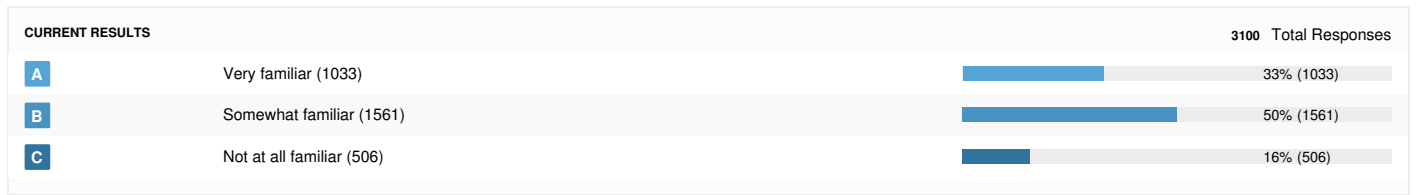


## Bloomington Creekside Community Center and Motor Vehicle Office Survey

### How familiar are you with Creekside Community Center?



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C
Registered Voters (109)	41.3% (45)	44.0% (48)	14.7% (16)
Non-Registered Voters (2991)	33.0% (988)	50.6% (1513)	16.4% (490)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C
All respondents (3100)	33.0% (1033)	50.0% (1561)	16.0% (506)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (109)	41.3% (45)	44.0% (48)	14.7% (16)
Live in Bloomington, MN (140) - Self-reported	40.0% (56)	45.7% (64)	14.3% (20)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (142)	39.4% (56)	46.5% (66)	14.1% (20)
Register respondents from anywhere (110)	265.0% (291)	332.0% (365)	88.0% (97)

## How often do you visit Creekside Community Center?



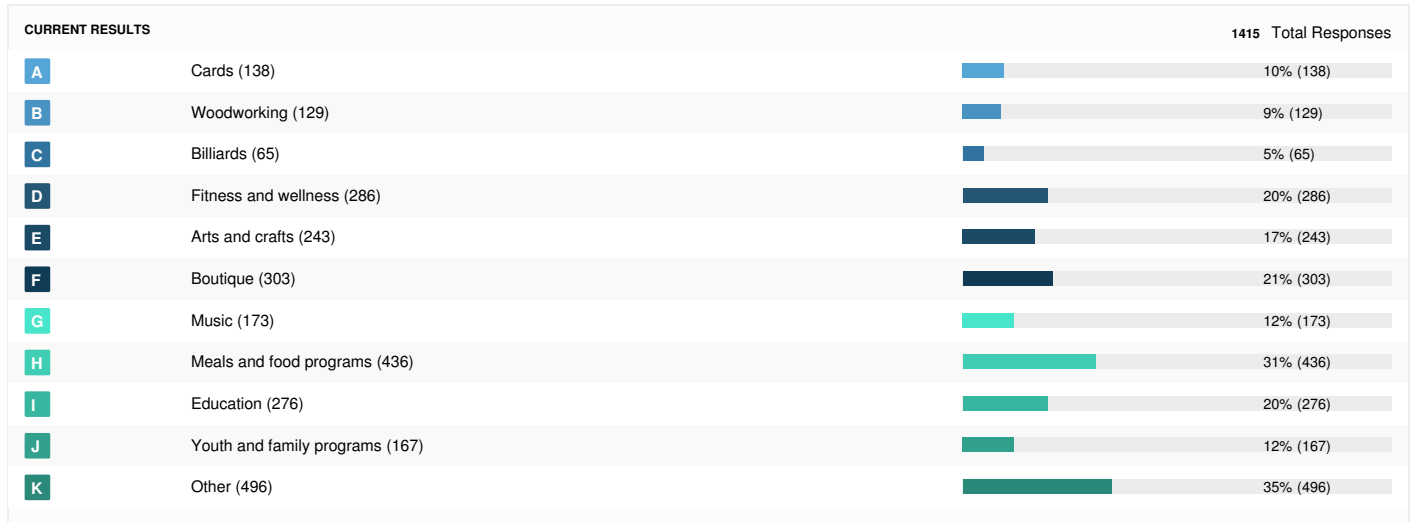
**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Registered Voters (106)	10.4% (11)	3.8% (4)	4.7% (5)	4.7% (5)	19.8% (21)	56.6% (60)
Non-Registered Voters (2988)	7.2% (216)	4.4% (132)	3.0% (89)	7.0% (209)	26.1% (780)	52.3% (1562)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
All respondents (3094)	7.0% (227)	4.0% (136)	3.0% (94)	7.0% (214)	26.0% (801)	52.0% (1622)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (106)	10.4% (11)	3.8% (4)	4.7% (5)	4.7% (5)	19.8% (21)	56.6% (60)
Live in Bloomington, MN (137) - Self-reported	9.5% (13)	3.6% (5)	4.4% (6)	5.8% (8)	19.0% (26)	57.7% (79)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (139)	9.4% (13)	3.6% (5)	4.3% (6)	5.8% (8)	19.4% (27)	57.6% (80)
Register respondents from anywhere (107)	67.0% (72)	32.0% (34)	21.0% (23)	52.0% (56)	196.0% (210)	333.0% (356)

**If you participate in programming at Creekside Community Center, which one(s) do you participate in the most?  
(Select all that apply)**



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Registered Voters (47)	12.8% (6)	6.4% (3)	2.1% (1)	21.3% (10)	19.1% (9)	19.1% (9)	12.8% (6)	31.9% (15)	31.9% (15)	8.5% (4)	51.1% (24)
Non-Registered Voters (1368)	9.6% (132)	9.2% (126)	4.7% (64)	20.2% (276)	17.1% (234)	21.5% (294)	12.2% (167)	30.8% (421)	19.1% (261)	11.9% (163)	34.5% (472)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
All respondents (1415)	10.0% (138)	9.0% (129)	5.0% (65)	20.0% (286)	17.0% (243)	21.0% (303)	12.0% (173)	31.0% (436)	20.0% (276)	12.0% (167)	35.0% (496)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (47)	12.8% (6)	6.4% (3)	2.1% (1)	21.3% (10)	19.1% (9)	19.1% (9)	12.8% (6)	31.9% (15)	31.9% (15)	8.5% (4)	51.1% (24)
Live in Bloomington, MN (62) - Self-reported	12.9% (8)	9.7% (6)	1.6% (1)	24.2% (15)	17.7% (11)	21.0% (13)	12.9% (8)	32.3% (20)	29.0% (18)	12.9% (8)	45.2% (28)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (63)	12.7% (8)	9.5% (6)	1.6% (1)	23.8% (15)	19.0% (12)	22.2% (14)	12.7% (8)	31.7% (20)	28.6% (18)	12.7% (8)	44.4% (28)
Register respondents from anywhere (47)	83.0% (39)	66.0% (31)	32.0% (15)	162.0% (76)	117.0% (55)	174.0% (82)	85.0% (40)	209.0% (98)	160.0% (75)	60.0% (28)	306.0% (144)

## If other, please comment here:

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**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington needs to keep Creekside open. This is a large city and should not cancel food programs if possible.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't participate . Have only shopped at the boutique



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't participate in any of the listed programs



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Flu shots



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Income tax assistance site, 55 and Alive classes, but they have both moved in the last couple of years. Creekside not as important as it use to be. Would be ok if it closed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Volunteer



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Volunteer for the Computer lab



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have volunteered with my workplace (Quality bicycle products) preparing and serving meals at creekside



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Movies



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Boonbuilders



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I personally don't use it buy my Mom used to go there all the time before she passed away. It was vital for the seniors that use it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Help run weekly cribbage tournaments.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The ByteSyte computer group which has been together for many years.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

adult day care for my sister



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

attended special program



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I want to make sure that families in need of food support and seniors in need of Adult Daycare have been provided for in your new plan.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Participate as a volunteer. Hope Loaves and Fishes can move to an area church or other community resource.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As a transit (bus) stop. It has a bench and many of Bloomington's bus stops don't have shelters or benches.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've never been, heard good things though.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close the damn thing. Should of been updated years ago.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We're still new to the area and haven't had a chance to visit this community center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

never been there, never intend to go there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I serve at this site for Loaves & Fishes. My concern is that just because I don't use the facility myself - that my answers reflect in this survey in a slanted way

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Senator age but no reason to use

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't partake in programming

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Never use it.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Community centers are not a legitimate function of city government. There is no reason to have civic activities tainted by the corruption of racist city government.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I work full time so have not used the facility, but would want it to be available if I was retired. I think it provides a place for people to meet and socialize, which is so important.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

in my opinion, moving the senior citizen services to city hall would result in decreased usage by the older citizens

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I help maintain the book/puzzle collections in the library.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Food share

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Plant swap

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am a senior and like being a senior. Most of all, I enjoy being with people my own age.... No families or children, they have many places to attend but the seniors only have one, Creekside.. The Bloomington SENIORS need their own place to slow down and just share our experiences and togetherness. Chuck and I chose Bloomington 50 years ago over Edina because of the school system. Its the best and I still believe this today. Let me have my Senior Center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My aunt teaches the line dancing classes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

movies, line dancing, flower committee, BAJ mtgs

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Meeting in racial disparity

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Meetings for program planning.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP Tax Prep

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Community focus groups

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I can't imagine that you're going to get a lot of response to an e-survey from those who actually benefit mostly from Creekside's services, the elderly. The City basing its decision on such a service is ludicrous and irresponsible. Shame on you! Take care of the elders; get rid of your stupid high-budget pet projects that no one needs, like paving the river valley. The city higher-ups should be taking GIANT salary cuts like every other business.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am the Local Coordinator for the AARP TaxAide program at Creekside prepares tax returns for in excess of 800 taxpayers each tax season with about 500 of them being Bloomington residents.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not in the age group for creek side but find it valuable to have for seniors

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nice place to walk

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Safe Driving Program

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Vaccinations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I take seniors to creekside for meals, informative classes, crafts, and socializing.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

KEEP THE COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN BUT CANCEL THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ONE AT THIS TIME

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I volunteered for Loaves and Fishes once a month, got a flu shot, took driver's ed classes, shopped at the Boutique.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We serve Loaves and fishes twice a month. In order to continue to do so we need a facility with a full kitchen and a dining area that seats up to 125 people

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We are both seniors in the household who don't use the facility or its programming

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't participate, but my father plays cards at the senior center twice a week.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The enjoyment of somewhere to go

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't use the services

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I came all the time when my children were younger for the loaves and fishes and the read to me program and afterschool study program. My mother and I sold items in the gift shop. Now that I have young nephews I have come to the open play. I was so happy that plan to build on Portland fell through. I thought that cemented Creekside staying put.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't go to Creekside, but my husband has been visiting 6 times per week for several years. This would be devastating to him and many other of the friends he's made at Creekside.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Plant exchange

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have my taxes filed there every year. Participant in Fare for All program. Enjoy the boutique to pick up a variety of handmade gifts at affordable prices.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have helped serve meals at Loves & Fishes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

never been there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Tax Prepare for low income families

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP Driver Classes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

use for meetings

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think Fare for All sold food there once and I went there.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The meals offered to seniors and low income at Creekside are not going to be available even if the new community center opens. That service kept people fed, which is not only a necessity, but also something that everyone enjoyed. If we're claiming that we want to take care of the vulnerable, taking care of the basic needs of our seniors and those of low income should be our priority. Not the first thing to go.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

license tabs, sale of vehicles

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

library dakim

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel a community center is a valuable asset to the community. Programming today is for seniors, not the whole community. If new expanded programming is made available for families and children we would 100% participate. That said, in 30 years I hope a facility like Creekside exists when I come of age.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Community signups

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

special events..eg health insurance seminars

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Martin Luther Creekside Club

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut it!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Garden Club

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've volunteered for Loaves and Fishes there. I know it's an important program that is well used by Bloomington seniors and low income residents. I don't think the venue matters so much as that the program has a place to operate. Is there an alternative location that's close by that would be available? It seems like it could operate in any school cafeteria.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My husband attended the Martin Luther adult daycare program at Creekside until the building's closure March 13

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Aarp Tax help

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I go there six days a week.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None

**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















I don't use it but I know the Seniors do and I want to support those programs for them however we can

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Loaves and fishes serving

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

it is a wonderful place for the elderly and keeps the elderly out and healthy instead of isolation it would be a shame to take this place away. how bout stop investing in giant cess pool water parks that are not needed and stop investing in the MOA

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We've never used any services at this Community Center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP driver course
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
ARLE Dances
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We did sign up for a class at Creekside; however, as a result of the virus our class was virtual. We have had family members make us of the center in the past. We are happy to see the classes will move to the civic center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP safe driving class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Gift shop
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
never seen any youth and family programs except very lame late evening --nothing for teen i volunteer for loaves and fishes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I volunteer for Loaves and Fishes twice a month.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I haven't participated but may in the future
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Look- you elected officials are in for it- you are going to take it out on the Seniors and another basic service - Drivers and motor vehicles service. Weren't you all clamoring for some very unpopular and very expensive project that would have killed one of the largest parks in East Blmgtn? Can't wait for the elections
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I feel that simply the contact with other community members in a safe environment is very important to the well being of our community members. It has been proven that getting out, communicating, and participating in programs increases the mental, physical and emotional well being.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP defensive driving. LPN foot care with Nancy Falk.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Line Dancing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Would be interested if fitness classes for all ages were offered.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
City Council Members' periodic open meetings.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Sell land move to valley view
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am a senior. I have participated in Aarp driver training and also tax help.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is important as a place for Seniors to be able to go.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fair for All
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
concerts
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Food, parties, bingo, movies, entertainment programs, loaves and fishes



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I do not visit the center much of late, but participated in Loaves and Fishes with my church for many years - in the 2000's and early 2010's.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I used to attend yoga classes but now I go to the YMCA.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Wellness and social service programs

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Byte Site, Tax Aide

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would drive past the center regularly and thought it was great to have this in the community, even though I have never used it.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It is a great place to meet other people. I would hate to see it go.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Table tennis

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Line dancing for exercise

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Programming on Medicare or other senior-related issues.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Collecting resources for my elderly parents.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

General socializing over food

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Fare for all.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Haven't been there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have volunteered at Creekside once. Is there any alternative building that could be used.?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Leatherworking

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Library

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Socializing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

don't currently participate

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Agree that the center should be closed to save money

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

site evaluation

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Fair for all food



Anonymous user's Opinion

Adult Day Program



Anonymous user's Opinion

Monday Movies & Line Dance Class. Fare-For-All.



Anonymous user's Opinion

Line dancing



Anonymous user's Opinion

tax help



Anonymous user's Opinion

Have not been there. This facility is more geared for seniors and taking it away would be one of the worst things the city could do.



Anonymous user's Opinion

Fitness nutrition class (one time offering in 2019)



Anonymous user's Opinion

None



Anonymous user's Opinion

The pool room



Anonymous user's Opinion

Library, flu shots, food truck, Ceridian seminars etc ,quilting.



Anonymous user's Opinion

Taxes



Anonymous user's Opinion

Nothing it seems to not cater towards middle-class young homeowner demographics



Anonymous user's Opinion

Sometimes volunteer at Loaves and Fishes



Anonymous user's Opinion

Monthly dances



Anonymous user's Opinion

To me is more of a senior center



Anonymous user's Opinion

Decorate for Christmas, Get Acquainted leader, Creative Crafts leader, serve at special lunches.



Anonymous user's Opinion

None



Anonymous user's Opinion

Writer's Group



Anonymous user's Opinion

I don't attend myself but work with seniors who find the services valuable



Anonymous user's Opinion

I only go when the City has events there, but I recognize its importance to seniors.



Anonymous user's Opinion

We need a community ctr to bring people together, especially seniors & people that are alone or in need of food or something to do



Anonymous user's Opinion

I don't participate in any activities at Creekside. Years ago, when I delivered for Meals on Wheels the pickup point was at Creekside.

Anonymous user's Opinion



That's where we get our flu shots. I have watched movies there and attended special concerts.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

none of the above



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

it has been a great place for seniors to gather and socialize when they live alone and enjoy the activity and events at the same time.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Writers Group



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Never used



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Guest lectures



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nothing that can not be done better elsewhere



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Food sale, occasional classes. Safe driving, eg.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I do not participate



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This facility is invaluable for Bloomington seniors and the services provided are unavailable in any other setting.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Computer Help



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am not in the demographic that uses Creekside often. However, I very much value our senior citizens who depend on Creekside for social and emotional well being!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

leatherworking



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside has been a major benefit for Bloomington citizens for many years and needs to continue. My grandmother used it extensively back in the 80s. My mother both volunteered and used many of the services for over 20 years and I have recently retired and just started to spend my own time there before it had to close for the COVID-19 situation.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am too young to participate at Creekside at this time. I have lived in Bloomington most of my life. I am from the Sting Ray Afternoons era. Once I retire I will probably participate regularly. More on this below, but when I heard Don Bowers reach out to the community to ask us to fill out this survey, I felt compelled to respond. There is clearly a bizarre charm associated with this facility and this location. You can try to chalk it up to fear of change, the participants being set in their ways, and write them off as old codgers who might be dead next week, but that is a precious bunch of folks that hang out there precisely because of it's history. I don't know when it was built to be an elementary school, probably in the 60s, but as you know it's been an institution since 1974 so why not declare it a National Historical Landmark, put in a few more bathrooms, a better HVAC and whatever else it needs using local Hennepin County Tech School students to do the work rather than expensive approved contractors. Put the challenge to the users of the facility to do a gofundme or whatever it takes (maybe they have already). But to pull the rug out of this place with so much history is probably not the right move – for the community and politically. There was a time when the Mayor talked about decentralized community centers. This is clearly for seniors and would remain so. They love it. I'd love it. It's a place to go that may seem rinky dink to many people, but it somehow really works for the working class folks that don't want to spend lots of money to just meet up and do stuff with people. I'll never forget when I signed my son up for BAA Hockey in the early 2000s and Don Bowers or whoever at the time was running the country jam and I was floored how many people were in that room. He or someone in his circle has been doing it for almost 20 years. It's a big deal. If you unplug it and replug it into the arts center, it's going to be an entirely different vibe and it'll probably kill it. People will be upset and just not come. You've got to get creative on this. Don said it best, do you want to be known as the council and admin that pulled the plug on Creekside due to a pandemic. I could see me and a couple of friends taking over that jam when Don steps down. Saving money by eliminating participation is a dumb idea.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Fare Share



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Flowers and plant exchange; visit parents playing cards occasionally
























**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















Keep it open for the old folks!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Country Line Dance Class

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
N/A
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Various
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Caregiver support group
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A safe place for less fortunate folks to get a warm meal
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteering
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside is a good social/meeting place. People who work there are great... and so are those who use the facilities.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
N?A
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Meals
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We all know the reason you want Creekside closed. You didn't get your new community center and now you're going to pout. Babies!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Close this place-down. There are other places for Senior activities. Ie. Knights Of Columbus, Etc. I remember reading in the Sun-Current Newspaper a-long-time-ago where it has in todays-time, twice-out-lived-its'- original purpose... Maybe renovate it into a new DMV license-renewal. Because the current DMV site is over-run.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Baa sign up
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Movies and Discounted Food Distribution Site
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
use of rooms for other community events
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not visit the creekside center
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Various meetings on subjects of interest to me
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Yoga, line dance, movies, fare for all,entertainment
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer with church to serve at Loaves and Fishes occasionally
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
BAA parent meetings held there

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
When they have the free tax service, free giveaway jackets, school supplies. My 2 kids and I went to eat there for almost 2 years after my divorce for free it was a life saver it was nice and clean and people were so nice. Where will all these people eat???
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Computer Classes, AARP Driver Course
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
(I'm not sure which location creekside is/Google lists several location choices on the map.)
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP tax prep program
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My grandma was there every Saturday when she was alive and if I needed to talk with her I knew where to find her. She was the happiest there and loved the music and company. My uncle would be there with her and he continues to go. He has special needs and this is a way for him to be social and do something he shared with his mom.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Room rental
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Have only attended one education program there in 5 years.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Taxes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
55 Alive Driver Course Alzheimer's Support Group
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Control Data retirees club programs
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
have family member using Senior daycare
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I went there for a field trip in elementary school. I don't see much value.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Garden
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I work at the Adult Day Program at Creekside Community Center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't participate in any, but have known many people over the years who have and do.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would like to participate in more programs in the future
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Taxes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As a new resident to Bloomington, I was looking forward to utilizing Creekside Community Center this Spring and Summer, before the virus required closing of such spaces for public safety. I do hope to attend classes in the future.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Leather shop
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Senior driver test for 10%off insurance

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel like the people that visit are less likely to be technical and therefore underrepresented in this survey.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't use the facility now, but would like a senior place in the future. Closing the Center now is fine, if there is a community center in Bloomington in the near future.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't participate now but know how important it is.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Flu vaccination

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Events, movies luncheons, seminars.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

free income tax prep as I get older I'll be interested in doing more there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Senior gift wrapping

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

safe driving classes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have not participated in any of the programs, but I have volunteered with Loaves and Fishes by preparing food, serving, and clean up. This is a wonderful program! Location good for all of Bloomington (centrally located).

