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# Summit View Community Profile

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# SUMMIT VIEW

**Population:** 8,125

**Location:** Outside of metro Tucson, about 2 miles south of Tucson International Airport

**Neighborhood Boundaries:**

North: E. Old Vail Connection Rd.

South: E. Blackbrush Rd.

West: S. Nogales Hwy

East: S. Country Club Rd.

**Land area:** About 1.5 sq. miles (neighborhood)

**Colonia:** No

**Congressional District:** 7

**Board of Supervisors District:** 2

**Census Tract:** 41.06

**Ward:** 5

**Data Sources:** This community profile contains information from multiple sources.



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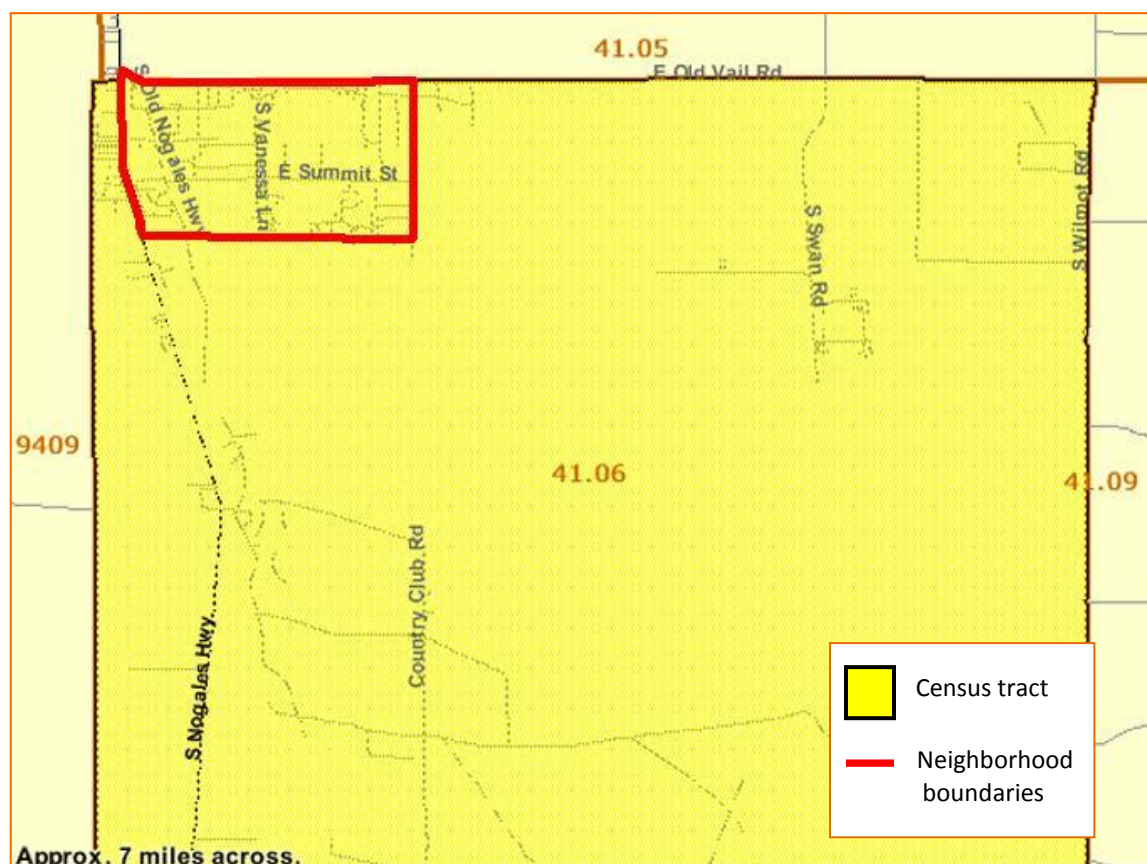
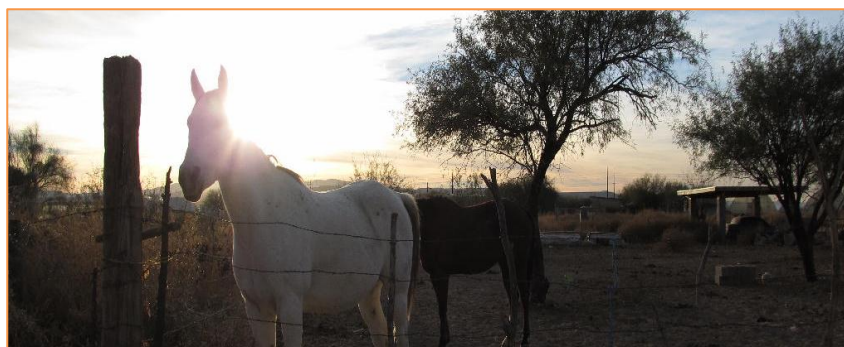
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## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

