

What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood? – District 1

Camden – Wynfield Park

- A lot of day time break-ins make me a little nervous. I live at Camden College Park.
- Rent is too high compared to other properties in the immediate area. Luxury prices for declining attention to detail and amenities not properly maintained.
- Lack of security in the apartment building where I live. Lack of street parking in neighborhood. Neighboring businesses who tow cars from their lots in the middle of the night when they are closed.
- Safety & cleanliness at Camden Apt. In College Park.
- Pedestrian crossings by I-495 on/off ramps are sketchy at best.
- Feeling unsafe due to the number of recent break ins within the apartment complex; constant changes in the apartment complex's management and staff; packages now have to left at my front door instead of being delivered to the apartment complex's office - this can potentially lead to an increase in theft and break ins as people know someone is not at home when a package is left.
- The rental price and monopoly of cable and electricity. I have no bargaining power when I am forced to use one company for each of my utilities.
- Way too much traffic
- Horrific traffic and often times drivers doing illegal things that cause near accidents
- The 86 bus is unreliable
- Is not safe at all. I'm even scared for my daughter to wait for the school bus in the morning. Way too many break-ins and nobody does anything about it. I pay \$2000/month for a small apartment in Camden, College Park.

Daniels Park – Oak Springs –Branchville

- It should not have so many students and rentals in the neighborhoods.
- Too many vacant houses in bad condition open for vagrancy, rodents, mod/milder odor. Unsafe gang related crimes and no police support along with theft and break-ins. No police presence, road conditions in poor
- Conditions and tree canopy in need of pruning, dead and dangerous branches. Unlicensed vehicle speeding + 35 mpg on 52nd Avenue.
- The building (Attick Towers) does not have WI-FI in it and it needs it.
- Physical condition of housing
- Street noise and enforcement after midnight. No patrols evident at night.
- Far too many empty houses bringing down the value of housing and safety in the neighborhood. Houses with multiple families or groups. Lack of adequate on street parking.
- No sidewalks. Can't have backyard chickens.
- While it is true that there are quite a few stores nearby in North College Park there are also some closed stores and no medical services real close. Also to cross route 1 and walk to Shoppers or to any of the other stores on foot is very dangerous and next to impossible. Something really needs to be done to make that a safe walk on foot. Not everyone is able to drive.
- Lack of sidewalks
- Having to walk in the road for lack of sidewalks
- There are no sidewalks on the neighborhood streets and lighting is poor, which makes walking to and from the metro, particularly at night, less than ideal.
- I am not happy that there are now 2 rental properties on my street.
- Lack of sidewalks, conditions along Route 1. Shortage of appealing businesses.
- It has become very rundown with high turnover into rentals with high tenancy turnover and a lot of trash. Large trees are getting cut down for reasons other than safety/hazard all across the neighborhood and not replaced. I don't think my child would have high quality schools and a good selection of playmates in this area - it seems to have become a rather undesirable area for raising children. The number of home break-ins and other crime is very high compared to good neighborhoods in the suburbs, it is much more urban in character than the visual appearance of the houses and neighborhood would lead one to infer, yet does not have the urban amenities of shops and cafes etc.

