

Neighborhood Livability Survey
Comments

Survey Comments		
	Open Online	Random Sample
HOUSING AFFORDABILITY	41	8
PARKING	87	18
LIVABILITY (TOTAL)	49	11
SURVEY SPECIFIC	11	1
TOTAL	187	38

Livability related		
	Open Online	Random Sample
Trash/Noise	14	4
Misc.	17	1
University misc.	9	2
Fraternities/Sororities	2	2
OSU		
Enrollment/Housing	12	1
Safety/Security	5	
Zoning	3	
Homelessness	2	
TOTAL*	64	10

The total represents the comments associated with the different sub-sections in livability. Comments with content related to one or more categories were split and placed within multiple categories.

KEY

Bold – from random sample survey

Non-Bold – from open online survey

Livability related comments

TRASH/NOISE

1. We've called the police multiple times for noise and parking issues. There is garbage overflowing at the student occupied house catty-cornered to us. This round of renters is especially bad. we've considered our home but that house is a deterrent.
2. Students drink and yelling late at night is very disrespectful and the only negative aspect to living on campus.
3. It would be nice if republic services picked glass more than once a month. There is glass everywhere around campus-eyesore.
4. **Garbage. If there is a city ordinance - why is it never enforced?! Bins left out 24/7. Multiplexes with dumpsters - are better- multiplexes with individual bins - leave them all out all the time with no consequences; taking up valuable parking spaces!! And its a visual nuisance. And attacks rat!**
5. Depending on the neighborhood, there are varied impacts from the students and university. When we first moved to town, we lived near Grant and 23rd in north Corvallis which is near a number of Greek houses. We were constantly dealing with loud students in the night, breaking glass and doing ridiculous things like pulling everyone's recycling bins into the middle of the road. That neighborhood now is filled with large, eyesore townhouses and deals with even more student issues. Additionally you could hear the announcer and other noises from football games from that neighborhood. One reason we moved to Southtown was to be a bit more removed from the impacts of campus. [@3]
6. Allowing alcohol on campus for game days is so hypocritical. Maybe Ed Ray should move his residence closer to campus to understand what it means to be invaded by drunk students on game days and have your house constantly surrounded by huge trucks in which students stow the bikes they use to then move to campus.. [@5]
7. I walk across campus, and park off-campus to avoid paying for a parking permit on-campus. As I walk through campus and neighborhoods close to campus, parking lots, etc. I am very disturbed by the amount of trash I see on the ground. Students should be required to participate in picking up garbage on campus as an extra curricular activity. Not optional.
8. Mostly for streets close to campus, at end of term promote collection of unwanted furniture, clothing, and alike for donation. Pick up abandoned furniture, TVs, kitchen ware, etc. Enforce a night-time noise control, e.g. after 10 PM for loud parties. Promote alcohol free events. [@7]
9. Garbage cans left out all week are: Visual nusance, block bike lanes causing danger, take up valuable parking spaces, make it difficult for passengers to get out when left on curb, prevent drainage of rain water if in street, get knocked over on party nights, attack rats, and block side walks causing difficulty. It is a city ordinance to remove them after 24 hours which is never enforced. Would be better if multiplexes were required to have dumpsters instead of individual

cans. Why don't property managers take responsibility? How are students informed of the ordinance?

