

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?

Bring in diverse restaurant options; make sure there are services to address the huge increase in population growth. Make sure streets are safe and lots of ways to walk and bike.

More shopping and dining opportunities

We need more shopping downtown, more upscale restaurants, less fast food places. More affordable Senior living places that are not 3 stage like Estoria but not as expensive and build enough roads to handle all the new housing. Downtown parking.

Increased cultural celebrations to increase awareness and inclusion. This is for the School District but affects Lakeville residents: Parent education around school drills (e.g. what should we do if we're in a school and an incident occurs)

Creating a more safe and inclusive space for diverse populations.

Better budget plan within our schools to avoid shortages and asking for more money.

Cease to host gun shows, provide the weekly Lakeville Sun to every household, free, and regularly print and reprint adopted ordinances to encourage good neighbor behavior. Become familiar with The Blue Zone Project as implemented in Albert Lea. Provide plastic bag recycling pick up and free internet. How about a community pool (not Lifetime)? How about a nice, modern community center for a community of 70,000 people? This is federal but when will we get a new post office? Always include a way to disseminate information other than social media.

Make the city welcoming to everyone, not just people in cars. Make sure that all new development will increase the economic position the city is in. Also stop calling our roads and streets assets in our financial plan, we don't make money from the streets but the houses and businesses. In the long term roads are a liability not a asset.

Way too many houses being built and not enough community spaces. Not enough shopping, food or grocery options. Schools way over crowded.

slow down residential building. Pause even. So much growth in a short period of time.

Parks and sidewalks

Stay out of "Woke" politics and forcing diversity, versus letting it happen naturally

More restaurants and attractions to get visitors to exit I-35 and local residences to remain in town.

Increase the variety of restaurants and shopping in lakeville. Especially, downtown Lakeville.

City needs to prioritize green spaces, not parks per se, but open areas where no development can occur. Natural prairies or existing farmland is part of our charm.

Focus on business tax income, not residential. Stop zoning residential and allowing more families than we have capacity or funding for schools.

More restaurant and shopping options would be nice

Try to remain safe community for starting families and older retiring mixture. Promote good schools for growing families that want to stay in the community.
Stop building so many homes. Part time f the reason we moved to Lakeville is because it was so open and beautiful...now it just a sea of homes. All the land is gone! So sad to see every open space is being taken.
Stop allowing rental companies to purchase residential homes turning them into rental nightmares
Slow cookie cutter housing project growth with better consideration of green space and ecosystem.
Lakeville lags behind our neighbors to the north in terms of community building and information dissemination. We could use additional resources allocated towards the goal of updating our community engagement/information services to provide more modern (social media and internet based) communications. Our elected officials would do well to stress the welcoming aspect of our community and reach out to the community for input in this regard.
Slow down
Stop cutting down our Park trees. Try to preserve our natural resources. Invest in some public transportation outlets. Be more transparent about community issues & better communication between our local government and residents. Don't just ignore our letters; actually send non-automated responses back.
stop building so many houses. Infrastructure isn't in place, Schools, roads, businesses. Why can't we see more businesses, we need to go to AV to enjoy many activities / shopping. Every block of land is packed full of houses. When a business comes in, it's healthcare, auto parts, church or daycare. Why can't we get good sports bars outside of downtown. Taxes are also getting out of control.
Treat everyone the same. Doesn't happen now. From police to city hall. You all like your better than others.
Add more shopping centers and restaurants closer to the downtown area/ south of 185th
We have an aging community who may not be driving/some may want to talk. The traffic on our city and county roads travel at WAY too fast of a rate. Land bridges/walk ways over the county roads would be nice as well as additional speed limitations in residential areas
Full time fire and faster EMS response
Improve mail services-especially around the holidays
Stop using our green spaces to build more houses
Follow the footsteps of the city of Woodbury
Give the employees of Airlake affordable and time manageable places to eat
Expand opportunities for input from the community on local decisions. Move away from the "good old boys" decision making.
Lower taxes
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As a community, we need to be better about welcoming and retaining families of diverse backgrounds.

Recognizing and celebrating the diversity arriving. Enthusiastically welcome and support our LGBTQ friends and the BIPOC community. Lakeville is currently seen as unsafe for these communities.
Stopping building houses that are exorbitantly expensive and focus on re-charging existing communities
Limit housing development until roads can handle increased volume
We need a Post office , it is pathetic what we have for growth here in Lakeville and You cant even fit 5 people in the Post Office. Downtown Lakeville is kind of out of room for growth, that will bring Shoppers to downtown, Not much for Shops and no clothing shops downtown, But then there is no room, which is too bad
Find a way to reach out to all.
We need an updated central area, if you look at surrounding cities like Apple valley, eagan, Burnsville, they all have central areas with plenty of shopping and dining (especially eagan, promenade, town center outlet mall and the new central park commonsid like to spend my money In my city rather than always going to AV or Burnsville, there is only 2 places in lakeville to buy mens shirts, wal mart and target. I would also like a rec area like Shakopee community center with a water park, indoor park, gym.
Attract business to come here and open. I tend to travel to Apple Valley and Burnsville to do my shopping. Lakeville has missed the mark. significantly in the 17 years I have lived here.
More retail and crestsurants
STOOOPPPPPPP BUILDING HOUSES! Everyone says it's too much and it is unsustainable. It's crowding everything and DESTROYING the sense of community. I mean DESTROYING it. The schools are so over crowded and we keep shoveling more people in. The town is an absolute laughing stock to other communities.
Performance reviews like private industry
Increase local fast food and sit down restaurants in lakeville. Other options for healthier groceries.
Create social media group to share information and events
Use better more dense crack sealer on trails AND expand mountain bike trails into Ritter Farm Park
Make Lakeville look nice, — our roads, parks, and green spaces are full of weeds, look ran down/uncared for and present Lakeville as an old rural community versus a Woodbury, Eden Prairie or Minnetonka — there is zero comparison from the look and feel of our schools, our parks, our sport fields or our roads / boulevards to even our minimal retail locations and their parking lots — we look like we took what we got, not like we planned a welcoming community!
Invest in and protect natural areas
Increase the number of our police officers.
Ensure the new houses being built can be properly accommodate by the school district. Require builders to pay stipend into the school district in order to build.
Attract quality and diverse employment with wages consistent with the current standard of living within Lakeville.
Stop building so many houses!

