

When thinking about the overall direction that Lakeville is taking, what one change could the City make to better act in the interest of the community?

Promote shopping and restaurants!!!! Lagging way behind places like Eagan and Eden Prairie

Slow growth. Too many overcrowded developments. Lakeville has lost the farms, open fields that once existed. Less green space than there used to be. The city could work on denying permits to builders in areas that are already overbuilt.

Halt the unfettered rapid development! Disconnected new neighborhood growth has destroyed the fabric of Lakeville and is turning it into just another ring suburb. If straight population growth is the goal, we are well on the way to becoming just another bedroom community.

Help us gain More good restaurants. Less chain places. We end up going to other cities that have more unique options. We would love to have good options closer to home. Maybe something with a rooftop patio? People here want to dine out we just have like one or two decent spots, which gets boring. It's all just the same American bar food. Would love something near Hy-Vee, pilot knob or Dodd road.

attract more businesses

Updating parks and green spaces to be more accommodating

Affordable housing options for retirees

Better care and PRESERVATION of residential city streets

Don't spend money on diversity, equity and inclusion focused consultants and initiatives.

Please slow the residential growth. Our schools can't keep up, and we are losing the precious space that made Lakeville appealing due to so many neighborhoods of houses jam packed together. Or require that lot sizes be much LARGER in the developments. Require that developers plant more trees. Lakeville looks like a sprawl of cookie cutter houses. Also the footprint of "Lakeville proper" seems to be stretching out in every direction. We need to reign it in - or re-zone so some of the new developments are zoned for Apple Valley, Farmington, Elko/New Market, Prior Lake, etc.

More entertainment opportunities

Provide community support and encouragement for accepting a diverse community

With so much development and growth, it would be good to see a focus on sustainability/environmental impact initiatives.

More biking lanes created during construction of new roads.

Don't go woke.

Taxes are getting too high our home will be unaffordable for us because of taxes if the taxes continue to increase

More accessible gyms for kids in wintertime.

Need a home improvement store (home depot)

Instead of patrolling cedar have the police patrol residential streets. There are so many kids in these Neighborhood's. Lets keep them safe

Not have such large apartment building complexes.

Stop spending and stop raising property taxes. Taxes are way out of hand due to the democratic leadership in Minnesota. Gas tax going up, property taxes going up, stop forcing the LGBQTRS + 2, etc down my throat.

More residential development in the Lakeville south boundary.
Maintain more green space when approving housing and industrial development.
Provide stand-alone townhomes with associations for snow, lawn care & garbage rather than high rise apartments with high rent, no lawn's and no sense of ownership or care about other people who also live there.
Don't know, only been here for 1.5 years
Less grocery stores & more clothing/home decor stores & restaurants.
In the recent years, we could see that the people moving into Lakeville has increased tremendously and we do not have any indoor children park in Lakeville. With so many kids in the communities and a widespread and harsh winter throughout the year, it is difficult to entertain kids indoor all the time. And we see people going down the line till Eagen for indoor park though Lakeville being a big community. We hope to have an indoor park sometime soon for kids in Lakeville.
Promote more cultural markets, stores, diners, (etc).
Improved support and appreciation for diverse/minority population.
Stay focused on the essential, core duties of governance - public safety, infrastructure, economic development, community development. Avoid being distracted by "social engineering" initiatives - you can't be all things to all people. Priorities matter.
Go live in a Red State until you understand what is wrong with liberal policies. High taxes, poor services, worst post office in existence. MN policies are terrible. This state is ravaged with violence. Courts are unjust-need to be cleared ant - old bay network everywhere - worst AG in the country. I don't know why my family is here!
No suggestions.
I feel that it is so politically divided it is hard to communicated with anyone that has a different political affiliation than myself.
Slow the sprawl - way too much building - too much traffic & have to go outside of Lakeville for most things (preferred stores & businesses.).
N/A.
Be cautious with the amount of new high density townhomes and apartments.
Less new housing - more business, more bike trails, a community center w / pool, gym, space for parks & rec classes etc.
Better transportation.
The cost of a home in Lakeville is astronomical. It would be nice if some of the new homes being built were more affordable.
Better snow removal on side walks.
PRESERVE & PROTECT THE BALD EAGLE NEST ON CEDAR-BY THE FORESTED AREA ON 167TH ST W & CEDAR - OR GIVE UPDATES ON IT! PARTNER W/ MN DNR!
A better response time from city personnel about any inquiries.
SLOW DOWN, LAKEVILLE IS GROWING TOO FAST AND HOUSING COSTS ARE WAY TOO HIGH. TOO MANY NEW HOUSING PROJECTS AND NO MIDDLE CLASS HOUSES, WHERE ARE THE STARTER HOMES? WHERE ARE THE AFFORDABLE SENIOR CONDOS AND TOWNHOMES?
Not too many houses, leave the open spaces alone and preserve our wildlife areas. I feel like whenever Lakeville sees an open field, they fill it with houses and businesses. Yes we are growing but we also need to make sure the animal wildlife have places to live too. Also, outdoor recreational activities and areas... we have a lot but anything to bring people and families outside!
Variety of stores & restaurants.