The population of Summit View differs from the population of Pima County and the overall U.S. population (see table at right). Compared to these two groups, residents in Summit View:

- *Are more likely to be male* – 66% of Summit View residents are male, a substantially greater proportion than the Pima County and the U.S.
- *Are slightly younger* – There are fewer adults over 65 in Summit View than Pima County and the U.S.
- *Live in larger household and have larger families* – Average household and family size are larger than the county and the nation.
- *Have lower incomes* – Per capita income is less than one-third those of Pima County and the nation.
- *Are more Hispanic* – More than 50% of the Summit View population identifies as Hispanic or Latino (of any race) compared to 33% of those in Pima County and 15% of the U.S. population.
- *Are more likely to be foreign born* – More than 25% of those in Summit View were born outside the U.S., about double the proportion for Pima County and the U.S.
- *Are more likely to speak a language other than English at home* – More than 50% of Summit View residents compared to less than 20% of those nationwide.

### Employment by Industry

Of the Summit View population age 16 years and over, about one-quarter (26%) is in the labor force, compared to 65% of the U.S. population.

- *Construction* is the top industry in Summit View, accounting for 24% of labor. This industry accounts for only 9% of labor countywide.
- The biggest source of employment in Pima County, *educational, health and social services* (24% of labor), accounts for 20% of labor in Summit View.

## Demographics (ACS 2005-2009)

	SUMMIT VIEW	PIMA COUNTY	U.S.
<b>GENDER</b>			
Male	66.0%	49.0%	49.3%
Female	34.0%	51.0%	50.7%
<b>AGE</b>			
Median age	31.3 years	36.8 years	36.5 years
Under 5 years	4.5%	6.9%	6.9%
18 years and over	76.5%	76.3%	75.4%
65 years and over	5.9%	14.7%	12.6%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES</b>			
Average household size	3.97 people	2.62 people	2.60 people
Average family size	4.39 people	3.30 people	3.19 people
Median household income	\$36,942	\$45,885	\$51,425
Median family income	\$39,647	\$56,711	\$62,363
Per capita income	\$7,334	\$24,556	\$27,041
<b>RACE AND ETHNICITY</b>			
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White alone	32.4%	57.2%	65.8%
Black or African American alone	6.7%	3.1%	12.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2.0%	2.5%	0.7%
Asian alone	0.2%	2.4%	4.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Some other race alone	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
Two or more races	0.1%	1.6%	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	58.6%	32.8%	15.1%
<b>NATIVITY / LANGUAGE</b>			
Foreign born	25.5%	13.2%	12.4%
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	53.7%	28.0%	19.6%

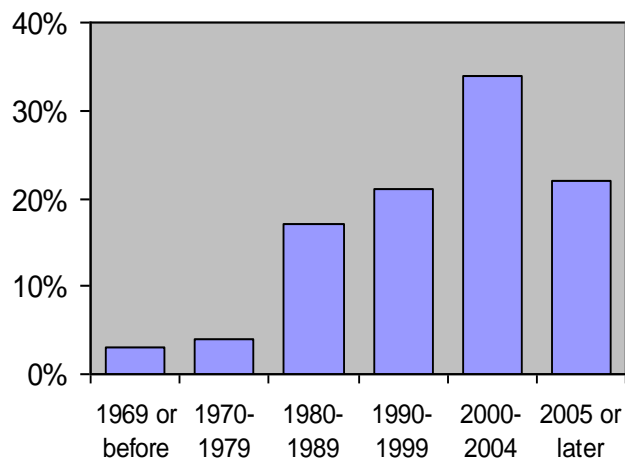
## NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS: HOMES VS. COMMERCIAL DESTINATIONS

### Residential Areas

#### Housing characteristics:

- Summit View has 1,394 housing units
- 16% of housing units in Summit View are vacant, compared to about 12% in Pima County.
- There are more homeowners than renters: 74% of housing units in Summit View are owner-occupied and 26% are renter-occupied.

