

Representing (Self, Group, Business)	How long have you lived in/been associated with Lakeville?	Where do you live/have an interest (home, business location - can be more than one)	Age
Business	1	Business	under 50
Self	1	home	over 30
Self	1	Home	over 62
Business	2	Business	under 30
self	2	Business & Home	over 50
Self/Business	2	Business & Home	over 40
Self	2	home	over 40
Self	2	Home	over 62
Self	3	Home	40-50
Business	4	Business & Home	under 50
Self	4	Home	40s
Family	4	home	over 30
Business	5	Business & Home	under 50
Self	5	Home	30-40
Self	5	Home	40s
Self	5	Home	40s
Self	5	Home	over 62
Self	5	home	under 30
Business	6	Business & Home	under 50
Self	6	Home	30s
Self	6	Home	30s
Self	6	Home	30s
Self	6	Home	over 62
Self/Business	7	Business & Home	30-40
Self/Business	9	Business & Home	30-40
Self/Business	10	Business & Home	over 40
self	12	home	over 40
Self	13	Home	
Self	15	Home	Over 50
Self	15	Home	over 62
Business	16	Business & Home	under 50
Self	17	Home	Over 50
Self	17	Home	
Self	19	Home	
Self/Group	20	Business & Home	30
Self	20	Home	50s
Self	20	Home	Between 50 and 62
Self	20	home	Under 50
Self/School	20	Home	45
Self	21	business	over 50
Self	21	Home	Over 60
Self/Business	22	Business & Home	Over 65
Self	22	Home	Over 65
business	23	Business	
Self	23	Business & Home	Over 50
Family	23	Business & Home	over 50
Self	23	Business & Home	over 70
Self	23	Business & Home	Under 50
Self	23	Home	Over 50
Self	23	Home	Over 65
Self	24	home	over 50
Self	24	home	under 30
Self	25	Home	Between 50 and 61
Self/Group	25	Home	over 70
Business	30	Business & Home	under 50
Self/Business	30	Business & Home	Over 50
Self	35	Business & Home	Over 65
Self	35	Home	Over 65
Self	40	Business & Home	Over 50

Self
Self/Business
Self/Business

44home
45Business & Home
58Business & Home

over 62
over 62
Over 50

Question 1: What do you like best about Lakeville?

It has a small town feel with all the amenities, that's why we moved here.

It has many options for entertainment for adults.

Small town feel with some amenities.

The Lakes

Growing community/more to grow

Schools

Downtown

The location is good. Close to family. Wanted turnkey, single level living as we spend winters in AZ. Great presence of the police.

Easy access to many stores, restaurants, parks & trails and major highways. Beautiful community that has great pride in its schools, parks, businesses and families.

Proximity to Twin Cities, the schools

Convenience to interstate and surrounding Cities

Friendly town -- great senior center with Heritage Center -- really connects seniors

Easy access to shopping and interstate. Overall very friendly city. Seem to have so many community activities -- music in park, performances at community center, annual celebration, blood drive, etc.

The best thing about Lakeville is the strong sense of community that I feel living here. Lakeville provides a safe place to raise a family.

It is rich in schools, community, city services and it's faith community.

It's beauty-lakes, planned parks, quality schools, downtown Lakeville and community celebrations like Pan O Prog.

Strong families, community organizations--including our faith/churches. There is a culture that people care about their neighbors and community.

We get a good bang for our buck. Lakeville does a good job of providing people a great place live, work and play.

Open space and parks

Size, location to airport, lakes and people

Organized & clean community. The people--my friends and family.

Parks, trails and the lakes. The downtown has improved with the restaurants.

Open spaces, country feeling connected with city/businesses & downtown

The people

Public safety, fiscal accountability (high bond rating), Lakes, parks, athletic facilities, trails and public schools.

Schools, low crime, low density, family friendly, the lakes/parks

Schools, lakes, low crime

The friendly smaller town feel. Great family atmosphere.