MORE POLICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SPEEDING AND RUNNING TRAFFIC LIGHTS HAS BECOME INCREASING DANGEROUS.
Work more closely with the schools.
Buses.
There needs to be more of the performing arts in a professional capacity. A theater that could house an orchestra, support for the local ballet company - Twin cities ballet. It is here in Lakeville's back yard & not recognized.
Not good for shopping! They should have outdoor concerts & Lake Marian & more downtown. Downtown is not good for drawing people except to eat.
Reduce barriers and provide support for the expansion of small businesses in Lakeville
NO COMMENTS.
Work to attract new businesses: dining & entertainment of the upscale variety, no more dentist, chiropractors healthcare.
Cut back costs to lower property taxes
Communication.
They are doing good.
Don't make Lakeville a bedroom community of just houses.
Focus on retail opportunities in Lakeville.
Try to keep property taxes stable or low percentage increases. Why are taxes going up when building is so high. Shouldn't the increase in taxable properties offset the increases in cost?
Stop building senior citizens homes, stop with low income housing. That massive building built next to Fleet farm is embarrassing.
Respect to tax payer = no additional tax increases!
Stop allowing new home construction! I moved out here because less people, traffic and more nature.
We are 30 year residents and think Lakeville is doing great. We tend to go to Burnsville or Edina for shopping or dining, but that's not a negative on Lakeville, love that my property taxes are reasonable.
Stop trying to bring in low income opportunity you're not a charity - focus on overall economic development with mid - high paying jobs. ie.. you approved Amazon over Costco.
Affordable rent - low income.
Lakeville is a great place to live, though we could use some upgrades in restaurants, a Costco, and services, so we don't have to leave town. It seems like Apple Valley has been a progressive community with the development on Pilot Knob. It would be nice if we had that.
Slow down all of the new single family housing developments.
Lakeville is a great place to have a home, however Lakeville is falling behind cities like Apple Valley in all other amenities except healthcare buildings. There are a lot of tax dollars driving 15 minutes away for restaurants and family entertainment.
Get rid of the city administrator.
In my neighborhood we are trapped. Highly difficult to get out and see what's available in Lakeville.
We need more restaurants and places to shop.
No opinion.

There needs to be a traffic light at the crosswalk of Ipava 2nd 183rd street in front of Eastview Elementary. When crossing students and families have to go across eight lanes of traffic. Unacceptable! Especially with all the added traffic from the new housing developments.
THE ROAD SYSTEMS ARE USUALLY 8-10 YEARS BEHIND. TOO MANY DECISIONS ARE BASED ON DEVELOPMENT RIGHT BY A ROAD VS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE BEYOND THAT STRETCH BUT USE THAT ROAD.
(1) 1 yard waste recycling center. (2) More sidewalks on streets.
BIKE PATHS (safe ones - not the kind on the shoulder of a 55 mph road)
Traffic flow.
Control the pace of new housing developments so the city infrastructure, schools, and utilities can keep up.
Pay close att'n to city planning - eg + allowing an indoor storage building to be built directly in front of a residential apartment building - in certain case blocking the new and the aesthetics of the building off of 160th & 35w.
Parking - need more parking for downtown for bars & to eat. But parking on both sides of street on Holyoke is dangerous. Can't see when on side streets. Too much traffic downtown and stop signs on 210th St, & Holyoke before school starts & end of school times.
Our school & facility staff are over worked & over populated. The increase of housing needs to slow so the rest of our community can adjust. Our community needs to adjust & slow into a safe. Top education for the future families of Lakeville. Focus on keeping our city well maintained safe of crime & best education & Christian values.
More independent local businesses throughout.
Do not allow too much housing density.
Stop corporate greed.
More trails! Assist getting the new developments finished!!
More police presence prosecuting all crimes including fireworks all hours of the night in the summer
CITY LEADER LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE NOT STUFF IT DOWN OUR THROAT.
Offer a second spoken language in the high school. We are very disappointed in the removal of French. It is unacceptable that a school system this size offers only one spoken foreign language.
More restaurants, shops to Lakeville.
More police!
Keep education and our educators top of mind. Good schools are what attract people to the city.
More naturally preserved areas for hiking + walking.
Affordable housing, in more than one/few areas of the city.
Lower taxes.
Need to get back to some of the focused from before Covid. There is still no Adult volleyball league option, which was one of the main activities benefitting my Lakeville parks spend. It needs to return this fall.
MORE POLICE PRESENCE FOR SPEEDERS+PHONE USERS!! ENFORCE NOISE ORDINANCES! TOO MANY CARS / TRUCKS WITH LOAD MUSIC + EXHAUST!
Doing a good job.
Support the creation of white collar jobs residents can have to reduce the "bedroom city" that is being created.

More ways to get around like a bus line or some kind of transportation Uber is not always in people's budget and neither is a car.
Grocery store in downtown Lakeville more one level affordable homes for residents.
Lower the cost of living, property taxes, clear side walks at winter times.
Help the schools in creating responsible citizens that stay in the city and pay taxes to support the city in providing a livable environment for young/old & all races & religions expressions.
Fix our terrible streets.
Support small family businesses who are aligned with the US constitution and treat everyone the same regardless of their race and culture (who doesn't talk about diversity which only creates division), not big box stores who have ties to groups and activities I believe are morally and ethically wrong.
Continue to keep property taxes down.
I live in a new development where one builder is not fiscally responsible. Therefore I have one open basement hole that has sat open for over a year. This same builder has one home that is framed and has sat for a year without windows, siding & a truck parked in the gravel driveway. He started another house this spring & now is sitting for months.
Strong support of 2nd amendment so we can feel safe and protect ourselves. Eliminate wokeness in public schools. Lower taxes and spend less of our money on non-essential things. Improve water quality to prevent cancers.
more affordable housing
don't know
Provide more information on events & opportunities.
Improve transit range. Currently must drive to even reach one bus station... which defeats the purpose of transit at all.
Less high density housing development!!!
More opportunities for teen/tween. If they don't play a sport, very limited.
Cut down on new home for a while - too much growth - too fast.
Resurface the awful sections of Dodd from Lifetime to Hyvee. I want to use it, but it's not worth the frustration and wear and tear on my vehicle.
Stop giving the jobs to Lofflen and have a bid done on projects to keep our cost down to low bidder. This has been happening since we moved here in 2008. - The extra cost to tax payers is rediculas by playing to a favorite company or friend of board members. Keep education to normal subjects and keep the sex and LGBQ out of our schools! ee ents ri hts!
Stop cramming in as much new construction as possible! Lakeville is unrecognizable at this point, and we don't see any slow down.
Better layout of neighborhoods by including access to parks without using a rode.
Strengthen school system
Slow the growth or stop the growth of new homes; apartments & condos being built. Lakeville has grown to quickly in the last few years & will not have the infrastructure & school resources it needs. Too big of a community will have a reverse affect as families will move.
Everything it is good.
Traffic on major roads getting extremely heavy - limit home constructions for a while.
The post office should be bigger and have their own parking area.
Don't spend tax money on things that don't benefit the whole community.

