks should be well marked and beautiful.
- Make it to look even prettier
- As it is not very beautiful now
- More decorative things or sculptures should be added as a beauty
- Nice but need more colour
- More outdoor stuff. Trees.
- There are a lot of buildings and not a lot of scenery
- Its clean and filled with green grass and lots of trees
- It is a relatively newer and still developing area, needs more trees etc.
- I see lack of flowers in parks
- If its more tree & plants that make my community more clean & healthy air
- More trees, green space around walking paths
- would like to see more Flowers/greenery around
- Trees - more. Cickles - less hay & more greenery & flowers



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- With more green space and more tree will make lots difference .Saddleridge has a lack of green space and park
- we need more green space ,tree and park.Also need attention toward to cut grass regular so we can enjoy walk and kids can play in park.
- There should be more greenery. Most of the saddle ridge area has little to no trees. There use to a rule about 'one tree in every house' in Calgary but that rule does not seems to apply in saddle ridge. Too much concrete and no trees make it very dull.
- Beautify it with flowers & ensure strict compliance with garbage rules..
- Neighbourhood needs more trees and the current trees that have been planted aren't being taken care of.
- Everywhere you go there is always a house or a building being built. I believe there should be beautiful parks/water fountains/gardens or even open fields just for residents to walk on.
- If City could allocate funds, in developing some monuments, add more trees, flours and etc
- I would like to add Beautiful again because like other community have flower pots in middle of maden. In Saddleridge there isn't one flower pots in community. It does not feel like Beautiful community that so many people call home.
- clean road sides with plantation of flowers along roadsides & parks.
- Grass is not been trimmed in lot of areas along roadsides making it to grow tall & attracting lot of insects.
- Also not pleasant to look or walk.
- People have trash in their yards, I would like strict fines
- Improvements needed to beautify welcome sign, ponds, walkways and unify house designs. Make all homeowners accountable for making their houses presentable or at least clean (which means no junk or garbage around the property, clean weeds and mow lawns).
- To beautify our minds, sanitize & educate the young to the beautiful things of nature - fruits & fructose as opposed to sucrose that's killing to many
- More trees
- More trees if possible
- Trees along saddlecreek gate.
- Plant trees on 80 ave from saddle town circle to saddle field drive the opposite road has trees. Please plant tress on other side as well
- We need more trees in the area and parks required better maintenance in terms of grass.
- I see very few trees in Saddletowne area as compared to other areas. Trees look beautiful on streets.
- • The neighbourhood has fallen behind in aesthetics. Please replace the trees that were in the medium in the gate. Could the City Contractor(s) please water the flowers at the entrance of the gate each time they water the flowers at the entrance to the Saddle Ridge Ponds. The neighbours that back on to the gardens don't help out and I suspect it is because they would need to run a very, very long hose from their house, over the white fence, etc. We on the other hand have been using a smaller wagon with buckets of water. Better yet, perhaps the City could manage those gardens as well. Thank you for your consideration.
- People should have pride in their neighbourhood
- New community, small trees, uni-driveways
- New to the area
- Paint the utility boxes with beautiful colours. Flowers on the one in my yard please.
- live near the pond. Nice.
- There are so many trees in Saddleridge that are broken down or trees that used to



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be there now there is not. City did not replant the trees.

- When the neighborhood just started there were a lot of trees along the streets and, at least, a tree in front of every house. They are beautiful and it makes the area greener and healthier to live. No a lot of trees along the roads and some in front of the houses are allowed to die. it would be good if there is a way for these trees to be kept and maintained.
- Our neighbourhood, as well as surrounding areas, are becoming concrete

jungles. People are paving over their front lawns and expanding their driveways in order to park many cars on their property. Nobody wants to take responsibility for this; I have e-mailed the councilor and called 311, just to get the runaround. This topic hit the news a few years ago, but it has just gotten worse. When we built our house, we signed a form stating we wouldn't change the grade etc. what happened to this?

Vision Word: CLEAN

## Selected 110 times

## Answers to "why" below

- Dog poop is a problem... people need to pick up their poop. We can't without stepping in it. The north side of 80th Ave in the complex.
- Less garbage people need to pick up after themselves
- I see the road and fields full of garbage and bottles
- Too much garbage in the storm water ponds & the area is very dirty & lots of garbage
- I see many garbage especially around mailbox
- Clean up the garbage
- So we dont constantly create garbage.
- Lots of garbage on side walk
- I see clutter of unpicked garbage around residential & parks
- Lots of garbage by mailboxes
- I see too much garbage on the streets
- I see lots of trash around the parks
- Need to clean garbage specially around letter boxes
- food & garbage in the street/pond.
- lots of litter
- Garbage around lake & schools
- lots of waste in the grass
- New high school students making a mess in circle
- The school becomes very dirty and people that walk help pick things up
- Less litter, and healthy living
- by the school theres a lot of garbage
- Garbage every where! Alley ways, streets and parks! Terrible
- Construction garbage, litter and other waste are hard not to notice walking in the community.
- We see more garbage on streets
- The boulevards are always horrid looking the long grass, the trash. And the alley ways the same. This would be great!
- My back alley is not paved
- Garbage in the back alleys need to be cleaned
- Rain causes big issues with problems in back alleys w garbage and mud
- Alleyways along the fence lines are not trimmed by the homeowners so garbage catches in it - looks messy.
- Would love the community to be more cleaner
- For an healthy clean community
- Because people dont care to much