Safe community

Near downtown, but not too close

Lots of youth sports tournaments

Community starting to feel diverse

City seems to be doing a good job

Small community feel in a large town

So much engagement

Clients are great - take care of staff (restaurant)

City is very sincere and supportive of business, care about our feedback

People continue to re-invest in the community

Love small town events: Taste of Lakeville, Pan-O-Prog - favorite week of year

City is easy to work with, good incentives to stay here for a business

Love downtown - continue to focus on making that even better

City has a lot to offer

Was easy to come and start business here, city was easy to work with and helped with some special needs they had

Friendly neighbors

That city wants to grow and evolve and is checking in with community

It is as big or small as you make it - benefits of large community with the feel of a small one - Big fan!

The support of local culture, downtown is example

Thriving areas, building at appropriate pace

Entrepreneurial spirit - diverse in industry

City and Chamber gave great support through COVID

Clean, great parks, safe

The people, the schools, the community awareness website

Lakeville has exceptional schools and numerous open parks, offering a wonderful environment without congestion for residents to live in. Love the current communities activities and classes the city provides

What I like best about Lakeville is that it is a safe community for families, with good schools

Safety and family oriented city to raise a family. Prompt responses to emergencies from first responders etc. Good selection of restaurants, but we could still use a few more as our city grows.

Feeling of safety in the community

Lakeville is a family oriented city

Strong police and fire department

Can live and work in Lakeville

Easy to access the freeway and major highways

Small town feel and was great school district

Good schools, strong leaders, diverse commercial (retail, office, industrial) and residential balance

stable, quality of living

small town feel and lots of opportunities

Parks, paths, Lakes and safety

Green space and parks

Not notorious for crime thus far, increased options fro entertainment and fun at city parks

Best bang for your buck: suburban with small town charm

The community feel: many young families

Small town feel with great schools

safe community, great neighbors, quick access to variety of restuarants and stores

Just loving everything about Lakeville

I love downtown, library and appreciate the art events

I love the small town feel of the downtown and people are generally really nice . City was easy to work with

Community Feel, easy commute, good school

Parks and walking trails

Good schools, beautiful outdoor spaces, volunteer opportunities

Atmosphere in downtown Lakeville

Good schools, variety of restaurants, overall safe community

Library, diverse community

Independent businesses especially downtown, safe community, easy to get around

Lakeville has great community spirit with excellent parks, trails. Lakeville has a small town feel with the amenities of a city. The Pan-O-Prog celebration unites us.

Lakeville has the amenities of a larger city with a small town feel.

The Arts Center and the exceptional entainment options offered.

The active feel and general vibe of our community. The fact that our city is clean.

We have a downtown, library and the city continues to fix what is broken and continues to work on improvements.

The fairs and how everyone can come from all the communities

Quality school system with small town feel

Familiar, born and raised here, family connections.

Prominent city with small town feel

It's in Dakota county, lower taxes, schools are good, central location to activities/shopping

Lots of green space and amenities for family

Lakeville can improve by hiring more diverse staff in the city of Lakeville, the diverse employment should match the growing demographics of the city.

Lakeville needs more inclusivity in the employment sector.

it's a very quiet neighborhood, friendly, everything is very convenient.

What I like about is the clean environment, and the kind neighbors, and how there are a lot of parks you can go to and recreational centers.

The nature walking trails and friendly community

Lakeville is known for its excellent schools, making it an attractive choice for families looking to settle down. The community is generally considered to be friendly and welcoming, creating a sense of belonging for its residents.

Love that I live in the country and can still get to the Twin Cities in 20 minutes.

Love Ritter Park and the continued improvements that are being made. Visits several times a week and loves the new building, nature center and amenities.

Walking/nature/bike paths are maintained really well across Lakeville. Looking forward to Antlers Park updates.

Parks and youth programs (Community Ed, Sports Associations, Parks & Rec)

Proximity. Appreciates how Lakeville has close access to the MSP vibe.

There is a narrow zone when it comes to having access to a mix between city and country, but our community has it. Best of both worlds.

The school system.

Likes the Parks system, especially Antlers and King Park. The overall park system and trails is very good. Location, location, location -- enjoys being five minutes away from the Lake. Has lived close to downtown for almost 20 years.

Discovered solid social networks within our community that are focused on like-minded priorities (inclusion, sports/health, equity). Love immediate neighborhood, community resources (especially our parks system), and the public schools.

Parks, City resources, sports community.

Parks amenities.

Great teachers in our public schools / great public school system.