**Occupied Housing Units by Year  
Householder Moved Into Unit**



0.0% of housing units lack complete plumbing facilities

0.0% lack complete kitchen facilities

0.6% have no telephone services



*Some of them live in trailers and some are getting abused in terms of their housing rights. They have been kicked out and they have to keep moving and the kids miss school.*

### Commercial / Public Access Destinations

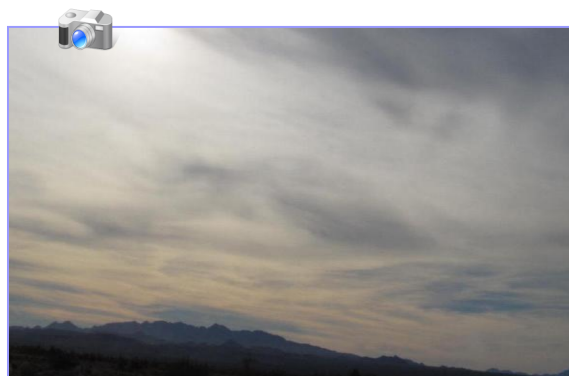
The Summit View neighborhood is vastly residential and includes only a few commercial destinations, one school, and one park.

- Two food stores and an ice cream truck were observed within the neighborhood boundaries.
- Several home-based businesses such as childcare, woodcutting, construction, and animals for sale were advertised on corners and along roads.

### Neighborhood Assets

#### Top 3 things Summit View survey respondents like MOST about their neighborhood (N=65):

Calm and quiet	14%
Large lots	12%
The people	11%



#### Who answered the survey?

- ❖ 65 members of the Summit View community
- ❖ 20% in English
- ❖ 80% in Spanish
- ❖ The surveys were conducted door to door, at Summit View Elementary School, and a community health fair in 2011

## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

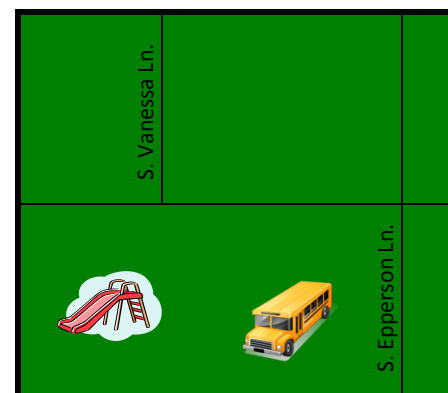
Two recreational facilities were identified in the Summit View neighborhood (see map at right). These include:




























Summit View Elementary School  
1900 E. Summit St.



Dan Eckstrom Summit Park  
1800 E. Summit St.



These recreational facilities were assessed for the presence/visibility and quality of features:

	Open to the public?	Play equipment	Grass	Sports fields	Tennis courts	Benches	Picnic tables	Water fountains	Restrooms	Bike racks	Trash bins	Exercise stations	Walking trails	Lights	Pool	Vending machines	Auditory annoyance	Litter / broken glass	Dog refuse	Dogs unattended	Evidence of alcohol / substance use	Sex paraphernalia	Graffiti / vandalism
Summit View ES																							
D. E. Summit Park																							



## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – PARKS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC



### DAN ECKSTROM SUMMIT PARK

Medium-size recreational area that is **open** to the public and includes the following features:

- Unshaded play equipment (see photo at bottom left)
- Sports fields and grassy areas (see photo at top right)
- Benches and unshaded picnic tables
- Restrooms (locked at time of observation)
- Water fountains
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Walking trails
- Lights

There was no evidence of alcohol or substance, or sex paraphernalia. Some litter was observed.



Twenty-three Summit View residents surveyed (**35%**) are aware of the neighborhood or local school recreational facilities; **46%** are not aware; and **14%** indicated they do not know what recreational resources are available (N = 65).