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

While I have not participated in any programming or services offered, it seems to me that offering ONE classroom in another building doesn't seem like it would accommodate enough of the services and programs offered at the Creekside facility.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Senior line dancing-twice a week Movie day

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cub Foods on Lyndale donates their bakery products that have reached the "sell by date" to Creekside three days per week. I am in charge of that program. I have two other volunteers who assist me with that. During the closure, I am now picking up the bakery goods and taking them to VEAP. If Creekside does in fact close, this program will be discontinued and I will inform Cub Foods to donate these items to other organizations (possibly VEAP),

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Took class

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP CLASSES.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Question 2 is unfair as many seniors will not be filling this out due to internet only

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have attended classes for child care workers there.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Library

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Community health - flu shot






















**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















I know I didn't answer other, but I just wanted to say that I've brought quilting material for the people there, that my mom had, and she's passed now, so I wanted it to go to good use, and brought it there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Primarily meetings

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

-  I went there once to get a flu shot.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I have been the group leader for five or six years now. Creekside community center is highly praised for mental and physical abilities for our seniors. I would not like to see it close I'm thinking it would be a big mistake.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I have not participate because I have just reached minimum age. I have full knowledge of what it offers and look forward to using it when the time comes!
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  AARP Driving. Medicare Informational. Other special events or programs directed at Seniors.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Visit boutique, check out flyers etc.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I look forward to using it in a few years
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Even though I am 75, I have only been there once to a health insurance information meeting.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I played pool with the women every Thursday. I didn't see pool mentioned in the news paper article.. I would miss that so much as I so now with the covid impact.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Flu shot many years ago?
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  movies and fare for all
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Had my daughter's birthday party there
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I volunteer 4 times a year for Loaves & Fishes
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Human services committee meetings
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Where else are seniors supposed to go?
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Volunteered for loaves and fishes
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  volunteering only at Christmas twice in my life.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Tax preparation with Prepare and Prosper
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  We volunteer with the Loaves and Fishes program.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Use to attend the poetry group
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I feel that if you take this away from the elderly you are basically killing them off you take their activities you keep them away from friends away from Food they may need because when your old it's hard to cook for yourself you take away help they may get from programs there creekside has a lot in that one building to more than just elderly these programs help and many give an elderly a reason to keep going if you take away that social aspect you are all alone
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Fare for All, Free bread

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
flower exchange, garden information,
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't currently use the center but would use it once renovated and more opportunities for families/young children.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP Driver Safety Class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Many seniors go to Creekside to get together with their friends and participate in programs, I have worked in the boutique for 30 years and the quilting room and would miss it very much. Lots of seniors would miss it
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Leather working
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not attend as I am not a senior and I participate in other activities in the city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP Driver Safety class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Gardening
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Use community meeting place.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tax aide was invaluable to me. I used it for a number of years.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Books, puzzles
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
You can not close this space - it's a place for seniors to go and not feel lonely. I also just moved my parents to Bloomington because of the community center and they will be close to me.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not use Creekside personally but know many Bloomington people who do. Is there a less costly way to offer classes and socializing?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Have never participated in an activity at Creekside.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
When I see a government agency say they are going to permanently eliminate some services then I expect a permanent decrease in my property taxes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
With their many programs, Creekside is always busy. Just looking at the above list shows how essential Creekside is to Bloomington.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Quilting and Rock Shop
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP tax prep
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Bone Builders.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
BAA Golf Signups



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I attend Creekside three times per week. I take line dancing class, exercise class, and go the Country Western Jam on Saturdays. I often go to the movies and have been to the computer group a couple times for help.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Medicare presentations and environmental presentations.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My dad, when he was alive -- used Creekside regularly -- for lunch and movies. We know others who use it -- but we were happy to hear it would be replaced with a new location. Knowing that is likely on-hold, closing Creekside to save money isn't a bad idea.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

tax return help

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I do not use this building but there is so much value for those who do. When I become a senior, I would use this building to play games/cards/crafts. If Creekside activities can be conducted at City Hall then I would not be opposed to services moving there or rebuilding Creekside to update it and add programs for other citizens. Different levels for different groups. for example teen center above with activities such as ping pong, chess clubs, game rooms etc. to be used by boy/girl scouts, church groups, police coffee meet and greets, explorers, city learning activities such as CPR classes, summer classes, etc. or other supervised/leadership groups. Space could be rented as meeting places for community education classes (learn a language, or skill like sewing, Christmas baking classes, etc.). DMV could also be housed on the 2nd floor of Creekside.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Adult Day Program

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Socializing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have used Creekside when our church was being rebuilt. Also, we used it for confiring with an insurance agent regarding part B and part D for our senior health care planning.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

none

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I access the library at least once per week.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Monthly Fare For All food distributions

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Saturday morning band (country music) is a godsend to all those elderly people who really have nothing else to do. My 87 year old mother would be isolated, and alone if not for this critically enjoyable activity. Please save this!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None other

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Country Jam

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My husband attends the adult day center. My life would be a mess without it

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I also get my flu shots here

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel Bloomington has a war on seniors as much they want to end has seniors in mind. For example also Hyland Golf course

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



















Monday movies

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Dakum Brain Machine, Monday Movies, volunteer for cards set up

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Movies

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP driving class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
line dancing, food store
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Happy Feet
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Adult driving class to lower insurance
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
lapidary, leather working
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Garden Club member.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have done a gift wrapping event for gifts for seniors at Christmastime
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Needleworkers (which may be considered a part of arts and crafts) and monthly book-club
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Quilting for donation Ladies day pool
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
movies, social events, etc
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My pattern was to go to Creekside 5 days a week to participate in pool.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My dad went to Creekside every day before he passed away , he played cards and participated in the senior wellness programs and had a lot of friends there , he also volunteered there , my mom sold items at the boutique, a lot of our seniors need this as a place to go everyday .
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This facility is critically important to my husband. He is retired and disabled and plays pool as often as there are billiard tournaments. (usually twice a week). He will be completely lost without that facility since it is the only place he can meet gentleman for tournaments or just to play pool!!! This is a critical meeting hub for all the seniors in the city. It's their only place!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I dont
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Pick up food
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
quilting and selling at botique
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
writers group
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not participate in any programs at Creekside.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Garden club
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I hope to be able to take advantage of these offerings when I am retired.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The Martin Luther Adult Day Program located there since 1995.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I worked there as a high school student in the lunch kitchen I know that it is a great place for the seniors to gather and the lunch in most cases was the only meal some of them received. We need to keep our senior community active and involved

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

our book club meets there once a month.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Byte Site

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think this is a very important outlet for seniors and worth keeping open.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make quilts. For donations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

According to an article in the Bloomington Briefing - there are an estimated 70 families with children in Bloomington public schools that are sleeping in cars each night. I think of these families every day since looking for an opportunity to help them! It seems Creekside is just what I have been looking for! With your assistance, we can make a significant impact on the lives of these children and their future! Idea is to create a non-profit, operating out of the Creekside Community Center to provide a safe warm place for these children and their parents to sleep each night during the school year. \*\*To make this project sustainable part of the building will be utilized to generate income. The Service wing is strictly for the sleeping area for the families including - Small coin-operated laundry for the families. - Showers -The Income Generating Wing - Public Office Space for rent - The gym and kitchen could be rented to the public for an event - The city could build a Dome on the grass area behind Creekside that would be rented to soccer teams, spring baseball. (Holy Angels Dome, I believed paid for itself in 2 years!) The Service wing is just for families with a child(ren) actually in a Bloomington public school There will be specific guidelines/agreement the families would sign before they are allowed to stay: 1) Confirmation/Proof has a child(ren) currently in a Bloomington school 2) Check-in time 4:00p with a parent 3) No Drugs, Alcohol or smoking on premise 4) no physical or verbal abuse of children or adults. Police will be called to remove abuser and is banded from premises 5) No fighting with other guests 6) No guests 6) Check out time 8 am the following morning 7) Each family will be assigned maintenance tasks to maintain living areas 8) doors lock at 8 pm. The absent Parent arriving after 8 pm would have registered an expected return time. Be prepared to show a photo id and room number. Service Wing - will require a paid overnight awake security person. This would be an employee of the Non-profit. Shower stalls would need to be installed. We will look for volunteers from the community to do the installment. Already have ideas on simply fundraiser(s), free or gently used bedframes, clothing, etc. So it will be a work in progress but the important piece is the children getting a warm night's sleep. Education is the key to a better future and becoming contributing adults. Sleep and food allow kids to succeed in school. Sleep also reduces the likelihood of illness. Education reduces the rate of incarceration, thus reducing the overcrowding of the legal system and jails. Having a safe place to sleep until they can find affordable housing, will keep families together, and be building a better future for Bloomington and all its families. I am available to discuss this further any day, 612-403-7108 Sharon M Stadnik 9924 Oxborough Road Bloomington, MN 55437

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have been there for VAN meetings and I'm filling this out more in terms of thinking about the future of the site

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I want Creekside Community Center to STAY OPEN! There are 20-30,000 residents of Bloomington that are 50 years old and up many of whom utilize the services, pay property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, utilities and services fees. Many seniors cannot, at this moment with Covid19, get out and share their opinions and needs or protest the closure that is being proposed. PLEASE do not close Creekside. Many benefit from programming, food services, health, tax and financial planning and assistance as well as mental health socializing with others in a convenient location on a bus line. This serious cut and derailment of services for Seniors in Bloomington deserves serious reconsideration.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I personally don't use it but know others do use it.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Sail

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Lapidary--Rock Shop

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I use the library and the brain health program there.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I enjoy lapidary and the people in the Rock Shop. I visit twice a week to stay in touch with friends in the shop.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I love getting books from the library

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Senior driving classes Store selling Items made by seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















I volunteer at Fare For All food program. My husband used to attend the Adult Day Center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Dwan Men's Club committee meetings.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

tax preparation, Loaves & Fishes

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
rock shop, quilting shop
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Knitting group and shows, Bunco, Boccee Ball.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
none
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer loaves fishes meals
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm a volunteer at Creekside for the lunch program twice a week.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tax preparing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
About 10 years ago volunteered at Creekside as a call-in responder for people needing help with a variety of issues and source referrals. Saw the importance of Creekside to seniors who need a place to socialize, get hot meals, tax preparation, etc. Am 81 married working part-time and with wife of 37 years, and so far have not needed the Community Center services, but that day might come, EVEN IN THE PRESENT DUMP OF A BUILDING.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Movies twice a month
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
meeting for kid's golf with Virg S.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
none - this is a senior center only
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
ESL classes. I'm a helper/teacher at Creekside. I've been there for 2 years now. Every Monday Morning. I've been enjoying it so much and I am sad if they discontinue it. I like Creekside and feel it's so family and friendly oriented. I hope it is kept open. Thank you!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I volunteer for the free tax program (VITA) that is offered to the lower income residents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Rock shop
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
watching free movies
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fare4All
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Working still and would consider using when I retire.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I love the cards program
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not go to Creekside at this time (I work FT and am not yet retired). I do think that it is an important part of the elderly community and that programming should continue for them. Eventually I will reach that time where I would use these services and would hope that they are still available. We are a large city and as such, should have these amenities available.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP IRS certified Tax preparer
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Leather working, lapidary, food programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bocce Ball Babes is a group that any senior person can join. We play bocce ball on Wednesday at Valley View Park Have book club and bunco once a month at Creekside. This is possible for women to come and meet a new support group for our age. We have sponsored a few of the special events at the center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I participate in the Bone Builders, the Mat Yoga classes with Sharon, and the Silver Sneakers with Mickey. I was attending 2 classes of each type each week.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

55 & older driver s renewal

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Men's group

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I visited once for a tour.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Rock & Mineral

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not go there but needed for seniors

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I lead the ESL class.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Line dancing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP 55 Alive program

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Saturday country music; Fare 4 All, Country Kickers

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Meals

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quilting on Tuesday and there's also a quilting group on Thursday

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside is a home away from home for a lot of seniors. I do not want to see funds cut for the programs and the staff. My taxes on my house went up 24% and this facility is one that I believe is necessary.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Meetings regarding City of Bloomington Health topics have been hosted at Creekside

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not use, I'm in my working years, not a senior citizen. You do know that it's likely fewer older people will respond to a survey to Online with an app, correct? Your response group is going to be skewed younger due to tech ability and you're impacting a senior service. Just saying, it's noticed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Volunteer with Loaves and Fishes, drivers class for renewal, and Fare for All.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**





















Use the field






















**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















When VEAP provided senior transportation, I used to pickup and dropoff from there.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















While I do not participate at Creekside, I know this is an important space for the community and without an alternative community space, removing it would mean that all those residents would not have these community events available to them.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A facility that should be demo'd and sold for private development. City employees should also have their income reduced by at least 15% to reflect the rest of society, from the bottom to the Mayor.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
What will happen to Loaves and Fishes?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My mother participated in the Martin Luther adult day program. This program reaches so many people who need it. My mother would not have lasted as long as she did without it and I know that there have been hundreds of other participants going through the program. It is vitally needed as are community is aging. If anything they could use more funding for this but I realize this is a separate funding source for their program. However they really need the space. They are taxpayers as well and deserve to have a location for them.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The adult day club and dementia care group
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I did volunteer work w my church in the Loaves & Fishes program for years.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Southside Mens Group every Saturday AM
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
aarp tax return completed
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Bunco Also, helped to prepare food for Loaves & Fishes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I went once--not welcoming, won't go back
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP Drivers Safety Class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't participate.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am going to take advantage of this space for Question 8 - scrape Creekside, build a new senior center and event center -- on weekends could possibly be rented and generate revenue for weddings, craft fairs, robotics etc
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
where is this place ?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside is a VERY important socializing venue for MANY! We look forward to gathering often several times per week. Social interaction is proven to lessen the detrimental aspects of aging and social interaction decreases likelihood of mental illnesses especially dementia and Alzheimer's. We enjoy making hats and mittens that are donated to MN charities and homeless populations. We have volunteered and would consider giving of our time if that would benefit this special center to stay open.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside Adult Day Program
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I had planned to sign up for my first class, which was to have begun in April.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Garden swap in the spring
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It would be a travesty not to have the Creekside facility available for seniors. Is the only congregating space in Bloomington for our generation. Let's not kick the older people out. Don't forget it was those who brought you where are you are for the last 45-50years!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
use of rental room
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My kids volunteered there serving meals.






















-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
don't use the place
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside Country Jam
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I feel the closure of a major city's ONLY Community Center would be detrimental to the people of this city that it serves ESPECIALLY the elderly. I am againststhis
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My sister attended. It was a great activity for seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
WAS JUST STARTING TO TAKE MY DAD AND GO TO WI BOWLING to get him out. I have visited other programs and services at Creekside-At age 57 I will probably use it more in the future.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I haven't been able to take advantage of the services but I know there are a lot of people who depend on CCC.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
n/a
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Driver Training
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
health insurance
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
free movies.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Daecom, entertainment lunches, boutique, some workshops
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer work to wrap presents for seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
fare for all distribution place
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Dinners, lunches, veterans functions
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Have a space for different community who their first language isn't English.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Did Taxes for basically senior citizens
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
In the past I have brought food donations to Creekside for their meals and food programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not go there anymore as my mother passed but she loved Creekside. Going there it got her out of the house and she had many friends there. Very sad if you close Creekside as Bloomington has a lot of long time seniors and they love it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fare For All
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Used to attend church services there
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Co






















-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Taxes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Need to advertise available programs so we know all of what is available, use current mailers we already get
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Southside Men's Group meetings
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Community meetings
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have only used for the food for fare pick up.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer for loaves and fishes once in a while
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP driving course
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not participate in anything at Creekside Community Center,
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None Arts and crafts sales
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Meetings, such as 55 and Alive classes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP driving class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am a Social Worker with Senior Community Services which has been a partner with the City of Bloomington for many years. I have worked at Creekside for 2+ years and have found it to be extremely beneficial to work with and be readily accessible to older adults.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I help at Loaves and Fishes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Library
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I used to hold BAA Umpire meetings there, but have since moved to City Hall.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
use 20+ years ago with BAA
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My HOA uses the meeting rooms occasionally for larger meeting since we don't have club room in our community
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I never knew what was offered at Creekside, just thought it was for seniors and I'm just getting to the Retirement age now
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Been a resident of Bloomington for almost 3 years and have never heard of this place.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Southside mens group












































-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As a volunteer
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Writers workshop
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My daughter used to take cheerleading classes there years ago
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Seminars, like signing up for Medicare supplements; energy audits
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tax and Social Security education
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Social worker resource Flu shot
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Plant give away
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't use it, it's antiquated and serves no value for a young family. We need facilities that draw people to bloomington and keep them here once they live in the city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Although I don't currently use creekside, I worry about the seniors losing their space.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't use it at all.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As a teacher at JHS I have had scores of students do community service hours at Creekside over the years. It has been a valuable experience for them in their formative years.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
na
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
no participation
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
it is a valuable contact with others
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We've done some AARP drivers courses
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Dakim Brain Fitness
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Our church feeds people through Loaves and Fishes twice a month at Creekside. It is an important ministry.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
it is beneficial to a lot of older adults that cannot do anything else..or don't have any family. beneficial to the bloomington community in that area.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm not aware of the center though it sounds like something I SHOULD be aware of and be utilizing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't use
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Senior drivers presentation.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**

-  None
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Leather tooling
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tax assistance
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't visit the center at all...
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Public health services, meeting space
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't use this facility but clearly a very deserving population of older Bloomington residents do. They've lived here their whole lives, raised their families here, and paid taxes. It's shameful for the City to close this facility. The savings is a pittance of the projected budget shortfall. Very few of the programs offered, including the free daily lunch program, will continue. The alternative spaces offered by the City are woefully inadequate. I believe the City is using the pandemic as a convenient excuse to close Creekside as I know this subject was already under discussion before the pandemic hit. I think the City should have to present other savings suggestions than this to its constituents before voting on this.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
occasional meeting
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I took my son there for programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Having Lunch and visit the craft store.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As I age and stay in my single family home, I will want a place to be with people.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside Community Center is essential for the Elderly and those that can't afford a good meal.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Southside Men's Group. AARP Safe Driving Courses
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Also, Southside Men's Group and Alzheimer's Support Group
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I primarily go there to see what the retired citizens in my community are doing in their free time. I soon will retire and would like to be able to have a facility like this. Please make the closure temporary and not permanent. Maybe a staged reintroduction of services could begin after the outbreak and for now the building would simply be maintained.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Library
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Used Creekside for Bloomington Youth Soccer before moving meetings to Center for the Arts
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I want to use Creekside a lot more but am sick and very slowly recovering. I'd love to use the wood shop and getting to see other seniors would be a good thing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm 60 years old and it means nothing to me at this time. As a RN and with the lack of a covid vaccine, NO ONE will be going there.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I think I went to vote there before.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I've been thereto buy grocery once a month
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
dementia group

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Boutique when it was at the farmer's market.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
"NONE" was not listed as a choice but it is mine.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My personal involvement is minimal, but I have taken neighbors to Creekside to participate in programs offered there AND I know several people who have taught and volunteered that speak highly of events offered. It's a place for the elderly to gather for "arts and crafts" as well as getting out in the community. Not many of those types of facilities offered in Bloomington that I am aware.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer for Loaves and Fishes for the last 17 years.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am 62 years old and I have no interest in going to Creekside because I feel like it is antiquated and the seniors there are really old and I mean over 80. I want to go where things are active and vibrant like Lifetime fitness, coffee shops, museum programs, etc. I will not miss and I know my neighbors feel the same way if you decide to close the facility.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Do not use center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
NorthStar scrollers meets there monthly. I am a member of the group.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Community outreach Specifically Somali Community in Bloomington
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Sat.morning country music sessions: Mack Sirois, Leader
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Blood pressure clinic with public health nurses
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
books
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Flu shot clinic
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Would visit more if facility was updated. Needs more programs for seniors, day trips, educational seminars and speakers.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I occasionally use the service center but many of my neighbors and friends attend frequently, more than once a week for most of them, and it would have a huge effect on them. Cities without designated senior centers, especially with the aging of our society, are not fulfilling a tremendous service need for a large portion of the population and, in the long run, will not be attractive to new residents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am a Rotarian and I volunteer when the club serves Loaves and Fishes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I still work at this point , may look to it in the future, when retired
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Aarp
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would like to see the boutique be offered at city hall a few times a year
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fare for All food
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
just pick up my Bloomington city wide yard sale signs once a year
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
They rented wheelchairs for \$25 a day, which I did several times to assist with my mother.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We need the community center for our seniors and the community in which we serve. This center should not be closed and should not be on any list to close period.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I work with adults with disabilities. I know that group home residents participate in the ceramics room. I used to run classes for adults with disabilities at Creekside that involved the billiards room and the ceramics room and was hoping to have a class in stone polishing and in the wood shop. I have shopped at the Boutique. Adults with disabilities also had dances at Creekside. Group homes would bring clients to socialize at the community meals. Many of these activities like billiards and ceramics cannot be easily moved. This would be a very sad loss for adults with disabilities in the community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Flu shots
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Went to a social security/ retirement class once.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Special group meetings
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Participated in the past with youth and family programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
for several years I used the Free Tax Preparation Clinic
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fair Share food pick-up
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Some community meetings are held here. I've attended. Have also infrequently volunteered at Loaves and fishes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Server at L and F.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Though I'm a senior I don't go there for that. I donate to different groups, our church participated in the meals. Saturday music.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As a retired baby boomer I find Creekside to be irrelevant to me and depressing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
go to volunteer there
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
writing group
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Our church LCA love conquers all offers lunch and dinner once every few months.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP driver class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP drivers classes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Control Data/Ceridian Retirees Hold information and driver training meetings their.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Great location with valuable programs for seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Visited the computer guys frequently.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Friends of mine have used it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Visited when there were kids classes offered
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I volunteer, arranging rides for Seniors to the Center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Classes/seminars presented by outside entities; i.e., legal advise about trusts
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have volunteered with loaves and fishes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Senior Driving Course and Medicare info class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fair for all
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Over 55 driving class
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Vaccines
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
we did not take advantage of all that Creekside offers because we worked full time and up until recently, did not have the time for any offerings and since retirement, haven't taken time to explore. BUT we may very well be the exception to the rule. I hope all who find it useful to them respond to this survey - do they have access to a computer? Are attendees given opportunity to be surveyed via another route?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Line dancing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My retired parents utilize Creekside for its many benefits to remain in touch with friends in the community which might not otherwise give them a chance to meet-up.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I recently moved to Bloomington and have not yet utilized Creekside Community Center's programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
If Creekside is gone, what is going to replace, a community center we don't have and which might not give older people a good experience if any. Mothball if it would help and have some clever people who understand that everyone grows old and a re-done center would benefit many. Our problem is the current center has been neglected without city leadership. I'm disappointed that the city doesn't understand or recognize there should be more than two options.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Monthly movies, lending library.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Our household is not part of the demographic that utilize these services yet.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
CLOSE IT
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have been with groups that rent the theatre for games and music. Nowadays I am disabled so I only go there for the monthly food service.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am just reaching senior age to be able to participate in the programs and looking forward to it. Have been a Bloomington Resident for over 50 plus years and have always loved to know that the programs would be available to me when I reached that age.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
AARP classes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Elder activities
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Haven't been there in a long while.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Never step in that community center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We have several senior neighbors who depend on the meal programs and participate in several of the programs. The facility is easy for them to get to without traveling too far.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Community organizing meetings with social justice groups, and my townhome association board annual meetings (before COVID)
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tax Preparation
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have attended workshops at Creekside.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Volunteer for coats for kids
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Being with other seniors, it's very important for seniors to have each other
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Day care provider classes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
my church used to rent the hall on Sundays
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Used to be a PHN
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Haven't visited.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am 74 but find most programs at Creekside are not of interest to me.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Having taxes done by AARP
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Happyfeet
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have only driven by it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Meetings
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm not old enough to go to Creekside but appreciate the activities available for seniors.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Though Creekside is conveniently located from our home, I've only attended an event there once or twice. I largely see the sight as a activity center for senior citizens, not as a true community center.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**



Member of the BAJ Senior Mens athletics. We rely on Creekside as a source of support and a place to gather for planning fundraising activities and events



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am answering for my mother who is 88 years old and because she can still drive a short distance, Creekside affords her many activities she would be devastated to lose if Creekside was shuttered or reduced.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

To take the class for driving for seniors



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are a lot of wood workers that do not have access to internet



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have gone to Fare for all but not in the last several years



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My Dad went their through Martin Luther Manor twice a week- it was wonderful- before he died



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP annual tax filing help



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Heath care meetings. AARP 55 alive safe driving program.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I do not but my mother loves the meals and food program. It is a great social place for her since we lost my dad. She is there almost every night.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need a community center that is updated and multi purpose. A place for events like banquets, graduations, a sports facility for our youth athletes. Bloomington is outdated, run down, no personality.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

FOOD/BREAD. ALSO BOOK/LIBRARY AND LUNCHEONS



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We don't use it and I see it being used by few residents of Bloomington.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It would be great to see a new community center at Valleyview - your idea of putting something on the east side of Bloomington is very good.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Love the library