More restaurants, less corrupt sporting associations with too much politics (all about who knows who)
There is no affordable housing for regular people starting out. NOT affordable housing in the government sense, for families who are starting out and self supporting
more focus on education system (classroom size) and less housing development
Less regulation allowing more business, more single family homes, better planning and completion of road construction
single family housing below \$300,000, less apartment buildings, more businesses
Lakeville can improve by hiring more diverse staff in the city of Lakeville, the diverse employment should match the growing demographics of the city.
Lakeville needs more inclusivity in the employment sector.
More stores or businesses should be open with people of color. More teachers should be hired who will help minorities, and Centers where people of color from different backgrounds races, and religions can come and embrace their diversity together.
The pothole on the roads. Fostering a sense of community engagement. Something that needs to be improved is public transportation because some people don't have the money to afford a motor vehicle
Creating community space for events that are available throughout the week not only on the weekends.
More diverse staff.
Affordable Housing: The cost of housing in Lakeville and many other places in the United States has been a concern. Making efforts to address affordable housing options can help ensure that a diverse range of people can live and work in the community.
Speaking as a homeowner who lives in the county. Lakeville needs invasive species managed much better.
Hate that the gravel / rural road speed limits are so high and feel out of control – and are not posted with signs.
Steve Michaud parking is packed/unsafe for busy soccer practices/games/tournaments.
Need a better variety of restaurants. Most everything is either very Americana, bar food, or fast food
Lakeville lacks home improvement stores and there is also very limited big retail. The south side of Lakeville has to drive a very long way to get to anything close in this regard. It often feels like the South side is forgotten.
The Good Old Boy Club is loud and proud here. And they take great pride in “that” being Lakeville. That’s not a good thing, especially for newcomers and young, growing families.
We need an increase of bigger regional recreation amenities like a pool and water park. The closest is Eagan or Apple Valley, both of which are a 20+ minute drive from the south side of Lakeville.
It would be great to feel that there was equity in the attention and priority given to rural homeowners. We live in an annexed area of Lakeville that does not get the same level of service. We receive city services because we are technically within limits, but definitely feels that if the city could flip a switch and forget about us for 15 years until we look like the rest of town, they’d do that.
Need more diversity in City Hall and all elected officials – in every corner of City leadership. Our current leadership does not reflect the current population.
Need medium / high-end restaurants / fine dining. Understand that this is difficult to force, but it’s a gap. Lakeville also lacks indoor / outdoor brew pubs and/or distilleries. But again, understand that the City may have a tough time controlling / dictating that.
Need additional invasive species (e.g., buckthorn) management. There have been some efforts to address, but there is a very long way to go. There feels like a disconnect with the city in terms of understanding the needs of our rural community.
Less leadership steamrolling. When our city leadership wants something done, any other input does not matter to the level it should. (e.g., pushing the addition of Lakeville Brewing Company in Antlers Park, despite members of city staff, the City’s own Parks Board, and the community advising/pushing to do otherwise).
Need less racism, and the blind eye toward it. Sounds cliché, but it’s true here, and the city has a role in making things better. Need to vocally stand against it. Lakeville is one of the largest cities in the state.
Appreciate cities that are planned/designed to be very intermixed from a socioeconomic standpoint. There are some areas in Lakeville that do well in this regard, but there are many that very much do not. Areas of town seem to have very similar residential price points, and that doesn’t feel like a good thing.
Would really like a close review done related to equitable assignments of City-owned fields/amenities to the different sports orgs in town – both in quantity and quality of fields/amenities granted, as reviewing with an eye on gender equity.
Generally happy with city services.
Do wish there was a Panera and a Panda. There are such few choices for eating out. No Italian or Thai or Indian restaurants.
No gaps in civil services. The Fire Department is fabulous.
Groups within Lakeville seem very insular. How can we bring groups together where we all have visibility and involvement without being so siloed? Need help from the City to create connection points within community that wouldn’t otherwise exist naturally. Need diversity in City/community leadership in every sense of the word. We need many more City-sponsored Community Conversations to bring people together on topics where better understanding can be achieved.
Need City leaders to enforce campaign signs/rules, and we need to eliminate campaigning as part of City-endorsed/affiliated/associated/sponsored events (e.g., Pan-o-Prog).
More community events.
Public pool (Lifetime Fitness is not affordable for many families).
Community Center with pool membership.
More variety of restaurant choices.
Commercial growth to match residential growth
Less of: Clear appearance of city leader sponsorship/association with a certain political party. E.g., mayor showcases his political affiliation and agenda, which is disheartening for a non-partisan role and leads to a portion of our community feeling like they aren’t represented

Question 3: Lakewille is continuing to grow - we will add 10,000 people in the next 10 years (we're at 74,000 now). What advice would you give to the City Council about how to guide that growth?