10. The OSU-City boundary, most notably Monroe, needs to foster better relationships with property owners and businesses in regards to trash receptacles and litter. Trash cans placed on street corners on Monroe across from OSU are undersized and underserved and lead to litter problems. As these cans seem to be primarily used by OSU students, OSU should take a more pro-active approach to address the problem.[@8]
11. The biggest problem in our neighborhood surrounds houses that are bought by student's parents, who then become absentee landlords, while the houses are filled with their child/children and other students who don't respect the family oriented lifestyle of our community. Since these houses have appeared on our street (~3 years ago), we have had a substantial increase in noise, parties, traffic, and trash. It is incredibly frustrating! Sadly, we are thinking of moving out of the city as soon as I retire - too noisy and busy. It used to be a nice quiet place in the 1980s.
12. I cannot standing being woken up by leaf blowers. They are the bane of my existence. Plus, they add to poor air quality, especially during time of air stagnation.
13. The problems with loud noise in neighborhoods has gotten much worse in the last 5 years, which is directly tied to enrollment and the building of more apartment buildings and homes being converted to rentals in neighborhoods to fill the need for increased housing. President Ray's student growth initiative has been a complete failure from a community standpoint. OSU should work to cap enrollment at 20,000 or less, to try to fix this problem. It is hard to explain to someone the impact of having loud students living next to you, but if you have active, loud students, your life becomes a nightmare because you can't sleep well and the situation forces you to have confrontations with your neighbors on a regular basis to try and get them to be quiet. Additionally, Corvallis needs to limit the number of renters per house in quiet residential neighborhoods to no more than 4. Large houses end up becoming mini apartment buildings because every student has a car and boy friends and girl friends often stay the night. With 6 people living in a house, you end up with as many as 12 cars parked on the street with people coming and going after 10 pm. Because building lots are so small, cars get parked within 30 feet of bedroom windows. Excited students often talk loudly at night and wake people up even when they are not trying to be loud.
14. The noise levels in the neighborhoods close to campus have been negatively impacting the quality of life for residents. I would like to see landlords held responsible for tenants that had repeated noise complaints. Also, OSU should invest in more dorms so that more students make the transition to OSU in a supported environment (with residence hall counselors, etc.) [@9]
15. Garbage: micro-garbage, fast food wrappers, empty beverage containers are a bigger problem than it ever used to be. But that comes with increased density. I pick up after folks in my area and am not worried about it. What is a big problem is garbage cans that live on the sidewalk all week and don't get put away. In my neighborhood you can't walk on the sidewalk, you have to walk in the road. Part of the problem is that all the new townhouses do not design into the landscape a home for them. Give them an obvious home and hopefully the clueless can figure it out. I think renters should have verbage in their lease contracts that garbage cans are allowed on the sidewalk the night before garbage is picked up and need to be put away by the next day as a city ordinance states. Parties are only a problem when not taken indoors and quieted down on time. And maybe if the outdoor mess does not get cleaned up in a timely manner. Doors need to be

- closed and the volume turned down after I go to bed. Students are going to party; always have, always will. They just really need to know that the curfew of quiet time is important. [@10]
16. Negative things that have personally affected me: Walking in a neighborhood densely populated by students and seeing broken beer bottles in the street(many times). Being verbally abused by young males (drunk) as I stood waiting for a bus. This was near the university, so I assume they were students. (I am a 50+ year-old woman. I didn't even look at these men and they started hurling abuse at me). First hand reports from Corvallis friends who found young men urinating and vomiting on public and private property. First hand reports from Corvallis friends who have to put up with loud noise from student parties. OSU students have a responsibility to be good citizens of Corvallis. Drunken brawling, loud noise on a continual basis, property damage are simply not acceptable. OSU has a responsibility to help shepherd young adults to understand their responsibilities. The mushrooming of high density student living in neighborhoods insulates students from their responsibilities to the community. [@12]
17. Trash and noise are a big problem. [@13]
18. I think tailgating encourages alcohol abuse and sexual assault problems and are in conducive with an academic environment and culture and should be discouraged rather than encouraged. I also think the glorification of male athletes on university websites, etc. encourages sexual assault. Alcohol abuse is a huge problem and leads to things like people urinating and vomiting on resident's lawns. I think since a lot of alcohol abuse revolves around football, as well as fraternities and sororities, the university should be more ever more proactive in enforcing off campus student conduct, particularly on game days when research shows the rate of sexual assault rises. [@2]*Comment showed up twice