Have more gym space & natural parks (ie. Ritter farm).
We live in a new home and neighborhood. I love the diversity of the neighborhood, but the little park has a tennis/pickleball court. I think it would have been best used as a cricket court.
Quit building so many damn houses! Better shopping vs. houses would be great. Handing out house permits like candy will turn out to be an infrastructure issue down the line. Feels like city says "more houses=higher tax". Lakeville is a "commuter" town, spend \$ & more \$ outside Lakeville. Taxes/fees has turned Lakeville into an Eden Prairie wanna be city!
More quality dining options (with patio options).
Cut down on the new development buildings, it's segregating to make Lakeville only for the affordable like Edina, Wayzata and the rest.
Not spend so much money that applies to special interest groups. Most seniors can't afford tax increases on their homes.
Emergency services should be available all the time - not "on call". (EMS).
Downtown really needs to improve needs more shopping!
MAKE SURE OUR ELECTIONS ARE NOT (FRAUDULENT VOTES) ID'S (PICTURES).
Improve post office.
Lakeville is growing so fast - pilot knob is awful! Love the parks and trails.
Lower the speed limits on busy streets.
More variety of fast food restaurant.
I moved to Lakeville (Minnesota State) very recently. Thus, I do not have enough knowledge of the social, economic, environmental, etc. situations of the town to make any comment. My apologies.
INFRASTRUCTURE - WE WILL HAVE MANY MORE RESIDENTS IN 10 YEARS, AND WE ARE NOT READY FROM AN INFRASTRUCTURE STANDPOINT.
Slow down housing.
Maintain green space & safe downtown.
Slow home development! It is also brining in less desired neighbors too. We are growing so big. CherryView is 910 kids more than one of the middle schools. If you continue to bring in all these homes you need to partner with the school board to make sure it is working.
More parks and rec places for activities! Will need with all these new houses.
I would like to see a community center - shocked when we moved here 5 years ago that there was not one. Not everyone can afford to belong to lifetime. It's a shame. No city pool??
Make it easier for retail businesses to be here (not more banks & gas stations & medical buildings); remember that government's purpose is to protect people - police, fire, etc. is most important.
Prioritize our natural resources - trees, clean lakes, gardening/farming areas.
City approval real state investors to build new homes but make the resident pay levy tax to build new schools. Investors should be paying since they are new ones that build those new homes.
Slow residential growth, your building schools but cant afford them? Stop building and then not being able to handle it. All the houses being built and all that tax money from them is still not enough?? Schools need to stop asking for more money and start to budget and stay within that budget!
Seek diverse perspectives whenever possible
keep the pan o prog festival and the police station open house.
When building homes, build one level homes!
I would love some adult sport leagues, such as soccer or ultimate frisbee.

We have only lived in Lakeville for a far month, and are currently living in a senior care unit.
Develop neighborhood and communities that have "excellent shopping food, clothing and services" that are is walking distance and safe easy walks. walking distance is less than a mile
The city is growing so fast and it seems like they are not keeping up with development of stores/restaurants/schools.
Provide better public transportation.
Slow down the building of new houses.
Overbuilding of houses.
food quality/availability - both eating out and grocery - far less quality/healthy options compared to areas closer to the metro and other outlying suburbs.
Stop building so many houses so close together in congested areas!!
It is heading in right direction... it can be improved by improving Commercial opportunity, and improve school education and provide more option to kids .
more police presence, speeds are rising in thoroughfares and neighborhoods. homeless kids sleeping in the park equipment.
More opportunities for residents to interact with city government, police and fire services.
Careful attention to road project timing.
If I were a policy-maker in Lakeville, I'd consider implementing what are called "Citizen Policy Juries" which are a means of providing useful citizen input on public issues. For further info, see: https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/the-wisdom-of-small-crowds-the-case-for-using-citizens-juries-to-shape-policy/
SLOW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION - ALLOW INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER NEEDS, SERVICES & COMMERCIAL TO CATCH UP.
safety & public transportation
Too many houses are being crammed into too small a space. The housing density is getting too high.
"Affordable" housing for senior citizen! ie one level housing.
We need more restaurants here.
better public transportation
Make the community less dependent on automobiles.
Improve publication of into about, HS plays & concerts for residents wo children in schools. We pay taxes to support schools and have no opportunity to see results. I know schools don't take out ads in life & times but I would like to know "good news" about students. Just "first name" or "XXX team" participated, or latest "3rd grade reading scores".
We appreciate the law & order / safety in our community and strongly want our law enforcement servants to feel strong continued support. Thanks.
Place a "moratorium" on high density housing! (Apartments).
Snow removal! I always get plowed in!!!! The direction of the plow could dump the snow away from any driveway!
Enforce Noise Ordinances (loud cars & trucks, motorcycles, loud music in cars) and littering Ordinances; Pause the expansion of housing developments .
MORE AFFORTABLE SENIOR HOUSING.
Don't make Lakeville too big and so spread out.