Affordable housing. Full time fire department
Work on maintaining and improving current parks and trails before adding more.
No more apartments
Diversity,Equity, Inclusion...Follow the lead of Burnsville
Give people a reason to visit Lakeville. We have a billion houses and a couple restaurants downtown. Mostly we end up in Apple Valley even though we try hard to spend our money in our city. Any time a beloved restaurant for our family opens a new location, it's in Woodbury or Maple Grove. There is no reason we should not be viable options too.
Bring in more variety of dining and shopping outside of downtown.
Keep renovating the downtown area and city parks, through businesses and individuals
Bike and walking paths
Slow the growth in the immediate downtown and focus on the corner of dodd and 50. Clean it up
Building a better transportation infrastructure before allowing builders to build hundreds of homes in an area. Putting a turn lane here or there doesn't cut it. Neglecting upgrades to major intersections prior to homes being built seems shortsighted.
Embrace being a green step city. This type of behavior is very important for the younger generations.
Be more inclusive of diversity and those young families who are moving into Lakeville. It is white personal centric and only focused on appeasing Christian white men. There is no value shown to diversity and downtown is full of staring racists. Remove Babes bar that is full of hateful angry people. Lakeville is full of angry people who are not inclusive...starts with how the Mayor treats people.
Create a safe, affordable space for teens to hang out
Improve engagement with neighborhoods on the borders of the city limits. We live in lakeville technically, but being in 196 and attending AV schools we feel more like AV residents.
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
As Lakeville grows and diversifies, city leaders need to model being more inclusive of all residents. We frequently eat dinner downtown but I rarely see a person of color or someone from a diverse ethnic background there. The diversity is evident at the parks and schools, but not the downtown area or city businesses. The city is missing out not only on the sense of community/belonging but also on the economic benefits of our growth because people go elsewhere for ethnic foods and cultural activities.
Improve overall resident engagement in city operations and decision-making. Not sure how to achieve this, but it would make a big difference in the sense of inclusion and alignment of the city with resident needs and wants.
No more large apartment complexes or large-scale distribution centers
N/A
More diverse shopping/dining other than just box stores
Create greater inclusivity
Curb side cleanup day like every other city has.

It is my hope and desire that Lakeville's staff and leaders continue to take a more concerted effort to truly welcome and embrace new and varied ideas/perspectives from its residents, and that future City policies and strategies are indicative of this imperative with long-term scale in mind. As Lakeville grows and evolves, and as demographics continue to change, it is my hope that all City staff, leaders and elected officials actively reach out and embrace those who may not share long-standing opinions and/or those who represent a variety of traditions or perspectives outside of the "standards" that have traditionally been associated with Lakeville (e.g., White; Christian; men in leadership positions). Lakeville would benefit from strong leadership in the areas of belonging, inclusion and equity. While I've observed intentions discussed by the City and embraced by some City Councilmembers over the past two years (with some short-term initiatives occurring as a result), I have yet to see robust, long-term strategies established with adequate resources assigned. The safety and well-being of our residents is deserving of and dependent upon strong leadership and action in these areas. One thing the City could consider is establishing associated policy/declarations of support that would be clearly and publicly posted to their website, while simultaneously building long-term, dedicated strategies with long-term goals, accountability measures, and resources that would serve to uphold and support. Consistently and meaningfully weaving inclusive language and tactics into the Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities of Envision Lakeville and associated City policies and activities is also imperative as Lakeville continues to grow and evolve. This type of clear action could help to build trust with those who may not feel that they are seen, heard, represented or valued in our community. Thank you for considering these thoughts and ideas.

We have enough medical buildings and don't need any more. Please update zoning or approvals to provide more opportunities for dining and shopping. It feels like for every 15 dining/shopping businesses going into Apple Valley there's only 1 in Lakeville.

Provide option for affordable homes...not apartment buildings. Increase the desire to attract a diverse population to Lakeville. Remove political partisanship from the city council and school board. Focus on areas of education that reflects historical and scientific fact.

A second entrance to Antlers Park neighborhood

Quit building homes!

slow down taking away farm land - too many hours being built - how will the schools and intersections handle all of this?

Encourage small businesses downtown.

More shopping and entertainment options.

I'm going to put two. Work on better connecting the sidewalk system throughout Lakeville. Work to attract more businesses and restaurants to Lakeville. I still have to leave Lakeville for most of our shopping.

Better School Choices outside the failing public school system.

Plan school expansion/addition around population growth - our school (LME) is busting at the seams yet housing continues to go up all around us

More shopping (grocery or otherwise), more non-chain restaurants. Less zoning for residential and doctors office/dental office, more for entertainment, shopping, restaurants.

Be more welcoming to all people of diverse backgrounds. No city wants to be known as "Whiteville."

Slow down housing developments, encourage non-chain restaurants and businesses

Politics

Bring in some amenities. We need places to eat and shop. There is nothing in Lakeville. Eagan has it all and the city manager lives there so he doesn't have to care that Lakeville has none of it. The housing development is out of control. Traffic and the water system can't handle it. Stop building houses and bring in amenities unless it is too late because you've already re-zoned everything residential. This could be a place would want to visit and spend time and money in but it is not. Traffic going south on 35 has increased dramatically over the years as more and more move south to afford houses. Those people should be able to come to Lakeville to eat and shop but there is no shopping and the restaurants are always full because there are hardly any of them. Instead they (and us) all have to go to Burnsville, Apple Valley and Eagan. Whoever planned for Lakeville to be this bedroom community did a really disservice to us.