LIVABILITY MISCELLANEOUS

1. **High risk activities (drug use, partying, etc) affect the community but also the persopnal lives of those involved and their families. I want Corvallis AND the university to be a positive, healthy place to be.**
2. Childcare needs are woefully inadequate and affect many lives for corvallis residents and OSU faculty. Community ties are stressed when local, easy-to-access, affordable childcare is inadequate.
3. Yes, my opinion of city council was much higher before they approved Campus Crest and ignore the overwhelming public opinion against it.
4. Aside from the noise, trash and stupid behavior of drunk 20-somethings, and aside from the absolute destruction of neighborhoods thanks to multi-unit student-focused housing developments, there are 2 other issues to address, and one involves OSU students directly. In short, they are (as a general rule) the most ignorant, entitled and self-absorbed people in terms of how they physically move around town. Whether they are driving, walking or biking, almost without fail they have faces buried in a phone, they veer all over the sidewalk/bike lane/street, and they ignore routine safety laws. They should be fined for every instance of not using bike lights, fined for inconsiderate pedestrian behavior, and if using a phone in any way while driving, loss of license for 2 years minimum. [@1]
5. I still think parking is too expensive on campus--lowering the price and making more parking would relieve the neighborhood's congestion without the need to restrict public parking in public areas via permits. I really do not support expansion of parking permit areas. I appreciate the

buses, but as a mother of a child with after school activities, they are impractical because they don't run everywhere very frequently. [@2] *Comment showed up twice

6. The light pollution in this town seems high and I would like to see Corvallis and OSU move to lighting that is less glaring and more directional (downward instead of outward). The lighting in the ag barns on campus way is bright, glaring and on all night - a waste of energy annoying to surrounding neighbors. The people who hang out around the Central park and Library area are foul mouthed and often rude. I makes me not want to walk through the area with kids. Pedistrans & bikers following traffic laws and wearing appropriate lights is a problem - Harrison street is dangerous.
7. The City of Corvallis and Benton County governments are dependent on property taxes for revenue. OSU, as a public university, pays no property taxes, yet generates a need for community services for student populations that live in Corvallis and for employees of OSU that do not live in Corvallis / Benton County (a significant number) and therefore pay no property taxes here. That is a problem for the community and county. OSU does contribute to some services, such as CTS, and pays for water and sewer use, as well as other fees. The situation causes the City and County to continually ask residents for property tax increases. I have lived and owned a home here for the past 11+ years and have seen my property taxes increase dramatically during that time. I have voted on many ballot initiatives asking for increases in property taxes. Students indirectly pay property taxes through rents. The last few years have seen a dramatic increase in housing projects; large, like The Retreat, and small, like the numerous multi-story "single family homes" which are nothing more than bedroom rental units. These projects should be bringing in additional revenues to the City and County to help compensate for the increased demand for services. Yet it never seems to be enough. Corvallis residents are repeatedly asked to approve property tax increases. Usually these increases are accompanied by thinly veiled extortion threats such as closing the public library, senior center, aquatic facility, etc. I have no doubt the local governments have some need for increased revenue, and yet when I see the local police and fire fighters driving new vehicles and cops sporting high-end tactical gear I have to wonder about the stewardship of my tax dollars. I have lived in other states with sales taxes, but my concern there is that once a sales tax is in place, it is constantly being increased and soon we are paying both high property taxes and 10% sales taxes. I don't have an answer, but this is clearly a situation where the university contributes to a problem but probably not enough to a solution.
8. The "retreat" is the worst thing that could have ever happened to Corvallis and they are now planning to build another one? [@4]
9. Additionally, the City of Corvallis has become mired in "focus groups" that claim they are gathering yet more information to better our town, then when it comes to real change, the tax paying citizens take second place to OSU, the homeless, outside businesses (the new hotel for example that will surely serve more people who are not invested in our town but just passing through or here for game day). Come on people, try putting some of that money back into our town! [@6]
10. Vial education for students: make aware that crossing streets looking to their cell phones in busy streets is a danger for drivers and students. Bicycle riding courtesy, lights, yielding to pedestrians and such. Driving cars at high speed is not safe, etc. [@7]
11. Get rid of leafblowers! They're loud and are awful for the environment. Leaves are put in the bike lane during the fall and winter. This is dangerous and irresponsible.