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- Keep community clean
- These days nobody care for cleaning the roads and cutting grass.
- I want a clean & tidy neighbourhood
- If saddleridge is clean, It will look beautiful
- around my house but other ereas bad.
- Cleaner. Some areas need cleanup. (again Behind TD bank)
- Some areas are dirty. Behind TD bank
- Not as clean as other neighbourhoods...people may not care as much.
- It's dirty!
- Cleanliness is Godliness.Godliness is peacefulness.Peacefulness is harmonious living.
- Needs to be clean
- This community isn't as clean as it could be. I feel more can be done to make this community more beautiful. Just because this neighbourhood is lower income (in general), doesn't mean we can't look like one of the best. This area is very beautiful, with all the ponds and the nature that they attract, but with little effort, it could be so much more.
- spaces are not neat and clean - there are always scattered papers or wrappings everywhere - community should be vigilant especially those who dump their garbage in open fields (for example used sofa, garbage after renovation - you can find these on the way to balzac near the saddlebrook community.
- I our area we need more clean. We need grass cut more.
- Cut grass, weed control lakes
- I see grass was not cut along Pond Park Paths
- The pond & surrounding area is durty, scared of snakes in the grass, grass & weeds really high, hard to walk - people not picking up dog poo in winter esp.
- There is garbage on the playground where we like to play, and the grass is too long
- The green space/fields are full of weeds; Would like to see this maintained to look better
- I see dandelion flower all over the parks & sidewalks around the saddlecrest PL, NE, Calgary
- Not well maintained grass & overall ambiance
- On public property grass is not cut in timely manner. The city needs to take care of saddle ridge as a part of the city of Calgary not as after thought.
- The lakes, parks and boulevards need grass cutting and cleanliness on regular basis. My community is less clean as compared to other communities in Calgary.
- Need awareness among residents for clienliness and city should do more for this
- some other persons still don't get to know how to seggregate
- We should pay more attention to educate, communicate and facilitate community members on keep the community clean, specifically commercial, parks and ponds.
- Water was circulated with a pump before but not anymore (2013 or so). Not working. Smell & looks bad
- It's green, quiet but vibrant.
- The parks need to be clean
- As above, needs to be cleaner
- Parks dirty
- More cleaning around the parks and ponds would be helpful
- More clean area around park
- Parks maintained from weeds & garbage
- The lake needs to be developed so that family time can be spent there. Lake needs to cleaned, pathway and BBQ huts need to be developed.
- a lot of lakes have been created by builders in order to sell homes with walk out basements & nice trails for walks. But they are not maintained during summer.minimal maintainence is provided.



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- There are so many place in Saddleridge that is own by the city that have garbage around city own fences. The reason is city does not pick garbage on time so once it's full wind blows away and get stuck on fences and parks.
- In winter sometimes the traffic circles are slippery or not clean properly picked up against my moms property
- The roads during winter get extremly dangeros with little to none cleaning
- Lots of Debris seen by the roadsides - no snowcleaning
- Some alleys, grounds, parks are dirty or unclean
- In the Saddleridge community, I have seen dirty sidewalk green areas, in the winter roads are rarely cleaned or salted for snow melting which exhibits rev of safety risk for people especially we have strength of old people who became confined in the house due to unsafe conditions outside.
- I saw many senior in my community has a hard time to walk even on cross walk because of snow
- Regular cleaning of roads in winter, & parks in summer
- When you clean the areas give parking ticket to vihical
- lots of pigeons around the lake
- pretty clean as is, so feel it is a strength to be maintained
- current program working good but maintain
- Most areas clean & tidy
- I see Saddeltowne already beautiful & clean but lets keep it up
- More greenery
- More green spaces
- clean up - everyone clean up the park
- work together to pick up litter. Contest to clean up the most litter
- winter cleanup program would be nice
- If someone throw their stuff in back yards aelly give them ticket
- Garbage & lawns maintained on all property
- Cleanliness, some neighbors are so dirty with their property. They don't cut their grass & get rid of weeds.
- I see yards frunt & back not being mown & snow not removed
- I see a lot of litter on boulevards and uncared-for lawns at many homes.
- Trash is usually present on the side of roads
- Some neighbours do not bother to clean there yards, letting the weeds and grass roam wild
- Saddleridge almost always smells like WEED/SKUNK; drugs should be monitored or use legally and road kills should be immediately cleaned up to prevent such odours from travelling
- Encourage neighbours to keep their yards free of debris. Having said that, please ensure that the city picks up debris along 80th avenue as for some reason it collects there.
- Keeps own yard clean but sees a decrease in the area
- [inappropriate word removed]. Drive around and check how many houses have too much weeds in their front and back yards.
- Check the back alleys and they don't cut the weeds, clean their garbages, dump construction materials to old furnitures, used paint gallons, toys and so on...check it!!!!!!!
- Kids polluting the air from smoking pot!!!!!!
- Not all residents clean around their property
- Need reminders of their responsibility or educate new comers about city bylaws
- Clean community bylaws brochure translated in different languages and distributed
- Too many yards are a mess. Front or back, it doesn't matter.



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- more tree and median beauty - restricted sign area
- could plant more trees to make environment clean & fresh
- Garbage cans smell of dog waste can that be fixed?
- being on Stony Trail on one side, and airport on another, with many construction work dust, and uncleaned winter roads from cars not moved on cleaning day; we can't open windows of our homes, dust will fill and cover everything in just few hours.

overtime and months and years, it gets very thick in places hard to clean. having a clean city is important at least for health wellbeing

- More trash cans. I see trash everywhere.
- Its hard to find wast disposal in public
- Too much garbage on the street - maybe have garbage cans
- more public garbage disposal spots
- more garbage cans & clean up litter
- Pond has trash in it...need more garbage cans at the pond.

Vision Word: CONNECTED

**Selected 21 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- I love to ride my bike with friends
- Because we have to have each other's back and support one another.
- So we can help each other out at times.
- Connect 96 ave to Airport Trail (the tunnel to nowhere)
- Circle walkable and has all that is needed to shop. LRT to downtown Calgary.
- Like the playgrounds and quick access to genesis swimming pool.
- There is so many things that help us feel connected
- eveyones always out and about - a strength
- Connected because we want to know people inside our community
- Lots of talking
- Just one bus in Saddlebrook is nearly not enough.
- We need more buses going on the opposite route so the kids dont have to ride the 159 bus and wait 25 minutes

- inside the bus to reach their bus stop especially during winter since their bus stop is almost the end stop.
- Makes more comfortable
- A program to encourage residents to engage with each other on social media would give a better sense of community.
- We need a program or app that all residents can use to stay connected with notices, events and news in the community. Something we can use to connect with each other as well to post classifieds, events and notices.
- I believe there should be events and activities organized for residents to be connected such as before there were pond parties.
- No community events. Don't know more people in community.
- Not many seats in park areas
- Saddleridge circle too much traffic (train track is an issue

Vision Word: DIVERSE

**Selected 19 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- I like seeing a diverse population
- Community appear nice
- I see people of all races. Everyone feels included.



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- Lots of different cultures living in Calgary.
- Beautiful blend of many different groups of people.
- We should be able to continue meeting our diverse reign here. We need to promote Saddle Ridge in good light for more cultures and races. But then again so many people in the NW are crazy so nevermind.
- It accommodates so many families from many different culture.
- We have so many different backgrounds in our community and I would love to celebrate this more. We all come together at the Genesis Centre, but we are still divided in ethic groups. I wish we could all intermingle. I'd love to know more about people in my neighbourhood.
- Need A community with a diverse background can result in tolerance, love and peace
- Make Saddle Ridge more attractive to people of all backgrounds to choose to live, work and raise a family
- We could have a bit more interaction with each other
- Needs more multi-cultural focused events in our community
- We have great strength of diversity in our Saddleridge Community. I have never seen city's program to give an opportunity to diverse community to know each other's cultures and give respect to them.
- Know more people and having better contact to better understand.
- Many diverse populous reside and need better understanding of the other.