Lakeville grew too fast, lost the small town effect, on which I come here by, taxes too high, can't access town during special, events, hard for handicap to get ground and park.
neighborhoods with houses further apart and more affordable
Fix the traffic issues - there are several areas that are dangerous to turn left across major roads, especially near schools. There is little enforcement of speeding in those areas. I saw it daily at my child's elementary school, near ball parks, LifeTime, and other areas. With the amount of traffic and new homes in the area, there needs to be more safety enforcement. I see people using cell phones when driving all the time. There should be more community awareness of what is actually happening on the roads (x number of accidents involving speeding, cell phone usage, etc.). It feels dangerous to drive or walk along the streets Lakeville (not downtown).
Continue to monitor fire/police services as the city continues to rapidly grow.
Substantially limit high density housing projects. Example: The area east and west of Cedar Ave (south of Dodd Blvd) has too much high density housing!
Reduce the number of new high density housing. This creates way too much traffic both on the roads and in the stores.
Become less polarized
I just really have no idea what is going on in the city as far as the government direction.
Alert my phone when any disaster takes place in schools, lock down message.
Lower speed limits, especially along 170th St. east of Pilot Knob Road and on 160th St. They should be lowered to 45 mph!
Slow the growth for awhile -
Projecting growth, quality of life with now in mind, but also keeping the future in mind.
Have rent control for 55 + senior housing.
Creating a better option on 160th Street Eastbound by the HyVee shopping area and between Spirit and Cobblestone. There have been multiple accidents and fatalities. This may be a Dakota County or State job but if the City of Lakeville joined forces then maybe a better option (round about or traffic light) would gain some momentum.
Lower speed limits noise reduction.
More fast food.
Slow down the building of houses.
Replace old narrow country-type roads with wider, safer roads, including bike paths on roadsides.
More affordable single family or duplex housing. For many large 500-600 thousand dollar houses.
Help with crime in areas that need it.
Provide more opportunities for senior citizens. Sr. center is only activity. No emphasis for seniors on programs of significance. No investment. Achieved senior center by senior volunteers and "on the cheap". No focus for senior needs as people other than an occasional function!
I am shocked and so saddened to see that every square inch of Lakeville is being used for housing. I see no interest in preserving or growing any trees or designation of any areas for natural habitat. All I see is cramped housing being built and wonder how these two lane roads will ever support them. It is really too late to be asking these questions as all the houses/units have been built, but how did you as city planners let this happen? There is nothing but housing. And I see from your questions above that we leave Lakeville for every purchase or dining or entertainment. There is little here but housing and we rely on neighboring cities for the rest. I see no identity for this city beyond inflated importance of high school sports.

More weight from existing residents over zoning, planning and street maintenance. Surface water billing and management is a complete joke.....
find more avenues for communication
Give back senior discount for water & sewer most of us are on S.S. and need help.
pave the roads
Make it seem like more of a community.
Minimize low income housing projects
Focus on ways to counteract the "elitist" attitude in the community.
I'd like to see the Council supportive of affordable housing and not just the \$500,000+ houses. Residents in the Lakeville FB page complain that the city doesn't have certain restaurants or retail stores but I bet most of the employees of those businesses can't afford to live in Lakeville, which seems like a reason for the businesses not to locate here.
lots of houses going up make sure you add more parks with more housing
More Community events. Road Improvements, our road is too narrow.
Change tax structure so new residents are paying more for the increased cost of education. Existing residents shouldn't have to keep paying increased taxes for the education they created and new residents want to move here and take advantage of.
I would like for our city to build a more diverse commercial base. In my opinion, too much of our community's tax burden is dependent upon residential property taxes. I would also like the city to develop additional high-speed internet alternatives.
Traffic flow is a huge concern for me. Since moving to Lakeville a few months ago, I have observed some VERY aggressive drivers who speed, tailgate while speeding (even though I am in the right lane with my cruise control on 1-2 miles over the speed limit) and cars with extremely loud mufflers that are having a huge impact on my quality of life. I hear cars, and recently, loud motorcycles, racing up and down the streets. At times, the decibel level far exceeds what would be considered normal for residential neighborhoods. I am very concerned about how noise is regulated in residential Lakeville, especially after 9 or 10 PM. I feel like it is getting worse as more development occurs. I am referring to Cedar Avenue in specific but also other major thoroughfares like 202nd St., Kenwood Trail, Dodd Blvd, Holyoke, etc. 1. I would like to see the city regulate the lights at 202nd and Cedar between 10PM and 5AM (or hours somewhere in between) to a flashing yellow on Cedar and flashing red on 202nd. This would help alleviate the loud noise every time a semi or other loud truck pulls off northbound or southbound on Cedar once the light turns green. 2. I would like to see a decibel study done at this same intersection. Thank you for allowing me to share.
Bring in more businesses to provide for Lakeville residents (shopping, restaurants, home improvement etc) and to help pay for tax base.
Need to provide some community recreational INDOOR facilities. The only facilities the City has invested in are ice arenas. All other facilities are tied to the school district. Lifetime Fitness is not a city sponsored community based center. 6 months of the year the residents can't utilize a majority of the city's park and recreational facilities due to the weather.
Creating opportunities for people new to the area to meet their neighbors or others in the community. MN has a reputation for not being welcoming to newcomers and we've felt this. We have no family in Lakeville and have not found our neighbors or parents at schools interested in creating new friendships.
FOCUS ON TRAFFIC CONTROL / QUALITY STREETS / ADEQUATE LANES. TOO MANY CARS, ESPECIALLY DODD BLVD - FEELS UNSAFE.