12. Corvallis would not be the vibrant, progressive town without the university. There are some trade-offs associated with being a university town but the benefits far outweigh any negatives. Students tend to be young and are prone to live in ways that are disruptive at times. Our goal should be to minimize risk wherever possible and cultivate the positive things that are happening.
13. I am aware that parking, loud parties, drunkenness, disruption on football game days, etc., are serious livability issues for many Corvallis residents. I live a mile or more from campus and I use an OSU parking permit when I am on campus, so, for better or worse the livability issues mentioned in the survey have very little effect on my life.
14. The only thing that really bugs me about OSU being a part of Corvallis is that students are often disrespectful of property in and around Corvallis. I also find the driving skills of students to be lacking. That creates dangerous situations. Despite these, I acknowledge that Corvallis would not be a thriving city without the university. This point is lost on a lot of residents and that is frustrating.
15. Most residents understand that young people need to relax and let off steam and would be much more inclined to be tolerant if the more extreme problems listed above were to disappear. Most young people are really responsible citizens - they volunteer and do good things. They care about the community and they behave well. But a badly-behaved small minority spoils everything for everybody and can make life impossible. Often bad behavior is associated with alcohol and football games. [@12]
16. Students renting in family neighborhoods have, in my experience, disrespected civil norms and show a lack of understanding that the house they rent isn't a frat house or a dorm, and that behavior they might get away with there is unlikely to be tolerated. For instance, I once had to confront a student who was exhibiting his mostly naked body in scary ways in the window of his rental house as my children walked by. He clearly thought he was in his rights and it was all a joke, but I let him know that I did NOT.
17. I think that Corvallis is a wonderful place to love and we rarely have issues. The only thing that worries me is drunk driving and speeding after home Beaver games.
18. I think the university should find a way to support the improvement of local k-12 public schools - specifically in building maintenance and assistance in identifying funds to improve or rebuild current schools. I'm 44 and the school I went to as a child was YOUNGER than the school my son now goes to. Although an old building can be charming and wonderful, his school is in disrepair and does not appear to have been updated since it was initially built. If we say our university is the top in education and state-of-the-art, shouldn't we find a way to help the local community schools become the top in education? I think it would help attract faculty if they saw that their children were going to be attending attractive well-kept schools that show community investment.

UNIVERSITY MISCELLANEOUS

1. OSU does not pay its fair share to support the needed community resources. Property owners bear an undue tax burden to support OSU's impacts.
2. OSU should develop penalties for students who break the law; litter, MIP, noise, fights, multiple traffic violations and similar behavior that impacts livability of residents; over and above what law enforcement might impose. Student's landlords need to keep up property. I don't believe OSU pres. etc appreciate how disruptive to community livability some students can be.