Vision Word: FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**Selected 32 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- The community has access to playgrounds, recreation facility, train station and several businesses and many other services that meets many of our needs
- Too many Drunks populating the area
- Very clean
- Lots of young children and grandparents out walking together in green spaces.
- Love my neighbourhood!
- Good community feelings for immigrants
- If it is family friendly, it will attract people of all walks of life. Therefore it will be all inclusive.
- lots of kids play out the front
- For homes already made & bought offer fruit trees for planting at an affordable price - 1 per household
- there are a lot of parks and schools
- More functions within community
- Wish people were outside more people stay inside wish there were more events. the Saddle Ridge Pond Party is awesome.
- We need a kind of event just like today to bring the commy
- More activities may be organised for the community to understand each other in the area.
- More parks & green spaces. Parks are small & few & not maintained.
- more playgrounds/green spaces
- missing activities and opportunities for teenagers and young adults.
- More programs for children. Nothing available for teenagers.
- I live in saddlelake dr & near my house no park, I need one
- Playground need improvements need more things for kids
- No play structure saddle creek way



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- No playground in the community close by. Please develop a playground close to Peter Loughheed school.
- I love our neighbourhood, the kids play outside in the summer. They ride bikes, play soccer at the park and go sledding in the winter. Family is the most basic institution. However our parks need updating
- More parks kids - things in parks

- Need a dog park
- Many grandparents and little kids live here
- I see a lot of people walking
- Excellent Library and resources are used and the Hub of the community. Ensure the Library and Genesis Centre is given the support it deserves.
- Cars travelling on road high noise levels & speeding higher than limits

Vision Word: HEALTHY

**Selected 27 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- It can help grow more crops
- The park new Shoppers is boring
- The green spaces should be cleaned up. They look very bad.
- as above
- expand Genesis Centre
- Lots of green spaces and open fields
- Health makes everything lively and vibrant
- Healthy heart is a happy heart
- More active living initiatives more safe bike paths needed
- I live in Saddlelake Gardens very close to the new CBE school. There is a sports area adjacent to the school and it has 3 football court and one for baseball. Yet, there is none for basketball. I am of Filipino origin and basketball is our primary sport. If this park/playground could include a basketball court or several basketball rings it would be used by a lot and certainly contribute to the health of a lot of people whose primary sport is basketball.
- More program as community garden so we can grow vegetable in our backyard
- more access to free health programs (i.e. Walk groups)
- All homes should come with a fruit tree not just a non-producing tree
- More green spaces/better cleanliness in city parks e.g. Prairie winds
- Green space, nature

- No bench for sitting on south side of Saddlecrest Blvd pond
- Seniors need something other than bus stop benches for rest on their a.m. walks. Put one at the Peter Loughheed School corner where the diamond meets Savannah.
- Inside the school fence along 88th would be a great spot for a work out park.
- Good health benefits everyone.
- Plant more trees along 80 ave to relieve people from heavy noise pollution created by loud and big vehicles.
- walking programs so people can learn how to take of themselves
- Healthy because it has a lot of parks
- parks for young children & youth
- Multiple parks, community centres and activities available
- We like that there should be place for people to have morning and evening walks. There is a pond near saddle creek way. About half of periphery around pond is paved properly, but other half has mud road. Every year money is spent to repair mud road. Instead it should be paved with concrete, so that people can have morning and evening walk.
- Genesis Centre
- Add outdoor gyms, more facilities like basketball tennis courts
- Strong communities



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Vision Word: INCLUSIVE

**Selected 11 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- I feel there are two groups in Saddle ridge - new Canadians and native Canadians. We need functions that encourage both to attend.
- made lots of friends
- We have ethnic neighbours and I would like to know more about them, and I would like to have a good, open relationship with them. I'd like my kids to play at the parks and feel safe by feeling included with other kids.
- Programs should be design to be interesting and apt for the whole community
- lots of diff people
- We are a very diverse area in the city.
- More events like the Canada Day celebrations at the Genesis Centre this year would be awesome for bringing the community together.
- Improve continuing education,leisure and seniors program offerings in the north east. Almost all programs are offered at locations in downtown or the south.
- There should be no school in our community where there isn't a single visible minority on the teaching staff. Our children also need role models they can emulate and aspire to become. There need not be this constant wonderment in the eyes and glares of our children when a minority shows up as a 'substitute' teacher where the message is also clear-prepare to substitute.
- Education opportunities for adults
- Needs more multi-cultural focused events in our community

Vision Word: SAFE

**Selected 107 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- We have so many playground zones & no one obeys the speed they go 40 or 50 km/h not 30km/hr. I think we need speed patrols by CPS OR some changes to the length of the playground zones.
  - Better control of speeders through the school zones & play-grounds (Saddlecrest Blvd)
  - Better control of speed in playgrounds
  - I noticed/see drivers that are not following school zones speed limit
  - Some areas have high speed drivers in school zones
  - I see cars speeding in school/playground zones
  - Better signs to slow down speeding by the schools
  - Playground zones, such as the one by Light of Christ school need to have speed cameras installed or law enforcement tracking speed of cars under cover. Drivers in this area speed at excessive speeds when the playground zone is in effect and when they see a law



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- enforcement vehicle they slow down. They also pass the other driver and honk and swear at each other. Which puts pedestrians at risk of getting run over.
- It seems the little things get missed making things feel unsafe. Garbage left around, trees not replaced or watered, weeds on the boulevards park gravel not deep enough, playgrounds old and playground zones not enforced
- Many children playing outside in parks + I see many teenagers drive very fast without pay attention to speed zones
- There are a lot of speeding cars, last min lane changes, a corner by Rec Centre in Circle, bad stops, etc.
- Cars speeding
- Some of car drivers drive too fast on Saddlebrook link
- enforcement of traffic laws - better road/intersections
- Lots of time not look safe speeding in night
- Sometimes speeding is a problem this is a problem
- A lot of cars go fast when I am riding my bike.
- I see so many kids running around or Biking in the neighbourhood and cars pass by so fast
- There is lots of kids playing outside and drivers are going to fast on sidetrees. I think we should lower the speed limit on residential roads.
- there are drivers running 50 on a 30 zone
- Speeding. (Saddletree Drive)
- People drive too fast
- most drivers speed - enforcement needed
- My community has become populous during last couple of years. More and more kids and senior are out for walk and play. The community need more play zone signs and speed limit in order to be safe and sound.
- Reduce speed limit on 80 ave.
- I notice a lot of cars speeding through the neighborhood and it creates a lot of noise at night time.
- Lots of cars going over the speed limit in residential areas... Need to add more stop signs in uncontrolled intersections
- No school-zone speed limit set at the Peter Lougheed school... Dangerous for children crossing the streets and parents there for pick up
- Saddletowne circle is hectic to drive in... Merging cars are unaware of the speed limit and of cars sharing the street.