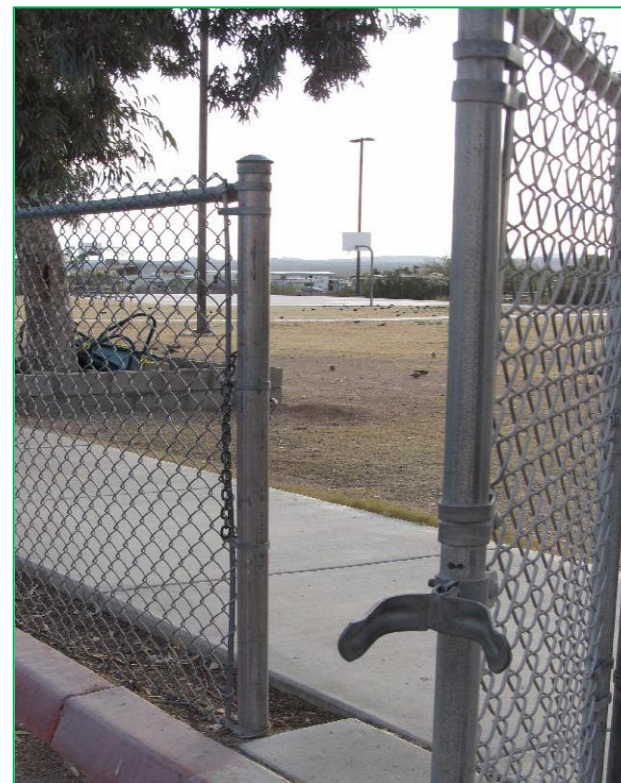
## COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – SCHOOLS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

### SUMMIT VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Medium-size joint-use recreational facility with gates unlocked, **accessible** until sunset (see photo at right). The area includes:

- Basketball courts
- Bike racks
- Lights
- Restrooms (in the school)
- Shaded and unshaded play equipment (see photo at bottom left)
- Shaded benches and picnic tables
- Soccer and baseball fields and grassy areas
- Trash bins
- Water fountains

The area is well maintained, with no graffiti and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia. Some litter and dog refuse were visible.



*The parents tell me, “This area needs traffic lights and stop signs”. One parent was very upset that people were speeding and not giving people time to cross, so she organized a few people and started pushing for traffic signs and a few other things.*

## PUBLIC AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

### Bus Service

#### SunTran (Tucson's regional bus service)

One Sun Shuttle route (Green Valley / Sahuarita connector) connects Summit View to metro Tucson. Dial-a-ride service is also available for this route.

Map of Sun Tran Routes in Summit View



Summit View lacks a transportation infrastructure, as many roads in the Summit View neighborhood are unpaved. During the observational assessment, pedestrians were observed walking to and from the park, small markets, and to neighbors' homes.



**40% (26)** of surveyed Summit View residents say that they bike or walk in or through their neighborhood.

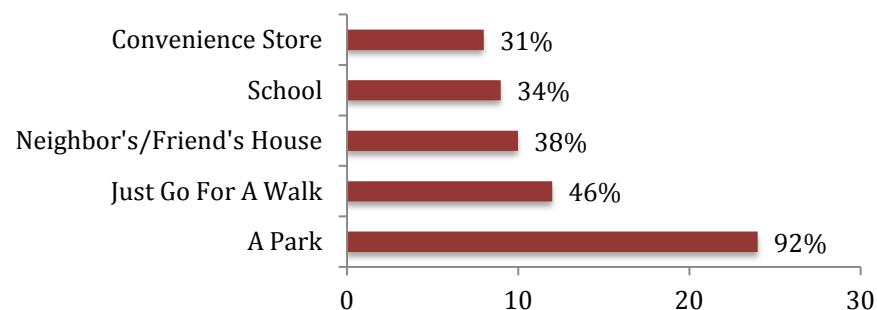
### Bikeability

#### Bike Routes:

There are no designated bike routes in Summit View.



#### Most common walk/bike destinations N = 26



Some roads in Summit View are paved, but the majority is dirt and gravel

## FOOD ACCESSIBILITY

### Food Vendors

Two food vendors were observed within the Summit View neighborhood boundaries. Both vendors are small markets that offered some variety of fruits, vegetables, and low fat products. At the time of the assessment, vegetables were more frequently available than fruits in both locations (see photo below). Few whole grains and low-sugar products were available.



**Mercado y Carnicería  
Los Primos**  
9895 S. Old Nogales Hwy

**La Cima**  
1644 E. Summit St.



### Top 3 Places Respondents Go to Buy Groceries

N = 65

Food City	62%
Wal-Mart	23%
Fry's	22%

*Other responses:* 5% of all respondents say that they shop anywhere that they can find sales and food specials.