3. We need a cultural center in Corvallis which specifically deals with social justice, arts, culture, and supports advocacy and activism. I believe this could be an excellent partnership forged with OSU, Extension, and the City of Corvallis.
4. It is irresponsible to increase the number of students at OSU above the 50% threshold of the town's own population. Also, while the OSU president is from NY city where public transport are widely available, it is not the case in Corvallis. OSU, not resident house owners, should pay the city to patrol streets that serve as a great free OSU parking lot. OSU should give incentives to students to not drive large noisy polluting trucks to park in neighborhoods. It is unconscionable to destroy the quality of life of long term residents simply to make money out of always more students. The Corvallis city council should stop catering to OSU. Downtown businesses are mostly noisy beer joints and there are few choices for quiet high quality food places. Maybe requiring an ethics class from all OSU students would be useful. [@5]
5. OSU has increased the student population WAY too quickly without any regard to how it affects the rest of the Corvallis community. This greatly affects parking near and on campus, traffic, very high housing costs, etc. OSU needs to be more cognizant of how their decisions affect the Corvallis community. Of course Corvallis wouldn't be the same without OSU, but OSU wouldn't be the same without the beautiful community of Corvallis either. It should be a symbiotic relationship, and lately OSU has been bulldozing through the needs of Corvallis and ignoring how they negatively impact our Corvallis community. As someone who has grown up in Corvallis, even though I also graduated from OSU and currently work at OSU, I feel very attached to the Corvallis community and feel like the needs of Corvallis need to be prioritized over OSU's desire to keep expanding the student population FAR BEYOND what Corvallis can sustain.
6. While I can see the value of having OSU in Corvallis, the noise, lack of parking, expansion without limits, no taxation of the University, and the increase in traffic (especially non policed reckless speeding and driving by students), I cannot say the benefits out weigh the negatives. OSU has become an unbridled over bearing presence in our small town, expanding without the City of Corvallis requiring consideration of the non-OSU citizens. Whatever OSU wants, the city of Corvallis gives them, it seems. [@6]
7. It seems OSU and the City of Corvallis have a compatible partnership although goals may not always align. I would prefer to more student housing built on campus rather than in the community or in locations distant from campus. Promoting more on-campus housing would reduce the demand for privately funded student housing development in the community. OSU also relocated the former African American studies building to the community gardens on Orchard. The house has sat in disrepair and become an eyesore for the community. Either find a home for the house and fix it, or demolish it. You don't get extra credit sustainability points for relocating a displaced historical structure and then allow it to fall into disrepair. [@8]
8. Overall, OSU brings intellectual life, culture, and employment to the Corvallis community and should be appreciated. If the community continues to be involved in the planning for OSU's growth, we might be able to avoid some of the livability issues that have come up in the last 5-10 years. [@9]
9. OSU should supply free parking and encourage students to not park out our neighborhoods. I run a home business and no longer have any parking for clients. I can't park in front of my own house. Parking has become a big problem!! [@10]

10. I was raised in Corvallis and from my point of view, there is a lot of resentment among the retirement population in Corvallis. Presumably they have seen the largest impact in livability because they selected a quiet small town to retire in and it's become a world class institution with high(er) student enrollment. These changes have been more impactful to this subsection because it's changed the way they live their retired lives- shops are busier, rents higher, more competition for parking downtown, weekend crowds due to University activities, and my perception is that these changes will always be perceived as negative because it's change. How do we establish ways to reach out to this group? To minimize the negative feelings and offer spaces that support their goals of a happy retirement life. Is there a partnership between the senior center and OSU/LBCC? Bingo nights that cater to students and seniors? I don't know but it's an idea.

FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES

1. Sorority/Fraternity houses, drunk students down the streets, loud parties greatly affect the livability of my home.
2. Good: directing football traffic to/from I5 Bad: AXA fraternity keeps too much trash in yard and parking lot, housing prices, traffic on Harrison&30th
3. Close the frats. I am tired of people shouting "fag!" at me when I walk home.
4. Fraternities and sororities are extremely detrimental to Corvallis livability and ability to study and perform in grad school.

OSU ENROLLMENT/HOUSING

1. The student growth at OSU has completely changed Corvallis in the 20+ years I have lived here. The number of students is too many for maintaining the small town livability we once enjoyed.
2. The enrollment at OSU Corvallis must be capped. Student housing is an eyesore and high density housing has destroyed the charm of this community to a great extent.
3. Also OSU should think about quality not quantity of students. Stop enrolling without control and taking out the beautiful parts of the campus to replace with concrete monstrosities. [@4]
4. I live in one of the few neighborhoods unaffected by OSU students. But the rise from 15,000 to 28,000 students in a short period of time left the city without tools to manage the student growth. As a result, student residences caused new construction on bare land solely for students rather than for families. The same is happening with infill and tear downs near the university. I believe the university should take responsibility for its housing and parking needs so that Corvallis can continue to provide for housing, commercial, industrial and public needs on our remaining land. We are sorely in need of housing for families and the elderly, including single-family and single level homes. More than half of the Corvallis population now constitutes students. This is not a healthy ratio. 7,000 people have left. More are considering moving elsewhere. If OSU would do its part to house and park its students and faculty, life might become better for those residents other than students who choose to remain in Corvallis. OSU pays nothing for its fire protection, and little for the additional police protection. It pays nothing for property tax. Corvallis has budget problems. Our streets are not being maintained adequately. If we had more taxpaying entities here, that would help, but top employers are non-tax paying: OSU, Good

Samaritan complex, Corvallis Clinic, the School District, not to mention all the churches. I could go on, but thank you for the opportunity to participate.