- Lack of sidewalks. Abandoned homes. People employing people out of their homes.
- No decent restaurants-there must be 1000 pizza places. There is not one nice grocery store without having to travel to the new Harris Teeter in Laurel. I am aware of the "NEW Whole Foods-and I also am aware of their prices-no thank you. No shopping. I don't like to always having to travel outside of the city for services.
- The number of rental properties in the neighborhood contributes to reduced property values for owners due to neglected property and maintenance issues as well as an overcrowding for parking spaces.
- No grocery stores / shopping within walking distance. Local bus (North College Park) does not go to Beltway Plaza. Don't feel safe walking at night since there are no sidewalks.
- Not enough retail or restaurants; would rather give my shopping tax dollars to this community, but usually it goes to another county. Unsavory activity at the Ramada, Days Inn, etc. group of hotels between Cherokee and Delaware. Please clean this up!
- My biggest complaint is that there are neighbors who I know are renting and they have different visitors weekly if not daily. My house (in CP) was broken into and the burglars had been renting in the CP that summer. I was one of several houses that was broken into. I'm absolutely fine with guests - even guests that stay awhile, but not that change out weekly. Also, I wish there were more sidewalks around the neighborhood. I have a dog and I do not like having to walk on the street.
- We have no sidewalks. I live near Fox St. People drive on Fox street, for instance, very quickly until they get to the speed humps. I don't feel safe pushing a stroller on that street, or on any of the major streets that connect Rhode Island with Baltimore Ave. Also, there are parts of the neighborhood which are very dark.
- School systems, not good to attract new families.
- Not walkable: no sidewalks, no good shopping or dining options in walking distance
- That people keep removing huge, beautiful, healthy, mature trees from their property.
- Far from grocery stores - inaccessible without a car.
- Some of the intersections are scary for cyclists. Route 1 pedestrian access and shops north of 193.
- Lack of sidewalks
- Obstacles to non-motor transit created by MD-193
- Route 1. Noisy renters in other houses.
- Houses/yards that are not maintained.
- Traffic on Rt 1
- Noise, crime
- Too much construction near the University that affects traffic. Major issues with rush hour traffic with all the new student housing.
- People behaving selfishly, without regard to how their behaviors reduce quality of life for others. Neighbors who daily leave trash (fast food wrappers, bottles, cigarette butts) in the street. Neighbors who play loud music or have loud parties that disturb the peace. Neighbors who park in front of homes and walkways when other parking is easily available. The houses are so close together--lack of privacy.
- Noise from construction WMATA and Greenbelt Southcore and soon to be Northcore. Potential loss of character of neighborhood and quality of life with development of North Core.
- Urgent parking enforcement. Time and money can be better used in public safety.
- Areas near Hollywood and Edgewood streets and near the Greenbelt metro feeling unsafe due to growing number of rowdy young people, sometimes harassing pedestrians.
- Limited parking and denied parking extension permit by the tyrannical City municipality
- Terrible school systems. Myopic, almost self centered leadership (and parts of the community) that opposes any form of development that would lead to the greater overall success of the city. Constantly feeling the need to combat the University and the students rather than work with them to reach an amicable goal. No vision to become on the nations great college towns.
- Too much use of loud, dirty yard maintenance machinery. Schools (except for Hollywood Elementary) are not good.
- The litter.
- Property taxes are too high for what we get. Shouldn't have half of our taxes go to school system.
- Traffic

- Overflow parking by Atick Towers residents.
- No sidewalks, no activities for children under 3 in our area

Hollywood

- It is dark at night
- Unwanted City trees causing us problems and City won't cut them down. Trees were unwanted and City put them in and now we suffer because of them.
- Parking permits on Saturdays. The Metro has free parking on weekends and I don't think we need permit parking in Zone 3 in Hollywood on Saturdays, it's the day most people have visitors and the parking passes don't always cover the amount of people visiting. I don't believe the elimination of Zone parking/permits on Saturdays would cause Metro people to park in our neighborhood when they can park at Metro free.
- I wish the shopping area at the MOMs and REI was redone to make the center pedestrian only and street café set up - there are so many families that show up at the farmers market – I cannot imagine that these same folks would not walk to a Hollywood town center type set up for a meal or drinks in the evening - it is more like a strip mall and I feel like I'm going to be run over trying to get there through the parking lot - no outside seating or areas for us to connect with neighbors - this type of set up was recently done at the old mall in Laurel and we go there now frequently for dinner - also, getting across Rt 1 to Shoppers and so forth is a nightmare - I just don't do it -
- Police are too focused on camera and parking tickets for revenue (not safety!!) Route 1 commercial sector (Home Depot to Varsity Apts) needs new construction as many of the buildings are out-dated and run-down -- eye-sores! Downtown College Park is not as aesthetically pleasing as it should be for a college town. Again some of the buildings should be replaced and storefronts refreshed as appropriate. The parking lot at the CVS Jason's Deli should not be so expensive to park. The parking lot at Applebee's should not be metered at all. I have had a ticket for being 10 min late. I came back to my car in a nearly empty lot with a parking ticket on it - there is no grace period or sense of respect for people. No one needed my parking spot and it just seems overly aggressive to enforce these tickets in this way. The fact that CP residents must send their kids to schools in the PG County school district deters me from living here long-term. The quality of housing in the town is extremely depressing. I understand that there are a lot of college student rentals but that doesn't mean trash should be allowed to sit on lawns for months. Homeowners should have to maintain higher standards in maintenance.
- The fact that some people can have their houses in need of repair, specifically the sides of the houses, and the city doesn't work to get the homeowner to make repairs.
- The driveways aren't built in
- Lack of sidewalks. Speeding cars. Cars cutting around traffic into the bike lanes
- CRIME! My house has been broken into twice in the last 3 years and my car has been vandalized twice. The Hollywood crime reports remain pretty much the same week after week with no discernible improvement-- very discouraging. #1 reason I would not recommend moving here.
- This is just recent during rush hour or UMD events or accident on route #1: we can't get out of our neighborhood without going 2 streets up 4 streets over then wait 5 min at Edgewood and Road Island Ave. at the new light. And when you do try to get out people speed up so you can't or you put yourself in danger. Our neighborhood was for residential traffic not a cut thru to Beltsville our houses were here before the beltway. Maybe put more radar speed traps in place and slow the traffic down to 25MPH during rush hour and school hours so we can use our own roads.
- Too many new multifamily dwellings.
- Increasingly unsafe walking my dog when dark after work.
- PG county schools
- Some streets without sidewalks.
- No bar you can walk to, the shopping centers are ugly, there is no place to have a sit down dinner in Hollywood.
- Lack of sidewalks
- Trashy houses and yards. Car repair business in driveways that Code Enforcement ignores.
- Rude neighbors (only a few)