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Flu Shot



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't utilize creekside



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

volunteer for special projects



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Veterans committees used to meet here.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Seminars on Medicare



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've been to some Medicare presentations there. That is it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've only used Creekside to pick up Fare For All

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Attend BAA mtg when scheduled

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Caregiver Support Group. I help care for a family member & this group/forum is like my lifeline to sanity & self preservation. It has been very difficult during this covid shut down & I can't imagine what it would be like if Creekside closed permanently. I usually hang out for a while after the group and chat with friends. It's a safe, accessible and common meeting place for us. For many seniors that don't live in one of the many senior living facilities in Bloomington that already have structured activities & social events, the closing of this center would further isolate them. People, especially seniors, need people as well as a social & creative outlet. Please don't close Creekside.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not applicable since I have never been there to the best of my knowledge.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Hosted community events at creekside

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How can you ask how familiar you are with Creekside but then only ask questions about how often you visit and what you do there??? Have you considered the youth programs that go perform there that my kids were a part of? Have you considered my father built benches for programs there and participated in programs there? Just because I, personally, at 46 years of age have not used the services at Creekside for myself, doesn't mean I am not very familiar with Creekside. Very poor survey thus far.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have never used Creekside for anything. I've lived as a resident in Bloomington 34 years. If its for Seniors as a way to get out and not be so shut in I think it should stay open. But honestly, I don't see the need since you have all these new senior high rises and communities within their apartment living, its an unnecessary need.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We serve for Loaves and Fishes. The people it serves are many and the program is essential to many families.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Special events

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have not used the facility.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have attended couple of seminars there on healthcare plans such as Medicare/Medicaid. I was always interested in their arts program but never got time and opportunities to participate due to my time constraints.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Line dancing.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We just retired to Bloomington, but less than 5 days later We were called back up for an interim assignment. So we have not had a chance to visit the center

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We haven't used it yet as a resident of Bloomington. I had no idea there was woodworking and even googled woodworking classes in the area about 2 years ago.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

In past have taken AARP classes there, tax prep and FRe For All.o

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

what do us citizens of bloomington do if we can't go to creekside for the free meals and programs. I'd like to know if our politicians who make money would like to cut their paychecks and really feel what it's like to be slapped in the face and be made to suffer even more. All of you who sit on the council don't have any idea what its like to be POOR and suffering.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't go there. I support it for those who do go.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have taken of 55 a live class there and also one on alternative wellness.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Loaves and Fishes with Rotary volunteers

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm not of age to use the facility but would use it if I were.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Defensive Driving course



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I didn't go to center

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Fare for All

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Country jam on Saturdays

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

exchange table

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why close this place as it serves the persons who built this town and a few who live right next door to it

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If the programs for seniors and the meals can be relocated, that would suffice.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Alzheimers support group

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If we can't afford Creekside we shouldn't be looking at a new \$75m facility. Put classes at city hall.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

MEALS AND FOR THE LAST QUESTION , I GO TO Creekside everyday it is open wish it was open on the weekends

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Always take 55 driving course every 3 yrs.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP driver refresher course

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've only attended meetings in Creekside for youth sports program orientation

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

North Star Scrollers have a monthly meeting and all Creekside Center attendees are invited.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Plant exchange and occasional Fare for All

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Plant sales

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Library, blood pressure machine

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't really go to the Creekside Community Center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Computer open lab is missing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside is the only source of social contact my husband and I have. If it were closed our lives would be miserable. Please do not close it.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Farmers Market

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Lapidary, leatherworking (was going twice a week, but caregiving duties don't allow me to come now)

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

ESL tutoring

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have family & friends who value and use Creekside services. They need and appreciate the support of the community. It helps them to have alternative activities for their elderly and challenged people that they are primary care for. It offers exceptional peace of mine.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Made donation there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Loaves and Fishes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

South side men's meeting very important

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

AARP Safe Driver

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think Creekside should stay. Seniors and youth alike need a place to call their own. I'm worried if you close Creekside the city will sell the land and try and force a replacement when the city doesn't have the funds right now. Why not have private businesses help fund the new arts center similar to Ames center in Burnsville and use the money saved for Creekside and other city needs.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I volunteer at Loaves and Fishes a couple times a year.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I had recently discovered the Food Share Program there..I work near Creekside and frequently note quite a lot of cars there for the evening meals, and the Daytime programs for seniors

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

fare for all distribution

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Source of information both written and other. Staff are great

### What is it about Creekside Community Center that you value most? (Select up to two)



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Registered Voters (68)	7.4% (5)	60.3% (41)	55.9% (38)	19.1% (13)	14.7% (10)	13.2% (9)
Non-Registered Voters (1811)	5.4% (97)	50.2% (909)	62.6% (1133)	26.6% (482)	8.8% (159)	7.9% (143)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
All respondents (1879)	5.0% (102)	51.0% (950)	62.0% (1171)	26.0% (495)	9.0% (169)	8.0% (152)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (68)	7.4% (5)	60.3% (41)	55.9% (38)	19.1% (13)	14.7% (10)	13.2% (9)
Live in Bloomington, MN (87) - Self-reported	6.9% (6)	59.8% (52)	54.0% (47)	20.7% (18)	13.8% (12)	11.5% (10)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (89)	6.7% (6)	58.4% (52)	53.9% (48)	20.2% (18)	13.5% (12)	12.4% (11)
Register respondents from anywhere (69)	29.0% (20)	371.0% (256)	448.0% (309)	181.0% (125)	90.0% (62)	61.0% (42)

## If other, please comment here:

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**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not use or go there



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are many many volunteers at Creekside who are also seniors. I am one of them. Spending time working with patrons and staff is very important and meaningful for me as I am sure it is for others. Seniors need a place to "be" with others in a comfortable and welcoming place, which Creekside is.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think services/ events could be at other locations if money can be saved.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I enjoy watching movies, it's never relaxing



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Senior activities



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Ease of getting to for seniors, one level building with no stairs!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It seems that the Martin Luther adult care is the one loss that cannot be picked up by another location. Since this serves a needy population, we need to figure out where to relocate it. Perhaps Bloomington Covenant Church? They used to have a school that met in their building. Perhaps they have space.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nothing. Don't know what goes on there.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Place to have community meetings, such as BAA but seems other alternative sites would be fine



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

No need for it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I went to first grade of school at Creekside.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nothing. Too old.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The location is convenient, Bloomington is a large city to have this facility central for all is convenient.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I value nothing there



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The other is being able to access all events in one location with good parking and access - especially transit access. This is important. As a carless transit rider the ability to participate in the future without Creekside depends on how close to transit locations are placed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Right now, I know that there is a want to combine facilities - and I am okay with that as LONG AS we don't lose the services of CCC in the process.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I haven't been to Creekside or participated in programming, but I do feel it is important for seniors to have a place to go for learning, socializing and services.























**Anonymous user's Opinion**













Sell the building to a non-profit that does not receive taxpayer funds.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

a central location, and on ground floor, so accessible to the older clients and with convenient parking

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nothing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The City has preached the need for a community center, now want to close it????? Stupid. Creekside is a very similar age to ALL the in-use elementary schools. Your talk of the aging facility falls on deaf ears when similar buildings remain in use. Lame excuse. We do NOT need the community center palace the City Council wishes to burden us with.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
All on one floor.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My aunt relocated from Las Vegas 4 years ago. Creekside has given her purpose (teaching), exercise (she takes classes in addn to teaching), and helped her build a social network.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am very involved with the Boutique, which is not a program that can easily be moved to Civic Plaza or BIG. This is a program that has a lot of participation: over 90 active consignors bring their items to sell, with annual sales of approx \$25,000. Not bad considering the average item cost is around \$6. There are currently 22 volunteers who staff and manage the Boutique. The year-round Boutique program is one that makes the Bloomington Community Center unique among many of the surrounding cities. The Boutique provides a creative outlet for seniors, an opportunity to keep their craft traditions going, and to keep socially engaged. It would be a shame to lose that.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERS; SHOW SOME RESPECT!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nice place to walk
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Meals fo seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nothing. It is old and needs to be torn down.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
your questions are worded in a bias way
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
If services like Fare for All are relocated, whether or not I would use it depends on where in the city it is located. I live on the W side and would not travel to the far E side.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Go to Country Jammers every Saturday
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please consider all of us and not just you and your agenda
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The location is awesome and I am getting closer to an age when I can start coming in for cards and what not don't change. FYI question 8 is an impossible question when you say limited programming what does that mean. Would the limited programming be the same in the arts building as if Creekside were to stay open? Because I am guessing I would be willing to go to the art center to save \$400 if it had the same programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Ease of parking
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Never use it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have never personally used the center but would want the input of people who do and how valuable it is in their life.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The staff are so helpful and friendly. It would be great to maintain them and their jobs, even if it's at an alternate location. They're developing a lot of community partnerships with other Bloomington nonprofits that I go to, and it would be a shame to lose that momentum.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have been going there as not interested in programs. Both my parents used it daily. If programs were more interesting I would go
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please keep Creekside open

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Socializing as well
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is extremely important that seniors have a safe, fun place to go.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A place for retired folks to go.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Cut it!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Gave made some good friends here.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I've only participated in one class a few years ago.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm 74 yrs. old and am very active doing other things and have not visited Creekside maybe once a year. It's also too far in the city to be convenient.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Loaves and Fishes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
there is no purpose in this building a tax burden for city
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
While my in laws used it for a time I have not found a reason to visit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nothing. I do not participate.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't think Bloomington should be shutting down parks and beaches. I think it's irresponsible. These areas are really important for the community. They are also really important for the development of children, it's a safe environment for them to socialize and be physically active. And I'm aware that socializing is an issue, but it's unreasonable to expect kids to completely social distance and isolate. Socialization is so important for their development and really any isolation can have a significant negative impact on their mental and emotional wellbeing. The city should be focusing on encouraging masks usage, rather than shutting down places that will ultimately have the worst impact on those with no control, the children.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Education.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The financial gains of it closing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A location for seniors to gather - not something for me but I am concerned for others.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
move to valley view and add on Sell land
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
never been there...
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Location very convient
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The woodworking center seems like a wonderful program. I'd really want that to continue somewhere.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I always think of my son attending elementary school for one or two years at Creekside and. of course, I've attended some meetings there.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We've never used any services at this Community Center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Continue to fund. Find cuts elsewhere like street cleaning.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We volunteer for LOAVES AND FISHES. People need a place to come and eat when they can't afford food.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A place for residents to find activities, services, events and potential to expand to all ages.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Ease of access and parking.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Haven't been there
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I found that Creekside and Loaves and Fishes Downtown Mpls have very different Clients
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creek side is outdated and under used. It needs to be geared to only to seniors of Bloomington but families of kids all ages. I know creekside started doing some younger kid activities for preschoolers but what about the families with kids 9 and up. There are no community programs or Events held for that group. Creekside needs a fresh perspective, fresh purpose and major renovation. Also let's advertise what is available I had no idea that creekside had the above activities available except for the lives and fishes program and that it was a meeting place for seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Socializing with seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
don't currently participate
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nothing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This is a place highly used by our seniors and I would like to see that continue.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
vaccinations
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Unfortunately there is no value to members of the community under the age of 50.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The programs and social time are the most important, but the building and location matter. Our seniors need a place, with staff who understands and cares about seniors and a place to come for multiple needs. They need to be able to develop relationships with each other and staff -- this will allow for trust where we can see if something is changing in a senior's life maybe physically or cognitively. Or we can help them navigate a problem so they are not alone. A senior center is a proactive and safer approach to support aging folks living in their homes, maybe alone. If we can help BEFORE a crisis, they are more independent and safe, happier, and spend less time needed first responders and in hospitals and care settings. Every other area town has a space like this dedicated to seniors and their needs (Apple Valley, Richfield, Edina, Eden Prairie, Burnsville, Eagan). Why would we not offer one too? These classes and programs can not be just peppered around town where they will fit. Seniors will not know where to find them, staff will not be there to support them - and the sense of community they benefit from so greatly will not be built in the hallways and at meal times. IF you need to close and move these programs, I beg you to think HOW and WHERE to preserve the "community" of the community center. This is not about finding a room to play cards or make a craft. It's a safe place to go, ask questions, get resources, meet friends, get a good meal, find support from people who understand/and want to work with your age group and to help you succeed. I really worry that a class here and there loses that. Look at Apple Valley and Eagan who have carved out dedicated space in a larger building (maybe that's the art center/civic plaza for us--especially if there is a future expansion to this building) specifically for seniors - please see the value in that. Dedicate space, an entrance, an area for them and their classes, staff, activities...not just booking theaters and conference rooms with senior activities when they are otherwise empty. You have to fix the budget, I know and maybe that means Creekside has to go, but that does not mean you can't double down on your commitment to seniors in some new format. I see this new approach being looked as a space/scheduling puzzle and its bigger than that if you actually want to support our seniors. I believe if you truly show your commitment to seniors, the town will understand and let go of the building...but right now it feels like the building is a symbol of our community's commitment to seniors and if we give that up, the desire to really support our seniors goes with it. It does not have to be all or nothing -- show everyone that you do value seniors and you will prioritize a quality, workable place for them...rooted in research and best practice for our seniors to thrive!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I feel that the services provided for seniors is critical. It is a rare find in the area. The seniors don't have many resources and losing this to the proposed city center they want to build would be a devastating loss for seniors. It is in a central location that makes it accessible to all seniors. Moving to the far east of Bloomington will make it inaccessible for those without transportation.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A community of 85,000 needs to support residents of all ages from ages 0-100 Consider a temporary shut down of a year to reevaluate covid situation and find a long term solution.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Services for seniors in the community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have been lucky enough to be able to volunteer at events around town, Kite Day(my favorite), Veteran celebrations, Diversity Day, helping at City Hall when there was an open house for city programs, & was on the Task Force for the new community center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

none

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I greatly appreciate the programming this offers our seniors. I also appreciate the food service provided. I really don't want our seniors to feel that they are not a priority in our city. I would love to think outside the box on how to provide the programming throughout the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CREEKSIDE MOVE TO 90TH AND PORTLAND. GET RID OF ALL THOSE EXPENSIVE BASEBALL FIELDS AND THE POOL CAN CERTAINLY GO.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Again, I am familiar with Creekside only because of Meals on Wheels.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Boutique

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None ofcabove

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

One of the things I appreciate about Creekside is that is a Senior Center. When I am there we don't have to worry about small children running in front of us or young people wandering with their attention focused on their phone (I have MS and my husband has Parkinson's so safety is a concern)

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

again, i have never gone to the community ctr

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

socializing/location

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Never used

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

BAA when my children were younger

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The structure of this survey is a bit janky (apologies), so let me just close with this. When I was in 5th or 6th grade during the summer I used to go to Penn Jr High (now Northwestern Chiropractic) and play box hockey every day. I have no idea how I learned about it. Maybe I rode my bike to play tennis at the courts there, saw some kids and asked what was going on. I went there every day during the summer since there wasn't much else going on. I played a little baseball, played with other kids, family, YMCA Indian Guides, cub/boy-scouts, BSA Explorers - all the good Sting Ray Afternoon era stuff. Not like today with all the joysticks. Well that little box hockey community experience has stuck with me for all of my life. This tribe or whatever you call it. Not just the kids from school, but other kids I didn't know so well. Different ages, different neighborhoods (I grew up 8100 block of Vincent) I got to be friends with them and the kids who ran it. Water gun fights. All sorts of projects. I think it was free or nearly so, which is what I think Creekside CC represents - very affordable camaraderie. Do not underestimate the spoil-the-broth aspect of relocating this to a new facility. This historic site has roots and most would question what else you would put on that site that would truly be better. I don't understand the economics of such a center, but turning it into a city subsidized non-profit seems to be worth exploring - with an Exec Dir, a board and an army of volunteers and a liason with the Minnesota Historical Society so that the institutional knowledge, membership and social impact can be preserved as opposed to being swept under the rug in a general way (oh that was where all the old people used to go and hang out, but they tore it down and put up condos since they thought housing was more important). You have to look around and see where the community gems are and figure out ways to preserve them or if want to improve them, really understand what's going on before you say, but this new thing will be better and cheaper. We in the community challenge that last statement. Both adjectives.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Now is a good time to tear down Creekside and rebuild the center on the SAME LOCATION! The city could have limited programming at city hall until the new building is complete.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside has been a safe gathering place for seniors and, despite its flaws (e.g. the child size toilets), provides essential services to the community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

events

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Very centrally located



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Seeing Sally May there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Parents participated in the monthly lunches- they loved the sense of community and seeing friends- the city does need a program to create community among the elderly who thrive with friends as their options for socializing scale down with age



-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
N/A
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
i would use creekside if i knew it was for people of all ages, not just seniors
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is a comfortable facility -- and people who attend functions there are most generally in a good social mode. In another facility how much I attend would depend on distance from home; accessibility inside the facility -- right now all is on one level -- no steps, no stairs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Great location. Terrible use-of-an-existing building. - Renovate this building for a better modern day-use. - As said before, this would be a great site for a new DMV Title-transfer and renewal.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
None.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside is it utilized by me or my family
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My wife and I have been Bloomington homeowners since 1963. We are now senior citizens and enjoy having a senior center which serves all the purposes of the elderly. Our neighboring communities also have senior centers, and for Bloomington to not have one would be embarrassing. Besides servicing us seniors, Creekside offers a host of other services benefiting all of the city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Place for seniors to have social interactions and physical activity with others.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Why cant you get savings from somewhere else? Why take it from the ones that have less and need most?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am a senior center director for another city but love in Bloomington. Keeping Creekside OP en is critical to our seniors well being. Dispersing the programs will shit our valuable seniors out of community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Parking, easy access
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't use it, but having a place where seniors and others can congregate is a nice city amenity.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
all of the above - can't just pick 2..!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not see much value.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This is very important for our senior citizens. It's a place they can go to for socialization and meals
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't, but think there is a real need to communicate that the activities will continue elsewhere. All that people are going to see from the email and web page is that Creekside is closing, and they're gonna flip out.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Primary use is for seniors.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Centrally Located
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The building and location has been in the community for decades. Again, I have never been there, but you're taking away something that seniors and other members of the community rely upon without offering a good alternative.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
place for seniors
- Anonymous user's Opinion**



The only service I use is woodworking. In my humble opinion it is the only male dominated service. If you remove it, the remaining services are female dominated. Who is looking out for the older gentlemen????



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Charge some fees at Creekside. Look for a possible sponsor for the center. Is it possible to have charity functions to subsidize it?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nothing



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

That building has also been in Bloomington a long time



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Although I don't go to the center, I am a senior and I value programming for people in my age group.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Hard to believe your estimated costs associated with Creekside. I am aware how figures can be shown in promoting views. I wish I would have known the thoughts and future plans of the Mayor and Council before the last election. Sure would of changed who I voted for. I thought the election was non-partisan and to represent the people who elected them. It appears that everything that comes up is us the citizens against the Mayor and Council. WHY? Are the Citizens always wrong? Are the Mayor and Council always right? Didn't the Mayor and Council all swear to represent the Citizens of Bloomington with Fiduciary responsibility, and do so for the citizens best interest and what they want not the Mayor or Council or Planning Commission or Staff or Local, State or National Politician wants you to do. Bottom line, you need to understand and acknowledge who you represent. If it's not the Citizens of Bloomington, you need to change or admit that and advise who you are representing. Thank you for your honesty.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It is a place for seniors to go and have fun hang out socialize



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It was the multiple human service features and programs that have been reduced in last year and a half.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Answer to question number 7. It depends on where you put it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't go there



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Location is important also important I basically answered this question in the previous one Plus creekside is free and elderly are on a fixed income and many people who are not elderly don't have a lot of money



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keeping in contact with other seniors



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It provides a place for seniors and community to go.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The store with handmade items



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have never participated in an activity or events at Creekside.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Mickey Schuenke's exercise classes are invaluable. I've been attending for over three years and would hate to see them end. The participants are seniors, thus the classes are of the upmost importance for our elderly community. I am strongly in favor of finding another location to continue the Creekside programs.













**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is an existing facility w great access and easy parking



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Primarily I am happy my elderly neighbors have a place to go

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Bloomington desperately needs a modern community center with a warm water pool. The one that is offered now is a joke.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
COMMUNITY
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is a building that serves so many seniors in our community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Not applicable, I'm not a senior
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I see this as very valuable for our senior residents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Being in the middle of the city on the bus line and near senior residential areas, it is in the perfect location.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Food
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
none
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
none other
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Many events are scheduled plus the availability of the building for hosting private events
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Many people rely on this center and has been around for many many years. It is a staple in our community. Leave it open and as for the Mayor he can reopen Bloomington to protect our city from anymore financial damage.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Not sure, never been
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The opportunity to socialize at Creekside is one of its greatest features.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Location convenient
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
If a location in the city is provided with the SAME NUMBER OR MORE of pool tables that are only accessible to seniors, that would be acceptable. There are MANY senior gentlemen that depend on the pool league. Bloomington's league is the best around and always very well attended.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As a younger person, programming that I was interested in was never located in Creekside. Drive by it all the time, but haven't been in there in probably decades.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nothing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
sewing for charity
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Only breakfast honoring veterans
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Several of my older friends and acquaintances are regular user of several programs at Creekside. They are not as active in other organizations and shutting Creekside might result in them becoming less active than they are now. That might result in increased costs to the city and state for wellness programs and similar services. There are several programs which are not able to be duplicated at the Center for the Arts, which are quite popular with retirees. Among them are the woodworking, jewelry making, the pool room, and the congregate dining program. There are no programs I am aware of at commercial sites which could duplicate these programs for anywhere near the cost of the current ones at Creekside. I do not go to Creekside or the socializing. But I know several who do, who have no close family or other contacts for socializing.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**



I am sure Creekside provided a valuable service to the elderly, but now that age group has been identified as most vulnerable, it makes sense to close Creekside and not risk lawsuits to the city from folks claiming they were possibly infected there.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think it is important for a city this size to have services available for all ages including seniors.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Potential to assist families in need! New income revenue for City of Bloomington.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's my only outside source of socialization. I have no kids or friends

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



The excellent and unique collection of outstanding tools and experts as well as many rocks to do lapidary work. This setup is nowhere else to be found in the Twin Cities. The socializing aspect is also a unique learning experience as all the participants learn from each other and the socializing part of it is key to our excitement about doing something special. I would not have any other options to do all my lapidary work for my hobby and for making jewelry to sell without this shop. I have looked high and low for a place like this after learning to do Lapidary at my folks RV park in Arizona. This is now so much a part of my retirement life that I don't know how I could replace it. It makes me almost depressed to think it even possible that we'd not be able to come together again or come up with a reasonable solution. Please, please do not let Rock Shop Lapidary go away!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The location is primary.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

we own this building this building. fixing it will be much less than the 150 million to replace it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

none

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I think my relationship with Creekside is a sentimental one. I've been a volunteer there for 10 plus years, and I'm really sorry to see the lunch program go away. I've made good friends with the other volunteers I've worked with and some of the lunch patrons. That in itself became a large part of my socializing life. That's why I have trouble seeing it closed for good. I've really missed being there these last several weeks.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

creekside is like family..to some of the elderly people it is their only interaction with others. it's a community.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I play piano for the Bloomingtones



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

See prior answer.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Programs for the Seniors in Bloomington are an important piece of our community.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Opportunity to interact with many people with similar interests and take advantage of using a variety of specialized equipment that would not be otherwise available. We had been looking forward to expanding the rock shop because of the constantly increasing interest and membership.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Buying hand knit baby clothes and blankets



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is a very active place. On any given day, I see a lot of seniors participating in various activities. These activities and social interaction is extremely important for their well being.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think where the location is well located for everyone with bus line and not in heavy traffic. I do not use the healthsuch as Asult day cay or foot care for diabetics but thing it is really essential and the socializing is very important, you see friends you have known for years and make new friends. My adult grandchildren came with me one day and they couldn't believe how friendly everyone was.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

ESL class - the opportunity it provides to help people with their English and a social experience.























