

As part of a McMaster research study, we did surveys with residents in Beasley, Keith, McQuesten, Rolston, Stinson and Stipley. Here are some highlights from Beasley. You can see the full report at: [www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/hnstudy](http://www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/hnstudy).



## ABOUT THE STUDY

Our research team at McMaster is doing the Hamilton Neighbourhoods Study to help find out what kind of difference the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy is making in your neighbourhood. In 2013-14, we interviewed residents in Beasley, the neighbourhood stretching from James Street North to Wellington Street North and Main Street East to the CN tracks. Participants were selected at random.

We talked to **300** residents aged 18 and over in Beasley.

On average, respondents had been living in Beasley for **8 years** and living in their current dwelling for **6 years**.

**70%** would like to stay in their neighbourhood for years to come.

**75%** of people had not moved in the past year.

**82%** reported that they were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their residence overall, and **78%** with the neighbourhood overall.

**92%** felt safe in the neighbourhood during the day. At night, they felt less safe in the neighbourhood.

**82%** described the people in their neighbourhood as 'friendly' or 'very friendly'.

**40%**  
of respondents felt that childcare was important but lacking in the neighbourhood.

**74%**  
of respondents felt that the people in the neighbourhood want the same things for the neighbourhood.

**75%** agreed that neighbours watch over each other's property.

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was deemed a 'somewhat or serious problem' by **80%** of respondents.

When asked if there was anything that makes it difficult to participate in community events and organizations, the top four responses were:

- 1. Busy with work**
- 2. Lack of interest**
- 3. Health reasons/mobility concerns**
- 4. Awareness: don't know what is available**

People we surveyed were asked: "What do you think are the TWO most important things that would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?" Here's what we heard most often, with the number of responses in brackets.

- 1** Address drug dealing and use [57]
- 2** Greater police presence needed [46]
- 3** Address issues related to sex work [33]
- 4** Resources needed for children & youth [30]
- 5** More and/or better parks and green spaces [26]

## GET INVOLVED WITH BEASLEY!

Your neighbours have been working on these issues and priorities. If you'd like to find out more or get involved in neighbourhood action in Beasley, contact:

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**Beasley Neighbourhood Association**  
Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 7:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Beasley Community Centre (145 Wilson Street).

To get more information on the Neighbourhood Action Strategy and the Beasley Neighbourhood Action Plan, visit [www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods](http://www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods)

### HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dr. James Dunn and staff at McMaster University are doing the research study this report is based on. If you have any questions, please contact us.



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