Be more focused on apartments
More restaurants
More support for schools
Traffic & roads - too many roads are difficult to get on (Dodd near 181st)
Ensure infrastructure to support growth
Roads, schools, businesses
Emphasize family entertainment
Business growth
Business friendly environment
Develop a good road system to avoid congestion which is typical of Cedar Ave.
Control growth and sprawl. Be very strict in which locations housing developments, apartment/zones are allowed to build
Make developers replace greenhouses they destroy. Set aside green space that cannot be leveled or developed
Ensure there is housing for everyone at that stages of life - singles, married and seniors
Make certain amenities are added at the same pace as housing. Getting third running to Burnsville and Apple Valley for shopping in particular - Home Depot, Menards, Hobby Lobby, Costco, Michaels, Taco John's, etc.
Walmart
Job growth & job creation are critical to the success of the community and it's residents
Lakewille residents should have a direct shared vision of the type of growth that is coming to Lakewille. Will it be high density? Will we be like Burnsville with numerous apartments? Will there be predominantly high end homes (1.5- 5+ million)?
The School district needs a lot of help- the board is new but it has big shoes.
Have conversations with the school district with good communication between leadership about growth.
ISBIS 51 Evaluation
Consider a "test" project that is far from the central police station. Help build relationships in poorer neighborhoods
Host Strategic Public Forums with targeted specific groups that are different. Stay intentionally engaged with a cross spectrum of the public
Are we following best practices? What can we learn from other cities that have been fully developed?
Stop growing
It is not to fill all the natural beauty of farmland and trees being bulldozed and be replaced with development. It changes the character of the city
Schools and city need to be on the same page about growth
Safe roads with flashing crosswalks that are connected throughout the community
Good road systems to move about the city and support business & industry
Improve the access to get to OIS from Hamburg Ave. The 12 year of road construction didn't really help unfortunately
Schools and cities (Especially New Market too) should talk about Smart Growth
Adopt a Smart Strategic Growth that
Minimize high density developments
More establishments, especially stores- not just chains. Offer grants to non-chain businesses to come in
Address mental health challenges
Plan communities with real spaces with walking & biking paths that connect to the community
Add a restaurant by LifeTime Fitness
We are a strong single family development community. We should not lose sight of this just for the sake of growth.
Make sure our schools can keep up with the growth of our residential areas.
Make sure residents have places to spend their money here in town
Prepare properly with more parking/availability downtown and walking paths
What's our goal with investment, and will we achieve it?
People moving in have money and they want to spend it. Let's make sure they spend it in Lakewille
LFD needs full time staff to meet growing needs
More amenities for families
There seems to be a disconnect with the residential growth and the capacity of our schools. make sure working closely with schools to continue to make this a valuable community for residents
Friends in other states say that they have a structure where new people moving in bear a little high brunt of taxes, versus asking everyone to pay. For example, with new construction they have to pay a large lump sum tax right away since their taxes are not due right away.
Surprised at the school situation budget issues, with the kind of community we live in
Incorporate more mixed use spaces. Retail at bottom, residential at top
Better protection of amenities. In particular, barber shops. did not realize we even have them being new to area
More street lights. streets are dark at night
Keep expanding parks
Mix of large and small businesses
Keep money in Lakewille. not enough places to spend our discretionary income here
Watch the communities who are ahead of us and learn from them
How to be welcome and engage our new residents
Look at school capacity when approving development
Maintain strong use of commonsense
LFD structure is not sustainable. need 27 firefighters
Smaller multi family projects
Land is valuable. keep it that way
Manage the tax burden
Focus on green space