Approve less new housing. Growing too big too fast.

More trails and green space.

Stop building schools 1 -2 mile from each other. Stupidest thing we've seen in the 20 yrs we've lived here. Spread them out a bit.

Slow down the housing developments. When they are built, the builders need to create diverse housing like Spirit did. These developments of only 2-story houses built very close together are ruining our city!

Look to ways for more use of sustainable energy sources that will benefit residents and the environment

Focus on affordable housing.

The only thing I wish that Lakeville would do is accommodate for the residents in Lakeville when new housing is developed. Lakeville needs more shopping opportunities and at least more restaurants to be able to accommodate the incoming new residents. Also I would suggest that kenwood trail and Kenyon ave by the stop sign coming onto county road 5 that there be a round about there. Absolute nightmare trying to wait for the ability to drive from there because of soMuch traffic.

Send out more info on proposed changes, make citizens aware of what will be voted on.

Create a special neighborhood police unit to address excessive speeding and running stop signs. Just driving through our neighborhood is not as effective as sitting in one position a couple of feet from an intersection. * Love to have more than one high speed internet option at my residence.

More housing downtown, like condos

Less homes, more stores and restaurants. We need places to eat and shop and spend our money in Lakeville. Too many homes with no money for schools and not enough food/shopping to sustain.

Adding more restaurants/entertainment in a cohesive manner

Sports/clothing stores in Lakeville. Many families with active kids shop elsewhere because there is nothing in Lakeville.

Better affordable restaurants including good fast food restaurants close to downtown Lakeville for people that work downtown
Slow down all the housing developments.. we are losing all of the nature I loved when we moved here 25 years ago
stop building houses
Stop building new housing developments and begin bringing in more businesses and parks to support the growing population. We need more stores (grocery, home improvement, clothing, small business), restaurants (and no more fast food restaurants!), and we need to develop parks and areas for people to gather (the Maple Grove Central Park is a great example of a place that would thrive in Lakeville, interesting parks with playgrounds, sport fields, hiking and walking trails, etc.).Equally as important as investing in infrastructure and commercial business is to make sure the school district can support the growing number of students attending ISD194 schools. The school district needs to catch up to the number of students who have come to Lakeville in recent years - the city needs to 100% support the school district in building new schools - schools are a top reason people move to Lakeville and if we cannot offer a strong education, then Lakeville will no longer be a desirable place to live.
Leadership/zoning should do more to create a balanced community between residential and commercial. I feel that with the overwhelming number of homes being built, Lakeville is becoming a bedroom community. Fort instance, land along Cedar Ave would have been perfect for commercial zoning to build shopping centers, but instead there are just more subdivisions going in.
Overall, I think everyone drives too fast in Lakeville unaware of those around them. Extremely dangerous for pedestrians and bikers.
Continue to have law enforcement engage with the community with events that engage one another
Less housing , too much building going on. This should still be a small town
Stop ignoring diversity
Truly making residents of different cultural and religious backgrounds feel welcome. Lakeville is gaining a reputation for being unwelcoming unless you're Christian and white.
Create an identifying culture of caring neighbors and community members.
Need to grow businesses and infrastructure to support the very rapid residential growth (namely grocery, restaurants, gas stations)
Be more transparent with spending.
The increase of crime in the greater Twin Cities area is a concern for all. The rapid growth of Lakeville doesn't help this problem. The main reason I'll be leaving Lakeville within the near future is because of the fast expansion of this community.
Seek greater diversity input from marginalized groups
More retail, restaurant
Promote more types entertainment and dinning besides takeout and fast casual.

Better parking for downtown, since we have all these great breweries and bars downtown why not get a city sober ride service to give residents a ride home. In South Carolina they call it a goober! Or allow the bars to provide this service. It is sometimes hard to get a Uber or a Lyft to pick people up here in Lakeville. We have a easier time getting those options in Apple Valley or Burnsville.

Our roads are under built for the size of the community. Also several unsafe areas for pedestrians...crossing Dodd is scary.

The City should be inclusive and enabling of a truly tolerant and caring community where all are welcome. We seem to be an increasingly privileged community without a real sense of compassion and caring. Rather than a consumption based elite suburb, it would be nice to have an open, welcoming community that is ready to share and preserve it's riches of environment, culture, arts, education and other resources without greed, envy or being overly focused on ourselves and individual gain.

License rental units to ensure accountability

lower gas prices at kwik trip and speedway in town, they are always higher than surrounding areas, and you don't list Exuberance Chiropractic in your list of wellness

More food and shopping

Ban on panhandling and begging within city limits

Manage the budget better

Actually listen and act upon residents' concerns. Too much lip service or decisions made without any input from anyone outside a city department.

More kid/teen activities, splash pad, rec center, for example.

Keep snowmobiles out of my neighborhood Flagstaff and Dood Area. This has been a constant nuisance every winter. There was one riding the path south on Flagstaff this winter and the rider fell off while i was walking my dogs. There is no safe exit off the path in the winter when a snowmobile is riding on or adjacent to the walking path. Someone is going to get killed by one of these riders.

Put more money into our schools

Lakeville is full of growing families, but there's not much for families to do here. We need a water park or public pool, splash pads, indoor playgrounds, movies in the park, children's book stores, etc. We have to go outside of Lakeville to have a fun family day. We also need more restaurants! More shopping! A Christmas tree lighting in downtown during the holidays! Let's make Lakeville feel like a Hallmark movie. It has so much potential.

