

Feedback from Spring Glen Civic Association Meeting February 4, 2015

Likes

- Small town flavor but with lots of cultural diversity
- Good town services, especially public works, libraries, fire dept.
- Distinct neighborhoods
- Natural beauty, especially in northern Hamden
- Good schools
- Areas of neighborhood walking
- The scale – we stopped the mall
- Mix of land uses including Sleeping Giant, QU, Whitneyville
- Good bus service
- Strong voluntary organizations – sports, civil, religious, scouts
- 4th of July Fireworks and concerts
- The library
- The politics/political openness
- Responsiveness of some of the government workers
- Diversity of population
- The parks & recreation available including the summer concerts, events & the town center
- The re-use of the golf course has really helped Hamden
- Parks
- Neighborhoods
- Stores
- Proximity to New Haven
- Access to J bus line
- Walkability to hardware store, restaurants, dry cleaners, health shops, etc
- Safety
- Families
- Attractive streets & housing
- My neighborhood – the way it is laid out
- Easy to get to different places shopping, New Haven, parkway, etc.

Dislikes

- Bright lighting in Walgreen's lot & noise
- No community approach to snow removal
- High property taxes
- Poor public transit service
- Blight
- Signs
- Crime
- Police Department seems lazy
- Traffic issues
- Taxes – Can we begin to outsource somethings?
- The southern section of Hamden continues to deteriorate. We need to think about re-development and think about how to allow those businesses to stay in business.
- How do we decrease the erosion of the quality of life
- Crime increase – Note New Haven Register Feb 2, 2015 front page
- High taxes for resident homeowners
- Corporate taxes – losing ground
- Property development by corporations
- Economic growth not rising which hinders tax revenue
- Need more tax money from commercial enterprises to lower taxes on individual homeowners
- Too much money into schools
- Slow down & cut speeding on residential streets. Also Ridge Road
- Taxes & retirement for town workers
- Management of Public Works waste of time
- Not forcing action on blighted areas
- Lack of tax income from businesses
- Having companies take care of properties such as R. Water Company of Lake Whitney
- Police action for speeding or illegal parking is not taken – money for town income
- Lack of aesthetics of buildings (not public ones, but would like to see Town work with business owners to remodel/build attractively
- All the small advertising signs along many main through ways. They are an eyesore. Can't they be zoned against?
- The intersection of Waite and Mather. This is so dangerous.
- The zoning or lack of it that Quinnipiac is using to their benefit, for their campus housing.
- Walgreen's
- Hamden Plaza – Dirty, nothing green, gross parking lot
- Sometimes feels too big.
- Too many old trees coming down. Not just UI, my neighbors too. I have no shade left. Should be more of a group decision.