Before more house building, check to see if we have the infrastructure to accommodate the growth
Considering an influx of 10,000 new residents, it is imperative that we proactively plan for the development of essential amenities, including shops, restaurants, and recreational facilities. Additionally, we must prioritize the enhancement of transportation systems to accommodate the growing population. As my kids are getting older and getting part-time jobs, it is very difficult for them to get to the Mall or Apple Valley. A decent bus system would be very helpful for young growing adults.
I would like the City to look at the infrastructure and see how Lakewille can continue to accommodate all of the people that are moving here.
Grow our police force as we continue to grow.
Keep a high level of single family zoning options.
Do not focus on public transportation. It brings crime and trouble to cities.
Diversity programs cause a disconnect in our projections. Encourage citizens of the community to take a leadership role in the growth.
Make sure the growth don't surpass the infrastructure
Parents are starting to complain about the schools, their budget, and their position of parental involvement.
Think about travel throughout the City. no one wants to live in a city that takes 30 minutes to get across town.
Manage spending & debt. We are becoming a high cost city to live in when it comes to affordability.
Take a look at other cities when it comes to building standards as high. We need 147 more rental units and 300 units are on hold due to interest rate hikes.
Offer \$200,000 for affordable housing grants to develop a city/landlord/business/comprehensive partnership to help 1st time homebuyers to save for a downpayment. We need 400 affordable homes. Or use the money to reduce fees to be transferred to the home buyer. (It's \$30,000 less to build in Hudson, Wisconsin)
Take a look at other cities when it comes to dealing with various crime issues or regular items. IE Brooklyn Park, Burnsville and Lake good notes on how development may have shaped some of the existing zoning codes.
Please monitor price gouging at Lakewille Liquor. It is a unique monopoly that brings big \$ to the city but it has gotten out of control. 25% more than Total Wine etc, doesn't seem right.
Don't run for city council unless you have a specific plan to help the city.
Keep the city safe and clean. Our job as politicians and officials is to
Continue to work with the school. The reputation of the schools has taken a hit.
Reevaluate density of housing stock in regards to pricing, style, and size.
More diverse housing options with greater amenities.
More commercial development to support the increase in residents, especially retail.
more neighborhood & community events
Solicit & recruit more feedback from diverse citizens of the community. We need a plan to take care of our aging population
Maximize responses. meet residents, traffic is getting serious around town
Keeping schools great by building more classroom space while keeping taxes in check
Support teachers and students to continue to provide excellent education, maintain green spacemarks as we continue to grow
Affordable commercial space that is appealing to small independent businesses.
Keep schools focused on the students especially considering the increased diversity and overall growth of our community
Support government workers, more community events to foster sense of inclusivity in growing community
Keep pace between housing and other development. grow responsibly and don't forget people who already live here, provide more affordable housing options for middle class families
The school district attendance boundaries process needs to be transparent and impact as few kids as possible.
The enforcement of governing residents checking off fireworks needs to improve.
Design trunk highways that allow traveling across town without excessive traffic signals. For example, Apple Valley is a mess. It takes a long time to travel across Apple Valley because there are so many stoplights.
Don't over develop and continue to add parks that meet the needs of all ages.
Protect open green spaces in our community.
Monitor the growth so the character of Lakewille does not change.
More retail options beyond the big box stores.
Infrastructure needs to grow to before houses
single family housing opportunities for average people starting out
More single family home, no more apartment buildings
Plan ahead for schools so you don't have to ask for last minute reformations, more growth by air take
Plan accordingly and budget appropriately
More diverse staff