Have more opportunities for walking and crossing at busy roads. Add more natural places to walk and have access to. Include those natural areas with our schools so we can walk to school more easily.

There's a disparity in quality of life between white residents and people of color. For white residents with the income to live here, Lakeville is an ideal place to live and raise a family. For families of color, there is a distinct difference in how they are treated by other residents, law enforcement, and some of our city leaders. Our demographics are changing rapidly and some of our elected leaders are leaning into and spreading divisive and sometimes racist narratives. We need to do a better job of making all residents feel welcome and safe, as Lakeville is earning a reputation as an unwelcoming place for people from diverse backgrounds.

More affordable housing

Invest in making our community affordable and welcoming to families of diverse backgrounds

Stop building houses without more infrastructure for schools and restaurants. Hold these builders accountable for contributing to building schools instead of relying on referendums to fund everything.

Continue to ask value for investment made. Balance broad use to taxes required.

More affordable housing vs the new expensive homes (so many Lennar neighborhoods!)

Stop building new housing developments and apartments we have enough and it's taking away a sense of community and overcrowding schools.

Way too many houses being built without thought of more restaurants or shopping. We don't want more McDonald's or places other cities have.

Find a community center

Make honest, earnest, and visible commitments and contributions to equity and inclusion efforts within the community; make clear that education about true history and cultures need to be important to all residents and are essential for the development of the youth in our community; make absolute the dedication to protecting our community from hate and discrimination or violence from individuals and organizations that would seek to ruin the future of our community by attacking and hurting its people of any and all varieties.

Be a bit more frugal with the taxpayers money.

Ensuring we don't lose too much of the green space and natural areas. New residential and commercial developments are important especially as the city grows, but part of what makes Lakeville feel like Lakeville is the balance as you drive throughout the city between natural areas and developed areas. It's one of the few cities left in the metro area that is a pretty large city that still maintains its small town feel. And I know it says one, but I had to also include it would be nice to consider more health conscious options or local/unique food options. Some of the local restaurants offer a few options, but many don't have much for health conscious or alternative diets (gluten free, vegetarian/vegan, etc) that aren't just a salad.

More bike/walking trails. Fill in gaps especially in heritage village area

Foster an environment that is focused on people of all backgrounds and cultures.

Better traffic light timing on Cedar.

More welcoming and inclusive on non-white, non-christian

Preserve more open space/natural areas and make all new and upgrade existing parks to be fully accessible/all abilities

We need a community center. Lifetime is too expensive no just isn't cutting it.

Keep safety and security priority #1

Preserve the existing open and natural areas, as well as preserve the small town feel and history of downtown. Keep the crime under control and enforce speeding and traffic laws especially in downtown area and neighborhoods
I would say Lakeville needs to stop the overdevelopment of the community. There are way too many unaffordable neighborhoods. We are losing our natural lands. It seems everywhere you look our green space is being developed into residential and commercial properties. Enough!
Build in more locations for activities for children outside of parks. There's no community center, no pool or fitness center that is at all affordable, no indoor play places.
More trails and paths away from major / busy roadways
Offer actual places to shop besides Target and Walmart.
More strategic in commercial development to attract community. A lot of commercial development popping up is medical related. Lakeville is booming - we need more restaurants like Barley and Vine and Northern Tap, more family based places, etc. to get people out and boosting the economy in a way that also connects the community.
Keep outdoor and lake areas free of excessive development.
Slow the development, it is out pacing the ability to manage the necessary new infrastructure with current maintenance budgets.
invite more restaurants into lakeville
Make it safer to walk around. We need more pedestrian bridges or tunnels so we don't have to walk across 4 lanes of traffic going 55 mph. We at least need more crosswalks with flashing lights.
Let businesses come here. We have to leave Lakeville for everything. Let's get some job in here and companies so our property taxes are offset by other sales tax opportunities. Better manage our schools financials. Be transparent. Stop making food trucks pay a fee to do business in Lakeville. I keep hearing how anti business Lakeville is. All these people need jobs and things to do with their families.
Not have new housing near the highway. Offices.
Lower taxes
I like that lakeville owns the liquor stores and now that marijuana is going to be legal in August they do the same thing with dispensaries- I want the tax benefits from that as well
Create a large outdoor upscale shopping/dining area (like Woodbury Lakes) to bring community together and offer more shopping/dining options for our community! There's so much housing going in... we need upscale shopping/dining options or we'll continue going outside Lakeville for this. Lakeville can't just be a bunch of houses, senior living centers and medical facilities.
Continue to seek out new, diverse views from new(er) folks and not the same ones that are already heard from
Build a community center
Social services - mental health, food support, rental assistance, Etc
To plan with foresight rather than be reactive.
Reduce the residential developments!!!!
Better, bigger roadways with more stop lights. This is a busy city with a lot of people driving way too fast.

Lakeville is great for upper income families, but we've created a city where middle and lower income families and seniors struggle to find a place an affordable place to live. The community could use more varied housing, including apartments, single family homes that are actually affordable, townhomes etc. Also there's nothing for young people to do -- need a rec center (and Lifetime doesn't count!)

Stop just putting a residential neighborhood any where. Lakeville had a clean slate to develop way better than it did. There is a need for establishing restaurants and shopping off cedar abc you just placed random neighborhoods to the cedar roadway. This city has had poor planning for community centers as lifetime fitness is a joke fit Lakeville residents as they charge an arm and leg to visit. Hockey rinks should have been planned better as it is a big sports community. Walkways thought out better. Instead the city had no direction abd it shows

More speed limit signs.