**Anonymous user's Opinion**




















Opportunity for others now and me in the future



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Is anyone at the Bloomington government center aware that the ladies who quilt at creekside donate over 200 quilts a year that are all hand made. These quilts are donated to various charities. And that all of the fabric used is all donated to creekside and not purchased by the city of Bloomington. We all enjoy doing these and look forward to are quilting time together. Please find a way to keep this program at creekside or another Bloomington facility.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Real estate has most value.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It staying where it is doesn't threaten the existence of Valley View park.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I appreciate that it largely supports our senior community and programming for seniors.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My dad has also used some of the services but the most important service to us was having the Martin Luther Adult day program located there
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
55 plus defense driving classes
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Although I do not use the facility I value that it provides our community a place for seniors to socialize under developed programs
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't participate.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Our daughter had a karate class there around 10 years ago. I know it is important to the seniors in the community and I am worried about the arts being displaced at the art center if they move from Creekside .
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I won't retire for a few more years, but I think it's a part of what makes Bloomington so wonderful, that there is this nice place for seniors.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It's a wonderful place to meet friends in a very excepting setting. Most of us are not bar hoppers or harmony clickers.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I believe it is so important to have a place to serve meals. Your plan for things to move to city buildings did not address this! I am very disappointed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am not a senior, so I currently do not use the services. However, I value a community that provides these services and opportunities for seniors. I did not think the BCA has room to house the same services as the Community Center. It also has inadequate parking in my opinion.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Where would seniors meet if closedo
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't know a thing about it
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I believe it is so very important to have a place for Bloomington seniors to gather, socialize, and often check up on each other. I understand seniors from other cities access our services for free (such as play cards), even though their city has a sr ctr. Perhaps we should limit it only Blm taxpayers/residents).
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Socializing is important, too
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Staff!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Feeling comfortable and seeing familiar faces that look like my family!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
For me it is too far east relative to my Condo in the near Dread Scott to draw my interest in participating in the regular programming.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do not use Creekside much at all. I am responding because I know many people who do use Creekside for many of the listed activities. I am not against Creekside closing, but I trust that the city will do their best to re-house the activities if Creekside does indeed need to close.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
community gathering space
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nothing
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I find no value.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
n/a
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm 77 yrs old and a home owner in Bloomington, I've not visited the community center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am not sure if with Covid-19 what the future holds might make a short term License place?? Building upkeep is the issue
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I think its important to a lot of people, just not me.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Taxes done by Prepare and Prosper.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't use it, it's antiquated and serves no value for a young family. We need facilities that draw people to bloomington and keep them here once they live in the city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The convenience for elderly people who live nearby. I have participated in serving meals and wonder how that service will continue?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Waste of money
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I think it's wrong to balance the budget on the backs of elderly people, especially as they are hit hardest by this pandemic. During the good times investment in these kinds of programs should be increased/reinstated. It may be years before Creekside could safely operate again so makes sense to close it now however.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
na
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
never go there
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do think that it is important to have some place for seniors to find community. But it doesn't have to be its own building.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside is used 12 months of the year, every day of the week. It is an important fixture in Bloomington and should be looked at as such! The fact that a replacement structure was recommended by a City Council Task Force over 5 years ago and that has not happened makes one wonder about City Management's view of the importance of Creekside as well as its ability to manage!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't use the facility at all.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Question #8 is leading and inherently biased.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As a resident of Blmt. in my early 60's I anticipated using the facility in the future. I think the services and socialization provided are important to Blmgt. aging population. If facility closes would be important to offer the services and socialization opportunities at an alternative location.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Ability to offer seniors a place to go to see their friends, socialize and make new friends.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
How many millions of dollars in staff time/resources and consultants/architects were wasted on the City's failed effort to build the 100 million dollar community center? This money could have been used to maintain/upgrade creekside instead of purposely letting the building degrade in an effort to use this as a factor in the 100 million dollar replacement. This was a shameful effort on part of those who pushed

the 100 million dollar that was not supported by bloomington residents. Creekside could then be staffed by senior volunteers and dual purpose city employees.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why were all the upgrades and remodeling done just to close it. What a waste of resources.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The programs, services and events provided at Creekside Center are for many aging Bloomington residents most likely the thing they look most forward to each week. Taking this away from them is something that should require heartfelt thought. Although the mayor and city council members may not presently be in this age category, that time will eventually come. Please consider the value of this program and its benefits to seniors both mentally and physically and reconsider your thoughts on closing this facility. It is a precious resource for many older adults. Thank you.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't personally use the CCC but I know it is a valued resource to many who live here. Moving it to a massive building will discourage its use as many of its clients have mobility issues.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nothing



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am on the younger side of "senior" citizen at the moment. I have discovered Creekside for my needs within the last year and a half. As a lifelong resident of Bloomington I am concerned about the needs of Bloomington seniors going forward if we farm out their needs to multiple locations without the central guidance and overseeing staff watching over the programs and adjustments to future needs. I understand the budget concern, but fervently hope that our seniors are an integral part of Bloomington's vision, especially if it is deemed necessary to close the facility.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't have one thing that I value. It is too outdated.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have only used 4 times in 22 years in Bloomington



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creek side is an important resource for the senior community



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How they interact with communities



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This program does not have value to me so I cannot answer the question. However, I know it has a lot of value for others.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Regarding location: A centrally located, designated space/building would be most convenient for both east and west Bloomington residents. Using the civic center would impair accessibility and possibly have limited, close to the entrance parking. I personally don't think this people will use the services as often if at the civic center. The Valley View option looked at previously by the city council was too far away for people in west Bloomington, in my opinion.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm not involved with the present Community Center but I believe that a clearly identified Senior Center is an important part of the Community. I doubt that that can be accomplished in existing city-owned space. I know that the Health Department building is also inadequate and obsolete. Perhaps present Community Center programs and the Health Dept. can be combined in a single energy-efficient and modern new building that clearly separates and identifies both.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

fare for all food



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

not familiar with what services they offer or even if i'm interested in them.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

For seniors this location is very import and is central to our communities and easy to access.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Adults with disabilities would be especially impacted by losing this facility.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Just hitting retirement, but probably will not/would not have looked to the center for meeting any needs, but maybe some classes and activities in the future.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't use or go to the center anymore (been over 7 years)

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Creekside Center is of the upmost importance for our elderly community. Our aging and elderly community must not be overlook! Please make sure to include a plan to be "inclusive" to our aging and elderly population.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I personally do not use creekside but a greatly value as resource for our senior community , Isolation is not healthy for them and this is where they can deal with that



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Helpful for the elderly



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe its a great place especially for those still in their homes that don't have that social contact that co-op living, etc. provides. Its all one level, parking and entry to building are very easy.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city should seriously look at demolishing the building.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

don't use it - don't need it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

People with disabilities need somewhere to go for socializing just to be around others and the arts and crafts keep their anxiety down tremendously .They have something for everyone in the community tax assistance arts and crafts food ect.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Potential for future classes or activities



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As long as I've lived in Bloomington, I've been aware of its location as I travel by it often enough. I was never introduced to it by any residents or other so thought it must not be that big of a deal. BUT we are the exception to the rule always because we do not join too many activities in our community - time constraints. If it is relocated, I'm sure that would be okay because at least the amenities would remain, and perhaps another location may prove to be a better offering. I would hope so. In getting older, it might be something we would want to explore - as we begin to slow down, which we have not yet done



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Craft store



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I haven't been in the Creekside Community Center in years.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's on Penn, which means public transportation which is needed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't take advantage of all that Creekside has to offer, but when I'm there I see a lot of people playing cards, socializing, I think that it gives many older citizens a chance to interact with others.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

NOTHING BIG WASTE OF MONEY



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Rental space for private gatherings.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I value ALL the choices above....



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have no clue about its value



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There is so little space available to low budget community groups without a great deal of advance planning, and/or expensive rental. Creekside is too expensive as is but at least more affordable than the civic center and more flexible than the schools



**Anonymous user's Opinion**





















Workshops



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I plan on using it once I am retired in a few years



-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Our building / so much is taken from us as we age we need the constant
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Registered my kids for sports activities at Creekside when they were young: 20+ years ago. Why are we Americans so quick to tear down aging buildings? Creekside could be upgraded and continue to be a community center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
In the new calendar year there were a number of programs designed for young children at Creekside (dance/movement classes, open gym, impromptu water park with the fire department). I welcomed these programming changes and hope things like this can continue at a true community center. I understand the building is in need of significant repairs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't need it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
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-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I know many older folks that truly enjoy the companionship
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is local....the "Smart" city leaders offer our money to strangers to build a water park.....how stupid is that. now financial problems?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It seems like such an important part of our community for a certain segment of the population that is probably fairly vulnerable and may also be fairly isolated if no alternative for them.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I volunteered once for loaves and fishes. The building smells so musty that I almost left.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
recently retired but have many neighbors and friends that love going and socializing- would recommend keeping the lunch program as it seems to be a big part of all the people I know that go, most of these this is the only time they get out
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Fare For All distribution site
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It's a place for folks to gather and participate in their interests.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It's still a good, usable building that should be retained.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It gives seniors a place to go and socialize, work on crafts and a safe place to meet friends.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Not applicable
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Again, you are only asking questions directed at the people who attend. You are not seeking actual community feedback from those of us familiar with Creekside, yet don't need to use the services at this time because of a younger age. This is a CENTRAL location. My guess is this survey is somehow geared to promote your agenda for the Valley View Community Center. For the record, I 100% DO NOT support that plan.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Considering the current COVID situation, a temporary closing of this center for a year may be a better option than closing it for ever. I guess it serves our senior community quite well in providing opportunities for creative and learning activities. At some stage, the building would need a complete reconstruction as it is old. In longterm, a modern facility can be planned after we return a normal and healthy situation again.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
See above
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We haven't used it yet as a resident of Bloomington so I do not think the services it provides are promoted well
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel that this is a very important venue for the senior population both because of its easy access & programs that are offered. My concern if closing & moving services to the city art & public service building is that there not be time or room available for Sr. programs, as I heard that this location is already crunched for space.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I wish there were more family friendly events. It would be nice to have a community center for all ages.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Place for social service projects to happen



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't Thake average of program.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We do not value it at all. It will probably have to be closed for a couple of years now anyway because of the virus. Use Bloomington Center for the Arts.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Helping others with our quilt donations.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If we can't afford Creekside we shouldn't be looking at at new \$75m facility. Put classes at city hall.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Meals , taxes, socializing, events , MEALS this is the only place for seniors



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Giving seniors a place to go



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The ability for participants to keep and utilize materials onsite.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's a great convenient place for seniors to get together and socialize or learn a new hobby/trade.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We enjoy the entire center to the max. It is one place where seniors who are handicapped can go easily to and from. Location is perfect for us.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not use this facility



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Meals,Socializing programs and services



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Beospace



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Attend drivers safety class



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's a central location with several retirement communities close by to Creekside. If you want to do anything look at a longer term plan to replace Creekside on it's existing footprint and if need be utilize the underused park next to it. Then move to programming out to city hall while the new building is built. You've proven that's a viable option already.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We have secluded seniors for the meals that are isolated from friends and only have friends at the meals We just had a case where a gentlemen was found dead in his home after 4 days this is a lifeline for people that attend the meals volunteer at the meals and mental health for impoverished citizens of Bloomington The idea of closing the facility is difficult But the volunteers can clean set up and cook in the kitchen so you don't need any city staff to help with this program and can still save money And when the economy gets better faster than expected you have a place to expand the programs back The sat group for music is well attended and no other space in Bloomington would be available



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

this is an outlet for many vulnerable seniors without that socializing factor many don't have interactions with many people other than the groups provided some even travel from far locations to take part in the community activities. for a temp savings once the economy kicks in and hotel revenue climbs again where will you be able to put all the programs without spending ten times to build a facility to house them i can see partial cut to facility and use volunteers from the various groups to keep the programs going and still save on staff pay that way a win win for both sides still have programs what you can with volunteers running them and save money from staff salaries a win win



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I value that it is a place for those over 50 years of age so really all of the items listed in Question 5 are important

## How likely are you to continue participating in the community center's programming if it were located in a different City facility?



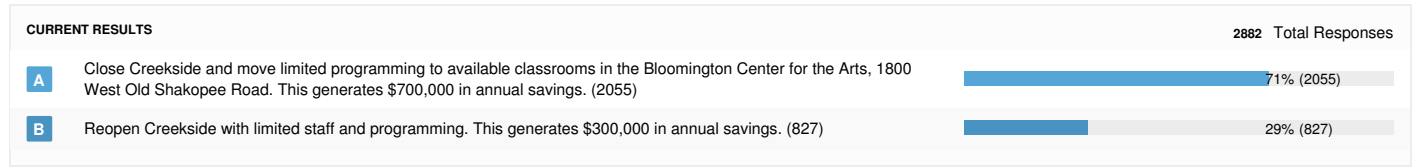
### REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
Registered Voters (76)	27.6% (21)	14.5% (11)	25.0% (19)	11.8% (9)	21.1% (16)
Non-Registered Voters (2291)	18.1% (415)	17.2% (393)	24.9% (571)	10.7% (244)	29.2% (668)

### ALL RESPONDENTS

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
All respondents (2367)	18.0% (436)	17.0% (404)	25.0% (590)	11.0% (253)	29.0% (684)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (76)	27.6% (21)	14.5% (11)	25.0% (19)	11.8% (9)	21.1% (16)
Live in Bloomington, MN (102) - Self-reported	27.5% (28)	16.7% (17)	21.6% (22)	11.8% (12)	22.5% (23)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (104)	26.9% (28)	16.3% (17)	22.1% (23)	11.5% (12)	23.1% (24)
Register respondents from anywhere (77)	188.0% (145)	151.0% (116)	203.0% (156)	74.0% (57)	175.0% (135)

**With annual tax support of \$1 million, Creekside is an aging facility that has outlived its useful life. Of the two options the City is considering below, which would you prefer to address Creekside's budget shortfall?**



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Registered Voters (101)	74.3% (75)	25.7% (26)
Non-Registered Voters (2781)	71.2% (1980)	28.8% (801)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
All respondents (2882)	71.0% (2055)	29.0% (827)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (101)	74.3% (75)	25.7% (26)
Live in Bloomington, MN (131) - Self-reported	75.6% (99)	24.4% (32)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (133)	75.9% (101)	24.1% (32)
Register respondents from anywhere (102)	515.0% (525)	196.0% (200)

## In the past year, have you visited the Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office?



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
Registered Voters (107)	30.8% (33)	51.4% (55)	17.8% (19)
Non-Registered Voters (3014)	29.9% (900)	54.0% (1629)	16.1% (485)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
All respondents (3121)	30.0% (933)	54.0% (1684)	16.0% (504)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (107)	30.8% (33)	51.4% (55)	17.8% (19)
Live in Bloomington, MN (138) - Self-reported	31.9% (44)	53.6% (74)	14.5% (20)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (140)	31.4% (44)	53.6% (75)	15.0% (21)
Register respondents from anywhere (108)	228.0% (246)	362.0% (391)	116.0% (125)

**If you answered yes to the previous question, which service(s) did you seek from the Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office? (Select all that apply)**



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**




















	A	B	C	D	E	F
Registered Voters (89)	80.9% (72)	25.8% (23)	11.2% (10)	43.8% (39)	51.7% (46)	3.4% (3)
Non-Registered Voters (2553)	79.0% (2018)	33.9% (866)	15.1% (386)	53.9% (1375)	40.5% (1033)	3.4% (86)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
All respondents (2642)	79.0% (2090)	34.0% (889)	15.0% (396)	54.0% (1414)	41.0% (1079)	3.0% (89)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (89)	80.9% (72)	25.8% (23)	11.2% (10)	43.8% (39)	51.7% (46)	3.4% (3)
Live in Bloomington, MN (119) - Self-reported	79.0% (94)	29.4% (35)	10.9% (13)	43.7% (52)	51.3% (61)	2.5% (3)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (120)	79.2% (95)	30.0% (36)	11.7% (14)	43.3% (52)	51.7% (62)	2.5% (3)
Register respondents from anywhere (89)	572.0% (509)	208.0% (185)	82.0% (73)	378.0% (336)	289.0% (257)	27.0% (24)

## If other, please comment here:

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-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please do not close this facility. This is a large city and needs this service center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Learner's Permits
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I returned to Minnesota in 2012 and didn't know I could renew my license so close to home. I've been to Eagan for my renewals. I would appreciate the DMV office staying open.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I find the Bloomington motor vehicle office incredibly convenient and valuable
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Can't this move inside City Hall?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I enjoy going there the employees are nice and helpful
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Removing loan info from title
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Close we can use Southdale or order online.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I get my tabs by mail order. The only time I go in is for driver license and the rare instance I sell a car. I generally go to Southdale if I need to go in.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We visited this office twice after we moved here. Signage was incorrect and service was awful. Wound up having to go to the Hennepin service center in Southdale mall. It was a significantly better experience. Even if you keep the Bloomington office open, we'll never go there again.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I do everything online, via mail, or if necessary to be in person - a different DMV in another county with better wait times.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
we would have been there for driver's license renewal in April except for this closure. And I've had to put off buying a car because of this shut down. I'd really hate to see this office close for good. It's so much easier than Southdale.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It's not clear to me what interest the city government has in state vehicle licensure.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have visited other nearby DMVs in the last year and they are already extremely busy.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Obtaining Handicap indicator for vehicle
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
New driver's first license. Regarding using online for other transactions....I bought a car in October and STILL await the title. What a broken system.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I go to the Motor Vehicle Office maybe twice a year but visit Creekside weekly. How about moving the Motor Vehicle Office to the City Hall Building.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Why not keep those same DMV employees and just set them up across the street at City Hall? Don't take their jobs away!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I will need to renew my license after the quarantine

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

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**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I utilize the DMV near my work in Eden Prairie- they offer a drive through for tabs

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The employees that work at that location are extremely rude.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are plenty of elderly drivers in Bloomington, that would need the services that are available here

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

MAYBE MOVE IT TO CITY HALL

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

A city of this size should have a DMV as not all residents are comfortable with doing those functions electronically, seniors especially. Could this be an either/or service handled by City Clerk's office? Seems like DMV is always busy. Perhaps negotiations could be done with State. Other communities must have this same problem if the fees set by State don't cover operating costs.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

For my son to receive his first license

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am due for Real ID in November. I am going to have to suck it up and go to Southdale and wait in line for hours apparently. With the amount of time this takes and their open hours, this amounts to a 1/2 day off work I will have to take

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is a must need in Bloomington, Have you even went to any other DMV ? The wait time will be absolutely nuts at the other place.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Great staff. Very friendly and hardworking. Could this service be moved to City Hall, so that the staff could keep their jobs? They deserve to!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are not very many DMV's around anymore. Having this location makes it much easier to get things taken care of. I've used it for everything since I first got my drivers license.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I didn't do this in the last year, but I have also visited the office to renew my drivers license

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close this crummy office! It's worthless. It's slower than hell, the customer service is awful, the people who work there are rude. It's the most poorly run government office I've ever experienced -- worse than the post office! I now gladly go to the Hennepin County Service Center at Southdale, which is actually run productively, and the people are courteous and efficient.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I absolutely hate going there - lines are always long and it's not a fun place to be at, but it's also necessary. How else are residents able to get these services? There are nearby DMV's in Richfield and Edina which also always have long lines - I imagine closing this office would make it works. My suggestion would be to lobby the state to allow more of these activities to be done online. Tabs are an easy example - I would never renew tabs in person anymore as it is so much easier to do online. That's about all you can do today though.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I recently renewed my notary commission at Southdale service center and stood in line for over an hour and a half. I would not want to do that with all of the transactions i currently do at the Bloomington facility.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I use the Edina location for license renewal. More clerks there and quicker service.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Had to ask questions and get some information and papers

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Birth certificate






















**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I will need it for real ID this year. A city of our size either needs its own facility or reliable way to do everything online.






















**Anonymous user's Opinion**

it is great to have this in our city, a huge convenience -



-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Disability tags
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
i would be visiting in June to renew my driver's license and to get a real ID.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The Hennepin facility at the old Eden Prairie library was more convenient until they closed. Current facility if very old and needs to have the space EP had and with cleaner; better updated. Why couldn't this DMV office be located within the Bloomington City Hall?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Helped friends obtain services.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Change of address of our driver's license.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Report my new medical card for class B license.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Frankly I think it's part of a city's job to operate a DMV. Those who might have trouble going to a different city would be negatively impacted by this. Also, once public services open up again, it would force people to go to different DMVs and would contribute to slow service at other places as people rush to renew their license, etc.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Had to go twice as i didn't have the correct documents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Do not close we need this BMV location!!!!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
State ID and Tabs
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Passport photo
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Location convient for elderly that do not drive much. Notary
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't recall although it was a routine matter.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
If the BMVO were to close there would be no other convenient alternate location for these services which are already used by non Bloomington residents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Disability placard
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The Bloomington Office has a wonderful staff, and it is so good we don't have travel very far to it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I moved from WI so I had to update my license and plates
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
none
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Needed to get handicap pass
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
WHY DONT YOU MOVE THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT TO CITY HALL AS WELL? GET RID OF THE ART MUSEUM AND THEATER - WORTHLESS AND WASTE OF TAXPAYERS MONEY.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have used this facility in the past and find it highly convenient to have one in my neighborhood. My license is up for renewal. If we could find a way to do the some 'in person' things, like license renewal online, I would be more than willing to close this location.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please keep this open it is an incredible high value service for our community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Been useful, not sure how many that live outside Bloomington use it. Also auto dealers? What do they require?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
its soooo slow! Oh, then when i had to go out to my car to sit down because of my bad leg and all the chairs were full, I come back in just as my number is called and they tell me that since I left the building I have to start over again!?!?! Off to southdale and done in 10 minutes vs the 60 minutes i had to wait at bloomington. Never going to bloomington dmV anymore.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Make it affordable.. Lower salaries
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The office was very busy with real I'd applications- I don't know how they do it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The motor vehicle fees should cover the cost of running the Motor Vehicle Office.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Passports
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Passport
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please don't close this site.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please don't cancel this service, Southdale Very Slow.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
MN ID
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I appreciate having the MVD where it is because of distance from my place to the facility; Good accessibility to using the facilities -- i.e. no steps, no stairs, etc.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The State and City require everything that moves, or doesn't, to be registered, licensed, or taxed . So the one place the city has to do this is being considered to be closed. Politics at its best. Close something everyone uses and needs to create an excuse to raise taxes by closing the obvious. Sure there are not other behind the scenes budget drains that few use that could be cut? How stupid do you think we are?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I highly value motor vehicle office services and have for years. It would be a big negative to lose this benefit.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
All others too far this is a large City and we pay plenty of Property taxes. You need to find unless things to cut, we all know there are plenty. This is a necessity to community. More value then art in the city building
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
handicap parking permit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
At first-entrance... You see 3/4 of seats filled. Take a number and prepare to wait an hour. - Hello, city-of-Bloomington, I can see Transferring-a-Title may take some-time, but the wait-to-do-that should not take-longer than the verb.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Attempted to do business, but wait was ridiculous so left and went to Richfield.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have appreciated having the services of this office for many years. It has ALWAYS been busy. You must have other less frequently used services to trim from the budget!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
just can't close this!! we need it! it's convenient, parking is easy, nothing else is in this bldg, and usually fast! it's all set up!!!