The More we are inclusive the less crime will be committed, people of color especially Muslims should be protected from hate crimes against bad people, the city should hire more Muslims and train them in their communities which will reduce tensions within. Muslims should be respected with their values and beliefs.

Having affordable housing, and conveniences to schools and stores

And about the last question.

Am not sure what we should have lots of

knowing that Lakeville is growing rapidly the incoming community members would appreciate seeing more diverse employment all around Lakeville public positions. There is a feeling of warmth when you are served by someone who looks like you. It sends a message of acceptance. We all want to feel a sense of security so please work hard on diverse employment all around Lakeville positions.

Building public facilities that are inclusive to the communities that are coming in like building a center or facilitating that, like offering grants for the Muslim friends to build a place to worship close to home.

Encouraging a diverse and sustainable business environment can provide residents with more job opportunities within the city, reducing the need for commuting to nearby urban centers.

Strengthening community engagement programs can foster a sense of unity and give residents a platform to voice their ideas and concerns, leading to more inclusive decision-making.

While Lakeville is known for its excellent schools, continuous investment in education and resources for students can help maintain high standards and support academic growth.

To guide Lakeville's growth and foster inclusivity.

Develop a comprehensive plan that considers infrastructure, housing, and economic development, catering to both existing and new residents.

Prioritize affordable housing options to accommodate diverse needs and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Engage and include minority communities in decision-making processes.

Celebrate cultural diversity through awareness initiatives.

Invest in education and youth programs for equal opportunities.

Support minority-owned businesses for economic empowerment.

Ensure accessible public services for all residents.

Preserve Lakeville's natural and cultural heritage for a sense of identity and belonging.

By following these steps, Lakeville can grow while promoting diversity, inclusivity, and prosperity.

Need a community good that is accessible to all and affordable.

Need to revamp downtown to serve the younger generation. It looks rundown. Everyone gathers at LBC because there's a sense of community there. We need more of that downtown in a public area? One idea would be to demo the old mall/post office and create an outdoor community space with water features.

There are a lot of bad intersections (e.g. in and near downtown). There are many accident-prone areas due to bad intersections, such as the intersection of Doud/St. Traffic planning for growth is imperative and thinking with a long-term lens. As a "country" homeowner, 55 mph on a gravel road is insane out here.

The number of Lakeville Parks and Rec staff (PTEs) has remained the same for years and years, despite Lakeville adding tens of thousands of residents. There needs to be at least one additional Parks & Rec PTE on the programming side to serve the rapid growth, especially given the high priority, expectations and demand that the residents of Lakeville have on P&R services and amenities.

In terms of guiding growth, don't lose downtown. Love the downtown vibe and it sets us apart when compared to neighboring communities.

Hopes the public school system access stays commensurate with that growth. When first moved here, there was just one high school. Scenarios like that where thresholds are met – they need to adjust with those needs, and hope the City and Schools are working closely.

City leadership should not assume that diverse community members will proactively come forward to lead and get involved. There is very little done to make diverse (potential) leaders feel welcome.

Representative leaders based on demographics.

Amenities, resources and infrastructure to allow for growth.

Lakeville is largely led by older, white males – which feels very out of touch from what our community looks like.

To truly represent and embrace all that is unique about our community as it grows.

Question 4: What's the most important issue to the future of Lakeville?

We are losing our small town feel

No more levies!

You can't sustain intimate, small feel with elementary schools when they are 600-700+ kids

Business growth and its tax support to benefit.

Managing growth

Smart growth

Effective growth and manage taxes

Controlled growth and affordable housing and taxes

Do not let light rail come through. Nothing sets Lakeville apart from every other suburb. No longer pretty, just a bunch of concrete boxes and new housing development with no trees.

Less taxes. Can hardly afford my home as a single person.

Continue to have a good school system which does not mean we need to spend more money -- spend the money more wisely.

Bring to life the Community Vision statement. Lakeville is the largest city in the 3rd largest county in MN. Are we leveraging this?

I feel the most important issue to the future of Lakeville is public safety. A strong police department is critical to a community.

Schools-avoid Woke agenda-stick with math, reading, writing, science

Preserve park land (nature)

Stopping Dan Patch line.

Safety and helping people with mental health issues

Continue to get community input.

School reputations seems to be going downhill

Slow down growth

Be intentional about getting public feedback and communicate with schools (#1 reason people move to Lakeville)

Maintain culture of a caring and friendly community

Safety, lower taxes and better schools

Keep/enhance sense of community

Civil discourse. We need leaders with discernment and wisdom. Good listeners who can receive and process, not just information, but feelings, hopes, fears, anger and prejudice. There needs to be healing and unity if we are to continue enjoying peace and security.

Transitioning from a "growing community" to a community more responsible to maintain. It ultimately requires a differing strategy related to city services, budgeting, etc.

Reflect the high quality that Lakeville residents and businesses expect.

Proper planning to accommodate the growth & continue to get community input.

Safety of residents and quality of public schools.