5. Oregon State University is too big. And the current president just wants to add more out of state, out of the nation, high tuition paying students. OSU used to be a great place when I went there. It is hardly recognizable today. If I could afford it, I would move out of this town, which is way too big to help correct problems that have festered too long.
6. Rapid university expansion without responsibility for impacts have greatly diminished livability in Corvallis. An established family neighborhood with even just one student rental reduces livability. Generally, there are more persons/household than the neighborhood average, more cars from that one house, more trips, more trash, and more parties. Dense student housing needs to be on or adjacent to the university, with sophomores also required to live on campus. This would put most under-21-year-old students under closer University supervision. This reduces transit and transportation needs, and reduces student impacts on all neighborhoods throughout the city. Persons who work in Corvallis but have been displaced by University growth might then have opportunity to move into student-vacated housing, as long as continued increasing enrollment at OSU wouldn't reoccupy it. OSU must not have voting or decision making positions on any Corvallis committee, council, or group. This includes CRAG. There are 17 positions on CRAG, and 9 of them represent higher education. The neighborhoods have three representatives, while the greek system has four. At OSU, there are no groups with Corvallis citizens making decisions for the University; no OSU committee has Corvallis representation with voting power. The formation of collaborations with OSU continues to retard Corvallis' ability to respond to the problems in the community brought on by OSU's irresponsible growth.
7. I have inquired about what introductions are given to incoming students by OSU. I found (a couple years ago), that there was no mention of how to behave in city neighborhoods. No explanation that they are no part of a community and there are others all around them that are not college students. My issues are primarily with new incoming students, but also with OSU students in general. New, incoming students away from home for the first time are oblivious to residents and their desire to live in a peaceful community. Relaxing in your home, or trying to sleep when there are drunken screaming kids walking up and down your sidewalk is infuriating. Or trying to have a reasonable discussion with a rental house full of students that have loud parties every night and have them complain "but we're seniors." some police officers are super helpful in those situations but not all. Some feel students have a right to party and be loud even though they are violating city ordinances. I don't feel there is enough education on the subject, or any method or means for the university to hold students accountable for the conduct off campus.
8. Student housing is an eyesore (not referring to on-campus options, cough cough Chateau) and finding housing as a young professional couple is nearly impossible. The university & the city need to take into consideration the large number of people that are critical to the university and are not students, and then take measures to ensure a better quality of life. Rent prices are out of control and housing availability (not to mention cost) is very restrictive.
9. The rate of growth of OSU student population is too high. Neighborhoods are changing towards student apartments. OSU needs to address student housing and build more parking facilities within campus to take a burden off neighborhoods! OSU needs to pay taxes. [@13]
10. I still feel there is lack of respect of the city and OSU to continue building huge apartment houses in the neighborhood areas. There is no need to continue tearing down small old houses and

fitting in 2-10 bedroom units on a small plot of land that changes the neighborhood and doesn't allow families affordable housing in an area that families may like to live. I know many small families that have moved out of the Franklin Park neighborhood due to these huge units going up and having college students urinate on their lawns or make excessive noise. I feel the city is still about development and making money rather than livability near the downtown. Until Timberhill residents and others (wealthier folks) start experiencing the impact of students needs over residents then there will continue to be parking restrictions, tearing down of historic homes (that haven't been deemed as such) in areas that could be a thriving historic district. Stop building student focused housing and encourage families to move in the areas where students are constantly encouraged to live. I don't want my visitors to have to move their car after two hours to accommodate the lack of good planning by the city when permitting these huge units to continue to be built in the Tyler, Polk, and other side of Harrison areas. Stop giving permission and let us park as people are able to park in the wealthier areas, in front of their homes.