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Entering the circle, there should be a stop sign present

- [inappropriate word removed].
- 2.0 People, just because they drive BMWs, Benz, etc feel like they own the roads.
- 3.0 Drivers throttling their mufflers while speeding. Noise and safety!!!!
- 4.0 People who do not follow road signs!!!!
  - I do have some concerns in regards to the traffic speed on the circle and on my street.
- I am sure that there are several residents who live on the boulevard that find it very difficult to leave from their front property due to the volume of traffic. Although the volume is not something we can reduce, I am hoping that the speed limit would come down to 30 km at least for the boulevard.
- There are many children who attend the Light of Christ school, and the speed that the drivers are travelling at is quite dangerous. Not only does it put the children/pedestrians at risk, but when someone is leaving from their front garage, by the time they reverse, the car reaches them very quickly.
- I have lived at my property for over 12 years and I feel based on my experience living in this area, that common courtesy does not seem to be demonstrated in certain areas of this community. I do not feel a homeowner can safely leave their driveway pad property unless they have waited for some time for the traffic to clear.

The Saddlemont Circle already seems to be a raceway, so when they turn onto the boulevard, most likely, the speed has not decreased. I did see some constables patrolling the area at times, but I believe that once the drivers come off of the circle and into the boulevard, the speed should be 30 km or speed bumps put in.

- Living in this community for 12 years, I have witnessed many accidents on the circle, damage to property, vehicles out of control, and cars travelling at dangerous speeds. The community is increasing and safety is a big issue for residents and the little ones.
- Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns.
  - LED cost less so why not light the pond area. Signage to remind dog owners the pond is not an off leash area. Maybe doggie bags there too and at the school yard.
- Consider speed humps near the pond once 88th Ave NE is complete if speeding persist. Or maybe a "You Speed" LED display to remind people they're in a residential area with kids playing.
  - Speeding vehicles (yes, I am actually advocating for more speed traps), vehicles not indicating (ever - citywide issue), vehicles not stopping at stop signs (not even close, often), vehicles turning through filter lights even after they've clearly turned red



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- ...for the record, I am NOT advocating for slower speed limits in residential areas as has been proposed in the past
- Cyclists on sidewalks (they're either road users or pedestrians - not both) - especially when they then suddenly cross the road without warning
  - Some people use 88 Ave as a raceway. Deal with those few and the neighbourhood will be safer. Also very loud.
  - The children's playground/park that borders Saddlemont Close and Saddlemont Grove has many bad things going on in the dark of the night. I see drug deals from a number of cars parking on the park's borders. Youths and adults from the cars that go into the park and sit in the dark drinking/smoking crack and think that the neighbourhood can't hear them. (The park acts much like an amphitheatre and you can hear most everything.) Definitely garbage and sometimes drug paraphernalia and used condoms are left behind. These occurrences are regular, once or twice a week. Calling the police usually doesn't help because they don't stay long enough for the police to arrive nor can the police experience what some of the neighbours see and hear. I have spoken to another neighbour, and like myself, they are reluctant to report some of these incidents for fear of making themselves a target to these people.
  - Our neighbourhood doesn't feel unsafe, but there tends to be unsavoury things that happen here. It would just be great for neighbours to know neighbours a little more, so we could look out for each other.
  - Too many addiction center residents moved into area after floods.
  - the high school maybe makes other people feel uncomfortable
  - stop violence to make boards & signs to help the comty be safer
  - The ponds located in Saddle Ridge, I feel, are a big safety issue in the winter. I walk by the pond on Saddleridge Drive and once the ice has formed, people are constantly walking across it or playing on it. I do not want the pond or accessibility to the pond to go away, but I believe that winter safety on these ponds is a talking point.
  - Bike & pedestrian safety
  - making it a safer place for pedestrians. walkable.
  - Walks home to LRT
  - kids grew up here.
  - children and teenagers (place) so no one can harm them



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- Children's safety is important
- Neighbours know each other and take care of each other.
- Finish the path way system around the north end of the airport. Cyclists are now at a high risk of injury or death when they have to fight with cars on the road some are even using the airport tunnel.
- Great people in the community
- Never been scared of walking in the area. Police station nearby.
- Lots of police walk around without fear.
- feels safe and Police nearby
- CPS station
- if my home is in my city then my city should be safe so I am safe in my home.
- There are a lot of fears here with our safety as compared to 10 years ago. We should be able to site our own feedback and reports among us as a community.
- I want saddleridge to be safe for my children
- Safety comes first then everything else will follow
- improve safety around lake - improvements lighting (sidewalk)
- Some of the side roads aren't very clean in the winter
- The saddleridge circle is a tire-fire. Whether it be the drivers being reckless or the circle being too complicated for them. Please do something about this.
- Some time scared of people hanging around LRT. Lots of trash left on play park
- Taking transit at night is risky
- Criminal activity should be addressed by police
- You can walk the streets @ any time and be safe
- Safe so that stuff doesn't get stolen
- Crimes in our community
- Keep it safe
- So we wont be scared to go out.
- Some of my neighbours have complain about theft & unauthorized trespassing. We need more safe communities.
- Lots of car breakins & stealing from garages, backyards more police nite time patrol
- Should be free from crime activities or crime incidents
- We witnessed bus stop smatched kids scooters stolen
- Saddleridge is safe & would like to keep it that way
- no complaint



