



Dear RWNA Member:

On February 9, 2011, the RWNA board mailed or emailed 672 surveys to members of the River West Neighborhood Association. A total of 165 (24.6%) surveys were returned. Thank you for sharing your opinions with the Board and, through this mailing, with all RWNA members.

We have attached a summary of the summary survey results and comments. These are also available on our website at http://bendneighborhoods.org/Neighborhood_Websites/River_West_Neighborhood_Association/. You may also view and print the detailed survey results at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e3de733ggjw0enf1/results>.

The RWNA Executive Board has discussed the survey results and we will now focus our attention and volunteer efforts on the following west side neighborhood issues:

1. Primary reasons for choosing to live in River West were: First proximity to downtown, parks, river, trails, shopping, work and restaurants. Second, ease of walking, bicycling or bus transport and less car-dependence was also important to respondents.
2. Changes that would have the greatest impact on quality of life in the neighborhood: First, decrease traffic volume, noise and speed. Second, increase accountability of rental properties. Third, increase number and condition of sidewalks and bike lanes.

Respondents indicated that the board's strengths are communicating with members and providing opportunities for members to involve themselves in neighborhood issues and events. Therefore, the association will continue to invite members who can help us create and preserve the quality of our neighborhood as described in the survey results. The board also pledges to find more ways to be inclusive with membership, to receive member feedback and share news with our neighbors.

Thanks for your survey responses! They make us confident that we speak for all when we promote the quality of living in the River West neighborhood and devote volunteer time and effort to strive for improvement. There is strength and effectiveness in numbers. Please help us to grow the RWNA membership and empower our community involvement.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas, or requests, please contact the RWNA Board Chair, Annie Goldner at 541-389-9660 or rwna@bendbroadband.com.

Our sincere thanks for your help,
Your River West Neighborhood Association Board