POOR PLANNING ON NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGES IN EXISTING ROADS! (DODD AVE).
Create opportunities to improve diversity. Lakeville seems very white, very Christian.
Focus on diversifying the tax base. (Light industry, commercial, corporate headquarters, data centers, etc.) Get what Eagan has...
Communication. If you don't get the local paper, you don't find out anything in a timely manner.
PROPERTY TAXES ARE HIGH. FISCAL PRUDENCE IS CRITICAL TO LAKEVILLE'S SUCCESS.
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Give a city rebate to home owners.
Lakeville needs more dining choices and other businesses and less apartments especially government subsidized housing.
Continue to upgrade downtown...building facade improvements and more dining options.
NO MORE DENTAL OR HEALTH CARE OFFICES.
Not to send out this survey what a waste of money!
Education walker's and bicyclist about the paths that are made for them so they don't need to be on the roads which is a issue with me because I leave at 5:00 a.m. and come across walkers in the middle of the road sometimes to three people wide and just don't simply move out of the way along with bicyclists now being traffic laws and have no sense of safety when it comes to automobiles on the road in the neighborhoods
public recycling yard waste drop off
Clean and fix the bike paths
More healthy dining options. Less of the same exact thing over and over... I.e. Taco Bell, McDonald's, Starbucks. A Whole Foods or co-op option for grocery shopping.
Bring in food/shopping options that people continue to choose to go to Apple Valley or Burnsville for. Keep improving the downtown Lakeville atmosphere.
Land development - becoming overcrowded.
Make AR-15's illegal in the state of Minn. People as a whole are an important community resource. Youngsters are our future. Stop the banning of books. Educate our children without the fear of being shot in public places. Illiteracy is a disease with a negative impact on adult life. Thank you.
Wehn doing road projects, contractors need to work on restoring boulevard, lawns, etc. to what they looked like before. not what mine looks like.
Improved infrastructure planning, especially with all the new,large housing developments.
Bringing about public transportation to get to the "cities" - other areas of the metro and even in Lakeville proper.
More single level retirement homes
n/a
slow down development and keep up infrastructure
more businesses (not just manufacturing) and more stuff in general in South Lakeville
Focus on attracting new businesses to offset our property taxes that go up every year. This will understandably be difficult being the anti - business climate of the state of MN. Neighboring states are much more attractive to start and/or operate a business in.
Improve snow removal on paths along Flagstaff Ave during the winter. These paths are often covered after the road is cleared and unwalkable. This also leads to snow mobiles using these paths heading south from the neighborhood. Quite frustrating for walkers.
I am 89. Ask someone else!

We need better restaurants and shopping. We have too many Cubs fast food and auto part stores. Encourage small businesses to move in downtown. I miss Erickson's Dime store. We need more stores like that downtown.
More attention to Orchard Lake as you do for our other lakes. Taxes are extremely high on lake. No maintenance you're taxing me out of my house of 54 years.
Not sure
Road repairs!:))
Limit your role to essentials, small govt' is best.
Dining options like Apple Valley has! A Hy-Vee close to Super Target on I35
Improve the Hwy 50/I55 interchange as soon as possible currently unsafe.
More opportunities to make seniors welcome.
Keep.including everyone's perspective
LESS multi family housing. There are way too many multi family units. Need to see more single family detached homes.
Make sure they don't grow too fast or they're gonna price some of us older people right out of the neighborhood with taxes.
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To make efforts in making Lakeville feel more divers.... more culture.... and more ethnicity.... Lakeville does not have the feeling of diversity in. Lakeville need to grow in multi cultural, ethnicity diversity.
Lower their property taxes.
Don't know.
Create zoning for more commercial development in Lakeville. There are no stores here. If I want to buy stuff I have to go to Apple Valley. Too much of the land is being used to build housing. There is no office supply store or electronics store.
Keep downtown vibrant.
Increasing access to bike lanes / wider shoulders
New developments need large parks and better access to local businesses.
The police don't do much on the crime prevention in our neighborhood.
Greater police monitoring of the streets in the late evening and night for drag racing, high speed car and motorcycle driving that is very loud and dangerous, creating black rubber donut tire marks in intersections, etc. Greater awareness of Lakeville South high school marching band and color guard who have won the past 2 state championships rather than focusing all attention and money on the major sports like football, basketball, baseball, etc. School board should provide more funding towards band and color guard and not just the high profile sports, and should also reduce funding of high profile sports to even the playing field for other school activities like band, theater, etc.
DO NOT BE ANOTHER BURNSVILLE.
Build more restaurants, stores, and a Costco!
Strengthen the message to the community about conservation and waste reduction. Use less water, electricity, be mindful of what goes into the sewer and storm sewer, recycle, buy products with less packaging - use less natural resource.
More commerce
Encourage development and make everything more accessible. Focus on the people that we want to be the next generation of the community.