- No safe way to get to the Route 1 shopping center (Shoppers /Home Depot). Speed humps, speed cameras, and license plate camera.
- The removal of all the trees and building in front of my house. I can now see Route 1 from my house and there's no cover from the trees... It was great until the property owner or the city decided to remove the trees in front of my house.
- Increasing number of houses bought by absentee owners who then rent out the rooms. Some of these are on Nantucket Road and surrounding streets. The renters are usually not UMD students.
- It's right off of the beltway exit which causes traffic congestion often.
- Crime has increased, some homes are not kept up well, a lot of foot traffic from Metro where people walk in the streets instead of using the sidewalks creates problems for motorists.
- Could be more walkable. Need more shops, restaurants, and services geared towards residents and not students. Traffic - would like to go to a decent mall (Columbia) but have to drive too much traffic to drive afterwork.
- Having to cross busy streets (Rhode Island, Baltimore) to get to the bus stop or Greenbelt Metro. Even where there is a walk light, the wait is often so long that I've had to run through traffic to catch my bus.
- Underperforming schools. Would like to be able to walk to restaurants and retail.
- When rental properties don't cut their grass in Spring and summer
- Parking enforcement
- I don't like what is being done on Route 1. The high-rises are over the top. The plan for shops on their lower levels is nonexistent. All we've managed to get from these developments is more traffic. I also am not happy with the pedestrian measures taken along Route 1. They don't address the personal responsibility of the pedestrian. I have seen people just walk, whether they have the right-of-way or not. I have seen students continue to jaywalk. If I hit them, I'll be charged. I've seen people hit those flashing lights and just walk. All the drivers have to stop on a dime. I don't mind watching out for them, but I think they've been given too much carte blanche to do what they want, when they want. I've seen too many of them dare the driver to hit them, even if they are crossing against the green. I think some education on how to cross a street is needed. Thankfully, my parents taught me as soon as I could walk.
- There is not nearly enough enforcement around upkeep of homes. Some residents take much pride in caring for their homes, while others are completely neglected and bring down the presentation and quality of the neighborhood substantially. Hollywood desperately needs to overhaul its commercial area and bring in businesses that are actually attractive and useful to local residents, as well as increase walkability and curb appeal in the commercial areas.
- Overall run down appearance of at least half the houses, and noise, particularly in rental properties
- No walkable coffee shop/pub
- Parking enforcement is ridiculous and overzealous.
- Glass in the bike lanes, all the time.
- Quality of schools, lack of sidewalk. Unsafe for pedestrians and bikes.
- Not enough public transit
- Poor street lighting
- Code enforcement
- Unsafe to walk--desperate need for sidewalks.
- Speeding motorists, inconsiderate neighbors who don't adequately maintain their properties, the trash and litter everywhere, the number of rentals/renters who are disinvested in the neighborhood, the lack of adequate sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrians. Lack of modern retail amenities, lack of restaurants and attractions within walking distance, inadequate street lighting. And anything having to do with the 193/Rhode Island Avenue intersection.
- Crime
- No place for people to walk, narrow street for the car, no community center
- Too much on street parking. Often cannot park in front of my own house, lived in it 25 years. Run down houses, junk in yards.
- Water problems, drunk individuals sleeping on my yard, being robbed