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- safet first!
- I feel protected in my community
- I do feel safe in our neighbourhood, despite hearing sirens quite often.
- 88 Ave intersection needs pedestrian improvements
- Good improvements like lighted crosswalks and well-lit pathways could be expanded.
- Traffic lights/Pedestrian at 88 ave and 60 St NE
- More crosswalk lights
- Walking sign to the playing area needs to with flashing lights while in use and speed in play zone to be monitored by law enforcement.
- Include more (pedestrian-activated flashing amber lights) crossing lights at parks schools and path ways. The Newer style that is more at eye level then overhead. These lights will improve safety for pedestrians and motor-vehicles.
- More crosswalks & pedestrian light flashing
- We need more crosswalks as I see many children and families crossing roads
- More crosswalks because their aren't enough, more cameras because people are driving 70 kph+ in school zones
- Need more educational programs to aware people
- I often walk home from the C-Train at night along 80th Avenue. I would like to see more police patrol cars driving along relatively slowly rather than just going somewhere else.
- As more breakup and vandalism, drug problem need more presence of police. Need more traffic light and speed breaker ,4 way stop and speed sign.
- I observe that policemen are not patrolling constantly. They just concentrate on petty traffic violations against people who are powerless. Go for the big crimes! Don't go out looking for petty offenses. Go out with the intent to protect the people!
- Stop sign @ intersection to slow traffic (only a yeild now) & posts with reflective strips (sign)
- 80th Ave & Saddlefield Dr. prone to major accidents, no lights/cross-walks
- Traffic lights in some dangerous intersections.
- traffic light 60th street 88th avenue
- Implement a neighbourhood watch program to stop break-ins, vandalism, and drugs in our community.



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- Saddlecrest Blvd. & Saddlecrest Park pave back alley lots of use by school & when cleaned & gravel carve out & made a u hole
- Like this to be more safer
- We saw a senior being harassed on walkway
- Love to walk at night à need to allow my kids to play alone
- For security of the community
- Because it happy to be safe
- All communities should be safe
- Saddleridge grew so quickly...need to go back and review all the things within Saddleridge are thought out.

Vision Word: WALKABLE

**Selected 27 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- Easy walking distance to both of the above
- Easy walking distance to both of the above
- Everything in walking distance
- Everyone drives when it is easy to walk to the station and Genesis
- Lot of elderly are out and about while I've seen traffic speed past them and not observing the traffic rules.
- clean sidewalks
- walks to LRT easy commute.
- improvement to sidewalk around lake
- improvement to sidewalk around lake
- We like that there should be place for people to have morning and evening walks. There is a pond near saddle creek way. About half of periphery around pond is paved properly, but other half has mud road. Every year money is spent to repair mud road. Instead it should be paved with concrete, so that people can have morning and evening walk.
- Hard to walk kids to school in winter - slippery sidewalks
- We need the sidewalks cleaned of snow more consistently
- More in summer but lots of people walking around
- primary source of transportation
- The road connecting safeway to Nelson needs a crosswalk
- Crosswalk from Highschool to BPs/Saddletowne Circ.
- Some cross walks on major roads in the area need to have flashing lights installed so drivers are aware that a pedestrian is crossing. In this neighbourhood it is typical to see a driver ignoring a pedestrian crossing and drive by without stopping for them.
- The Light of Christ school doesn't have a cross walk marked on one side, where one is located, I'm worried a child might get hit.
- benches on far side of park & more than 2 (4-6)



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- Terrible. People have little regard for pedestrians and cyclists. Never stop lots of speeding
- This community are starter families, new immigrants and environmentally aware. Plus the Ctrain is a great plus to get where a person wants to go. Just find there are not enough sidewalks. Poor traffic/pedestrian ratio , especially near the new high school
- beside the Genesis Centre. Also, near the Ctrain platform.
- walk- ways and biking routes necessary
- Provide a suitable walkable routes to enhance healthy living.
- There are less pedestrian sign & lights
- Safe for seniors and kids
- Vehicles parked on sidewalks

Vision Words: OTHER

**Selected 186 times. We asked if people had “other” words to share. When “other” was selected people gave these other words:**

- A COMMUNITY CENTRE
- ACCESS
- ACCESSIBLE (SAFE)
- ACCESSIBLE PARKS
- ACTIVE & SAFE
- ACTIVE/HEALTHY
- ADD A POOL/LAKE
- AFFORDABLE
- AS BOTH WERE RUNNING BEFORE DEC 17, 2017
- BALL COURT
- BEAUTIFICATION
- BEAUTIFICATION TO THE ENTRANCE
- BEAUTIFUL/CLEAN
- BENCHES
- BETTER ROADS & SNOW CLEANING
- BETTER STREET PARKING
- BETTER TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- BIGGER PARK
- BOULEVARD
- BUS SCHEDULE
- BYLAW/PARKING
- CLEAN UP
- CLEAN/BEAUTIFICATION
- CLEAN/WALKABLE
- CLOSER/EASIER
- COMFORT
- COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
- COMMUNITY PARK
- COMMUNITY
- CONVENIENCE
- CRIME
- CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
- CROSSING LIGHT
- CROSSWALK SIGN
- CROSSWALKS
- DOG BAGS
- DOG WALKABLE
- DRIVABLE
- EDUCATION
- ENGLISH
- ENVIRONMENT & CREATURES
- ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
- FAMILY FRIENDS
- FAMILY PARKS
- FEELS LIKE HOME
- FOOTBALL TEAM
- FRIENDLY



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- FRIENDSHIP
- FUN
- FUN & AMAZING
- GARBAGE
- KIDS HAVE A FUN BUT NO WASHROOM
- KIDS PARKS
- LAKE
- LANDSCAPING - PARKS, PONDS, STREETS
- LESS LOW INCOME HOUSING
- LESS STRESSFUL TRANSPORTATION
- LIBRARY
- LIGHTS AT 88 ST & 60 AVE
- LIGHTS FOR SAFETY
- LIGHTS ON BIKE PATH
- LITTER
- LIVEABLE & SAFE
- LRT ACCESS
- MAINTAINED
- MORE ADULT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- MORE CLEAN GREEN SPACES.
- MORE CROSSWALKS
- GETTING AROUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD
- GRASS
- GREEN
- GREEN AREAS
- GREENERY
- GREENSPACE
- GREENSPACE/AMMENITIES
- GROWTH
- HEALTHY/CLEAN
- HINDI
- ILLEGAL DUMPING?
- IMPROVED TRAFFIC CONTROL & CROSSWALKS
- INTERACTIVE
- INVOLVED
- MORE ORGANIZED COMMUNITY CLEANING
- MORE PARKING SPACES.
- MORE PARKS
- MORE PEOPLE
- MORE PROGRAMS LIKE THE PARK PARTY
- MORE RECYCLING FACILITIES
- MORE SPORTS
- MORE SUPPORT TO LOW INCOME
- MORE TREES
- MORE WALK PATHWAYS
- MORK PARK
- PARKING LOTS
- PARKS
- PARTIES
- PAVEMENT
- PEDESTRIAN LIGHT
- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- PET-FRIENDLY
- PLANT MORE TREES/PARK PLAY
- PLAY WITH FRIENDS
- PLAYFUL
- PLAYGROUND/PLAYGROUNDS
- PLAYING WITH FRIENDS
- POLLUTION FREE
- POND
- POTHOLE MAINTENANCE
- PRIDE
- PROPER BUS STOPS
- PROTECTED
- PUNJABI
- QUIET
- QUIET AT NIGHT
- RECREATION
- NATURE