As we get larger, crime will rise. Safety needs to stay a priority. Love that police officers stop in to get to know the businesses in their territory. Gives the sense of small community.

Sense of Community

Focus on schools and people who want to have a positive influence on kids

How do we keep holding this community at a high value for next generation

Like that our speed limits allow for quick access throughout the city, maintain that as we build out

Making sure all entities, including schools, are working together to plan and manage growth

Show that we are taking notice of diversity - how do we all work to create a common good

Making sure businesses can meet, collaborate, and learn from others

Don't lose sight of what is important - we are positioned to thrive. Keep small town feel and invest in that.

Has to remain a desirable place to live, work, do business, and raise family.

Businesses need to be able to thrive without government control.

Awareness of keeping our city clean through programs involving sewer cleaning, etc. Banning pesticides that go into our lakes and rivers.

Business growth of highly skilled workers.

Schools, businesses and the city should work together to ensure we have Lakeville remains a family oriented, safe city.

Put a moratorium on the pot shops and public use of pot. It is harmful to kids, businesses, and families and will hurt our community.

Thinking out growth - Some is good - too much wrecks what is good about this town.

We need to study what it looks like to be fully built out and plan for infrastructure needs in the future.

Cities that grow too fast have public safety issues, keep ambulance service & response times in mind

Don't forget about the middle class. Lakeville is no longer a starter home family community.

The city feels unbalanced, development should be spread to all areas in a timely manner.

It's not just one important issue, there are many. Be forward thinking and learn from other cities who have been in the same boat.

Continuing to plan well; easy to go off course.

Focus on education; Keep it at a high level.

Maintain high quality education.

keeping up with growth i.e post office to be able to handle population

Schools, important to have good schools for our students

adjustment to growth, school funding, Traffic management

Continuing to properly manage growth; don't lose our way

Collaboration and support between the government and the community

Keep Lakeville from feeling "too suburban" by supporting and growing small businesses

Support teachers and students to maintain a standard of excellence in our school district

Foster an inclusive community

Making Lakeville an appealing and safe place for ANYONE to live, work, learn, and thrive

Remember big is not always better. Strive to make sure that the growth that gets approved improves Lakeville. I love the Lakeville feel and how involved people are.

Develop so we can hang on to the small town feel.

Don't overbuild low income housing.

Growth is important, but not at the expenses of compromising our identity and image.

Slow growth so we don't turn into a city sprawled like Bloomington without a (place) for the community to gather together.

There needs to be trunk highway to travel rapidly across town and beyond.

Working with the Met council regarding MUSA line expansion and the impact on Lakeville.

Quite raising taxes, budget with what we have

Economic diversity in population

Safety, especially within our schools, strong sense of community

Focus on basics for school curriculum, safety

Safety and affordable single family housing opportunities (not government programs)

Self belonging

Acceptance

Inclusivity

Communication must reach all community members.

We need to have halal stores and mosques that represent all Muslims in Lakeville, halal stores will be the place most can meet, those are very important places to Lakeville Muslims residents.

Embracing the changes like being inclusive to the new community coming in Lakeville.

Fostering community engagement and open communication channels between residents and local government can lead to more informed decision-making and address concerns effectively.

Economic Diversification: Encouraging a diverse business environment can help reduce dependency on specific industries and create more employment opportunities within the city.

The City should take a leadership role in combating the divisiveness in our community.

Keep taxes low and continue to bring businesses in to offset residential taxes.

Traffic flow / road infrastructure.

Ability and willingness to change and evolve. There is clear resistance to that among the majority of the current Council. If our leadership looked like and truly represented the makeup of our current community, this would add legitimacy and fill the current gap in perspectives at the leadership table.

Public Safety. Feels like there is a little more crime than before. Lives close to downtown and there seems to be an uptick in crime and hears about it through the grapevine and also from cops that work in town.

The City strategic plan needs to add an inclusive focus and actively cultivate diverse leaders so that our City Staff and elected officials actually reflect the community they serve. Right now it's out of balance and there are groups that don't feel represented.

Making sure we grow to be an inclusive community and welcoming of diversity.

To create a community where everyone feels that they belong here and can feel safe. It's important to acknowledge and accept that not everyone loves everything about our community, and that it can sometimes feel unsafe and unwelcoming.