- Lack of sidewalks
- Increase in crime
- Could use better shopping options, cleanliness of commercial property
- Properties not kept up nicely
- Too many vehicles on the street. Commercial vehicles take up too much space, and folks have a hard time backing out of driveways. Also, some vehicles travel too fast exiting the street.
- Barking dogs day and night right next to our bedroom and kitchen. Lack of sense of safety at nighttime, thefts and even robberies in Hollywood on the Hill.
- I do not trust the neighbors who rent.
- Too many speeding cars on one way street. Cars going wrong way on one way street.
- Neighbor with racing car that loudly revs car at early morning and late night hours, student housing with renters that sometimes have VERY LOUD parties
- Maintenance of some housing not being enforced as well as it could be by the city.
- Motorists speeding Motorists with noisy exhaust systems. Trash on lawns. Trash in curbs and generally, trash and food left EVERYWHERE. Poorly kept houses with junk everywhere. Houses with overgrown lawns. People who don't pick up after their pets. People who don't follow leash laws for pets. Lack of adequate sidewalks and well marked crosswalks. Poorly lit streets, especially public spaces such as parks. The lack of respect of neighbors that don't pick up dog poop. Neighbors with too much crap in front yard. That is why you have a backyard.
- The sidewalks are really narrow. Most don't allow for two adults to walk side-by-side down the street (see Lackawanna St as an example). Many of the properties have drainage issues and a lot of the sidewalks have standing water when it rains. Even more of the sidewalks have the rain gutters emptying onto the sidewalk which makes it wet, slippery and can also cause standing water issues.
- The pollution coming from the beltway that attach itself to the tree leaves and when it rains the outdoor furniture turns black or brown.
- No center (in Hollywood) - the shopping center is nice, but I'd like more of a "plaza" area - Dilapidated houses all around - Baltimore Ave. is chaotic
- Lack of dog parks, lack of mid to upscale retail/dining (Hollywood commercial district could use a few new tenants), quality of roads has deteriorated
- Lack of sense of community
- Divisive nature of neighborhood relations, including combative residents and elected officials.
- Parking permits due to Greenbelt Metro pedestrian access. I live in Zone 3 which requires permit every day except Sunday (when parking is free at the Metro on Saturdays). Hassle of getting extra parking permits for cookouts and dinner guests other days of the week. Maybe a feature could be added to the website for acquiring extra parking passes for events.
- Overcrowded houses, too many cars, traffic on Rt 1, overall run down appearance of Rt 1, narrow side and main roads.
- Residential street parking, too many rentals, and cars speeding along cut through streets in the neighborhood.
- The developers have all the power to destroy our City, which they are doing by destroying trees, putting in more housing on Route 1 than will be rented at those high prices. The sound where I live is deafening no, and much more traffic will be here next year.
- Speed bumps
- Maintenance and upkeep of certain houses. Beer-drinking, loud music, front-lawn, late-night parties at one particular residence
- How some people are allowed to have junk yards and out of date car/ truck tags.
- Too many rental properties
- Noise at night in the summertime.
- Too much speeding traffic who don't obey stop signs
- Having to drive everywhere for safety due to lack of sidewalks
- Lack of pride of ownership, too many people living in small single family homes. There are 5-10 adults living in 3 and 4 bedroom homes along with kids. Too many cars, lack of courtesy with parking, dumping of bulk items in yards, not mowing yards, etc.

- Run down commercial buildings. Unresponsive landlords (commercial building across from 7-Eleven on Hollywood Road), trash not picked up in front of some of the stores, people just hanging out in front of stores, condition inside of some of the stores. Also property manager's continued failure to maintain the brick retaining wall and guard rails around the blue light cleaners. Trash not being properly secured and trash around dumpsters in clear view of street - RI Avenue. Landscaping needs to be done to encourage better business.
- Houses too close
- Accessing the shopping on Route 1 via a bicycle or as a pedestrian is suicidal. While we have sidewalks not building them with the needed drainage due to the high water table makes them useless. And worse, people walk down the middle of the street almost causing accidents with cars.
- I feel unsafe. A lot of the houses are foreclosed or in poor condition, and because of the parking set-up, we often have strangers parked right in front of our house which is unsettling. I also in general feel unsafe. I haven't seen any crimes, but I do see scary-looking or suspicious people/cars at times.
- Too many multiple families occupying single family homes. Increase in trash and vehicles and noise
- It's trashy.
- Do not have sidewalks everywhere, poor bicycle connections from neighborhood to trails, some homes not well kept, more trees needed.
- Proliferation of rentals and poor appearance and upkeep of rental properties; impact of rentals on my property values; noise from trains, metro, motorcycles, barking dogs; traffic
- Crime. Would be nice if the broken windows policy was enforced. I see graffiti go up and nothing is done about it for months. That tells the criminal, "the government doesn't have the power to protect its people."
- Poor upkeep of property by large number of occupants
- Lack of police presence, pawn shops, and store front churches with groups of men hanging out in front, citizen robberies!

Sunnyside

- Does not feel like a community. People keep to themselves and do not interact with one another. The noise of the beltway.
- Traffic at intersection of Rt. 1, Cherry hill Rd. & Edgewood Road; Empty businesses on Rt. 1
- Too many multifamily/roommate houses.
- It certainly is more difficult to get onto Rhode Island Ave. I think it would be good if the speed limit was 30 mph in the part of Rhode Island from the traffic light at Edgewood Rd to past Paducah. There are people turning onto Edgewood Rd. from the Hollywood shopping center, there are residents on Edgewood Rd at this particular place and there is a park on the highway with people crossing the street to go to the park. Also there is traffic going into the police station. If people went a little slower in cars it would be safer. Also there are a lot of people bicycling.