Meter residential growth to assure schools don't get overcrowded
Think about safety for kids and adults crossing major or busy roads (Ipava, Dodd, Highview, Holyoke). VERY hard for people to safely and confidently get around with all the roundabouts and the FAST speed limits. My children are finally old enough to go exploring farther from home to local parks and now the detour on 190th makes me want them to NOT explore. Traffic is too frequent and too fast! SO HARD to get out of our neighborhood. All the one way turns on Dodd have made it very hard to drop kids off at CMS and LNHS. We chose Lakeville over our former city of Apple Valley, because AV was too congested. now LV is getting to congested. We might as well be living in CA, again!
More businesses and less new housing, shamefully most families work outside the area. Lakeville has to become sustainable or family's will relocate for opportunities and less commute time. We have to build loyalty for retention!!!
MORE FAMILY DINING.
Better promotion of diversity. Lakeville is in nature almost all caucasian while our neighbor Apple Valley seems very diverse. Can see it in the highschools. There seems to be a disconnect here.
Bring in large businesses to offset the tax base for our community. There is plenty of room to build, then we can stop building so many housing developments. Really beginning to miss the open space where cookie cutter developments are now going.
Street planning when new developments are built. All of the MAIN roads should be four lane and upgraded. Highview avenue for example. Also curious why the senior discount was discontinued on the sewer water bills.
More investment in public education versus private.
Do all possible to influence schools to teach life skills rather social manipulation.
Community aquatic park
More indoor gym space for local youth associations and hosting large events
Ensure resident services - parks, police, fire keep up with population levels.
Answer phone messages in a timely manner, and take action i.e: tree trimming
Better follow-up to resident issues related to builders and the land they develop and build on. Builders seem to control the city offices and related departments. Residents need a line of communication to city departments.
Better Restaurant options
Be more transparent and fixally responsible.
Get better public transportation for those who do not drive,
Support police, first responders, help of the aged.
Add better family restaurants or bars and slow the growth of housing
Preserve open space more pickleball courts.
Encourage more "think tank" type businesses (computer software firms, etc.) to locate in Lakeville (too many warehouses, need real businesses).
More sidewalks to walk. It is very dangerous to walk on the streets because the cars go too fast. We have tons of people walking their dogs, taking walks and kids riding bikes. It is very dangerous to be on the street. This is a simple thing that would increase public interactions increase a sense of community and keep residents healthy. I also think it would be a popular thing with city dwellers.
Do a better job maintaining the water levels in ponds and restoring native plants around ponds. Also allow residents to plant trees and bushes around pond perimeters.
Need better spending of taxes.

Good
lower cost of restaurants/bars/entertainment.
The City could make all members of the community feel welcome, by not promoting one group over another. Once one group is placed in the lime light or given concessions over another, then you place your self in the position of offending others; be fair and treat everyone "as if" they are the CEO. We need students/workers/citizens in all areas to make society function, everyone is important. Thanking/acknowledging students/workers/everyday citizens for their contributions/acts of kindness is a great way to promote community and make everyone feel welcome.
You are putting way to many homes/apartments in, and the homes are on tiny lots with very little setback on the sides between homes. Looks nasty, example all the homes across from Lakeville North High School. They are all sitting on top of each other.
Ticket speeders and loud vehicles on busy roads like Ipava!
We don't need to become a huge community, we like the space that the farm land provides and keeps us a hidden gem. We don't want to become a metropolis of a community and lose that close nit comfort. Going big is not for everyone!!
More Retail options. Also a bid for Top Golf!
Crime reduction.
School board transparency.
We are growing rapidly and now have new elementary school being built to keep up with demand but teacher budget had 7 million dollar shortfall. Concerning.
We find that the school/city line difference is very challenging. Living in the city of Lakeville but being designated to Farmington schools very challenging to foster a sense of community. It feels like we are outsiders in both areas.
I really don't know.
Fiscal responsibility. Being retired on a fixed income, it is essential to keep costs as low as possible for me to stay in Lakeville. Property taxes consume a significant portion of my income (it is my highest annual cost). This also applies to services as well. As an example, there was a recent change to require garbage services to pick up recycling weekly instead of bi-weekly. This raised the cost of the service but did absolutely nothing to increase my level of recycling, which was already high. Did this change actually improve the amount of recycling or did it just increase the cost to consumers and the environment by requiring more trucks, etc.?
Don't know.
stop the housing growth
Slow down on the building of homes, need more businesses to drive competition.
too much building.... growing way too fast
Slow down housing construction until schools and infrastructure can catch up/keep up.
Consider more than the obvious interest in selling/building as many homes as possible and instead focus on the city offering more than just a neighborhood and a home to people. Lakeville has created a "bedroom community" where we live-sleep, but go everywhere else to get what we need to run/operate our lives. The insistence in having our own liquor stores at the expense of limiting outside retailers is a great example of this.
If additional fast-paced growth is going to continue, holistic planning - roads, green spaces, schools, businesses is essential.
Support the opening of a public pool and a more affordable fitness center.

Keep education K-12 a high priority
I don't know.
Slow down development
Allow Comcast to provide services in Lakeville
Affordable housing. All I see when driving (and I may not be seeing everything) are new homes / developments with large (\$\$) homes. Housing and Economic Development go "Hand-in-Hand".
NA
more retail shopping options
better utilization of current schools and be more aggressive at controlling expenses
Help north Lakeville residents feel more connected to the community. Those of us in the Triangle near APVY RSMT.
Better traffic control (entry and exit) from residential areas onto busy roads and streets. The road infrastructure is lagging behind the residential development too much. The roads are becoming very busy, congested, and unsafe.
Improve electronic communications and abilities such as fiber optics, etc
install fiber optic
Better communication around Community events
Relegated to a back corner of Lakeville with Farmington schools and mail addresses we do not really feel Lakeville wants anything to do with us. Appreciate the police driving through once every few months.
More parks for kids, less racist community members
I am unfamiliar with the overall direction Lakeville is taking. I live on the border with another municipality and spend more time in that city. Lakeville has a reputation for being hostile toward those who are different. I fall into a category of being different. I only live in this city because I couldn't afford to live in Eagan.
Improving support of the North East corner of Lakeville as a community. I have lived in this Bermuda Triangle for 30 years and still feel like a step child. Welcome to the community but disconnected from Lakeville. Our streets were replaced last year and they did a bad job reseeding areas across the neighborhood. I doubt downtown Lakeville cares or will follow up. After we are a Farmington address in Lakeville. This drives me further away from your sense of community. This entire triangle does not really belong to Lakeville and often misses communication from the city.
Slow down on building new houses that overwhelm the current schools in the district
Acknowledge all peoples living here.
Like the way its
Do something about curbing the high volume of traffic on County Rd. 5 from 160th thru swamp area and past Kingsley Shores area. Drive way too fast. We have a lot of people out walking and a lot of wildlife. Remember, the wildlife was here first.
Small businesses
Taxes are really high, hard to be an affordable community
Better communication
No opinion
I rarely walk around near my home in downtown Lakeville because the sidewalks are in such terrible condition & I have a constant fear of falling. To me this is equally important to pothole repair in the streets.

