

What do you like LEAST about your neighborhood? – District 2

Berwyn

- The student rental houses with all the cars
- The trash in some of the back yards.
- Noise from traffic and students partying.
- Out of control college kids; Parking.
- No lighting it is too dark can be very scary
- US RT 1 is not designed as a pedestrian or bike friendly road, this poor design hurts business and property values in the surrounding neighborhoods. Major work needs to be done to improve the safety of this road, which will also increase the aesthetics as well as make College Park safer for residents.
- The sidewalks all stop and start so that there is nowhere you can walk around the block, or help a child ride their bike, entirely on a sidewalk.
- Too much cut-through traffic / noise from the church across the road
- I hate that certain houses are not maintained and their yards have been allowed to look like dumping grounds. I also think that the chain-link fences are horrible and should be outlawed.
- We've had many recent car break-ins, some home break-ins nearby and many of the nearby trails have a history of robbery and assault. It's kind of scary and makes it hard to feel safe in the neighborhood.
- The road conditions
- Lack of sidewalks.
- Outside people come to this area to commit crimes
- No grocery stores in walking distance.
- That it's unsafe for me to walk down the street by myself anytime near dark
- No working street lights and unusual behavior happening during the evenings that make me feel uncomfortable.
- All the new taxes ie. rain tax?
- In addition to improving safety, College Park really needs to work on making the downtown area a more inviting place to stop and spend time. I was very surprised, moving here, to find that there are so few shops, almost no cafes, currently no convenient grocery store near campus (though I understand a Whole Foods is coming) and generally a run-down feel. I hope the increase in student on-campus housing, etc., will encourage better investment.
- College Parties.
- Properties that Code Enforcement never seems to follow through with.
- Few green spaces, would like to see more parks, gardens, trails etc
- Car thefts, too many student rental homes
- Noise from transient rental properties.
- Bright lights along Berwyn commercial area. Too tall, too bright, too many, projects light in all directions. Out of scale with the small commercial area.
- Takeover of neighborhoods by rich landlords using us as a student dorm.
- The overall decline of the County since the sixties bothers me. I am a life time County resident and fight the urge to flee all the time. Familial experiences with violent crime are the hardest to deal with. Petty property crimes and car thefts hurt when you don't have a lot to start with but I realize crime is up everywhere. Intrusive gov't and overreach gall too.

- The LOUD parties at the rental units--especially the townhouses on Berwyn Rd. Years and years of these parties by immature college students. Do the Landlords know about these parties? There has got to be interior damage by the flood of people that attend. Living so close to a major University, proximity to Beltway Plaza---a hot-bed of crime, # of cars at a rental home
- The crime, this is the reason I will likely move in the next 2-3 years after living here for 15 years.
- There are no sidewalks, the hotels nearby are seedy, and the large number of cars parking on the street. There are also many vacant or rundown properties on Route 1 that make walking on Route 1 unappealing. This is not my neighborhood, but if Route 1 had more than fast food restaurants and hotels, if it had family restaurants and shops with easy access for pedestrians, then maybe I would consider it part of my neighborhood.
- Over abundance of rental properties, lack of quality (safety & education) in the public schools
- The amount of rentals in our neighborhoods. Some renters are kind and considerate, but unfortunately more of them are not. The houses that are owned by most rentals are not kept up as they should be, bushes are overgrown and they are generally unkept; I realize some resident houses are this way too, but more often than not it is rentals.
- Church/School traffic (some parents do not stop at stop signs!); constant roadwork
- Rental properties are often not maintained - especially in terms of cutting grass regularly, etc.
- Disrespectful renters, absentee landlords that do not keep up their property and lack of code enforcement on property issues
- My neighbors...
- Traffic issues--stop sign and speeding violations. Unsafe.
- Neighborhood watch/ police
- The people that don't live here and break into houses
- The fact that we don't have our own little coffee shop to hang out in. Also, watching the gradual and sad decline of what was once a beautiful front yard in the neighborhood, right on Berwyn Road, the main road in fact. The new owner, or renter, evidently is not the least bit interested in gardening or maintaining the landscape. It used to be charming - now weeds have grown over everything and it looks like a real mess. I wish people who have no interest in gardening or maintaining a property would move to an apartment instead of a house with a yard.
- Property crime/robberies
- No sidewalks and student houses are run down without being cited
- Small Streets
- Crime and late night noise

Lakeland

- Students and crime
- I have only one comment. If the college kids (some of which act out) would be more respectful to the seniors on the weekends and tone down the loud noise on Saturdays.
- Roads
- Noise and lack of lighting on the street
- Sustainability
- How the houses and property are not kept in good condition and too many people living in single family homes

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- The homeless man who asks for money by approaching cars in the local parking lot
- Safety, poor quality of everything and lack of safety.
- Noise
- Poor walking and biking access. Underdeveloped retail shopping.
- Baltimore Avenue feels pretty unsafe. One other comment, police officers pull people over on Baltimore Avenue and don't pull down side streets so they block one lane in a busy two-lane road. This is absolutely ridiculous and there is no reason for this. I think it would be terrific if a policy was implemented that police officers WERE NOT ALLOWED TO STOP ON BALTIMORE AVENUE.
- Crime.

University View

- being unsafe outside at night