Fifty-nine (91%) of respondents say they drive their car to the grocery store.

Thirty-eight respondents (58%) say that it takes them 30 minutes or more to get to their grocery stores of choice.



*If you live in the city and go over there it is really nice because the nearest shopping center is Fry's, at Irvington and 16<sup>th</sup>.*



A variety of vegetables are available at Mercado y Carnicería Los Primos

## HEALTH SERVICES

Closest hospital (located approximately 5 miles north of Summit View):

### University Physicians Hospital at Kino

2800 E. Ajo Way

Services: Emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory, inpatient/ outpatient surgery, behavioral health, and more.

Health service providers in Summit View:

### El Rio Community Health Centers – Summit View School-Based Clinic\*

Services: Family practice, pediatrics

\*Serves Sunnyside Unified School District students

*Obesity is high, people don't think, the way they cook, they don't know how or what to look for.*



*They need so many things and one of them is good information about health and nutrition.*



**N = 65**

**35%** of Summit View residents surveyed have a garden where they can grow their own food or know a neighbor who does.

**55%** of respondents said that it is possible for them to **produce** fruits, vegetables or eggs.

**18%** of residents surveyed said that **Home/ Community Gardens** would help their families eat more fresh fruit and vegetables.

## FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES

### Farmers' Markets

NONE WITHIN TARGET AREA

Closest farmers' market (about 6.5 miles from the Summit View neighborhood):

### El Pueblo Farmers' Market

SW corner of Irvington Rd. & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Saturdays

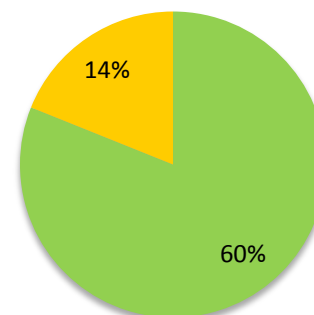
9am - 1pm (year-round)

Accepts WIC benefits and Food Stamps

### Gardening



**Percentage of respondents who would like to grow vegetables, fruit or eggs (N = 65)**



■ Yes  
■ No



*I think they were planning on starting a garden but didn't have anyone to take care of it during the summer.*

## SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

### Schools

- **Summit View Elementary School**

Children and youth who reside in Summit View attend schools in Sunnyside Unified School District (SUSD). One SUSD public school (Summit View Elementary) is located within the target area boundaries. Enrollment at this school is 600 students, and **89%** of these students qualified for free or reduced lunch status in March 2010.



### Child Care

- **A Reliable Day Care**
- **Little Stars Day Care**
- **Los Potrillos**
- **Summit View Head Start**  
10170 S. Epperson Lane

## FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS



**Iglesia Pentecostes Nuevo Pacto** (located across from Summit View Elementary School)

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

*There is a program that will start very soon with Summit View Elementary that I was notified about today by our PTA and they are going to start a program and they are bringing somebody from the Food Bank. I hear that there are things starting right now.*

## COMMUNITY STRESS INDICATORS

### Poverty

In Summit View, proportions of individuals and families living below the poverty level are greater than in Pima County.

### Crime

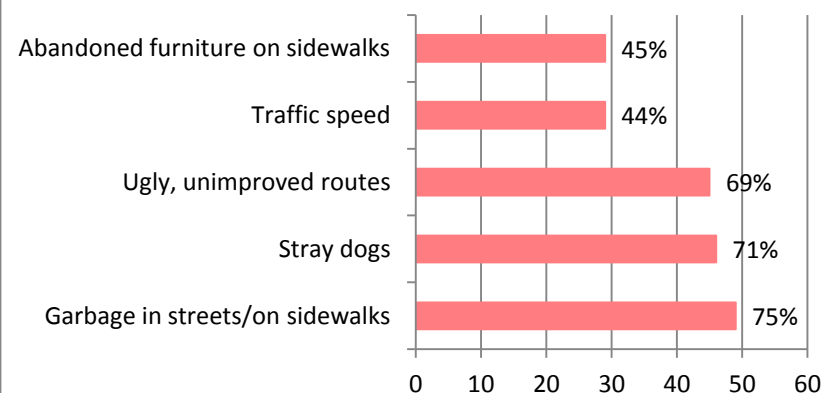
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Percent whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level			
	Summit View	Pima County	U.S.
<b>All People</b>	25.8%	15.7%	13.5%
18 years and over	18.6%	13.8%	11.8%
65 years and over	10.7%	8.4%	9.8%
Related children under 18 years	37.6%	21.6%	18.2%
Related children 5 to 17 years	36.8%	19.6%	16.9%
<b>Families</b>	24.1%	10.7%	9.9%
With related children under 18 years	33.7%	17.6%	15.3%
With related children under 5 years	13.6%	19.4%	16.6%
<b>Families with female householder, no husband present</b>	27.5%	27.5%	28.7%
With related children under 18 years	42.2%	35.5%	37.1%