Need to make Lakeville attractive for business. City owned liquor stores and lack of big retailers do not make us attract new opportunities and keep our residents dollars in our city

Commercial development needs to keep up with residential development. Keep adding housing, but shops and restaurants are well behind. See a lot of wasted spending on infrastructure. City does work on roads then a year or two later you upgrade. Putting traffic restrictions in place they don't need to be. Major issue with education funding if we are playing off teachers with the number of houses you are adding.

Hire inclusion/diversity director!

Bring in additional restaurants, sport areas

Recreational and social activities for adults

Stop overbuilding and removing green space. We are losing so much green space and it's not being replaced.

Increase community education about diversity

increasing the diversity of our residents

Stop charging for water based on usage without looking into household size, outdoor needs, etc.

Bring in more commercials shops and things to do and stop building houses/apartments, etc. we need an area like Arbor Lakes in Maple Grove

Add benches in walking path areas. More seniors would get out and walk if there was a bench to rest on

KEEP COST DOWN. EVERYTHING IN MN IS EXPENSIVE.FOOD, GAS, RENT ARE ALL VERY HIGH.

I think a change that could take Lakeville in a better direction is being more open about road construction updates. I feel as though it's hard to find out how and when travel will be affected.

Affordable housing and welcoming non-white citizens.

Downtown needs more accessibility in the form of public transportation options and/or better parking options. The parking fills up so fast that big events like Pan-O-Prog seem near impossible to actually get to and enjoy without having to walk a mile or more from the parking spots.

Have events more spread out since Lakeville is so large.

preserve open space/land; rapidly overcrowding currently

Be more fiscally responsible and quit approving building permits without making builders pay for additional schools not tax payers
Focus on adding more business that support and active lifestyle and give residents things to do in Lakeville all year long. We see a ton of home going up but not a lot of business to support these homes so residents go to neighboring cities for recreation and entertainment
Take more actions that support the environment and halt climate change, and make it easier for residents to do the same.
Less residential building, maintain green space and add restaurants (non fast food)
Not pack so many residences in the open spaces. Also encourage more diverse architecture instead of cookie cutter develop and consider a home improvement store
Lack of communication
Perhaps less massive houses and more single family starter homes.
More commercial, less residential/suitcase city
Public broadband offering, taxi and/or bus services so we don't have to rely on Uber/Lyft.
Communication. I have to seek out information about Lakeville. I search the Internet. If there is another souce like a locak newspaper or other type of communication, I am not aware. I do like the Facebook page for police and read that and find it very informational about the safety of Lakeville. Can Lakeville residents have a local recreational area to go to like other cities.? We don't have a pool, just a like that looks like it will be improved alot for next year.
Have diversity and inclusion be an important part of local government and SCHOOL SYSTEM. ISD194 struggles to ensure students learn diversity and racial history. They avoid the topic and it shows. There are many residents who are not accepting. Also, there seems to be no public transit options. My aging and disabled parents want to move to the area, but the lack of public transit is an obstacle for them. Finally, there are so many new houses. I'd love some new commercial areas though. The schools are struggling to accommodate all the new residents. There shouldn't have been so many houses built at once.
More retail
Reduce the speed limit on Dodd Blvd to 35 or 40 max. There is far too much cross-traffic to make the current limit of 50 safe. So many accidents or near-accidents every day. Those of us who live in the area fear for the safety of our children... some have to stand on/near Dodd Blvd to wait for the bus.
housing for all income levels and ages
Stop building low income housing and we don't need public transportation. That brings in crime and bad people. Look at Minneapolis and bloomington, we don't want that
We need to be cautious about expansion to avoid turning into the Woodbury of the south. We also need to reach out more to our BIPOC and LGBTQ+ neighbors and ensure we are creating a community of acceptance and tolerance.
City bus system
Slow residential growth to get roads up to the traffic. New roundabout at Cty 50 and 185th is a nightmare at 5pm!
Curtail new neighborhoods. There is no end to losing the farms and wooded areas. Also, it appears that one person owns many buildings in town.

Better economy, lower property taxes
Bring in more upscale restaurants and businesses, no more fast food!
Bring in more diversity of food/grocery/entertainment opportunities.
Less dense housing and more local businesses
Better planning of school capacity before approving more housing.
Additional commercial businesses to help lower property taxes. Our taxes are out of control.
More shopping and dining opportunities
Support of the growing schools
As Lakeville continues to grow focus is needed on traffic patterns and ensuring safe driving conditions.
N/A
Ensure adequate zoning of retail/commercial/industrial
get more small business (mom & pop) coffee shops, dining, grocery, etc.
Need to ensure infrastructure keeps up with population growth - especially schools.
Having a grocery store other than Cub or restaurant options other than a brewery.
Provide for more green space, even at the expense of adding additional housing units. Wildlife need a home too.
Continue to expand and diversify shops and businesses to expand options (not 3 Cub foods, downtown shops people want) and improve pedestrian traffic outside of downtown (rapidly growing roads like Dodd, Highview, Holyoke, and 185th desperately need controlled crosswalks for the number of children).
Stop the speeding/racing on streets
Needs more shopping whether it's casual or fast food dining, clothing stores west of Holyoke. Those of us that live west of 35 need to travel quite far to get to any shopping opportunities east of Kenwood.
Better nightlife/restaurant options
Most of Lakeville PD's issues are focused on DWI and Domestic issues. Support those primary issues.
Provide for schools. More diverse restaurant and entertainment options.
Stop building housing developments and office buildings
Adequate school funding in line with residential construction growth.
For every 100 new homes there MUST be more restaurants! How are we the fastest growing suburb in Minnesota 5 years in a row and still only have a handful of non-chain restaurants. Our downtown is getting better but it's nothing like Edina or WhiteBearLake as far as being a true destination. And our grocery options are awful - can we get a Trader Joes or Whole foods??? Build an entirely new 'downtown' if the person who owns most of the real estate downtown doesn't start offering more realistic leasing agreements. Businesses can barely be profitable with how insane the leasing options are.
Stop pretending that the government is welcoming to diverse people. The council itself is very bias and the mayor. We also need more businesses and less houses! Duh!