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Planning on going in for Real ID
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Disabled temporary hanger
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Very slow,not friendly staff ,I go to Richfield people are friendly and it is very fast service
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
this was s close place for driving to for senior
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Non driver state ID for my child.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Keep it open add a service fee for using the facility if allowed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Staff has always been good to work with and extremely hard working. I have always been amazed at their ability/patience to work with people who do not have their paperwork in order or had unusual transactions. I would hope the city can find openings in other areas for these long time employees.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
in regard to question 14 how can you take a driver eye test online
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't like going there because there is no sense of urgency and my last experience with an employee was negative. Too many other options
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Will the staff loose their jobs or be moved to other jobs in the city?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The place is always busy when I have been there in the past. It services car dealerships in great numbers I believe.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Temporary handicap permit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I have not been pleased with the service I have received at the Motor Vehicle Office and have gone to Edina or Apple Valley instead.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Every time that I have been there, the place is jamed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This place is always packed. I don't want to go over to Edina again.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
N/A
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I went in and left decided to go the the dmV at Southdale. Bloomington doesn't need its own dmV save the money
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Apply for handicapped tags.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Motor vehicle was always packed so obviously it was very useful and needed maybe you only allow a certain amount of people in at a time
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Have renewed our license tab renewals through inter-office mail
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
To submit DOT medical card for commercial driver's license
- Anonymous user's Opinion**



I think the BMVO is a great convenience to Bloomington residents... and if it's closed, the other communities may follow.. then we end up with a few locations around the state? I had trouble 4 years back mailing in my tab renewal.. what a mess... forced me to go in person.. is the internet a reliable option? I'd be willing to try, but if it doesn't work well, then what?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'd be sad to see it go but if it can't break even to operate then I support closing it. It shouldn't be an expense to the city.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Due to sometimes long waits, I now pay my license tabs via the mail. I say close it to save money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You CAN NOT close this space! It's easy and close to all in Bloomington. Going into Edina would mean crazy wait times and parking in a huge lot!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Where is the next nearest DMV?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I also get license tabs at that office. I chose mail this year because our tabs are due in May and was not sure if the office would be closed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

In closing the DMV, what is the budget savings?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need to get real about Creekside. Fix Creekside and STOP THE INSANITY of a new VV community We cannot afford a new blg. Repeat we cannot afford a new comm ctr especially now with our deficit Monies that our schools could use in room rentals would be good



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have been waiting for it to reopen so I can get my real ID.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I always renew my license there as well



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I find this location very convenient... for license tabs, for renewing regular DL's, etc. However -- given the future needs for keeping people safely apart -- this location is awful. It can get to be crowded -- and it has very poor air circulation and gets hot and stuffy in the warm weather months. It either needs to be improved, moved -- and if not an option -- closed. But it's a shame that a city that is in the top 4 or 5 in population will lose this service. I'd like to see it kept, more than closed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

All



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

why does question 8 only offer 2 choices? Like City Hall that was torn down and rebuilt, why is this not an option? We have a chance to make this building how we want it and to be used by many civic groups. This is a very misleading question. Why can't City Hall house the Creekside activities during the day? If no room then this building could be razed and a new one constructed that will include more amenities for Bloomington residents as mentioned in question 4. There could also be a DMV wing or floor. I'm sure there are endless possibilities of what could coexist with a senior center.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Renewal of license



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

N/a



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Two visits for enhanced id; so time consuming for staff too



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My parents Disability Permit.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are many Hennepin county or AAA facilities that can be accessed. Shut it down.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I needed new license plates mine were damaged in a car accident





















**Anonymous user's Opinion**






















Salvage title registration
































**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would opt to keep creek side open rather than the two options presented in question 8.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
i would not use this location again. people are rude and inefficient. get rid of these people and this location.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Bloomington is one of the largest cities third or fourth in Minnesota. It would be very unethical not to have a motor vehicle office in the city for the residence that do business here in the cities and why give it to another city and Make our people drive to another city and give them the business. Many people live in Bloomington because everything we need is in our city
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
great staff, great service! Little wait time compared to other offices
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I had inquired about the enhanced dL but never got a response to my email inquiry. This was pre Covid closures
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Pasports
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I didn't even know Bloomington had a DMV. I've always used the Southdale once since living here
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Move the office to City building
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I renewed my handicap tag.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Getting services at Bloomington location is a big time saver instead of going to Southdale. Great parking too. I have used the Bloomington location often for over 20 years and will miss it if it gets closed. I would be willing to pay more for the services to keep Bloomington open.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
passport renewal
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
With others
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
While it may be the worst motor vehicle office in the state, it is at least in our city so while you need to plan to wait a long time, you don't have to plan a trip to another city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The two options for the Creekside Community center can't be in the only two options on the table. If you can spend millions and millions of dollars on the park system, taking care of every youth from 0 to 30 years old, you certainly can find a few bucks to help out the older generations. You already took away the highlands golf course that most seniors and beginners play, so what else do you want to cut away from us? Seems to me that everything has to be about the age group between eight years old and 40 years old, and the rest of us just go rot away! Really getting tired of always getting the short end of the stick!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Address change and updating drivers license
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
State ID and handicap sticker
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Passport
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Renew DL there as needed
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
don't close DMV
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I get the things above done at Edina which already had 3 hour waits prior to COVID. I had to go back 3 times to get a replacement permit for my son because the wait was so long. Closing another DMV in the area will make it a full day to get anything done.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I could easily go to Southdale and I usually do. I forget about the Bloomington dmv

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
change of address
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It's been over a year, but have updated my license and tabs there.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Special motorcycle plate
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Nice service, what are the cost saving? Can we just make it for Bloomington residents?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Establish MN state ID for my parents that moved to MN in 2019
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is an outdated place. No one that works there is happy at all. It is a depressing spot.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Okay with just doing it online
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Can't renew certain things online so have to go into a physical location.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't use it, do things online or go to Eagan or Richfield due to smaller lines and no waiting.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It's a horrible place and it should be closed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Clarification on medical documents needed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Trying to get forms worked out for both passport as well as birth certificate. I was told I needed documents from DOT.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I like that seating is available for people waiting for service, as we cannot stand for any length of time due to health issues. Before Bloomington handled enhanced driver's license, we had to go to Eagan, where there was no seating for the long wait.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Minnesota ID for youth under age 18
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I usually go to the facility located at Southdale Center in Edina.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm not sure I knew that Bloomington had a Motor Vehicle Office.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I can use Edina if need be
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Great employees. Very efficient.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
No major loss to loosing the Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office. Residents can be directed to Southdale which is less then 5 miles away
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The DMV office location, its accessibility, and the people it employs are crucial to the residents of Bloomington.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I stopped going years ago. Several staff members had their own rules and were indignant when asked to explain or verify. Always seemed to be a problem that I did not have at other sites. Frustrating.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Renew my handicap hang tag.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Handicap parking g permit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I love the convenience of our home town licensing center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
last time i was there was in Feb 2020. I was the 1st person in line, and the 2nd person to grab a number, 25 min later not a single person had been helped, by then the facility was full. I left and gave my number to a person walking in the door. Service there has always been sub standard. I lived in Bloomington for 15 years, and prefer to go to the Ridgedale service center
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We must keep this location, residents do not want to go to Edina for our service's or any other city for that matter. Why do we take away from the citizens. Maybe we shouldn't have spend all that money for bike paths when you are luck to see a dozen or so use the. Bike paths were a waste of taxpayers dollars.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Tab mess up of two vehicles.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Handicap permit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Only go to renew driver license every 5 years.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Securing a handicap tag
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Personalized help with vehicle title transfer issues.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
record school bus physical information
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I visited to renew my driver's license, and had to return a second time because the lines were way too long. I can't imagine closing this facility and having all of Bloomington as well as Edina and Richfield all ascending on the Southdale location. Bloomington seems always busy. I would prefer to keep this office in Bloomington. I'm pretty adamant because I remember using the Soutdale every so often because the Bloomington facility always seemed too busy. I had to wait over 1.5 hours when I went the 2nd time - and that was shortened only because there were about 8 called numbers ahead of me that left the building.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Renewal of enhanced drivers license
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
regular license
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Renew tabs online. License at Southdale
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would not be opposed to adding a fee to BMV services, if that is an option. It is a valuable service. The one time I renewed my tabs online, I never received them and ended up at the Bloomington office anyway.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This is a vital service for my business if it closes it will adversely affect my business in Bloomington
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I am 70 and still working. I would like the option of using Creekside when I retire.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Very helpful staff and a great service to have in the community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Passport

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would be happy to go to a county location
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Very long lines there- why would it close?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
dealing w the handicap notice my deceased husband used for our vehicle
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Helpful & convenient
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It is convenient because of its location in Bloomington, but I guess one can go to another facility run by the county or the state.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Maybe consider staying open later on some days and shortening others or being closed on fridays or similar if that can help with staffing. The 8-5 time is difficult for residents working those same hours.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
With city offices being closed for 2 months closing this center will greatly impact the ability to be able to renew lic. The Southdale Center is / was already a nightmare to get into - can't imagine eliminating another service center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
the 4 th largest city in mn should always have city services such as motor vehicle and senior citizen availability what percentage of the total budget is used to augment them ? less than 1 % i would guess
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I live a few blocks from the Bloomington DMV and every time I stop there its jam packed with people and the wait times are too long. I end up either driving to Southdale or driving to Sibley or Renville counties. The last time I waited through the line it was almost 2 hours to get a change made to drivers license.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This establishment is very convenient for people who live in other areas but work in Bloomington. I always renew my tabs and license at this establishment along with many of my coworkers.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Excellent facility for the city to have.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The fourth largest city in Minnesota should support dmv. Also, why is this a city cost?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I recommend leaving the Bloomington motor vehicle office open as it will help all DMV offices maintain social distancing Until services could be handled remotely. Significantly more people are working remotely and likely to use the facility this year.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I need a real ID this year like many other MN citizens if one wants to fly. there will be a glut of customers needing motor vehicle office. keep them all open and re-evaluate in a year.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Need Bloomington location.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Just a comment; Charging a fee for on-line processing is wrong, doing this on line should save money for the government over in-person processing at a dedicated building.



## How would you describe the impact that closing the Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office would have on you and your family?



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C	D	E
Registered Voters (108)	30.6% (33)	21.3% (23)	25.9% (28)	21.3% (23)	0.9% (1)
Non-Registered Voters (3006)	38.1% (1145)	23.0% (691)	21.7% (651)	15.7% (471)	1.6% (48)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E
All respondents (3114)	38.0% (1178)	23.0% (714)	22.0% (679)	16.0% (494)	2.0% (49)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (108)	30.6% (33)	21.3% (23)	25.9% (28)	21.3% (23)	0.9% (1)
Live in Bloomington, MN (139) - Self-reported	35.3% (49)	19.4% (27)	26.6% (37)	18.0% (25)	0.7% (1)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (141)	35.5% (50)	19.9% (28)	26.2% (37)	17.7% (25)	0.7% (1)
Register respondents from anywhere (109)	242.0% (264)	170.0% (185)	164.0% (179)	117.0% (128)	6.0% (6)

**Considering all of the services provided by the City of Bloomington, how much of a priority is it for the City to continue operating a motor vehicle office in Bloomington?**



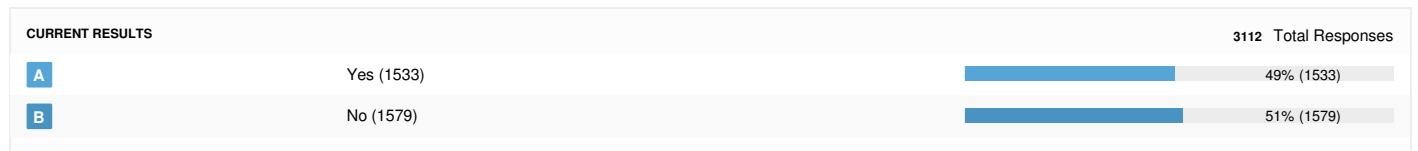
**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C	D	E
Registered Voters (109)	28.4% (31)	19.3% (21)	28.4% (31)	22.0% (24)	1.8% (2)
Non-Registered Voters (3004)	36.7% (1102)	25.5% (766)	19.1% (575)	16.8% (505)	1.9% (56)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E
All respondents (3113)	36.0% (1133)	25.0% (787)	19.0% (606)	17.0% (529)	2.0% (58)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (109)	28.4% (31)	19.3% (21)	28.4% (31)	22.0% (24)	1.8% (2)
Live in Bloomington, MN (140) - Self-reported	32.9% (46)	17.9% (25)	26.4% (37)	21.4% (30)	1.4% (2)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (142)	33.1% (47)	17.6% (25)	26.8% (38)	21.1% (30)	1.4% (2)
Register respondents from anywhere (110)	231.0% (254)	173.0% (190)	158.0% (174)	121.0% (133)	9.0% (10)

## Have you ever processed motor vehicle and driver's license transactions online?





















**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Registered Voters (109)	50.5% (55)	49.5% (54)
Non-Registered Voters (3003)	49.2% (1478)	50.8% (1525)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
All respondents (3112)	49.0% (1533)	51.0% (1579)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (109)	50.5% (55)	49.5% (54)
Live in Bloomington, MN (140) - Self-reported	50.0% (70)	50.0% (70)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (142)	50.0% (71)	50.0% (71)
Register respondents from anywhere (110)	316.0% (348)	376.0% (414)

## What other input would you like to share about balancing the City's budget?

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-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'd like Hyland Greens Golf Course
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
DMV should privatize. There have been great improvements in customer service in areas where this has occurred.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Recreation can be diminished especially during the next 2 years because of Covid 19.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please consider other options first before tackling controversial subjects such as the community center. There are plenty of other programs that can be looked into first.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Until the budget is back on track the yearly curbside clean up should be eliminated. It's a great service but not fiscally responsible at this point in time.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
As previously stated, Creekside is an old building. It has served the facility needs of Bloomington for many years. It is time to close it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't redo the streets to add bike lanes. There's more drivers than bikers and we have winter months when no bikers are on the roads.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop any change in the motor vehicle office
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We're fine with getting rid of both of these to save money. The community is not going to be able to afford big increases in property taxes so anything we can do to keep property taxes down is welcomed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
My property tax went up 22% last year! All I seem to get for my tax money is deeper potholes and more loser stealing stuff out of my car in my own driveway. Maybe you instead of building a mile long bridge over a swamp for 7 bicycle riders you can fund the Community center and DMV!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I think we really need a new/renovated animal control building that can give the animals a bit more room and possibly handle adoptions. The adoptions could be run by a local rescue group.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
What are the savings to eliminate the planned paving of trails along the MN river? The current trails wash out every year, I'm not sure paving them would be an effective use of funds.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Consider the positive impact of some staff working from home permanently--how could that allow the city to use buildings more effectively.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't want to drive to another office in a different city and wait two or three times longer. Bloomington needs its own Deputy Registrar Office. This decision affects ALL Bloomington residents. I am willing to pay extra in taxes to keep this service.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Reduction in childcare programs in summer my help. Close Bloomington aquatic center for th summer until covid passes. No fireworks/summer fete. Stop any funding of projects with mll if America, like the waterpark. Other nice to have projects should be stopped. People will understand need for city to also live within its means and not increase property taxes to sustain things that don't make sense right now. Also if schools re closed in th fall seem there re savings to be found for positions and costs that are tied to being in physical schools.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Anything that can be done to less affect SFRs would be greatly appreciated. I would not utilize a huge new recreation center. I do not care about 'the Loop' and development there. I'm concerned for families--not the MOA.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Not sure what the other options there are that could be cut instead.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would think, once open, motor V would generate necessary to make up for being closed

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The fire department pays way toooo much for pensions don't change for the current people but cut it in half for future ones!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please reconsider contributing any Bloomington tax payer funds to paving the river bottoms trails.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Though no one wants to cut services, I believe these are good choices given that programming can be found elsewhere within a reasonable distance.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to know what the city is doing to fight climate change, increase sustainability, and protect our wildlife. Bloomington, in its quest to get tax revenue keeps encroaching on the wildlife refuge. This additional building increases environmental concerns. I also have concerns about an idea the mayor had about developing a light rail line along Old Shakopee that would add noise, traffic, and decrease our property values. This is unacceptable.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The proposals for budget cuts demonstrate that the city council is fixated on a different agenda other than managing the core functions of the city operation. The city has a few things that it needs to do, and do well, and these closures demonstrate that it can't handle the essential functions.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's ridiculous that a city the size of Bloomington wouldn't have its own DMV! We should not have to drive to another city to get tabs and license renewals.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We should open businesses back up now. Protect the elderly and vulnerable. This lockdown is hurting businesses and the curve has been flattened.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closing the Motor Vehicle Office may cause inconvenience, but it should be closed for budget concerns. It has cost the City to run for a number of years.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I love motor vehicle, but I understand the realities of the budget. While it hurts to see it closed, I think it is the right choice.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut the fat.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Lay-off city staff. Way too many people.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

•Wage Freezes or Reductions in Headcount •Mandatory or Voluntary Furloughs •Negotiations with union bargaining agreements for the participation in furlough process \*\*\*\*\*Now is not the time to be pushing Safe Sick Time or Rank Choice Voting , in the midst of a pandemic families are trying to survive including their small business - how does it feel when we are looking to the council as leaders to step up and this is what the citizens are receiving in return a political agenda vs tightening the belt on spending, urgent priorities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Good luck making decisions. I'm sure no matter what they'll be difficult decisions.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think this is about education of online services, enhanced technology, and behavior change

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If we're closing/reducing service Bloomington residents want and taxing homeowners disproportionately, we need to look at cutting involvement in things that Bloomington citizens don't want or need like the waterpark, paved trails, and similar programs. Additionally salaries across the board should be compared to comparable positions and brought in line with other localities. We obviously need to find balance somewhere, but taxing people out of their homes as a first resort is a bad plan.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

When looking at the motor vehicle office, show the respondents the nearest alternative locations and remind them of the tabs being ordered in a timely nature by mail. Thank you asking for my input on the subjects.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop snow removal on residential sidewalks. Make the property owners shovel their own sidewalks, and you'll have less maintenance cost throughout the winter and owners can do their own turf repair in the spring.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would suggest that if the city still has dollars set a side for community center that they release those dollars to be used. If the city is contributing to any water parks or water slides, they shut that down and use the dollars for something more practical and useful.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I see construction at the dog park, is that really necessary right now? It's not necessary to pave the river bottom trails, money could be saved there. My hours have been cut, how about yours?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I agree with closing both of these to help reduce the budget deficit.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Move the DMV to City Hall like most BIG cities do. Then you can free up that space of the old place for new housing and revenue generation.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The budget deficit is not long term. Take care not to diminish that which makes people move and stay here.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make sure the city is prioritizing services for less privileged and under-represented groups. We don't need tax money to pay for things enjoyed by the loud voices who shout but in fact are well off in terms of money, transportation, options in general, language, etc.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Ask your employees for ways to save. They have a front row seat to financial waste.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Sometimes opportunities arise in unusual circumstances. Please consider donating/leasing Creekside Community Center to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative to allow emergency and transitional housing spaces in Bloomington. Housing will continue to be a challenge for Bloomington residents who experience homelessness. <https://www.beaconinterfaith.org>



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I only use the motor vehicle office once every 4 years to renew my license. If I could do that online, I would, but I believe you still need to make an appearance to get your photo taken and eye exam. With all the options that can be done online or through the mail (tab renewal, title transfers, etc), closing the motor vehicle office would only be a very minor inconvenience to me personally. If it meant adding to the budget and keeping property taxes lower, I would be in favor of closing it. As for the community center, I've never used it nor do I plan to. I'm in favor of closing it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Layoff all the people involved in the garbage service takeover. Layoff all the people involved in advocating paving over the wildlife refuge.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut all salaries by 10%. Cut all non-essential services.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are other ways to cut the budget. Creekside does NOT need to be one of them.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why are these the only two options for costs savings?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please continue to involve all Bloomington tax payers in your decision making.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

besides these two items, there must be other ways to balance the city budget reopen Creekside with the most used programs



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How about salary reductions for our overstaffed city. How about cutting other services as well? Businesses have to cut pay cut staff pay by say 10%. Maybe you have grown the cities budget too much these last few years and need to start cutting there as well.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The closure of Highland Greens Golf Course without input from the public is disturbing. The last meeting held with the public was over a year ago and there's been silence from City Hall since then. No updates or status reports on the PGA taking over have been given. It feels like the city council is using the Covid crisis as an opportunity to close something the residents want but the council doesn't.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut city admin salaries - almost all other citizens are dealing with lower pay share the burden. Also institute a tax on city employees not residing in Bloomington. No city manager or council member should be living in neighboring cities. Also maybe it is time to put a pin in the new community center - if we can't afford what we have we can't afford new unnecessary amenities