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### Top 5 Concerns When Outside

N = 65



Vandalism along a road in Summit View



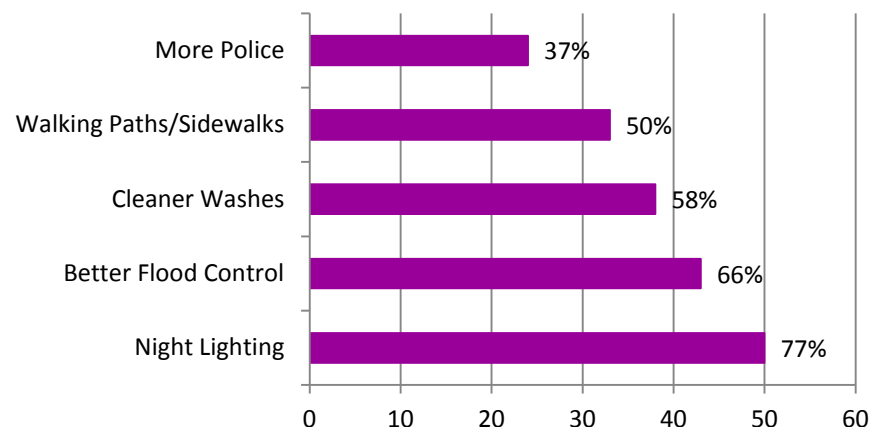
*It is very rural; it does not look like it is part of the U.S. It is calm and quiet, there are no traffic lights and it is very dark... Some of the students are comfortable where they are and the other half is not comfortable.*

*I remember hearing on the radio that they would arrest you if you were undocumented and students would come to school late and I would say, "What happened?" And they would say, "Oh, there are so many cops around I was afraid to go out."*

## NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES



**Top 5 Desired Neighborhood Improvements  
(N = 65)**



### Other desired improvements of surveyed residents:

- ❖ Playgrounds **(35%)**
- ❖ More Speed Bumps **(34%)**
- ❖ Ball Fields **(34%)**
- ❖ Grocery Stores **(32%)**
- ❖ More trees **(29%)**
- ❖ Crosswalks **(29%)**
- ❖ Parks **(18%)**
- ❖ More Neighborhood Events **(18%)**
- ❖ Community Gardens **(16%)**

**Top 5 ways Summit View residents think would help  
their community eat healthier  
(N = 65)**



### Additional survey responses for healthy activities:

- ❖ Provide education and information on urban farming and chickens so we can produce our own food **(44%)**
- ❖ Establish a community garden **(43%)**
- ❖ Provide recipes for quick meal preparation using seasonal vegetables **(43%)**
- ❖ Provide technical assistance for vegetable growing and water-harvesting **(37%)**
- ❖ Establish and enforce standards of cleanliness for the stores in our community **(28%)**

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



An after-school sports activity at Summit View Elementary School



Mailboxes in Summit View are often clustered into groups, such as this group outside of La Cima market. Because residents likely visit there daily, this could be a great opportunity for health promotion.

### Sustainability

- ❖ Maintaining the park
- ❖ Creating and maintaining a community garden and farmers' market

### Community Involvement

- ❖ *We need to organize ourselves and clean the park.*
- ❖ *Other students want to make changes but they don't know how or where to begin*
- ❖ *At the elementary school, they need a lot of things. They need a parking lot for the parents and they need more activities.*

### Tapping into Resources

- ❖ *We should think about the things that we have and how we can use them. We have a park and we should use them. Education and information **opens** everyone's eyes*