<p>Slow down the development. What once was a small town with small town charm has been replaced. The beautiful landscape filled with farmhouses and and natural areas/forests are lost to 500,000 dollar cookie cutter developments. Not to mention the infrastructure to handle handle this population increase does not exist.</p>
<p>More council gatherings outside of city hall for the public to engage with council members on a personal level.</p>
<p>More shopping, entertainment and eating(not bars) to balance out the growing population. Without this lakeville residents are spending their dollars in other cities</p>
<p>Keep informed doing good job keep it up what issues Lakeville is facing</p>
<p>Allow more businesses and sit down restaurants, Costco, Sam's club, Trader Joe's etc. Your liquor store monopoly keeps me leaving Lakeville for all my needs because there is nothing but 4 cub foods which is redundant. Stop building homes and building businesses! No more fast food.</p>
<p>Public safety- even stronger</p>
<p>Taking better care of established neighborhoods. Keep the cities land maintained. At the end of Hershey Court the city has a huge down tree that was cut down. The massive stump was left. It's an eye sore. Not everyone in Lakeville lives in a manicured new construction neighborhood. The city should take pride in all their neighborhoods and treat them fairly. The lot at the end of Hershey Court is owned BY THE CITY and an elderly women mows the vacant lot. If my grass can't be more than 5 inches then why is it ok the cities is? You should cut that women a check for her maintenance work. Huge trees cost thousands of dollars to cut down, the city dosent maintain their own trees and puts homeowners at risk in older neigh</p>
<p>Too many things to list. We have lived in Lakeville for almost 20 years. We absolutely despise the direction that the city is going. We moved here when our first child was just over a year old because it was a safe, upscale community with decent schools. Now the focus is on diversity and the schools are lousy. Can't wait to move.</p>
<p>More Restaurants and for the residents to SUPPORT THEM!</p>
<p>Provide more cultural experiences.</p>
<p>Recreation opportunities in the city...Community center, water park, environmental center (expand Ritter) more pickle ball courts in southern Lakeville</p>
<p>Be more thoughtful in planning and not approving housing developments everywhere and not adding any retail development. Also, consider adding more retail that people want. We seem to have an over abundance of auto parts/tire and storage units in Lakeville.</p>
<p>I can't think of anything. Lakeville is doing a great job.</p>
<p>Include planning for commercial, recreational and educational needs as part of the residential planning process</p>
<p>Be more welcoming of diversity</p>
<p>More restaurants</p>
<p>more shopping, restaurants and entertainment, arts</p>

Stop trying to attract so many non residents to the area. The new Antlers park is not what I voted for and I feel lied to about that. PanoProg is very unpleasant and we make a point of getting out of town now due to the crowds. I used to love parades and have come to hate them due to the stressful nature of the PanOProg parade.

Slow residential development and don't feel like every inch of available land must be developed.

Lowering taxes

More entertainment options indoors for kids in the winter. Community center with pool and playground would be great. We travel to other cities for these. Also a skatepark would be great.

Bring in better shopping & eating establishments into the city.

Build better commercial shopping/dining areas - similar to those in surrounding cities. Particularly in the southern portion of Lakeville as there are not many convenient and relevant shopping and dining options in that area.

Bring in more businesses and dining options, there are SO many homes / residents.

Police department is a bunch of good ole boys who only take care of their friends. Lakeville police does not handle issues then sweep them under the rug. We are disgusted with the police department. We are a normal family and our issues are very small but talking to others the police don't care. They protect who they know. Police officers from the school drink in public. I was shocked to hear it but saw it with my own eyes last year Officer from north high school drinking while sitting in golf cart in front of the firehouse. Students were commenting as they walked by her that she was drinking. She laughed and waved at them. I have heard our police department not take down people complaints because they were friends of the person the complaint was against. There are many of us in hat can't wait til our kids are out of school to move. The schools are not supported and the safety inside our schools in subpar. Higher taxes will not help our schools it will drive more people away. We don't feel we are receiving in school what we pay in taxes. The amount of money we are spending on the beach is a joke. We will use it 4-5 months out of a year. It should have been a facility area with summer and winter sports. Get rid of Justin he is holding us back. You can not send your kids to walk to their schools it is not safe to cross the roads and the police don't help pedestrians. You can't send your kids on a bike ride for the same reason. The police are worthless here and we are just lucky that we don't have more crime. Apple valley seems to have handle our crimes here in Lakeville- not Lakeville police.

There is little to no sense of community. There is no community center that EVERYONE in the community is able to use. Not just school sports teams. We are just getting a splash pad and an amphitheater? Most cities have had these offerings for a long time. There is no skate parks and a very poor selection of fast food restaurants and shopping, especially near Dodd and Downtown. (only a subway and mcdonalds?!) We nearly always go elsewhere. Many of the businesses downtown are empty. Lifetime has monopolized fitness centers in the area and there is a poor selection of reasonably priced fitness centers to go to. We have to go to Burnsville for Planet Fitness. The sidewalk system is poor. I do not feel safe my kids crossing the street where we live (We have to cross Dodd) and the school district has made poor financial choices, putting up insanely priced domes and pools only a portion of the citizens can use. I feel that Lakeville likes to toot its own horn of how great they are, but ultimately just cares about putting up new homes and receiving tax dollars but does not provide the sense of community, with shops, programs and infrastructure to support it. Lakeville could do a MUCH better job.

Stop build massive multifamily apartment buildings.

Stop issuing building permits until some way is solved to figure out the lack of space in schools. Developers and builders should foot the bill for new schools.