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- NEAR MARTHA WAY NE
- NEED 4 WAY STOP
- NEIGHBOURS
- NO LITTER
- NO MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- NOT WALKABLE
- OUT DOORS SAKING RINK
- OUTDOOR PLAY
- PARK
- PARK SPACE
- PARKING
- PARKING AND ROADS
- RECREATION ACTVE
- RESTORE
- ROAD ACCESS
- ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
- ROAD WORK
- ROADS
- SADDLETOWN CIRCLE
- SAFE ON SIDEWALKS
- SAFETY & WALKABLE
- SCHOOL
- SCHOOL BUSES
- SCHOOL/ACTIVITY
- SCHOOLS & MORE FUNDING; NO TEXTBOOKS & LOCKERS
- SIGNS
- SKATEPARKS
- SNOW
- SNOW REMOVAL
- SOCCER FIELDS
- SPEED
- SPEED CAMERA
- SPEEDING
- SPORTS FACILITY
- STADIUMS
- STORES
- STREETS
- SWIM OUTSIDE ON HOT DAY
- TEMPORARY WASHROOM
- TENNIS COURTS/HOCKEY RINK
- TIGHT SECURITY
- TRAFFIC
- TRAFFIC LIGHT/CROSSWALK LIGHT
- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
- TRANSIT
- TREES
- TREES/GRASS
- SECOND YMCA
- SECURITY
- SENIOR FRIENDLY
- SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- CONNECTIVITY
- SENSIBLE
- SHOPPING MALL
- UNCLEAN
- UNCLUTTERED
- UNSAFE
- VALUE
- VIGILLANCE
- VISION
- WALKABLE & ACTIVE
- WALKING TRAILS
- WASHROOM
- WASHROOMS PARKS
- WATER
- WATER PARK
- WE SHOULD BE TAKE CARE OF THIS PARK
- WINTER
- YOUTH PROGRAMMING
- ZIPLINE



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Vision Words: OTHER

**Selected 324 times**

**Answers to “why” below**

- Too dull, Boring people
- Open 96th Ave Northbound Access/Airport trail
- @ 88 Ave and Saddlecrest Blvd need pedestrian crossing light. When kids are going to school some car not attention so dangerous.
- Saddlecrest Blvd Park with the rocks is AWESOME but the rocks need a rubber surface
- More excersice prog in park for community like yoga, laughin yoga etc.
- Needs more trails for walking & biking
- All of calgarys major neighbourhood have one
- Reduce prices for recreation @ YMCA so more people can afford
- "Affordable.
- Recent hikes in tax make Calgary communities unaffordable."
- Please reinstate bus no. 60 and 61 via Saddle Ridge Dr and Saddle Tree Dr.
- more sports that help you achieve more
- I would like to see a ball court so teens can play and stay active
- No condos, too dense
- Plant more flowers during the summer like the Hamptons
- All Recycle bins out of back alleys till Recycling day. Would help keep back lanes looking tidy and keep garbage in own yard.
- So seniors can sit while waiting
- winter will be severe this year, salt iced roads and plow snow!
- Need to control street parking
- It seems on big roads often you wait at every light
- Clean leaves/debris/garbage
- More buses
- Truckers parking bylaw commercial on residential streets
- Animals can survive
- 80th Ave clean mendian clean garbage/litter out of park
- Need more walking trails and cleanliness around walking area
- Swimming pool
- I see bus stops that no bench for sitting while waiting for bus
- monthly park cleanups garbage & dog poop
- Many kids play as most of parks have not much rides for kids to play
- Reaching out & engaging all community members
- Convenience...lots of places close store, genesis, schools.
- Need more patrolling
- gang/drug activity
- Alleyways are prime activity for Drugs.
- Some time small kids wait and not comfort to carass road
- At 60th Street & Saddlehorn Drive Too much traffic hard to cross for kids
- Aalway see people jaywalking
- Around the circle by Shoppers (80th Ave) needs crosswalk lights for safety of pedestrians
- Dog bag posts parks. / Needs to be refilled.
- Dog walkable- there is no dogs only parks in saddleridge. It's wait her for walking and pedestrian or children but no dogs allowed.



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This is very unfair and should build a nice dog park for dogs off leash.

- "Drivable.
- Traffic is my number 1 problem."
- use the garbage bins
- sunflowers to put in flowerbeds & brings bees & more honey and help other wildlife
- Because I see a lot of garbage and littering around the community.
- Neighbours should know each other
- Need more parks for kids and parents
- Playground & monkey bars
- Fun and gives us something to do
- Everyone talks to each other.
- More community unity/cohesiveness
- Play with neighbours & make friends and go to their house
- Bouncy castle
- Pool so fun to swim
- Want more ways to play with friends in community
- Would like a skate park
- Would like a skate park
- activities & programs to bring ppl together. Games & festivals with prizes for kids & youth
- Basketball court Bigger more ppl only 3 points
- video game station
- Castle-thing to do flip
- when walking around community you find a lot of trash, makes walking around areas with green space look unclean
- Bike riding
- Its sometime really long grass in the playground
- Common spaces and Park need to be maintained properly
- I feel that more trees would make the neighbourhoods nicer to live in.
- the grass by play grounds, along side roads could be greener making neighborhoods nicer
- "Green!"
- When I roam around in my community, I see the fields are being eaten up by new constructions causing increase in pollution and decrease in green space in the community. I would like to see my community more green, peaceful and quite."
- Too many front yards paved over - City should enforce driveway paving bylaws
- Don't build in green spaces
- So saddle ridge would become more beautiful
- For good environment
- Recreation space
- would like more activities
- Hub for community play
- Very walkable community
- A neighbourhood where one can grow into becoming a responsible individual is essential
- Concrete the backyards
- bc 88 ave is constantly being dumped on.
- Lots of traffic congestion. Safety concern.
- in order to involve youth in the community, we need programs for them.
- Because no one actively participates and gets involved in activities done by others.
- Usually kids come to so much spend the time here but not washroom here
- More kids playground
- Because
- Beautify the area with plants, trees, landscaped watered green areas, etc.
- Low income housing should be the initiatives to be allocated throughout the city/Low income housing should be scattered throughout the city not only one part of the city (NE)



