

Voices of Woodhaven Worksheet

How long have you been living in (working in / visiting) Woodhaven?

When did you first come to Woodhaven?

What are some of your earliest memories of Woodhaven?

If you could travel back in time, what store (or stores) would you visit? Can you describe the outside of that store? How about the inside? Can you remember any of the people that worked inside?

What other places would you visit? Parks, playgrounds, churches, schools, etc. Can you describe them? Anything notable about them that people might not know?

When you walk or drive through Woodhaven today, what are some of the things you really miss?

What school did you go to? What was it like? Were there any teachers that were special, worth remembering?

Were there any especially memorable days in Woodhaven, when something remarkable happened? It could be anything from a special block party, to a notable crime, to a big anniversary, etc. The kind of day people spoke about.

Who were some of the notable, remarkable people in Woodhaven years ago. The politicians, the business owners, the community leaders, etc. Did you know any of them personally or ever interact with any of them?

If a young person from today could travel back in time and walk the streets of Woodhaven, what are some of the things that they would be seeing for the very first time? In other words, like trolley cars, what are some of the things that have vanished from the landscape of Woodhaven?

What did young people do for fun in Woodhaven? What games did they play? Where did they go to meet or hang out with other teenagers?

What were the topics of controversy in Woodhaven?

What did Woodhaven sound like? Today we have a lot of noise from cars, J train, people's radios, etc. What noises were prevalent back then?

What was Forest Park like when you were a younger person? Did you used to visit the old Carousel? What was it like?

Do you remember the reservoir that was near Victory field (where the Co-ops sit today)? Tell us what you remember about it.

Where was the best place to get something to eat in Woodhaven? Restaurants, butcher shops, pizza shops, ice cream, etc.