Supporting their residents - this community does not need another property tax increases to pay for the missteps of the city or school district. It is expensive enough to live here, and raising the property taxes will start to remove your wealthiest residents and decrease the overall value of this community which is why people move here in the first place. If you don't think that Lakeville is an exclusive city - you're wrong.

I have lived in Lakeville for the last several years, and one of the biggest draws for us picking Lakeville was the school district and the growing opportunities. I am very frustrated by the 7 million dollar educational deficit and the overall affect to the quality of schools and educational programs. I think that Lakeville has been unable to keep up with the growth of the community and we are getting too big before having the proper support and resources in place. Depending on how things continue to change over the next few years will influence if we choose to stay in Lakeville or not. We also saw a big increase on our property taxes this year, which was an unexpected financial surprise. Lakeville also needs more restaurants and shops, we find ourselves traveling to other areas outside of Lakeville to dine out, that's not to say their aren't some decent dining establishments in Lakeville, there just aren't enough. I love the downtown area and it's charm as well as the parks in Lakeville and it really is a great community. I just hope that we can continue to grow effectively with out losing our identity and the many things that drew us to Lakeville in the first place. Thank you for putting out this survey and taking the time to craft an appropriate plan for Lakeville! We greatly appreciate your efforts!

Fiscal responsibility - don't short change the school funding by millions of dollars and be transparent about what happened. Also, when someone calls asking a question, don't tell them to go to the website - help them out - some people are NOT good with the internet and not all information is on the website.

Have better planning for commercial/retail compared to residential. There is not enough commercial/retail/restaurant to support a city of this size.

Lower prop taxes

More full time firefighters needed
Fully fund schools.
More shopping and restaurant options
Slow rate of new residential housing to support the school district.
Have more events downtown, such as "block parties" like other towns do to bring in business to their downtown.
Lakeville is doing an excellent job with community interests
Affordable housing
Bring in more business - a wide variety - to the city to off set residential taxes.
Slow down the building of additional housing
There needs to be more businesses being built. It seems Lakeville is only zoning for \$500,000+ houses. Make room for businesses as well as keeping farmland as well as undeveloped areas. You are creating a dying city if you are only zoning for homes.
Be more intentional about residential growth, ensuring the city services and economic opportunities are keeping pace
Bring in commercial businesses that aren't warehouse based - more restaurants, shops, etc. Things that will keep people in Lakeville instead of needing to always leave.
Increase shopping and dining options in the city
More resources for seniors
Keep the utility and housing costs affordable
Listen to everyone, not just someone who looks and believes like you do
I know I35 is a federal/State road, but Lakeville should be pushing to expand I35.
The roads are too fast. It makes crossing them and interacting nearby nearly impossible. This city needs to become more pedestrian/bike friendly for the growing families in the area. Biking downtown is so hard with the fast roads and roundabouts that get there. Too dangerous and tricky.
Please add more businesses and stop building new construction homes. Lakeville does not have the infrastructure to support and more residents at this time. Schools are over populated and we are traveling to neighboring cities for basic essentials because lakeville doesn't have enough commercial development.
Commercial doesn't seem to be keeping up with residential areas. We often are in Apple Valley or Burnsville for food, shopping, etc
Mixed housing and support of public schools
Ensure infrastructure, e.g, roads, etc. can handle growth before growth happens. Traffic situation is horrible in Lakeville due to new housing/population growth.
Get the lakeville public schools back on track
Slow the heck down and build the infrastructure
Get away from monopoly positions that some organizations have which comes with extreme prices (Lifetime outdoor pool, Spectrum internet). Create community center.
Clean up!
Stop building multiple tennant housing

Ensure that residential developers are doing proper building practices to keep water/moisture out of basements and stop them from ruining entire neighborhoods. The city of Lakeville should currently be mitigating the damages done by builders in the '80s & '90s, to help keep their property values up. The higher the property value the more they can tax. It's in Lakeville's best interest to fix the known issues in the Cherryview neighborhoods considering many of those houses' sump pumps dump right onto the city street where the water then runs into the storm drain system. It'll be a bright sun shiny day and there's water running and algae growing in the street gutters.

Ticketing drivers for speed limit and running red lights.

Uphold traditional values of faith, family and community. I don't want woke ideology and ESG policies promoted at the city level.

1. The traffic on 35 in Lakeville can get really backed up. The worst place in the metro. We need to add another lane on 35 south of Highway 50 to 70. Stop allowing building so close to the highway! We need to add another lane. 2. Please add a paved road in Ritter Park. I would love to go there more often but I don't want to spend money to wash my car driving on the dirt road every time I go there!

Stop building before you bring in better roadway infrastructure and taxes can pay for what we have without always increasing. Stop building apartment buildings. Please. And no more gigantic eyesore Allina buildings. Add more food options.

Support the community and the small business located downtown, inform your residents what's going on in the community

High taxes enough is enough

Revitalize downtown Lakeville. Most of the dining, retail, and grocery stores are located in strip mall/shopping center areas outside of downtown. Downtown Lakeville should be a hub of activity. It is sad to see all of the closes/vacant storefronts. We should take cues from Northfield and Hastings and invest in a vibrant downtown corridor to create a draw for both residents and visitors.

Focus on safety, economic development and stay away from the policies that have ruined Minneapolis and St Paul. Keep the small town, rural feel. Limit mass transit, it always seems to bring higher crime levels. Listen to businesses, they pay the taxes that allow us to have a great city. Attract more Hispanic families.

Build mixed-use walkable neighborhoods. Reduce traffic downtown. Make the city for people, not cars.

Stop catering to the vocal minority. Strengthen families not ideologies.

Traffic on Pilot Knob Road is awful. We very rarely see any police presence. We've clocked people going 75 mph! We built a house 4 years ago, before the speeding and revving up and racing is the biggest reason we will not stay in this home for more than five years. We are incredibly disappointed with the lack of action.