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Use existing buildings to keep senior services. Please don't raise taxes again. Make existing MOA and hotels pay more taxes.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

close creekside keep the dmv






















**Anonymous user's Opinion**









While older residents value Creekside, the building is aging and I have long thought that the smallish parking lot and location in such a busy area made it difficult for older residents to access. Also reading online about concern for all of the older people who will be inconvenienced, I don't think many people have come to understand that it will be years before it will be advisable for seniors to gather in large groups unnecessarily. I also don't think these "much beloved" programs are all that well attended, except by a few.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As a building engineer I would like to know what exactly is wrong with creekside. I have walked the property and find it well taken care of.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please don't close the Bloomington DMV.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I understand that some residents seem very attached to Creekside, but the building seems to be in serious disrepair. As long as the programming continues somewhere, I support closing it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
CUT STAFF. The private sector is suffering while government employees seem unchanged. You closed summer programming - there is a huge savings. Cut fulltime staff. Reduce salaries. Stop making the tax payers pay and suffer for city spending that ONLY increases. The mayor, council, all city staff should have a salary reduction. No raises should be considered. Staff should be furloughed if not cut - if you choose not to deliver the service, CUT STAFF.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We researched the suburbs 50 years ago while living in Minneapolis. Bloomington had the school system we wanted for our children. I still live in Bloomington and could have moved many times but I like our city and its services. For Instance: the little girls down the block had her fourth birthday today and her parents requested a fire truck to stop by the house. Not only did a BIG firetruck stop with lights shining but two police cars with lights flashing also stopped by the house. Would this have happened in another suburb, I am not so sure. She was thrilled.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
god bless and good luck! Please dont tax residents out of the community. We already pay \$7g in taxes...a dramatic increase, and we will be moving.... our child is in 7th grade, will be attending Holy Angels...no need to pay W Bloomington taxes any longer and...wont be if they rise dramatically. I know there arent a lot of choices on your end...but with every action, comes a reaction. Be sure to factor in "forced sales" of properties due to tax increases. Property values will decrease as more properties hit the market...you could be going down a rabbits hole.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
zero tax increase is unrealistic. every other year we are assessed a percent or two. this year could be no different.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Cut administrative waste & spending.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Close these and save money so it puts less of a burden on the homeowner
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
You guys are doing a great job. Please know that most of us support you, despite what a few people screaming on social media want you to believe.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
These are easy decisions compared to the harder ones that will be faced. A million dollars a year for these kinds of things are not worth it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I ordered two sets of tabs online in April; the state took money for both vehicles out of my account, but only sent me tabs for one vehicle. So, YES, we need a DMV office in Bloomington.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The tax preparation services that the AARP TaxAide program provides at Creekside are long standing and very valued by the community. I was told that the number one question that callers to Creekside have since the closure of the facility is when will I be able to get my taxes prepared.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Find something else other than the motor vehicle office to balance the budget. Keep the motor vehicle office!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Replace the highest compensated employees with their assistance, i.e. Asst. City Manager replaces City Manager. Cut each departments budget by 15%. Rescind paid leave. Eliminate non-essential positions permanently. Outsource Legal Services.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Are there other services that can be limited? For example, I know of another city that cut part time staffing for summer garden beautification with temporary planters around the city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't balance it at the expense of services to Seniors. After the isolation and loneliness of COVID 19, they need and deserve a place that honors, serves and respects them. In addition, we need to think about how the 50-60 somethings ( seniors if the future) will be served. You are setting a precedence that seniors are not worth serving into the future.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Charge a fire fee for backyard bonfires to help pay for the fire departments. Make the MOA pay their own taxes not the citizens.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
if Traffic citations were to increase to the level that I see offenses then I think there would be a budget surplus. It seems that every day I see a hundred or so traffic violations which leads me to believe that the police should see more if they are out on the street 6-8 hrs a day. just think every car stopped produces 100 dollars X 143 car/day x1000 cars a week =\$5,200,000.00 now imagine what would happen if they actually did their jobs how much revenue could be generated for the city and state. seems like a pretty easy revenue stream don't ya think
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Thanks for pretending that my opinion counts

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The DMV played a part in me moving to Bloomington. All in one city!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
If the Bloomington motor vehicle services office closes folks should be told where the nearest alternative office is for obtaining driver's license renewals and things that you have to do in person.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Charge a higher usage fee for usage of licensing procedures and renewals
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Continue to identify aging facilities to close. Also, I hope your Valley View Community Center is a dead topic at this point. We do not need to build additional facilities at this point.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would rather see you discontinue some 'extra' type services and keep your employees on payroll.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please make our open spaces a priority: removing invasive species and planting natives. Bloomington has very valuable, high quality natural areas, but they are being invaded by invasive species.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The projected \$250,000 tax supplement is relatively insignificant to the city budget. Cut extracurricular school activities, reduce park services, abandon MN River handicap path, and the like. Drivers services are essential government services.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Keep the licensing bureau.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
this is a difficult time which calls for difficult decisions. I have every confidence you will make the decisions that are best for Bloomington. Do not be swayed by the loud minority who want to keep everything the same and refuse to take into account the changing times.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Take care of the senior citizens that are low income and quit spending money on redoing landscaping that is unnecessary. Having seating area at old Shakopee road and France. Have never seen anyone sit there yet. Unless you love noise and traffic. Would like to see police pull people over on old Shakopee road that are extreme speeding, racing, fast motorcycles. Not sure where the police have been since the covid. I am sure this memo will just get deleted. Maybe we need all new people running this city!!! Remember, you will be a senior citizen one day and maybe there will be no services for you. I do not believe it costs that much to run creekside. Also, I live on old Shakopee road so, come join me and you can watch the races
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Increase the Wheel Tax to keep the Bloomington facility open
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Definitely close the DMV. It is an antiquated site and they can't even process credit cards. Southdale Mall DMV location is far more expeditious and no inconvenience to get to.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
CUT CITY STAFF
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Do NOT build an unnecessary water park that will end up costing Bloomington and taxpayers millions of dollars.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I don't see the business of my city government as social work. I do donate to charities for this purpose. That would have me closing social programs.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Open up Hyland Greens golf course. NOW. You have one golf course open in a city this size and people clamoring to golf. You could wipe out any deficit in about three weeks or any financial concerns you have about it. We, citizens of Bloomington, are watching and will NOT let you take that land for housing of ANY sort. You have no idea how many people are keeping tabs on that land and will NOT let some secret closed door meetings sell it off to make up for more money for more bike lanes or other wasteful city spending.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Postpone capital expenditures such as Lyndale Ave improvements, parks and trails, swimming pools (if possible, given condition of present pool). Center for the Arts should be kept for arts, not card games for seniors.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
While unfavorable to some, I think the closure of both of these are acceptable sacrifices in order to try and recoup lost income.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside is important for the elderly. Getting rid of Creekside diminishes the community.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I think that balancing the budget should make use of other opportunities in all areas of city management other than taking away amenities that residents use and want. I also think that these changes should not be permanent. Closing Creekside and DMV office is a permanent change that most people do not want. I also think that keeping the pool and Hyland Greens golf course closed for the entire



summer is also a bad idea. Both of these facilities are in bad condition as it is, because the city has not taken care of them. I believe that by keeping them closed for the season with "minimal" maintenance will cause irreparable conditions for the future that will cost even more money. This is just a way for the city manager to justify closing them permanently in the future because costs of maintenance and repair will be even more and this has been part of his ongoing agenda for the last five years. Start by making budget cuts that do not affect citizens amenities here in this city - parks and community services are reasons current residents still live here. It seems the MOA and South Loop and affordable housing are more of a priority for city management, than to keep residents happy who provide a good portion of our tax base. When people are not happy about where they live - guess what? They move to a different community that does have the amenities that they want. I would also like to point out, that while I understand budget cuts are necessary because of the covid emergency I think the mayor, city manager and council members have done a poor job in communicating with residents about this process. I do know, that this is why this survey has been created. The problem with this survey for one -- is that it only addresses Creekside and DMV office. This survey should be addressing other areas and services that are affected by a reduced budget - like parks, hyland greens, pool, beach etc. The second problem with this survey, is that I know for a fact - many members of our community do not subscribe to city updates via email and the city website. You need to capture the thoughts of those people as well, some who have no access via computer etc. How will that be accomplished? Many people that I know have been calling on council members and were told that even they did not know about some of these budget cuts being taken by the Mayor and the City Manager. This is DISGRACEFUL and undemocratic. You all (with the exception of City Mgr. - who should be an elected official and who by the way doesn't even live in this city - yet he gets to make decisions to manage OUR city!) are elected to represent, communicate and work on behalf of residents of Bloomington. I have been told that since the city is under an emergency declaration that the city manager has authority to close certain services and amenities without council approval and input from residents. That is WRONG - why do we have a Mayor and a city council?! This is why some council members KNEW NOTHING that some of these budget cuts were taking place until residents started calling them out asking why? What a lack of transparency, and a good way to benefit Mayor's and City Managers own agendas. Start talking to the people, serving the people and answering the people's concerns, wants and needs. Until this emergency is over, nothing of major consequence should be changed in this city until the residents of this city can attend council meetings in person and speak their opinions and help to offer solutions. Wait until the next election!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My concern about closing Creekside is that it serves people such as seniors and services meals (Loaves and Fishes), these populations are probably also getting impacted badly by the economic depression and may need Creekside's services more than ever. As long as the services are still offered and you move them somewhere else in the city, then I would support closing the Creekside building.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Considering my concern that the Bloomington residents will have a huge property tax increase or something, I'd rather have both close if necessary to avoid that. I also feel that some of our road (minor fixes) or any other unnecessary at this time projects should be put on hold. I've had two years of over 20% increases for my property taxes. I cannot afford to keep going if that rate continues or increases.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

First.. City manger needs to take a paycut

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am in favor of consolidating services to fewer locations if needed, moving to central locations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

DO NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAX. I CAN'T AFFORD IT AND I WILL HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF BLOOMINGTON IF THEY ARE RAISED.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

have we looked at pay cuts - They have where I worked, my pay has gone down but not my taxes. How about closing Bloomington Ice Garden I have never been in there, why pick on the seniors?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There seem to be several top heavy programs that could have budgets trimmed or cut completely. Overall management numbers are excessive in several departments. Don't immediately cut items that the public uses and appreciates to get them setup for a tax increase when there are real savings to be had that MOST residents would never notice at all. City budget has plenty of fat that can be trimmed in employee trainings that were instituted by City Manager but are generally thought to be a complete joke by rank and file employees and even most supervisors/managers when in private.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am willing to accept a tax increase to continue city services. A zero percent property tax increase is unreasonable. Even with the recession we are in I think the city can expect a COLA.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If we are looking at closing facilities, we should not build a new big recreation/community center. Activities can be spread around the community, just like you're doing with Creekside and the Motor Vehicle Office. Why not consolidate some of the smaller elementary schools/programs? Have principals share 2 schools.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

What is the cost savings in closing BIG? The Aquatic center (only used 3 months)? Dwan (only used 5 months)?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If possible, I would like the city to sell valuable city owned land to private entities to make money (I.e. Hyland Golf and any other un/underused property). Also, no waterpark or competing for World fair. Back to the basics to keep taxes at an affordable level!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If cuts need to be made, make them ACROSS THE BOARD starting with all the excess at City Hall! There is so much fluff and waste spent on non-essential things. Tired of everything constantly being "improved" and made "better" at City Hall (when this is one of newest, most efficient buildings in the City.) Wish everyone else in the city could make the big bucks to sit around and delegate work to be done that isn't necessary. Much easier to just raise fees and taxes than be accountable and actually come up with real solutions.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Spend within your means. Do not raise taxes .

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are probably a lot of things that could be cut in the City's budget. I haven't looked at it or analyzed it. When we have money again in the future, I would like to see the Creekside building sold to Presbyterian Homes if they want to expand their senior facility. I would also like to see the city tear down the motor vehicle, public health and animal control buildings and build a new facility that would include space for all of those things (and maybe the senior or other community services as well). Stay away from Valley View—people obviously don't want a community center there. I like the idea of NOT having a central building with everything (despite what I just said, above), but to group logical things together and utilize buildings around the town. We definitely didn't need the running tracks, etc. because the high schools already have them and the community has access. Is the budget available for the public to view?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closedown Creekside. No need for community center. Be more small business friendly

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Your Questions #8 States, Close Creekside and move programming to available classroom in the Bloomington Art Center for Arts, I thought this center was bust at its seems ? Do you think if you move this programming over to the Art center this will justify building a more expensive art center ? SHAME ON YOU >STOP THE CRAZINESS IN BLOOMINGTON



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Yes, don't raise taxes to cover this.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think we can also reduce salaries. This is a good time for Bloomington to take a hard look at its staffing and what is essential.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington needs to balance its priorities carefully, and this seem like a great first step to securing Bloomington's future. Just don't go, you know, crazy. There are like 30 radical nut jobs out there who would like you to think theirs are the only voices who matter. But most of us support what you do.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

2 + 2 = 4. Be smart and do what you have to do.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

A further comment on the Bloomington DMV: Each time I have gone to the Bloomington DMV to renew my license or for a vehicle registration transfer I have waited for my number to be called for over two hours. One time I waited five hours. How much longer will the lines be once everyone in Bloomington goes to Southdale for their DMV needs? We need more DMVs, not less. Or we need the ability to transfer a vehicle title or renew a driver's license online. I would happily use that if available rather than waiting 5+ hours in line if the Bloomington DMV closes. The only DMV-related service available online that I know of is tab renewal.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside and the DMV are probably the only two programs in the city I use. Well the snow plows don't get rid of those and the open house they had last year was awesome. Why didn't you provide a list of the Bloomington services and let people rate them to get an idea of what is needed. the DMV is packed every time I go in there I can't believe you would think of closing it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open the city and let people get back to work! People can keep social distancing, wearing masks, and self isolation if they're sick.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think you need to close both facilities...good luck with the shortfall



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

All of the City owned vehicles, are all of the vehicles uses daily? Other options? Many departments can cut staff and some should look at realignment of Salary. Don't plow the sidewalks have the residents do their own just like in Minneapolis. Tow vehicles during snow emergencies or ticket to collect additional revenue, too many vehicles sit on the streets for days and weeks without a thing being done so why call a snow emergency unless there are consequences. Charge a small fee to use Creekside. Limit spending like all the wasted dollars that were paid for a Community Center at Valley View, City could really use those wasted funds now! Stop the needless spending! Bathroom renovation at City Plaza was NOT an immediate need but yet you did it!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Tax dollars should be prioritized, things that don't fit within the budget should NOT be considered. Only spwndbwithin our means. If a project budget is over 1mm, it should go for an all city vote. The taxpayers, should be able to have a voice with EVERY issue, since we are not only providing all the funding, but also paying the salaries of the elected officials. Bottom line is that all the "frills" can wait until their are funds within the budget. My tax dollars should not go for excessive salaries, employees and benefits. Our funds should be allocated back to its citizens, not to grow the government larger than it already is. Roads, bridges, schools, Parks, everything else is should be only when the budget allows. If we lose tax revenue, you should not increase of property taxes to pay for extras, when the tax payer isn't benefiting.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider stopping residential side walk snow plowing. This can be handled by home owners & would also eliminate the spring sod maintenance.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

No cuts to the schools, please.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

5th Largest city in Minnesota should have a MVO.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Transparency about all of the budget



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Could less road repair be done, and could new construction on buildings, etc. be canceled? Just anything that would save and allow staff to keep their jobs. I really value them, and worry about them. Thank you!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I know that this is an unique and difficult time for our city. I would most like to see the Drivers office stay open!! Property tax small increase is an option too.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

A Senior Center in Bloomington should be a priority.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut other project like south loop, city manager pay, why take away thing people want ?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is a very difficult to do. It needs to be done without closing the Motor Vehicle site. No options were offered. What would they be especially for seniors who need convenience of an easy to get to location.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Willing to pay more to keep parks in good condition, pool open and programs for kids.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Hello the Council, I know balancing the City's budget is not easy, but I was surprised when I saw this survey. I think there are more effective cost-saving options than closing the Creekside center or the Vehicle Motor Deputy Office. May I suggest the council to review list of current infrastructure projects or other city programs. Why do we have to rework the road when it is decent shape? Why do we have to keep so many projects when we run short on budget? Please do not let the property tax go up again. I currently pay close to \$4000 for a 1600 squared-foot house in Bloomington - while my friend pays only \$5100 for his gigantic four-car-garage house in Shakopee. Bloomington residents already pay higher than average property taxes. Thank you and good luck.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's important to retain a great credit ranking and balancing the budget is part of that - thanks for your attention to this matter and also for getting community input.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Selling Hyland Greens Golf would generate several millions of dollars to the City Budget. Dividing it into residential lots and a nice park it would continue to generate residential property taxes to help substantially to continue to balance the City Budget. This is a really good idea!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The cities accounting practices are way out of wack just look at what you did Highland Golf, it wasn't losing money it is poor management using Highland money for Dwans purchases. Also the money paid to upper management is simply out of wack. Things have to change in city hall, we don't need to bring in people from Edina to spend our money!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't mind closing the facility, but would still like to see driver's license and title transfer services available locally.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please keep this motor vehicle office open. Please do NOT make me go to Southdale.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It would be nice if all of these could be in one location. I'd love to see Creekside stay open and or continue to offer a location for our seniors to utilize.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The biggest savings will be in cutting staff. Bloomington is overloaded with staff. Just like all the people you employed at Dwan. Provide the residents with staff numbers by departments and let us pare it down for you. Close the city department of health and utilize the hennep8n county department id health. Dual services.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

look at the staff we have now and are their job necessary to the public. Start using the schools again for community classes and put life back into our schools. Look at what the city is doing to make changes. It costs more money to make changes with out a vote of the people. To many expenses are made to research to make changes. Get back to basics. Employees need to have pride in MN and not spend on what they want to make changes too. Ask us the people we can tell you what works and what doesn't work.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Wage freezes, no hiring open positions, stop 401k match or pension contribution, staffing review to identify permanent staffing reductions, prioritize programs and projects and cut as needed

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

STOP doing things that the city residents HAVE NOT APPROVED! - Valley View Park for one! DO NOT get rid of the Volunteer Fire Department - this has not even been brought to the attention of the residents, but we are not as ignorant as you seem to think we are. Case in point - a brand new fire house with sleeping quarters - sleeping quarters ARE NOT NEEDED for a VOLUNTEER fire staff! I could go on, but I'm sure this text will be deleted from your responses and you will proceed with your socialist society agenda! IMPEACH THE MAYOR - better yet, run him out of the sate!!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If you close Creekside, I want to make sure that it's NOT to open a multi million dollar alternate facility. I am open to having programs at the arts center, or limited programs at Creekside. But closing Creekside should NOT be so that the City can go into much higher debt on another building.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please find a way for people to keep their jobs, Keep Creekside and the DMV, and let us have the garbage disposal company of our choice. Stop "beautifying" the city and stop spending money where only cosmetics are involved. As a life-long Bloomington resident, I care more about taking care of the people in our city that making it prettier or better. If we need to stagnate those projects for a year or two so that people can keep their jobs and the services that benefit us all, so be it. Also - I don't think limiting Creekside or closing it should be the only two options. Just because it's an old building doesn't mean it's not well maintained, and the part-time staff that were let go did not cost the city very much money. There are far larger salaries than those at Creekside that should be evaluated.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would love to see what blooming spends money on and would love to give feedback.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reduce hours of the motor vehicle office or consolidate them into other departments within city hall. Why have it in a separate building?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please don't increase property taxes again....not happy about a sudden increase.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Please don't close Martin Luther Creekside club. It is vital with senior and vulnerable adult socialization.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I think rehoming the programming from creekside is a great idea. I'd be a little sad to see the DMV go but there are so many other options and online options are likely to expand in the future so I think it's worth it to shut down to save money and not be forced to raise property taxes. I bet there are a number of other services that could be eliminated or perhaps partnered with a nearby city to help save money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop building bike lanes. Also stop hiring people at a high salary. You need to cut pay at the top



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The on line has been a huge hassle for everyone I have talked with who has done it. Big problem and hard to get answers and action without face to face. Eliminating more jobs and giving us less choice-- more government control, less freedom to choose.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not sure the streets in front of my house needed to be swept 3 times this spring (Kell Ave)....



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm SURE there are all kinds of other programs and little-used services you can cut!! Who needs all the arts programs, for example? Only a tiny percentage of city taxpayers would ever miss those! And don't stop there -- Bloomington City Government is WAY TOO BLOATED!! One needs only look at your expensive, palatial office buildings to see that. And cut your salaries while you're at it -- like a large percentage of private sector workers has had happen to them. You not only should quit raising our taxes -- you should cut them!!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am willing to pay for robust city services, through appropriate taxation.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Find what you need least and stop spending on it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

No need to do city wide cleanup every single year. We're being take advantage of with junk from other communities.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't build the trail by the river. Waste of money for something that would get flooded.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not do programs/projects because we receive state or federal grant to offset some of the costs. Please remember that at the end of the day that money comes from the local taxpayer one way or another. Though I have a personal interest in some capital improvement projects in the plans I believe they are going to have to be delayed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If there is any ask for city funds related to paving the river bottoms, that should be avoided. I know not much city money was used yet, but there could be in the future, and it's an absolute waste of taxpayer funds. The river bottoms today are an absolute treasure, and it's terrible to see what they are doing down there right now with the construction. I love living in Bloomington and appreciate the parks, trails, and youth programs - don't specifically see a lot of "waste".