11. We do not mind sharing our neighborhoods with students or with the occasional parties, but the lack of available housing and the fact that many affordable houses are being demolished to put up huge townhouses is damaging to the cohesiveness of our community. [@3]
12. Tearing down existing housing to put in large student dwellings has had a detrimental effect on the Corvallis neighborhoods. OSU's growth has had a negative impact on our community. When OSU makes plans to add more housing and does not collaborate with the stakeholders (neighborhood associations, city planners, existing community entities like the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center), bad feelings are created. We should all work together, not separately. We share this town, yet it often feels like OSU thinks it owns it.

SAFETY/SECURITY

1. Very uncomfortable living and dating in Corvallis as a Queer-identified transwoman; constant microaggressions and prejudice.
2. The rate of burglaries has gone up all over Corvallis, which is alarming. I also feel like there are more incidents of women getting harassed on or near campus. I'm not sure if the numbers show an increase or if its because of the many paths of getting information out that are used these days. Either way, it feels like a lot.
3. I haven't lived in Corvallis for long; less than a year, but the only problem that has become apparent is the abundance of vagrants. We have a multitude of beautiful parks near and in our downtown area, but I don't use them due to uncomfortable interactions. Not only does this make me feel unsafe, but the waste they produce in these areas are making it hazardous for the environment. Another issue is that they use the bus stop shelters as their own. There is one in particular in downtown that I can no longer use due to this, especially when it is still dark in the a.m.; I now have to travel to the Transit Center. I know we are not the only ones with this issue, but I would hate to see our atmosphere transform into one as similar to Eugene's.
4. The high homeless population throughout Corvallis is the main reason my wife and I don't feel safe in certain areas of Corvallis, especially at night.
5. Children of personal friends were assaulted at a fraternity party. The beating was so bad that the victims had to be hospitalized and in one case it took years for the injuries to heal. [@12]

ZONING

1. Ward 2 has several neighborhoods that are horribly zoned that the city council, planning department and OSU have ignored. We are trying to achieve a "livable" and "neighborhood" feel and that can't be achieved when developers have been allowed to purchase and demolish residential homes and construct 3 story mini apartment complexes that do not fit in with the surrounding homes. Having lived in this ward for the last 30 years it is extremely sad to see the livability of my neighborhood and those around it erode in charm and livability. It seems like the city has truly failed us.
2. The word "livability" has not been well defined and seems only to apply to the neighborhoods around the university. If it were applied to the city as a whole, speed limits would be lowered and there would be more zoning against student housing, which might force the university to build more housing on campus, which might contain some of the parking and behavioral problems off campus. [[@2](#)]*Comment showed up twice
3. City of Corvallis needs to stop taking bribe money to clear land and building too many damn rentals! The zoning in this city is a disgrace and every shred of land is being bulldozed for student rentals, including wet lands. Word on the street by numerous residents is City Council members are being bought off by developers. There's no checks and balance systems - just keep bulldozing the shit out of our green spaces. How ironic! This is a land grant university and Corvallis keeps giving itself pats on the back for being so "green and sustainable". It's a laughing joke - there's is not one damn thing sustainable about increasing student populations when the infrastructure cannot support the increase of population only to bulldoze green space to appease Ed Ray's inconsiderate and ill conceived ideology to increase funds pouring into the university. He did this on the backs of homeowners and doesn't give a royal crap about the inconvenience to the community. This town has turned into THE worst city to live in and we are counting the days until we move out of here and leave the corruption and stupid liberal mentality behind. Now, this dumb shit has declared Corvallis a sanctuary campus without taking into consideration how residents feel about that - he buckled under whining snowflake libtard students' demands because he lives in fear of losing his jobs if the snowflakes complain. There are many of us that feel that he DOES NOT speak for the community. We don't share his overwhelming need to appease stupid people to keep his job. In fact, many of us have already rallied to begin reporting suspected illegals to combat his stupidity at breaking our federal jobs. This is what happens when corrupt people have too much influence over their cities. Any law can be broken as long as the money keeps flowing into the city and campus, right? You people should be so disgusted with yourselves - you're sell-outs and don't give a shit about this community. How many small businesses have gone under in the past 10 years because they can't make a living here?