Be very careful about growth.
Care about and provide additional resources for residents with lower incomes, ie single parents, the elderly, people of color and diverse ethnic groups. How wonderful would it have been to include lower income housing in the Avonlea addition which is near public transportation and in walking distance of grocery shopping.
Lakeville is growing quickly. Take care that community natural resources are treated as assets, or even renewed, as a part of community development. Don't become just another suburb with miles of houses and businesses but few trees/natural areas.
Enforce parking restrictions. Right now, it's just lip service.
I think Lakeville is doing a pretty darn good job with how quickly they are growing. It has to be tough to manage. I would like to know more about ways I can help my community via outreach and volunteer options.
Better/more shopping alternatives. Similar to what Eagan did with the Promenade.
street repair and safety
Stop votes to increase taxes. Growth is tremendous, city should have plenty of money, so live within city's means. Consider regular single family homes in less expensive price range - not subsidized.
Lowering the cost of housing
More police presents
Hire many more police officers to conduct routine patrols and traffic enforcement; provide a safe secure community free of all criminals.
Be careful with growth in relation to what the infrastructure can accommodate.
Connection with Lakeville Education planning. It appears the two organizations aren't working together effectively. In addition, too many homes are being built without commercial and industrial support. Lakeville is a bedroom community to the larger metro. People live here but don't work and invest in the community. We've been here 9 years and are worried about the direction of the city and educational system that would keep families here.
More parks like Steve Michaud, park with a splash pad, more walking trails/sidewalks.
I still cannot believe that to upgrade a park (Antlers) it was necessary to cut down most of the trees. You could have worked around the existing trees. So sad to drive by there.
Not sure
N/A
The road planning is always way behind the move in curve. Present roads are packed before something is done to change it.
End the development of multi-family structures. Cease bus routes other than park and ride to and from Lakeville
follow the ordinances in place. Overnight street parking when restricted, snowmobile use where not allowed. neighbor shouldn't have to call to report neighbor.
Reduce litter/garbage on public property
Flow of traffic down Dodd and pilot knob
Improving (slowing) residential growth and how the previous/current rapid growth to date has impacted the overall tax burden on residents
Maintain the feel of downtown Lakeville, provide more restaurants in all areas of Lakeville and don't over develop the area. We have been in 5 yrs and the amount of congestion due to population all over is frustrating.

Consider the aging active adult needs
Stronger higher education and business growth partnerships
Bus transportation
More Water parks and Community Centers for Kids
Stop holding out for "mom and pop" dining and other businesses! Neighboring cities are blowing past Lakeville because you all are holding out for "non-chain" businesses. Absolutely ZERO reason Lakeville can't have a business district like Cobblestone Lake in Apple Valley or Central Park Commons in Eagan. It's emb
Increase opportunities in Lakeville in terms of shopping and restaurants; we primarily go to Apple Valley for our needs, as well as Eagan (Trader Joe's) and Burnsville (Costco). Also feel that neighborhoods could use better traffic control, lowering speed limits to 20mph and adding additional stop signs. Avonlea neighborhood in particular; people are flying down the streets and there are so many little kids.
attract more restaurants to the area
don't try to be everything to everyone at the expense of the current residents. Don't try to force things just because there is open space and a need. build things so they flow together vs patchwork.
Allow Grocery stores to sell Liquor
I live on the fringe of Lakeville and spend most of my time in either Apple Valley or Rosemount and don't interact in Lakeville activities much.
Making new build housing affordable so everyone has the opportunity to grow and see success in their life instead of watching the houses being built and knowing your kids will never get to experience what those families get to
more restaurants and shopping
Prevent the desire to be socially aware and progressive from getting in the way of what's best for Lakeville.
STOP TAKING AWAY MONEY FROM THE SCHOOLS - MAKING THE CHILDREN WALK WITHIN A 2 MILE RADIUS IS INSANE. 1/2 mile at most. 2 miles in the winter is just dangerous.
Communicate proactively with residents across different mediums, not passively. If you want our time and attention, give us yours. We should t have to come to you all the time to find information or to see what is rumor vs. fact.
We haven't lived in the area long enough to know what overall direction Lakeville is taking; we're not familiar enough with the local government to make an informed statement.
communication, email, flyer, social media
Focus on shopping and eating locally!
Make sure roads can handle the residential and commercial growth and ensure there are affordable houses to purchase for all.
Indoor playground for children
Enforce City code related to wetland / natural area / water quality preservation in neighborhoods and the City generally.
Keep us informed about what our taxes are going towards, since they keep increasing and we don't know why.
Provide public transport -- buses to nearby cities, downtown and MOA
Keep the trees rather than allowing develops to clear cut them all down.
Build more affordable housing.