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- buses stop in the middle of the road and causes a lot of stress. Please build bust stops that move into the grass and out of peoples' ways.
- to promote education
- 4 way with 4 lane roads create confusion
- to make safer for pedestrians on 80 Ave
- its still a great fun to ride bikes in the evening and to reduce "Hiding Places"
- clean up the community averall garbage/litter
- Lot of cars. Do not use their garages. Illegal tenants. Street full of cars.
- Permitting parking Saddle town Circle
- clean/maintain Parks
- the CA has to be relevant & people learn about community through the comm. assoc.
- City doesn't cut grass on time. Most of the time there are lots of weeds and tall grass.
- People Jay walk a lot and if we just created a walkway that would happen less
- More vehicle are added every year. Need for more parking.
- Because they are less parks
- Its good for the community
- because then you can make more friends
- We can meet new people
- Have to go to Falconridge to recycle
- to promote child growth
- is a good way to keep people active
- difficult for poor families in Canada's terrible economy, and makes living hard: plz help!
- More green space should be in NE
- Trees & Flowers make the neighbourhood beautiful
- It is hard to cross the street as there are less crosswalks so people resort to jaywalking
- For more entertainment
- would like more greenspace
- Please install inter-section at 80 Avene and 25 Street - NE.
- bc there is no 4 way 88 ave & 52 Street NE
- commaraderie
- It helps the environment
- Already crowded area; no more housing please
- "Not walkable
- Almost every time when I have to cross the street, I am scared of being run over by a car. There was this one time when I activated the walking lights by the Saddleridge circle to get to the train station, the cars in the 1st and 2nd lane had stop but the car in the 3rd lane refused to stop and almost hit me. The same thing happened to me again, but thankfully there was a police nearby and the policemen caught the car that almost ran me over."
- This will encourage our migrate community to go out & enjoy winter
- more outdoor place spaces Basketball (Teens) Skaeboard Park
- Some bigger park to enjoy
- playground equipment
- It's nice
- Because it is fun
- Badminton court
- Parking. Too many cars in one house. No more green space because they park on lawns/blocking driveways.
- People park in front of others houses
- Less parking
- Parking on the Road is Problem & Roads are Broken
- People park in front of other people's homes
- Parks are really good & playgrounds are great.
- Equipment/space to play
- Mor space for seniors & kids



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- so kids can play more and not just be stuck in one park
- Improve area around parks
- lots of children & they like to play
- More parks in the community are needed kids/youth. Tree climbing. Close proximity - field/baseball (restore) Nature park.
- No upkeep of grass, park space
- Neighbourhood doesn't seem to have many parks with tennis courts, workout equipments, doesn't encourage people to be active around.
- More pool parties
- There is not many alley ways, bumpy roads
- On 60 street and Saddlehorn dr - for school age kids to cross
- Having more accessible crosswalks along with traffic signals installed
- Pedestrians lights for crosswalk between Saddletowne circle & Saddlemount Blvd. (towards shoppers) should be added.
- there is no dog park around here
- Seniors congregate anywhere
- I like to play at the park
- Outdoor/indoor play.
- Park
- "Playful
- We need more activities to happen, or more parks accessible near homes. A lot of the kids get bored here even though there is a park close to us, there's not one that's grand or one that attracts older people. We should have, as us teens and kids to input what things we need to make a good playground close in our area. It needs to be well accessible instead of it being shady."
- more play spaces in the community
- For both little kids & big kids (soccer field)
- I see any Families having to drive to get to playgrounds
- more playgrounds in the area
- Playgrounds, monkey bars
- We are inhaling lot of dust due to our back ally is not paved. Speedy traffic.
- Clean the pond at the pond park
- Damages cars
- "PRIDE
- Too many yards are unkempt. Lots of dandelions and lawns are not mowed regularly.
- There are yards where the people take great pride in them, planting flowers, trees, etc but there are too many where very little is done."
- I see many bus stops in area with no proper path
- Protected' because I believe our bus sheds should not be constantly broken by mischievous hands and replaced by our tax funds. I see this as a waste of our resources. The money used to replace bus sheds should be used on portable cameras that are strategically placed to find the perpetrators who should be made to pay through labour or cash for these replacements. Our bus sheds and our taxes should be protected by those in charge.
- Quiet - I like it!
- drivers at night driving really loud.
- close access to indoor facilities
- Genesis Centre enlarged
- Waterfall pump at the Saddleridge Ponds (Hugh Bennett Stormwater Pond)
- Country Hills & 68th street is horrible
- Repairing roads - Bumps & pot holes
- Fixing potholes and road construction asap!
- Put concrete in the back alleys so that there aren't any more rocks



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- Community Cleanup should go until 4 pm so church people can participate because we finish @ 1 pm; had to rush to come & get it done
- a lot of drivers don't observe pedestrians or stop sights - pedestrian lights on every corner
- more crosswalks for people
- playing with friends @ school outside
- parking in front of Hugh Bennett Park/Jay walk kids across
- School parks/play areas
- Build more schools; highschool is overflowing and can threaten academic success - Nelson Mandela
- our YMCA is great, just too crowded, would be great if we could get a second one close by
- We need more police to monitor around the back lane to detect any illegal activity
- Seniors residence with individual living & club house/independence
- Community events - would like to see more - nothing organized right now
- "Sensible.
- Such a rare trait now, I wish it still described Calgary."
- Better access to a walkable shopping mall in area
- overcluttering neighbourhood with signs of all kinds does not allow community to look tidy
- There is only 1 and youths/teens need them
- Lots of Road in community need to be clean in winter
- Till late afternoon, snow removal was not done
- Last year we had very bumpy and slippery roads during winter time. I think it need to improve
- Tarawood Grove sidewalks & roads
- Clean roads/sidewalks
- Because that's what in interested in
- Need to be Controlled by Pedestr lights
- Saddlecrest way need some speed breakers. Putting kids/pp at risk.
- To safeguard pedestrians
- School nearby - suggest to control on that more often
- on Saddletown circle and 80 Ave
- - too many speeders on Saddlehorn Drive
- YMCA in the area is overpriced for parents wanting to bring the kids
- There low stadiums in YYC
- Recreation
- Need more crosswalk lights bike friendly streets
- Waterpark or pool
- When we spend the most time here we have trubble for washroom
- Need outdoor recreation facilities. None in the area.
- I see many teenagers at night time foolin around, drinkig need more night tight security
- It's hard to ge thru in Rush time.
- Saddleridge circle is very difficult
- Students at Light of Christ Catholic School are not that safe when crossing to and from school.
- So many traffic lights making the circle a crowded place
- Bus shelters needed.
- Plant more trees for better oxygen
- Plant trees on trails
- plant more climbable trees
- We need more trees on boulevards and grass cut & tended on boulevards
- "Unclean
- There is so much litter (plastic bags, dandelions, spilled drinks that are not cleaned