Providing a sense of community

Lakeville needs a community center that provides kids and adults the opportunity to exercise and swim (indoor/outdoor pools) at an affordable monthly membership rate.

include more light commercial areas with more diverse restaurants. There are a lot of burger and chain restaurants around the west side of town and it would be nice to be able to not either eat pizza or bar food if we want to go out.

Put more focus on the micro businesses and artists of the community.

Creating a culture of inclusion to the diversifying population and securing stable education and city infrastructure to accommodate for rapid growth.

Infrastructure cannot support the rapid population expansion. Must be engaged with state and county government to ensure it doesn't become more of a nightmare than it currently can become. Additionally sprawling development of farm land into residential has kept the schools completely underfunded thus raising taxes Year after year after year. Need a better way to fund this rather than unilateral school board decisions to extended a promised-to-expire levy. Find a way to have builders supplement this cost!

Traffic control, making it safe to cross busy roads on foot and in a vehicle

Enforce all city building codes. Enforce vehicle, boat camper ice house parking in yard or street, (and any other junk). No Garbage container placement in front of house other then pickup day. Need better pedestrian crossing marking or signs IE: East 175th near new Dodd realignment east of Hayes Ave !!!!!

More commercial properties to help with our Tax burden.

We need affordable single family housing

Invest in more business - quality shopping, dining, and quality entertainment. The rapid expansion in housing is bringing more people in with little to nowhere to go for shopping and dining. Pan O Prog is excellent but the only real sense of community and it's once a year. More community/family events that can support the community volume would be great.

More dining and shopping. We need big box home improvement store, many more restaurants. Apple valley is doing the best job with its land usage and zoning. Apple valley is attracting the grocery stores and food development. They are also getting good shopping. We are losing out here in lakeville .

More local and franchise opportunities within Lakeville

Offer more places to eat and patio seating, clothing shop (boutiques). More like a downtown Northfield/Apple Valley mix.

Where state and federal money is going. Alain not interested in have dispensaries for drugs in Lakeville

Affordable housing

There is so much house growth because people want to move here for their young families and raise them here. We need more programs and opportunities for these kids to grow, with education and sports. We need more sport facilities, stronger programs, etc to keep up with the cities around us. Our taxes continue to go up, but our population is rising too. How will our city continue to support all of this growth many years from now? We are out growing the city... downtown is getting way too busy and crowded, we need more. More places to eat, more fast food places, more parking, more sport facilities, etc. If we can't support what we currently have, stop bringing in more houses.

The City needs to be a community leader and not be afraid to celebrate diversity. There have been glimmers of progress recognizing various groups but then we turn around and dedicate a ton of attention to groups and events that are very homogeneous. National Day of Prayer shouldn't be our "main event". We have a lot of room for growth in making Pan-o-prog reflect our entire community by making it more accessible and offering genuine activities to celebrate what makes us Lakeville!

slow down high density housing preserve the existing farm land as much as possible

Create commercial areas like Woodbury and Maple Grove.

Free city wide Wi-Fi

Decrease the amount of new building permits. We moved to Lakeville in 1992. There was so much more open space. The explosion in population has strained demand on quality of traveling around Lakeville. Too much traffic and roads not able to keep up with demand.

Ensure quality of life is maintain. This goes hand in hand with public safety and schools which focus on education (not social ideologies)

Bring more shopping and dinning to Lakeville. I have to leave Lakeville for 95% of my shopping.

look at isd194 budget

Better traffic control options of parent/child pickup at elementary schools. Attract more restaurants. Stop putting up subsidized housing near high end neighborhoods. Stop cutting down groves of mature trees to clear out for housing. End municipal liquor stores.

Property taxes are way too high. And they go up every damn year.

Elect non partisan representatives. Recognize that we are no longer lily white Lakeville and embrace our diversity. Listen to and respect our advisory boards. Actually follow the plans created a decade ago to protect our green space.

Add outdoor aquatic center /swimming pools and community center. Also city center like market street in the woodlands, tx is an example of a well done city center.

More businesses for individual consumers

Opportunity for teen hangouts

Stop building so many houses!!!

Repair roads

Be proactive in Lakeville's continuing progress. (Especially w/regard to traffic safety, diversity of housing appearance, protection of natural resources)

Invest more in their current employees. The current system is out of touch with current trends and is encouraging less than ideal performance. You have removed all incentives

The cost to live on this city for lifelong residents that are older or single income no kid families is ridiculous. The residential population is growing WAY to fast, the infrastructure is starting to fail and we will not be able yo keep up with the growth. Taxes are going through the roof and you are alienating people in the city that are older/retired and kidless families that don't want a bike path everywhere, schools on every corner, and no other amenities and loss of green space that was prevailing in lakeville at one time.

Please provide more job opportunities for our youth - many don't drive and need businesses close by where they can work. Also please bring in more coffee shops, bakeries, specialty shops, clothing, other retail. It's a desert here! I hate having to drive to Apple Valley for everything when dollars could be spent here. There is little to no casual dining here - Apple Valley has a ton of options. Strip malls by Cub in heritage square area have been mostly empty or full of "junk" stores since we moved here six years ago. No improvement at all. VERY disappointed.

Stop building so many houses. Focus on businesses and creating a safe place for those already living here.

Bring in more competitive broadband options (fiber and gig+)

I would like to see some acknowledgement of social issues that effect non- dominant communities. Diversity in education including teachers of color and work on educational gaps

Build a big community athletic center onto the back of Lakeville South High School. With 6+ basketball courts, an indoor track, and other indoor fitness opportunities.

Attract more unique businesses, less banks/dentists. More food, shopping. Less packed in residential