



## Bear Creek Neighborhood Plan Update

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What are some issues in your neighborhood?

- Access to Avondale from Avondale Green neighborhood
  - At the same time, some people value that there is no pass-through traffic
- Would like a trail network connecting west part of neighborhood to Perrigo Park
- In general, would like an improved trail network
- Speeding on NE 95<sup>th</sup> St. and 196<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE
  - Also, lack of sidewalks on these streets, and drivers running red lights
- Flashing bus stop passenger waiting lights obscured by trees – need trimming
- Crime has increased over past several years
- Trees block street lights – need pruning
- Abandoned house on Avondale – now has fallen tree through it
- Need crosswalks on Avondale and Union Hill Roads that are near bus stops
- Severe congestion at intersection of NE 178<sup>th</sup> St. and Union Hill Road

What are some opportunities in your neighborhood?

- Beautify the entrance to Avondale Green
- Improve pedestrian/bicycle access to Marymoor Park
- Keep well area looking nice – City did good job with landscaping
- Convenient retail, particularly along Union Hill Road (vet groomer is convenient)
- Reduce number of intersections by eliminating Avondale Way/Avondale Road intersection

What aspects of your neighborhood do you especially enjoy or value?

- Trees
- Access to parks and recreation areas
- Privacy
- Safety
- Sidewalks on Avondale
- Accessibility to Downtown Redmond – some consider Downtown within walking distance
- Avondale median
  - Though making it more attractive would be nice

How would you describe the feel or character of your neighborhood?

- Pulsating
- Diverse in age
- Good for small families

- Peaceful
- Family-oriented
- Pedestrian friendly
- People look after one another
- Suburban-rural
- Friendly
- Calm
- Safe, with good emergency response times
- Ethnically diverse

What is unique about your neighborhood and should be preserved?

- Pumpkin patch
- Easy access to local produce
- Support for local farms and farmers
- Farms/fields
- Parks
- Road landscaping
- Wildlife
- Bear and Evans Creeks – and we need better access to them
- Barns and historic sites in parks
- Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

What other topics should be addressed as part of the neighborhood plan update?

- Access to sand during the winter
- Access to tools to clear sidewalks during winter
- Long-term traffic concerns on Avondale, and how to diminish traffic
  - Maybe another north/south road through neighborhood that would continue SR 520
- Light rail on Avondale
- Parks to preserve open space, or other ways to preserve open space