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have a problem with question #8. I was told by woman that ran the adult daycare my husband attended (...and loved!) at Creekside, that their program was not included in the ones that would/could be moved to another location. I have no way of knowing, based on the options you're giving in question #8 if either choice preserves that program. I suspect not. You make it sound like frequent users of Creekside had better choose option 1 or run the risk of losing the program they love most. Seems unfair. Like a loaded and unhelpfully vague question



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make it easier for small businesses and restaurants to open



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank you for your efforts to keep the City balanced!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Especially considering we have the MN New ID, to close one of the FEW facilities you can get it at seems completely WRONG!! The wait time at Hennepin in Southdale is 4-8 HOURS on a good day. Even if you have an appt. you are WEEKS away and have to be there an hour in advance anyway. Closing this facility is a very bad idea and very bad timing on the City's part!!! I would NOT BE HAPPY



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Are these the only two financial levers the city is entertaining? What about other buildings, complexes, staffing, future plans, fringe services, duplicative services of county/state.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop funding future pet projects and maintain existing programs that are actually beneficial to our residents. We don't care about fancy new water parks or community centers when the are so expensive and won't do anything more for our community besides continue the extravagant spending our past and current council and mayor are pushing on us. Property owners can't afford you!! Our property taxes have nearly doubled in only 3 years! And next years assessment indicates they will increase hundreds more. We are retired and can't afford your spending!!!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Get more tax dollars out of MOA.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Forget about the Lyndale corridor project.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Could the motor vehicle office be moved to city hall? That would be preferred. I do NOT want to have to go to a different city to renew my driver's license.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't understand question 8--if Creekside is opened up on a limited basis, would it cost \$700,000 in tax dollars to operate?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Balancing the budget is very important. Stop spending money on unneeded improvement ideas like a water park. Maybe stop being involved in garbage collection.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please, do not close our DMV. Doing that would make zero sense. It is always busy. I've been going since I was 16 years old and as much as it would be a dream come true, it is never not on a long wait. It would be a disservice to the citizens of Bloomington if you closed it. An outrage too. Stop spending ridiculous amts. of our money on lane closures and bike lanes. You are not looking at the statistics and you will NOT stop cars from being on the road. A bike lane is rarely used and everyone knows that. This is why we have sidewalks and we have all shared the concrete that has been poured for at least 70+ years. You don't fool anyone but a few. Your propaganda and your lies are mud on your faces. Stop congesting our roads and causing more road rage due to you causing traffic to slow down. You should be embarrassed by the idiotic and unproven decisions you have made which have only brought our city down. People don't want to move to Bloomington and who could blame them? There is nothing that is drawing people to live here because of the things you have allowed to go on in this city and the type of people you want to draw in. This used to be a city you could say with pride that you lived in. Now? People openly ask what we live here. When people move to this state, Bloomington is only mentioned as a city to not live in. You have foolishly spent our money for years now. We look like a poor city from Normandale and going east. At the very least don't let garbage can be seen from the street or sidewalk. To have that visual alone makes the city look like a dump. It is embarrassing to drive people anywhere except between 169 and Normandale Blvd. It says alot about what you have done to the city when you put a thrift store and a Dollar Store at Valley West. That is how far this city has fallen.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do we need the Bloomington health and services on Morgan? I can't say it provides evenly distributed significant services for Bloomington residents as a whole

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't renew online only because there are additional fees. I would prefer to renew tabs and license online if there eye no additional fees.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

absolutely STOP the insanity with the mega water park and interaction with more MOA entertainment

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Move curb side clean up to every other year

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

no new water park

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't put the tax burden on homeowners. I will be selling and leaving the city otherwise.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Think it's important to have a balanced budget.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington could save a large amount of money by issuing green bonds for energy efficiency in its buildings and vehicle fleet. The energy savings would easily cover the bond repayments and then some.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't we have an Emergency Fund? If not, why not? As individuals we are taught that we should have an Emergency Fund and it seems like our city should have one as well. And Emergency Funds should only be allowed to be used in an emergency, like our current situation. Another suggestion is to go through our budget line by line and only fund essential capital expenditures and services until our economy improves. I don't understand why Creekside (We don't use.) and Motor Vehicle Office (We do use.) are singled out. There has to be many more expenditures that can be considered. Since my Property Taxes went up 9.4% in 2020, I'm opposed to a tax hike. Thank you for asking for and considering our input.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't like only two choices regarding Creekside. Why not have two smaller facilities for the seniors spaced within Bloomington--one more west and one more east than on Penn Ave? Bloomington is a very long suburb and in normal times, traffic is a real issue in getting around. I am not encouraged to drive to current location. Also, because I have not been to Creekside often, how are newer seniors encouraged to visit it? I've looked at classes but prefer not coming in to attend them. Feel the current attendees are too old to be active in doing card games, classes, etc.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Time to think about operating on a lean budget, even if it means some inconveniences.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As a widower of 88 years old Creekside has been a convenient place to get together with other seniors for entertainment and socializing. I think Bloomington is well managed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Explain in detail costs that were reduced or avoided altogether during the COVID Crisis. Suggest ways to increase revenue.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



cutting creekside would be a fair cut since seniors have many social options which teens and families dont have but pay for creekside. Save money and build a community center not a private place for on small population



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am in favor of cutting costs, like these, instead of raising property taxes.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Drop the RCV efforts.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside needs to go as a building. I strongly believe that if strong programming is created for seniors at other locations throughout the city it would be a better use of city dollars. Please put forth a proposed programming schedule to the public for what senior programming would look like so that people realize the closure would apply to the building and many existing programs would still exist - and the new location could pending forth new program opportunities. Give the public more information - that helps to quite the complainers.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It seems to me that your two "solutions" affect the poor, elderly, and those least able to travel far the most. How much would you save by closing the big golf course? Or the theater?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There has to be other ways to balance the budget without cutting senior programs. Seniors contribute much to our city in terms of volunteering. I think it is important to keep programs that will benefit us and keep us healthy.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Mow grass in parks less often.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You can start by not including the pathetic Bloomington Motor Vehicle in your budget. My wife and I have had terrible experiences there. Last year we waited for 45 minutes, while 5 employees helped one customer. We got up and left there. We went to the Edina office. There we were promptly helped.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Put big or moderate projects on hold. High priority is to maintain regular events for the community even if they have to be pared down



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city screwed themselves by using tax dollars to help get a water park here that was not needed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I tried to get a real ID at the Bloomington office last fall. The experience was terrible, the wait was absurdly long (3 hours!!!), and I didn't even get to complete the transaction. I went to an office in Eagan and was done in 15 minutes with no issues. The point is, there are other licensing facilities that operate much better, so just let them have the business. Close this inefficient location and save the money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please look at all areas of expenditures, cutting a little here and there rather than looking for one or two big fixes by completely closing down one or two areas/programs. Is it feasible to have a mobile motor vehicle office that can offer services at different locations throughout the city on designated days of the month. ???



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I live in Eden Prairie. They closed ours, so we goto yours. If you close, then we have to goto Chaska.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I support your need to make choices. I think basing the decisions on the amount of use a particular service or facility sees is the right way to go. Good job!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reopen Hyland Greens Golf Course



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Take a new community center off the table. In light of current circumstances and economic impact, it would be very wrong to go forward at this time!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep the parks and beaches open!!! Kids need to be outside and playing.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Need to fund necessities only for the present time.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My biggest concern with the City Center would be the potential parking inadequacy. I live close to the center and am always surprised how many cars are in the parking lots. This would be a great inconvenience and handicap for Sr's. This is an issue that needs to be addressed.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Pay cuts. No community center. No world expos. No more TIF districts. Make it easier for businesses other than hotels, pawn shops and auto parts stores to set up shop here. If we hadn't put so much money in our house we would be moving out of this city. We've gotten to the point where the only thing decent about Bloomington is the art center and theater. We go to different cities to shop, eat and get entertainment.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

20% Reduction in all City employee pay. Privatization of City services (i.e., garbage collection). Removal of business restrictions that limit tax revenue generation (i.e., allow breweries and distilleries). Create a Mall of America zone sales and service tax of 0.5%.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The recent novel by Mindy Mejia called The Dragonkeeper, locates the "Zoo of America" where the MOA is now. MOA was a big mistake when it was built and now the chickens are coming home to roost.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

A \$17 mil shortfall on an almost \$200 mil total budget should not have this much impact. The city's budget is already difficult to comprehend compared to neighboring cities, in particular Eden Prairie. Our tax burden in Bloomington is so much higher than Eden Prairie than you report because you take the median value home of the individual city and figure their taxes, not an apples to apples comparison. A median value house in Bloomington worth \$200k of course pays less in taxes than a median value house of \$400k in EP. Take a \$400k Bloomington to a \$400k EP and its thousands more for Bloomington. You should not raise taxes for homeowners. We already have less value for our money than neighboring communities. For example, sections of our street were covered in asphalt last summer - it looks like you just had extra asphalt and decided to throw it around parts of our street which has since been scraped up by plows over the winter. Extra facilities and programs should be shut now and you should focus on essential services like streets, utilities, and public safety. This should alleviate need to tax property owners more in an already deteriorating city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Never forget that you are stewards of our money. Spend it wisely. Be fiscally sound.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Dismiss the highest paid city manager in the state and replace with someone at a median Bloomington income. Rescind paid leave. Permanently eliminate all non-essential positions. Cut all budgets by at least 10%. Outsource legal services.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

While watching the council meeting, it seemed clear closing the DMV is the correct choice. The facts show that services are moving online, most people only need to go into the DMV every few years for a drivers license with registration online and in the mail, the city has no control over fee rates, which only rose \$1 in 7 years, and the building is outdated. While wait times are long right now with the new RealIDs, they will go down and this will only cause a minimal inconvenience for the vast majority of Bloomington Citizens. I know they did not talk about creekside during the council meeting, but considering how many people are using the long outdated facility, I can only assume it will point to its closure. The community center is badly outdated and cannot support many activities with its size and amenities, so closing it and the costs only makes sense. I know for some, mostly the elderly who enjoy it there it will be tough and people struggle with change, but in the end they can get the actual space used elsewhere as mentioned here in city hall. As the city manager mentioned, these are tough times and we will have to make tough decisions. Hopefully the city council will do what is right here and not try and use it to push an agenda, as it did seem at times some were starting to go that way. Hey, on a bright note, maybe creeksides closure and the lack of community center will push more of the people who want one to say something next time around, making it easier for the council to listen to the small minority who didn't want it valley view for their own reasons like the fear of losing any of the thousand city's precious softball fields. This council doesn't seem to be strong at doing anything quickly, I guess unless it's beer at the parks, but here is to hoping our city council does the right thing, and quickly! (At least quicker than the RVs) Cheers!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut employees in other departments at the city

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think the city needs to take the community center completely off the table. It is irresponsible of city officials to move forward with this or RCV at this time. Maybe city staff needs to consider pay-cuts or how about the city officials start spending money a little more smart. I am so sick of watching our city officials (mayor and council members) not acknowledge and listen to the people who have opposing views other than their own. I cannot believe I chose to move my family to this city!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Either location, arts or ice garden both good choices if CCC is closed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut the excessive middle management, why was a assistant city manager job created when there was non in the past. What other middle management jobs been created?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city should consider assessing and collecting property taxes on the acres and acres of church-owned land and buildings in the city. According to Henn. Co. data, many church properties have an assessed market value of \$0 and paid \$0 in tax.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't know but my taxes have went up 10% in 2019 and 11% in 2020 and my house was built in 1955 and I'm a senior and Bloomington taxes have gone Crazy stop raising my taxes I really don't want to move in the last 2 years my taxes went \$900 way to much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!v

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Curtail any future planned capital improvements that aren't fully funded (e.g. don't plant flowers, cut out 4th of July fireworks for 2 years, stop annual road/pipeline infrastructure enhancements for 2 years, etc..).

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I support closing Creekside & the motor vehicle vehicle complex.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Mobility being an issue for many, I like that Creekside is a small building with easy access from parking lot.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**


why can't they add to city hall and shorten the hours

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Swimming pool makes sense, plus it would be a place where covid would spread.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


 Charge a service fee for each transaction at Bloomington DMV (like .50 or 1.00) or stop curbside cleanup and use that money to keep Bloomington DMV open. Maybe should have made a space in the taj mahal city hall to accommodate DMV future use(?). Leave Creekside at its location and FIND the money. Seniors built Bloomington and deserve somewhere of their own to do their thing. FYI - There are single people and couples with no kids that have no use for your FAMILY events. Please keep that in mind for your future spending. Please learn the definition of transparency and practice it!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


I think it will come around. Don't some years you have a surplus and other years a deficit? This is a deficit year, no need to panic and take away important services.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


The City should really re-evaluate where the money was going prior to the shelter in place. It should not be focusing on preserving the "Arts", loaning money for a public water park that would be shut down from a pandemic, or any other non-essential projects. The city council and city manager need to focus on keeping the basic infrastructure working, including services like inspections, outdoor facility maintenance, public utilities, parks, and continue operating the DMV by appointment using online technology, as well as offering opportunities for seniors of this community to continue receiving services at the Creekside Center. In a budget shortfall new projects should not be undertaken or even considered - they should be tabled until such time as the city can catch up for lost revenue. In addition, the city should not consider any increase to property taxes due to the pandemic. You need to evaluate how to better attract and support businesses so that you can continue to count on that taxable income. Even prior to the pandemic your decisions were not conducive or attractive to small business owners. You need to work to get businesses established here whatever it takes. This city does not have unlimited pockets, nor do the people who live here. Please consider carefully how your actions will affect property values and whether or not both home owners and businesses will be making difficult choices to either stay or leave this city.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Only did online as it was closed due to covid.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Theres plenty of other programs to cut before you start going after programs people love. This is a simple low brow shock tactic by the city council to push for higher property taxes. Shame on you all

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


No city was prepared for Covid-19. Now the city is talking about taking away jobs from its employees, and services from its residents. Why put that on the employees, who have worked there for many years, and then get let go for financial issues, not of their doing? As a resident who pays taxes into the city, do they get a refund for services no longer provided?

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


I can't do motor vehicle transactions on line because it's never allowed. There is a significant wait at our motor vehicle already. I can't imagine what that mean if relocated and making people go outside of Bloomington. I hope that at the top of the list is cutting the idea of a new Community Center at this time AND funding any sort of indoor pool or amenity at the MOA other than just getting the retail part of the MOA continuing

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


First I do not use Creekside but as our society and our City ages this is a pretty important "amenity" it should have been done away with years ago as part of a community center but I digress. I mean really, you close HG golf which services the older population not having a dedicated space only make the elimination worse. I get the MV online and it is a good option for some but have you taken the time to look who it services? It is usually communities of color and our elderly. Getting rid of these 2 things are really bad ideas Yeah I know they cost money and are not a revenue stream but a City of the first class with no community center to speak of, 1 golf course, and no service center for DMVS? Figure it out another way

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Continue to cut the budget rather than raise taxes. There are plenty of non-essential government sponsored functions that we can live without.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


I think the lunch has been very important for the people at creekside. I don't understand how that could be done at the arts center ...

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to see comparison of saving if we were to close one or both of the golf courses which are not used by much of the city. The DMV is used by virtually "every" household and it's an awfu frustrating visit to go to Southdale.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


KEEP HYLAND GREENS!! Our family LOVES it, and has used it for years. We truly are neutral on the other two buildings in consideration for closure--but we are VERY sad that Hyland Greens is not opening this year, yet Dwan somehow is. Our four children have partaken in the BAA Golf program for years at Hyland, and it is very short-sighted to close it this Summer--as President Trump stated, "If you're standing less than six feet apart in Golf, you're doing something wrong!" We could have ensured that the participants were distanced--as a volunteer chaperone of many years with BAA, I speak from experience way prior to Chinese Coronavirus.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Mayor and council member, city manager pay cut...

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


If you look at all of the salaried positions now and 20 years ago there are more employee and much higher pay proportionately. No job needs to pay like these with FULL PENSIONS. The population remains level but costs go up. Take street maintenance and plowing for example. Much better and efficient equipment, same amount of employees. Time to cut bodies. The equipment should be phasing out jobs. Bloomington is not meant to "create" jobs

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Before you start with taxes, look at what other cuts you can be doing (besides closing two programs).

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**




















When I worked during economic downturns we had to take a pay cut. All should pitch in for that now to save the jobs of others. Be a team. Help each other... take a reduction. Show the citizens who lost their jobs you really care.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close Creekside first and then Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office if necessary.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



-  No new buildings till this covid is over and the financial mess is done
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Collect a bit more Taxes from MOA
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Cut back or eliminate all non- essential services like the art programs, community center programs.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  With the impact of cronovrius , no one can run or figure a balanced budget today. Long term, Bloomington needs a senior center, Location, etc., is perfect - except the building itself. Either up-date or tear down and rebuild. Except for the building itself, everything is set. Location in choice; no rezoning, no purchasing of land, easements, etc., no disruption - or protests of various groups. Everything is perfect! couldn't find a better spot, except the building itself.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  No raises in taxes!
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  The city should be looking at cuts across the board including salary reductions for individuals versus just thinking about raising taxes. Seems like things are too "status quo" for you all compared to what your community members are facing right now. Less of the cities budget should be tied to revenues received from hotel taxes etc. Our partnership with water park at MOA should also be severed. Why did we recently spend several hundred thousand dollars to remodel some bathrooms at City Hall? It's one of the newest buildings in the city. Was the raised boardwalk along France Ave really necessary? Some taxpayer dollars were also used to build this. Stop being wasteful with your citizens money.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Can't afford increased and extra taxes on my home Need 1 spot accessible by public transportation for a community/senior center Need to have other options looked at --- salaries, number of excess employees, why a waterpark when we are already the home of a community pool and Great Wolf Lodge
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  There's usually some room to cut on most budgets. We seem to have plenty of "inspectors" with nothing to do but harass homeowners, there's one possibility of staff we could eliminate. Staff usually have the best ideas as no one knows the work like they do. Consult with the city staff and get their input. Eliminating one of the revenue streams at the Hyland Golf course by closing the inside nine holes seems dumb - unless the plan is to gradually close the course and sell the land to developers who make campaign contributions.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Perhaps other civic organizations could step up and provide more volunteers to help lower costs of some services and events.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I have found the staff at the Bloomington motor vehicle to be friendly and much more efficient than going to other in person locations. The express line for tabs eliminates the wait to receive tabs. Tied the online once, but the tabs never arrived.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  It amazing me that the DMV is being subsidized by property taxes. Why can't you push back on the state to allow you to collect more in fees. I'd rather pay more than to no longer have this available.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  If online tab renewal was free it wouldn't be so bad. Also if you could renew a DL online that would be great also.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Closing Creekside and motor vehicle office seem like smart decisions to me.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  If Creekside would be vacated while the old building is razed and a new senior center constructed, that would be an acceptable reason to relocate temporarily. If this would be permanent, Bloomington, the fourth largest city in the State, would be the only city in south Hennepin not to have a senior center. Also, for seniors with mobility problems, the Arts location is very difficult to navigate (one of the reasons Eden Prairie has both a senior and a community center).
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Focus on our infrastructure. Get our people working again so that businesses don't shut down and we lose revenue because of it. A small percentage of the residents cannot carry the tax burden for all. Bloomington is a wonderful place to live. It is not cheap by any means, but we have a lot of people that have lived here a long time. There's a reason for that!
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  cut staff, cut pay, make operations more efficient, cut programs that only serve a few people. Consolidate services with nearby towns. Stop new projects until economy rebounds.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  Keep informing residents about tending budget actions and seek out opinions.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I think it's a bit ridiculous to continue to charge a technology fee to do DMV transactions online. Filing fee, surcharge as well? In general on the City budget, I'd be curious to see how the use of services vs total population would look. Are there services/locations/buildings only used by a small percentage of the population that could be closed or consolidated to reduce costs?
- Anonymous user's Opinion**
-  I think it's quite interesting that you are doing this during Covid 19, it's very convenient for you to not let the tax prayers have more of a say in this - seems to me That because you didn't get your way with Valley view Park your punishing all Bloomington residents -these facilities serve a wide range of residents and to close these would be a big mistake. Build a community center in the Creekside location - move motor vehicles dept over to city hall where u already have passport renewal. It is very sad to think you want to take away a community center that serves so many people. Very ashamed that I voted for some of you council members who are suppose to be here for the people of Bloomington. I have an idea -start with getting rid of the new city manager because he obviously does not care about

Bloomington residents .

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to hear more about budget meetings and if we are allowed to attend for observation, learn, and maybe one day help. I understand the private sector is nothing like the public sector. My significant other works for the state government in MMB and DEED. Combining her help and experience with my experience with a \$10mm budget, which I understand is smaller than the city of Bloomington, could be useful. -David Meyer @ Colfax Ave S

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I understand that there is a short fall, however getting rid of the programs that Creekside offers would be a mistake for Bloomington residents. I am worried that you are requesting to get rid of Creekside to allow building of housing, that is not in line with current financial abilities of our residents. The motor vehicle office is needed in some capacity in Bloomington. We are one of the largest cities in MN and to not have this in our city would be a mistake. Could there be a way to move it to city offices? The residents have been pushed to remove our reasons to live here, if you continue to remove services, people will leave.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I can't believe the city is NOT making money with the DMV service.. how do the private deputy registers survive?????

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

close some of the elementary schools.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut the dmV branch, this is long overdue. Eagan and Edina have sufficient capacity to provide dmV services.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quit paying the wages of your employees that are laid off. Quit spending money that isn't absolutely necessary.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closing Creekside and motor vehicle office saves \$1 million. Where does the other \$14 million come from?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Sorry to see them go, but we have a budget crisis.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You need to look at other new expenses you are planning and stop them. RCV is unnecessary at this time. There is cost associated with this and that needs to stop. Cut any spending for arts and creative place making. This is a want, not a need. Managers need to take a 10% pay cut. Employees need to accept a pay freeze for 2 years at least. They are well paid and will be happy to have such a highly paid job with benefits. YES this needs to happen. And yes the unions will tolerate this just fine. Any travel must be deemed critical. You need to look at a pause of funds supporting south loop. This can be paused and will certainly help balance the budget. There are many opportunities to make cuts. Do it!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Anything other than raising property taxes for those already getting constant increases and struggling to see the benefit of living in Bloomington and considering moving to a different city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I thought the motor vehicle office was supported by the fees it collects?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

DO NOT make permanent decisions to end certain programs now before looking at all options. Especially things that significant impact seniors... many of whom will not be able to complete this ONLINE survey.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quit building and keep parks . Are taxes are too high already .

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

So many seniors go to Creekside either for the services or t volunteer and count on it to keep them active, healthy and in touch with the community. They look forward to it, it helps keep them alive. It's the lifeblood of the of the senior community in Bloomington. Putting several of the services in Civic Plaza will not provide the feeling of shared community. Please save Creekside!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep DMV in Bloomington Open as it has been very CONVENIENT & Helpful to process documents specially for the old people. And still have the option to do payments or other services online.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Will the lifeguards and the young adults that staff Camp Koda still be working? I

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've been to the Edina Southdale location. I was there 2 hours prior to opening and was the 16th person in line. By the time it opened, there were hundreds in line.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop project of changing lyndale avenue. Put it off for 5 yrs, not a priority. Use money elsewhere

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut top salaries and city office staff Cut the number vehicles owned by city for employee use. Cut wild spending proposed plans by council!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Defer all capital projects, employee salary raises where allowed, eliminate stipends/salaries for elected officials and volunteers and ensure public facilities (Ice Garden, Dwan Golf Course, etc.) are self sufficient and profitable. There should be no support with subsidies.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't raise my taxes again. You just increased mine by \$1300 and I just moved here 11 months ago.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city talked about the need for a new community center, even considering closing part of an existing park (valley view). Now they say they can't afford to keep open the old community center. I'm confused on what your agenda is. This has a sneaky political agenda feel

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If there's a shortfall, we're spending too much.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Creekside facility is a burden to the tax base of the community. The relocation of programs to a better facility is desirable for cost savings and innovation in programming for seniors. Address the nay sayers by providing a framework of what programming can look like at Civic Plaza. The Bloomington DMV is a great value and amenity for this city as there are no close options to Bloomington for these services. Online service is costly to the user and has an inconvenient time table. Please build a community center, move Parks and Rec into that facility and the DMV into Civic Plaza.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Whenever my spouse and I visit the DMV, this place is very busy and it seems that having this location closed, would require serious thought about where similar capacity for these services would be located nearby. We believe that the staff at this site does a very good job of handling a stressful/heavy workload to provide the needed services. Other DMV sites are also described as very busy by our friends, neighbors and family, so what does the data suggest about why the Bloomington site is so costly compared to other similar sites (i.e. why this site must be subsidized by \$250K per year to break even)? The building itself should not be costly because it is not new, so what are the leading causes of the budget issues here? Please summarize the top 10 expenses and revenues (or similar) for the community to help us understand why this is in a shortfall situation.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Get back pay for housing the county Hennepin County Courts.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why not look at other services where savings could be had. Senior Citizens cannot drive far and they need a location of their own. The city office center does not have enough parking and is too busy for elderly people to get around. We need this special place just for the senior population of Bloomington.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please consider the age of the people that you are affecting here. There is easy access into the building and bus transportation. I know this is a place that brings a lot of social opportunity for your seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Leave valley view alone and stop worrying about trying to build a community center no one wants.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How about council and city manager take a pay cut to help. There are surely other non-essential staff at hat are not needed at the moment.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

With a budget shortfall estimated at \$17 million or so, closing the Motor Vehicle/Drivers License office and Creekside seem to gain very modest savings. It is a little unsettling to imagine what other services/ resources might close or be changed or where costs will rise to make up the rest of the shortfall.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Perhaps small increase in a Bloomington FEE at Motor Vehicles Dept could cut or erase the deficit. They are always very busy when I am there. Somehow FEES should be able to pay the cost.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If you close Creekside, stop with this we need a new community center. This feels like a ploy for our awful city council to push they agenda to build a monstrosity for \$80m. If you need a community center fix this one. People have lost their jobs - the tax increases are ridiculously high already. Saving money on the community center is dishonest if you push the new one. We don't need a new location or a new building. We need to see how the worth is versus costs. I have no issues w it being a senior place, but you certainly can add some more family oriented classes or other things. Or limit it and put savings into fixing piece by piece. As far as the motor vehicle place, I got a license there when I moved. But it needs to have enhanced licenses and passport too. Be odd a 85k city has money to burn on pathways at the bottoms and ripping up lyndale to pretty it up or whatever crap you are adding and tearing up roads in a growing city to make them single lane. Perhaps you should learn to budget and figure out ways to be efficient. Realize you aren't a business but you would get an f is so. Why did you waste so much money on prepping for the community center then attack the park that is the east side? Are you so out of touch not to know the city or care about wasting money? I enjoy living here but seriously the last 2 to 3 years, very little good has come from how this city is ran. I have seen these surveys about arts and crafts and how money we should waste there. About paving paths where it floods. About a community center that angered the community. Now this. Again if you can't run the city, get new people in that can. Mismanagement is unacceptable. Also ranked voting is stupid. If I vote, i want it to count and have made my mind. There is no need for a 2nd or 3rd or 4th choice. Stop pushing such stupid things. Heck half people out there barely can handle voting.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please do all you can without raising taxes and negatively impacting police and fire units. They are vital.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**


It is not always ideal to do things online. That and the added fees to do online services may make it less feasible for certain populations that live on a fixed budget. Why can't this be moved across the street to the new city municipal building?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


You could charge 50 cents to play cards like Burnsville and Richfield do.( I have not played any place else) some help..

