

Healthy Places Walkability Study North Central Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2008 Neighborhood Pride areas. The goals of the walkability study are to increase neighborhood residents walking in their neighborhood and to identify destination places that are within walking distance. This will be done by walking with neighborhood residents to 1) identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood; 2) inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	March 26, 2008
Community Participation	1
Distance Walked	1.0 mile
Weather	Chilly but dry and sunny

The North Central neighborhood is concerned with connectivity and being able to access their individual neighborhoods. There is a lack of sidewalks that connect on the major roads and a lack of destination places. There is good housing stock, a recreation center and future charter school as well as space for a new park.

Neighborhood Findings

Recreation

- Recreation Center could use more fields and a walking path and the sidewalk could connect to the street. (Pictures 1-4)
- Our neighborhood could use another park-the land is set aside at the end of Dubay and has a ravine and is a large amount of open space. (Pictures 11-13)
- American Addition Park has a walking path, playground and shelter but no sidewalks to get to the park. The neighborhood is also isolated by busy streets with no sidewalks. (Pictures 25-27)

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Walking

- Penrose and Brentnell is a busy intersection for pedestrians-it give the neighborhood access to the COTA bus stop and the Recreation Center and a school. (Pictures 5, 17, 24)
- Children normally walk to school or the school bus in gravel and snow and sometimes in the street but the new sidewalks planned on Brentnell will fix that. (Picture 6)
- There are no destination places in this neighborhood.
- We have elderly and disabled members of our community and when there are not ADA ramps, they have a hard time getting around. (Pictures 16, 17, 19, 21, 27)
- Seniors have a hard time maintaining sidewalks and driveway aprons. Some have expressed that they want to be assessed and the work done by the city. (Picture 8)

Disabled

- There is a disabled population in this neighborhood and they do not have the freedom to move around the neighborhood because of the non-ADA compliant corners and lack of sidewalks on busy streets. (Pictures 16, 17, 19, 21, 27)

Housing

- AEP lines are in the backyards and trees grow around them. It is unclear who is responsible for cutting the trees-AEP or the City. (Pictures 22-23)
- When there is an ice storm, the ice weights down the trees and they hang on the lines. A tree limb once fell due to ice and hit the transformer and we lost power in the middle of an ice storm. (Pictures 22-23)
- Americrest and Devon neighborhoods have older housing stock.
- 80 homes are planned by Columbus Housing Partnership in the Americrest neighborhood.
- Overall the neighborhood has good housing and trees.

Economic Development

- Businesses facing Joyce Ave need façade improvements and privacy fences to block all their materials and construction. It is not well kept.
- Old Leonard has a lot of empty businesses.

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The intersection of Penrose Dr and Brentnell taken from the Brentnell Rec Center. This is a major intersection in the neighborhood with the Recreation Center, a COTA Bus stop and a school and currently no sidewalks, however, they will be put in this year.



Land designated for a new park in the community.



Sewer grate at the corner of Penrose Drive and Brentnell. The COTA bus stop is here and the disabled have trouble navigating the intersection due to the grate and current lack of sidewalks.



American Addition Park with a walking path, playground and pavilion.

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The mile-marked maps will highlight neighborhood features, safe paths and destinations. The report will also be forwarded to City of Columbus departments that can assist neighborhoods in addressing their needs.

The mission of the Healthy Places program is to enhance healthy and active living by establishing development policies and practices to reduce negative health impacts and by creating places that foster physical activity as a part of everyday life. For more information, please contact Christine Godward, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CLGodward@columbus.gov.