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up and the cup is still left on the side walk, dog owners who do not pick up their dogs' feces, posted advertisements are very old, people throwing things like a bike or a sink/plastic items into the Saddleridge pond, dead animals that are left lying on the road for a long time, etc.) in my neighborhood.

When I am walking outside, about half of the time I am looking down on the ground to avoid stepping on litter. In the past two years living in Saddleridge, there has been a very strong and disgusting skunk odor too."

- Too many advertising signs everywhere - City should enforce sign bylaws
- Unsafe
- I am very surprised that the Peter Lougheed school does not have the regular playground zone signs unlike the other elementary schools in Calgary. At night and sometimes during the day, I can also hear a lot of loud cars racing. Driving in my neighborhood is atrocious. People do not signal when making lane changes, tend to tail, sometimes drive on the left side of the road, do not obey the right way of traffic when exiting parking lots, etc. As for parking, people tend to park right on the curb. Just to let you know, there is a house in Saddleridge that has left a car without a license plate out in the streets for a long time - I am surprise they did not get caught yet.
- New condo development drops property value
- More police presence in the Taralake Way area. And better police surveillance. [personally identifying information removed].
- Make Saddleridge a good place to live
- Not enough walk paths + park are not attractive to all age groups of people + children

- It a good way to get to know you community
- washrooms in parks needed as these are gathering spaces
- Kids need clean water to drink here. Please.
- I see so many trees dying because not watered
- Wildlife
- To enjoy something in summer
- Look like garass died and out of beauty
- Streets not cleaned well, very slippery
- More youthful involvement
- It's cool
- Don't throw garbage at the road
- Recycle it
- Don't smoke
- Too many petty theft, I believe this is due to too many low income housing focused only in NE. It should be spread throughout the whole city.
- Street parking is an issue. May be coz of C-Train station
- Cleanliness awareness to the residents
- Need more playgrounds for kids. No swings or monkey bars.
- No benches for seniors to sit in park - benches and sidewalk crossing
- More trees
- Not enough yield signs in side community or stop signs
- Not enough crosswalks to cross for people walking
- 80 Ave have two bus stops but no crosswalk for students
- Parks for play
- Soccer
- Iron Man!
- Genesis is close
- More parks
- Need frequent Route #159 bus service



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- During winter the roads in Saddleridge are at least priority to maintain. Please improve.
- Our park clean
- Make monkey bar in park
- Easy to walk places & enjoy
- Path from Saddle Crest close to the Park. Always snow & water on the Pathway No one walk to the Park or bus stop in winter
- Need more for children activities
- Snow removal in winter is not enough
- I want more libraries because other people could get more smarter, and no lollage
- I want more parks and benches so people could get more active
- More active water park
- Making it a bit more safe by people driving safely during summer
- Best Community no change
- Make it more beautiful by more greenery
- Being happy
- Have a mini golf
- Hockey
- Hockey rink 89 Ave
- Being active
- Goalpost
- A week to clean Calgary
- Everything seem go but sometime hard for cross the main road
- At the pond!
- Cleaner.
- We need poop bags for dogs.
- Everyone helps & is a community that respects each other
- Picnic tables for families to spend time
- Trees & flowers in boulevards
- Speeding at Saddleridge drive
- No walkway signs
- Saddletown circle need look after for speeding specially for pedestrians
- Grass
- Clean roads
- More benches in parks
- Pedestrian crosswalks
- Bike riding areas
- More Trees to offset summer heat and improve scenery on trails it is so bare
- traffic lights instead of 4 way stop sign at popular intersections
- cycle track should installed
- Benches for seniors in Saddle Stone. And prob. a shade.
- Tennis courts There is none in Saddle Ridge
- 80th Ave in the gateway to SR. The divider should be manicured more often in summer. And plant some flowers like in other communities.
- Also in summer have construction workers paid by completion of public projects rather than hour, they'll make bus stops twice as fast
- "Saddlehorn Drive
- - speed control system/solar speed limit sign
- - painted crosswalk"
- - more benches @ Saddleridge pond
- more community events to bring people together
- Need some visible sign
- Often snow removal
- bigger no-dog signs
- Grass closest to pond to be maintained to reduce mosquitos
- more benches
- No Parks for kids - jungle gym
- Back ally to be repaired and do some coltar
- Snow removed as the earliest on minor Roads/ways etc.
- I spade cross the st safe.
- No take care Lake you now to much grass



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- Saddle horen Dr have a Lake no have didend no have eney sine - you now (overthis ?) (hay?) (excellent?) for care drove in lake
- There has not been regular cleaning of ground.
- Compounds should be clean.
- Grass should be mowed regularly.
- Wish there were nice walkways around the saddle rest Blvd storm water pond; not around the entire pond cyrently
- The neighbourhood has a lot of vehicles passing by at high speeds, loud music, and

vehicles that make loud noises that are prohibited by the law. Law enforcements should be highly active in this area and catch these offenders because this problem is increasing everyday.

- Fence on 80th ave does nothing, should replace it with something for more privacy on both sides of saddletowne circle.
- Please beautify Saddle Lake Park with beautiful flowers. Thanks.

### Verbatim Facebook Comments

- I think if you went back to cutting the green spaces like they were cut in the past it would make ALL of our communities look a whole lot better, I was so proud of my city, it is a total embarassment how the city green spaces look now, don't believe me? I would love to take a drive and shoot picturesof how our city has slipped off

the edge and post them here for our council to see.

- Maybe dealing with the careless, ignorant, and/or desrespectful drivers. But that's the whole of Calgary. The amount of bad drivers (that seemingly bribed someone for their license) here is appalling.
- A better cummnity centre