Limit the number of new town homes and apartment buildings
Putting in businesses that are attractive on the 35W/50 exit and 35W/70 exit - more upscale options. Would like to see a Trader Joes and healthier options
Diversify businesses in the area. Lakeville should allow businesses like Trader Joe's in. I still wonder why Dino's was replaced with McDonald's and why Kowalski's closed, for example.
Rein in school spending.
Collaborate with neighboring communities about traffic issues. As in, Lakeville's rapid growth affects everyone downline in each direction.
Better bike paths. Many are in terrible shape.
Don't know
Unsure of the direction Lakeville is going
Mayor Luke is awesome! Minsu(Meenakshi Sundaram)
Less apartment buildings
Ensure roads and infrastructure can handle population and business development before it begins.
Support North and South Lakeville equally. Support the residents of new housing developments with more varied retail and restaurant options - particularly in S. Lakeville. Stop allowing huge warehouse businesses on county road 70 near LSHS. They are creating noise and light pollution and unsafe driving conditions.
Lower the speed limit on holyoke avenue from Dodd Blvd south to the Heritage Center. That stretch of road has been built up with many houses over the past few years that have alot of young families in them. However, the speed limit remains 55 which is very dangerous not only for people trying to walk across the road but also people trying to pull onto holyoke from those communities. With the additional population in the area there is much more traffic which makes the higher speed that much more inappropriate. Turning out of All Saints is also very challenging because of how fast people are driving.
Downtown has gotten so much better. Still a long way to go, though. There's so many houses here, it's important to have a stronger business community... and I just don't see that; downtown or elsewhere.
Lakeville has done many things really well, but over the last ten years I feel like the new residential developments have negatively changed the character of the city. I fear that our beautiful city will not age well at all if we continue on that same course. We are building more and more densely built developments that are noticeably much cheaper quality and in the process wiping out all of the beautiful open spaces and nature that make our city attractive and a great place to live. As a resident of over 20 years I've seen first hand time after time beautiful wooded land and open space cleared out, built up, and then the things that were cheaply constructed already deteriorating. I'm not sure at what level it was decided that we HAVE to build out every square foot of available space, but if we really get to 90,000 or so residents then we need to double or triple our work to preserve EVEN MORE OPEN SPACE. More parks, more trails, and possibly preserving a nice chunk of land on the east side similar in size to Ritter Farm. We also need higher quality construction that will still look good after 50 years, not falling apart after ten. Lakeville will continue to change going forward, but please please do whatever you can to not destroy every last bit of nature and open space in the process. Thank you!
When a home is purchased here, include all the services and opportunities that is offered here.It could be a welcoming package with contacts, coupons and places of interests.As Lakeville grows maybe it can have its own local channel ,if there is not one already. Inform the community what is going on and spread the news.

Dismiss the notion that public transportation will ease the congestion of all of the new residential construction. Instead, scale back number of new units to match existing roadways, and/or add new roads and lanes to accommodate the growth.
diversity and inclusion
Be more diligent with homes that do not take care of their property. Overgrown grass, dead cars left in driveway. Hold people accountable for their property and take pride in their homestead. It only betters the neighborhood.
Attract more entertainment type businesses
Actively recruit businesses residents want and need. More mix of businesses that are within walking distance of housing.
Less section eight housing.
Provide more opportunities for people to socialize and get to know each other.
I am worried about the city growing too fast. I like that Lakeville feels like a small country town.
As we continue to grow, finding ways that extend to all residents.
Stop building high density housing, the apartment buildings. Please actually listen to your residents , we don't want this, many of us in our community our preparing to leave as we feel out city does not listen to us. We don't want apartments, we don't want crime, apartments bring crime, if not immediately years down the road. The return on investment is poor, the city does not listen to the residents, and chooses its own direction. Please listen to the residents. We liked lakeville that is was almost all homes, not apartments, it's what makes it different than burnsville.
the schools need to reflect the community, not special interestes.
Quit taking away our inter neighborhood green spaces! We see the sad effects it's having on the local wildlife; they need places to live too! There are more dead animals on the side of the road. It's not fair to them. We don't need any more new neighborhoods.
Make sure housing developments keep areas of green space to compensate for the lost habitat
Lower speed limits on local roads, provide more/better pedestrian crossings, and prioritize pedestrians and bicyclists over cars in all residential and commercial areas.
Be careful as we move along
Encourage more community building within the local government - I feel like the candidates are getting too polarized either democrat or republican. Let us be One Lakeville and work with each other.
Honest use of taxes , safety and low crime
Publish a grand plan for the residential development with general timing (when will Lakeville residential land be fully developed).
stop raising property taxes of "older" lakeville homes when new building should be covering the cost of all the newly needed utilities, more schools, etc., etc. really tired of paying for everyone else's needs when people are retired and trying to survive on a fixed income.
keep city cleanup efforts in forefront. Continue to promote recycling. Bring your own bag, recycle bottles/cans for a refund.
Develop better road systems to handle the increased traffic flows resulting from all the new residential and commercial development.
Stay on top of crime. Do not allow gangs to take up here.
Improving the traffic signals and speed limits. Theres far too many unsafe intersections.

Control excess spending by the school system. The one issue I have living in Lakeville is the extreme tax increases on a yearly basis due to school measures that are voted on. It impacts peoples ability to retire confidently in a community.

Creating a far more educationally inclusive environment for children, and adults with special needs. My family, and other family's in my neighborhood open enrolled our special needs child/children into other school districts. There should be absolutely no reason for this. Lakeville is big enough to support their special needs community within our own schools. Our Lakeville Education Leaders NEED to fix this. Our special needs children should never be sent to another city because of the way Lakeville operates their special education. If I were to keep my child in Lakeville schools she would have been sent by bus to Inver Grove Heights. That is unacceptable. Our special needs children should be able to go to their local school with the full confidence that they will be supported. Shameful.

Do not make the same mistake made in the early 90's!! Too much development and not enough planning roads, schools etc...

Safety -focus is on removing drug dealers, etc, and theft in parks, homes, cars, stores and work places.