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Addendum

Site Specific Comments
Routes
All Pictures

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Site Specific Comments

Street Comments	Comment
Brentnell and Penrose Drive	Grating newly redone but debris collects

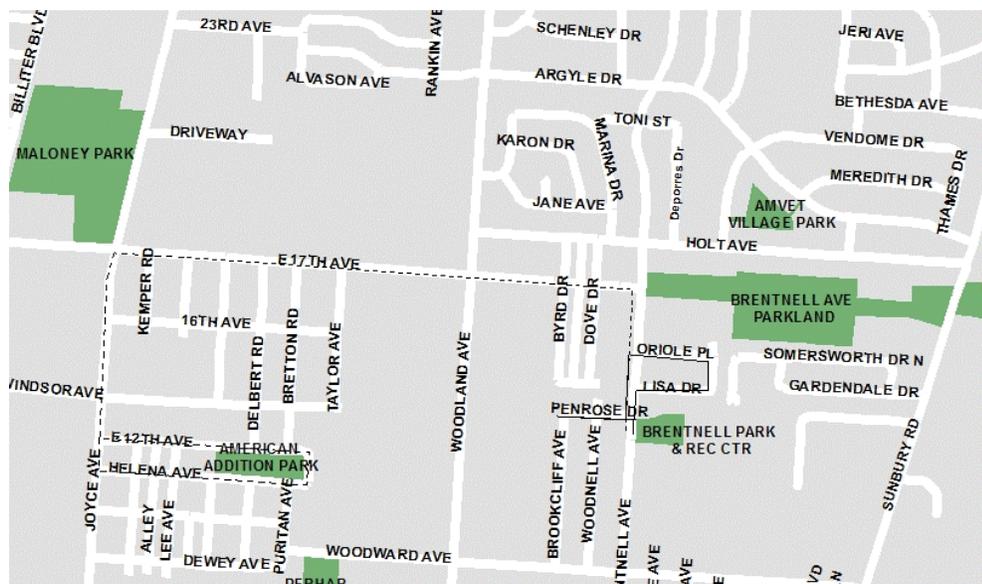
No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Brentnell (planned for summer from Woodward to Holt)	Penrose
Brentnell south Oriole	Brookcliff
Woodward Ave (sidewalks planned this summer between Brentnell and Woodland)	Woodnell
Holt Ave (Brentnell to Woodward planned for summer)	Oriole
Joyce Ave	Dubay
17 th Ave	Lisa
Americrest neighborhood	Neighborhood north of Holt between Woodland and Sunbury Road

*Please note that many of these streets are busy and cars travel at fast speeds. Without sidewalks, it is unsafe for a pedestrian.

No ADA ramps
Penrose Drive and Woodnell
Dubay and Oriole

Route Walked

* Portions of the dotted route were driven due to lack of sidewalks or other safe pedestrian means.



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Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1-4	Barnett Recreation Center
5	Crosswalk at Penrose and Brentnell
6	Brentnell looking south from Lisa, no sidewalks
7	Lisa Drive with sidewalks
8	Lisa Drive driveway apron
9	Poorly maintained curbs on 2170-2169 Lisa Drive
10	ADA ramps at Dubai and Oriole
11-13	Brentnell Ave Parkland-to be developed
14	Sidewalks on Oriole
15	Sidewalk abruptly ends on Oriole almost at Brentnell
16	Brentnell south of Oriole-no sidewalks
17	Sewer grate at Brentnell and Penrose-this intersection has the Rec Center, a COTA bus stop and a school. Debris collects making it difficult to pass and the disabled have trouble navigating the grate.
18	Penrose with sidewalks
19	Penrose and Woodnell-no ADA
20	Looking south on Brookcliff from Penrose, street has sidewalks
21	1367 Brookcliff-this house is just a few lots away from the non-ADA compliant corner
22-23	Power lines in the back yards can pose problems. Trees grow around them and the City and AEP argue who is responsible for cutting them. When there are ice storms, the trees have broken and hit transformers.
24	Another view of Brentnell and Penrose, from Penrose looking east
25-26	American Addition park
27	American Addition park has a walking path and playground but no sidewalks to get to the park.
28-29	Tray Lee Center is a community meeting place but is not connected by sidewalks
30-31	New homes in Americrest, wide streets and no sidewalks