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


 No employee pay increases for at least 13 months. A reduction in salaries by 10% across the board. Reduce each department staffing to essential only for up to 6 months. Evaluate all expenses and freeze unless an emergency. This would include road repair. Stop conversation about rank choice voting and concentration on city situation now. Rank choice does not need to be now. Will only continue to divide our city's residents. Enough already with community center, garbage, new elected officials, covid to name only a few issues. Go to state for help as we are hit hardest with restaurants hotel mall of America. Residents can not make up difference as we too have no income. Residents have to be last.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Keep Summer Fete but forget the Heritage Days.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


I assume the new community center would be put on hold. I also would like to see the aquatic center close permanently.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


not developing community center at this time.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Come up with a plan to keep Hyland Greens open to all and make a profit. Very disappointed that it was closed after all the discussion.


 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


There are probably a few other ways to trim costs in Bloomington. Not funding the paving of trails by river bottoms, not scrapping the pool, etc. Bloomington has some smart people working there, make it happen.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


i love the recycling center, and PLEASE don't make cuts to the schools or the art programs. Please keep our water great.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


 Start by doing a line by line review of very program/expenditure being made. Particularly those that aren't related to Public Safety, Property, Traffic & Construction, etc. Look hard at Garbage & Recycling, Curbside Cleanup, Cable TV, Community Outreach, Affordable Housing, Opportunity Housing, HRA, Etc. Rather than target one or two large programs/items like the Creekside Center & License Office and jumping to raise taxes, have every non-essential program share a little pain. Hopefully this just will be temporary pain. In the future, build budgets that don't rely so heavily on revenue earned with discretionary spending, i.e., hospitality and entertainment. Perhaps now is a good time to use a little of the "pristine" credit rating the city says it has.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

We are known to have the best senior programs. We all count on them to stay young & active. Great friendships are made there. Please don't throw us away.


 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


DO NOT RAISE TAXES.....VERY BAD IDEA!!!! HOME OWNERS AND CITIZENS ARE SUFFERING MORE THAN THEY NEED EXTRA GOVERNMENT SERVICES!!!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Reduce the hours of police.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


 Look at cutting staffing in non-resident facing areas. Seems that most cuts always focused at areas that will impact the residents of the community the most. There MUST be some jobs being performed that can be cut. Private businesses had to cut staffing when the COVID-19 struck, and the Governor closed businesses with his stay-at-home order. This has had a significant impact on residents and our income. Seems that the City can only think to cut more services to the people in their community. How about reducing the number of employees in City offices just like the private sector?

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Road maintenance and snow plowing are top-notch. Whatever this costs, don't mess with it.


 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop unnecessary things that are in the works like the water park, creative placemaking, southloop projects, the art center expansion, etc. And you would save money.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Not using homeowners taxes to supplement the city keeping facilities closed

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 To be clear, I think that a new facility needs to be built eventually for community programming. I just think it needs to remain open (when safe to do so) until a new building can be built. That programming is extremely valuable to the community. I am skeptical of scattering it to other locations before a building replacement is secured or in the works. Totally fine with the DMV closing. Thank you for the difficult and heartbreaking work you all are doing to keep Bloomington stable through this crisis. You have my full faith and confidence.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop paying for stuff to benefit private interest. Cut costs to a minimum. If it isn't self sustaining, cut it.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please please please don't close the DMV. With Real ID requirements, need our Bloomington location.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

I highly support the closure of the DMV, this space is outdated and there are other locations located close. I am a big fan of the Richfield location, the staff is awesome there as well. I don't believe the Bloomington DMV location is essential or a necessity in our city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



End the Park Covid-19 task force. Look at other services that can be cancelled in addition to just these two. Reopen the aquatic center to get that revenue back.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside is a major facility that has significant positive impact in the lives of Bloomington senior citizens. It should not be not be closed because of the minor cost savings such closing would have on the overall city budget.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reduce/delay/cancel infrastructure projects. Hiring freeze. Layoff personnel



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Fund essential services first. Anything else is a want, not a need.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

CUT BACK ON THE HIGH SALARIES AND WASTE. CAN'T BELIEVE A RECEPTIONIST IS PAID \$17. ANY OTHER COMPANY PAYS \$12/HR. HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY ALL THE HIGH SALARIES THERE? QUITE A FEW OF THE WOMEN THAT ANSWER THE PHONES IN THE DEPTS ARE VERY RUDE. ESPECIALLY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT.....ALSO A LOT OF WASTED SPACE WITH THE NEW BLDG. I PREFERRED THE OLD BLDG.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nothing I can think of at this time.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need to get the rink up and running and restaurants



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city runs several services that duplicate what Hennepin County already does and in some case the county does it for free or much less costly than the city. Eliminate all of these duplicate city services. these include 911, assessing, restaurant inspections, and the Public Health Department



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Lets get a grip. Quit closing everything down. It's such an inconvenience and makes no sense. Cut where cuts need to be made! Like the mayor's salary. Period. Find a way to fix it. It is not our fault and we shouldn't have to fall on the sword.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make the liquor stores municipal like Richfield or Edina. That would help boost revenue going forward.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Priorities should be schools.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

sounds like a lot more jobs lost for our city, many events cancelled and activities



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The online services don't always work or for odd reasons defer you to an office. The local help and expertise is invaluable.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Better cuts - low-traffic art center at city hall, nearly empty outdoor ice rinks in winter. Probably could think of others with time.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why does the city need a diversity coordinator. Could save \$100000 there.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Careful review of all items



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

there have to be other things to cut in the budget.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

DMV office always long lines and people leave before service. Often, people wait and learn they can't be served at that location. We moved to MN to apt then bought house so had MANY visits last year as reference point. Eagan/Southdale can handle volume much easier. In agreement with both closures. Would like to see other temporary measures to minimize residential property tax increases.























**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop spending money on art and save some money for the future.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington is a wonderful city in part because of the services it offers. It would be to everyone's advantage if continuation of city services can be maintained.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Hopefully that water park is off the table now.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Listen to the residents of bloomington before making up your mind. At least keep an open mind.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I think financially, the city is in pretty good shape, but I don't think the details of the budget are really clear and I would like to see a citizens budget commission considered - not for oversight so much as for transparency.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Get your act together. You are a resident just like me
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Internal budget cuts. It is irresponsible to make residents balance the budget.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The creekside building has outlived its usefulness. Due to current maintenance costs, and increasing maintenance costs, it should be closed, even if we do not have a replacement in the works. I favored a replacement at 90th & Nicolet, where ample public transportation would be available, and where the upcoming swimming pool replacement cost could be meshed with a pool in a new building. But it looks to me like the not-in-my-backyard people won that round.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would emphasize programs that protect public health and welfare
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't listen to the Save Valley View Park Group, they're obnoxious. You knew that though, we all know that. Do what you need to do. Don't let them bully you but please try and find ways to balance things before raising taxes.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Utilize reserve funds, reopen MOA, hotels, and airport activity for the revenue (don't wait for the virus to be 100% gone) Don't steal from other budget for this (utilities etc)
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Eliminate the expo project. Delay all expenses related to a new community center until we are operating in the black again.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The city should return control of trash collection to residents. A great deal could be saved on employee wages to administer the trash collection and attorney fees to fight for a cause they have already lost. The city has probably already spent enough on trash collection admin and attorney fees to keep Creekside open for years! Now would be a good time to tear down the Creekside building and rebuild a senior center in the SAME, very convenient location!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Why can't the DMV office be relocated to city hall? It certainly would fit with the rest of the business done by the residence.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The variety of activities offered at Creekside has been a very valuable benefit for seniors. It's a central place to gather and socialize. The craft and woodworking options are especially beneficial since many seniors have downsized from their houses and no longer have their own workshops, etc. several people I talk to say they most appreciate the meals offered because they are low income but, more importantly, for the social benefits.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Skip taking care of garbage and let us negotiate with the vendors on our own. The city does not need to be involved in garbage and recycling services.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Strongly support reducing city services. City should be looking to reduce taxes as well. Property taxes are already too high.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Salaries for staff are very high. Cut all salaries 20%. Eliminate welcome meals, arts, and other frivolous non essential programs of which there are many.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Put a halt on data requests to save clerical labor.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop with the property tax increases! There are definitely non-essential services that can be cut.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Cut administrative overhead
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
True structural balance is not possible at this time with what we are experiencing with Covid-19. It is pivotal for all of Bloomington's residents to see ALL of the Expenses of OUR city from management on down to services and structures. By giving us an ultimatum of closing Creekside and the DMV without representation of the entire city budget is taking advantage of Bloomington's residents by a select few

with their own agenda.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

environmental stewardship needs to remain a priority



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Pay dues to be a member of Creekside. Yes, sell Hyland Golf Course.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please discontinue creative placemaking and the diversity initiatives immediately. They are not essential services for the city to provide.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cancel the pavement management project. Curb and gutter are not necessary. The effort to sell these parcels of land was also brought up during the community center debate. We can't afford all of the "amenities" that this leadership group says we need to attract people to live in Bloomington. Houses are still selling in a matter of days. Stop spending money you don't have. Stop pushing other agendas and pointing at these current facilities as the problem to be solved.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am glad that Bloomington is taking steps like these to maintain its excellent credit rating by getting out ahead of potential budget shortfalls.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It seems like closing these two facilities are a good first step in controlling spending while trying to maintain other higher priority buildings and services. If this budget shortfall is long term, then I am guessing more cuts will be coming. I believe these two cuts are prudent at this time.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Put the MOA waterpark and lyndale project on hold until budget is balanced. Maybe do a city wide fundraiser in the fall.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Can we move the DMV to City Hall?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't really understand the creekside questions. I don't think it should be permanently closed, but it will likely be at least a year before it should host gatherings anyways so why isn't a temporary closure being proposed instead of a permanent one? Why are we paving river bottoms and financing water parks when we have budget issues? Why aren't city employees who make 6 figures+ taking paycuts? Businesses cut expenses by addressing unnecessary costs; why can't the city do that instead of cutting necessities like the ability to renew a drivers license?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Limit scope of City Council in regards to pursuing new projects, and expanding the size of government in Bloomington. Forget about pursuing Ranked Choice Voting and the money that it would require to implement. Forget about the Health Insurance and Wellness benefits some of the Progressive Council Members have recently been espousing. It will cause Business' to leave Bloomington due to higher operating costs causing loss of tax revenue.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's a simple equation. Don't spend more than you take in.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The financial logic does not make sense. The city is proposing a \$50 million community center to replace Creekside. Now the city proposes shutting down Creekside to save about \$1/2 million annually, but is willing to incur a \$2 million-plus operating/amortization cost of a new facility. If the city shuts down Creekside, then it must also drop the new community center idea.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I support the decision so close, or restructure the services provided by Creekside and the motor vehicle office to help the budget. With seniors being most impacted by the pandemic, Creekside seems of little use right now. While the motor vehicle office is very conveniently located, it's a service I personally use so infrequently that it won't be an issue to find another office if Bloomington's closes. I feel the city has chosen good options to reduce the budget shortfall with the least amount of impact to citizens during the pandemic.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Brainstorm other ideas on balancing the budget instead of raising taxes. Our taxes just went up almost \$700. There has to be other options.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

During this time, I think it's important to not cut back on things that either make us money now or will cause more problems and cost more money in the future. I also think that us citizens of Bloomington need to accept the fact that we have previously been benefiting from businesses and hospitality taxes that other cities don't have to keep our taxes low so a temporary increase in taxes might become necessary.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop the city paying for snow removal/plowing. There is absolutely no reason for the city to pay for this. We are 1 of 3 cities in the metro that do this & half of our city doesn't even have sidewalks (cough\* the whole Eastside, other than major roads/Nicollet/Portland.) It's a waste of money/taxes especially being you are taxing resident who do not have any of the nice amenities the "beautified" Westside has. Do better (for your growing Eastside).























**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Shut down the art center.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

What has been done to reduce "staff" and related payroll? What services are being rolled back to save administrative and overhead costs? Has the city manager taken a pay cut? Get real.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
This city seems to spend a lot of money on new park equipment, welfare people seem to be everywhere with all the freebies, They take all the services but don't really help the city. I have lived in Bloomington for 57 years and tax payers are the last to be heard. How much was wasted on Lyndale Ave. Why does it seem contractors seem to take so long on these unnecessary projects? I worked for a city near Bloomington and I always heard WE HAVE TO SPEND ALL THE MONEY IN THE BUDGET, SO WE CAN GET MORE NEXT YEAR.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
temporary closures would be preferred to permanent!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Put the DMV in the Civic plaza.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't close the DMV it is the only one with not completely crazy lines. The Creekside building is very outdated and we need a new community center that is useful to more people.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
DMV associated services are required functions for most citizens therefore of higher importance than Creekside services.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The current Creekside location is operating perfectly well and has no need of being relocated or closed. The people who actually use the facility are content with its current set-up. Whoever said it is too old or outdated has not been in this facility to see the joy and contentment it brings to those who use it. Please don't close it and really, there is nothing wrong with the building. It does not need to be replaced, relocated or closed.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Move the motor vehicle office into the city hall building, Discontinue license tab renewals in person, this can be done online or by mail.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Why do you need all the city staff and a city council?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We need a community center and further renovations to BIG. Also, would like to see Hyland stay open. Increase the city sales tax at Mall of America.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
get tax revenue from the mall of America, prioritize the stupid public works such as the France Avenue pedestrian bridge and the river bottoms program.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please rethink the water park by the MOA. I would delay this until it is clear we are free and clear of COVID and people are willing to interact again.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Great service for the city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop building things like a bike trail in a flood zone etc
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't do the ridiculous expensive waterpark that the residents won't use. Consider doing curb side clean up every other year.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
There are 14 senior ladies and 60 senior men signed up to shoot pool weekly. PLEASE do not take this social activity away from our Bloomington seniors!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Cut pay to all elected officials and staff. Reduce overhead by closing facilities and programs not related directly to the public safety, utilities, roads, planning, and other essential services for the public. Cut all non-essential services that city government has no business or reason to provide. Like Arts and other activities. YOU created the mess, you bail yourself out. What makes City government more important than all the other lives destroyed by your shutdown? Un-excusable! You bite the bullet.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Cut things that only a few use You want to build a community center that most would not use
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Do NOT move forward with any new community center.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Get rid of "Traffic Calming" i.e. Making a four-lane county-road into a one-lane-road accommodating bicycle-traffic. The original-traffic engineers back in the '50's thought about Bloomington's growth for a four-lane county-road for continued growth. Today's city-council, want to attempt to encourage biking to and from in today's world. - Sorry, but that is one-bad idea: You are handicapping 99% of the driving population to accommodate 1% of the bike population? More flashing-yellow-light signals at busy intersections. Simple?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Do NOT close Creekside. It is centrally located and a great gathering space and activity center. The other "school buildings" of the same genre have been given the needed upkeep and are fully functional. Do the same for Creekside! Stop spending on unnecessary and frivolous things like RCV, Expo, MOA waterpark, South Loop. A city should provide basic services/needs and take care of what they have.



Just like citizens, live within your means.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Funds should first go to needs (MVR, Police/Fire, snow removal, park upkeep, roads). Reduce special projects unless ALL Bloomington residents will benefit. Be smart with our money, negotiate for the best outcome for Bloomington residents, and take care of our seniors.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe the proposed closing of Creekside is extremely shortsighted and tells a lot about how the current Mayor and City Council feel about the senior population of Bloomington. How do you people sleep at night? With all the losses people have been suffering as a result of the pandemic, why would you choose now to make the seniors suffer another loss in their lives? Is it because you are taking advantage of a crisis and hope that we will not notice? It is obvious to me that many people who voted for the newly elected Mayor and Council members in the last election did not realize that their choices would have such consequences as we are seeing now, but I would bet many would change their vote if given the choice.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Need to cut spending to balance the budget.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There needs to be far more of a willingness to cut non-essential functions such as France Avenue Trail, "creative placemaking", adding flowers to medians ect. Many other things should be left entirely to private operations such as the golf course, ice garden, aquatics & arts center.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please prioritize Bloomington's seniors by keeping Creekside open to help build community, a sense of belonging, health and well being. When our seniors are healthy and happy, it affects the whole community. Thank you.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut some of all the fancy things for summer outing that cost money we dont need all that activity we can find free things to do.dont spend it on necessities we dont need now,so seniors can stay in this community and not pay such high taxes .sounds like you'd like to get rid of unsold people .



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop the needless spending on paved bike paths, talk of a community center, real estate. Put pressure on the State to reopen so the damage can begin to heal



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Food programs are more important than golf courses. Need food (and other) programs that can be accessed by bus. Many of us who really need food DO NOT have a car. Drive through doesn't work for those too poor to own a car. The bus only comes through every hour, would need to have a way to wait for the bus for return trip home. Picking up food will take about 2 hours to do.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Moving the senior center is critical. Older people hate change and do not adjust well to it. Even tho the Center for the Arts is newer and nicer, it is larger and harder for older people to navigate. Longer hallways and new environment can totally stop a lot of seniors from participating. It could be devastating to some



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need a balanced budget. I have never been inside the community center. To me, it is more important that motor vehicle department where we can already do a lot online or travel to the Southdale mall where we can do all that and more. And, yet, we should strongly consider moving the community center's activities to the civic center so we can save almost a million dollars annually. If we're going to need to build a new community center anyways, we should begin that transition now. Perhaps in 3-5 years, we'll be in a better position to make a new community center.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Space events and activities out around the community using existing facilities, ie schools, Civic Plaza areas and parks.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reduce needless spending. Expenses related to the Community Center was wasteful. Tighten the purse strings on your City Manager and learn to say No. Wage freezes



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Save millions of city tax payers dollyby not building a new community center and not funding the water park



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think savings could be realized by putting on hold changing our roads to include bike lanes. Not very many bikes are in these lanes and although we have 2 bikes, adding more lanes is low priority. Also, consider adding reasonable fees to use the senior facilities at Creekside. Most seniors can afford a \$5-10 fee for a half day of enjoyment. Season passes could save individuals alot. Think outside the box.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm thinking this isn't a COVID issue at all. These services have been in conversations in the past--don't feel it should be blamed on an emergency situation.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'd be willing to pay more taxes for certain programming. Especially ones that help the most vulnerable.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Move DMV services into the 1800 W Old Shakopee building.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If seniors are respectfully offered city's commitment of dedicated space for their needs, I think they'd be accepting of location change.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I know there are mixed feelings but I'm still holding on to the idea of a community center. Also, I was very disappointed to learn Hyland closed without input from the city residents. If input was requested, I did not know. We would have paid 3x the cost for an annual pass for our kids. It was a great location for kids to learn.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The dmV I dont mind closing, it was always a mess and the service employees where not nice and it was just not a nice place and very uncorfatble. I rather wait 1 hour in southdale than 1 hour in Bloomington but the community center should stay with all its programming



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Wait times at the Dmv are ridiculous sometimes. I would rather go somewhere else.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't eliminate farmers market, movie nights and other park gatherings, but maybe postpone them till next year. Pretend you are poor and have no money, act as if we have to use your money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The state has turned various licensing services into a nightmare. Having this option in Bloomington is helpful, if not paramount. Edina's move of these services to a shopping mall was not helpful.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Could the motor vehicle office be relocated to within City Hall? I'd be in favor of that.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Look at all levels of service. A small example; snow is removed from all streets within six hours, great. But in some cities it may be 12 hours or in extreme examples, never. Life goes on.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Property Taxes should not be the first option for balancing this 2-3 year short fall. We left Minneapolis because of the out of control reliance on home owners to fund the government. Don't turn into Minneapolis.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have the theater company, art center and dance company rent their space at commercial fair market value. Stop unnecessary expenditures example: the recent 98th and Lyndale remove mature and replant trees. Stop using Consulting firms and research for new community center, Lyndale modification, etc. Operate like small business does use free input and surveys to EVERY resident in Bloomington to make decisions. Use buildings that already exist to house programs combine facility use with multiple organizations.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Probably should back out of any further Mall of America expansion projects



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Continue doing what you need to do. These are tough times and there are no easy choices - I expect a majority of City residents understand this, so please don't let a vocal few hijack the conversation.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Be smart. Repair what we have you don't need to replace



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

quit building bike paths where there are NO bikers!!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Base the budget cuts on what gets used. Having the Motor Vehicle office has been a major convenience.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Seniors need a place to meet & participate in social activities. This is essential as people age. To close Creekside would be detrimental to senior citizens. The boutique gives seniors a purpose to create crafts to sell & the satisfaction that their work has value.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Remember that eventually covid19 will pass and things will return to normal. It might take 2 years to balance a budget. Hoping the city saved for a rainy day when things are tough.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I can't get drivers license online. The office is always busy. Southdale is too busy now. Are the employees union? Are they paid too much. I know an individual that makes his living owning more than one license offices as a deputy registrar. His are profitable. What is wrong with your model?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Having the Bloomington Motor Vehicle Service office remain open means significantly shorter wait times than using the Southdale office. When my family has used the Southdale location for passport purposes, we were in line for hours. Bloomington should keep our own motor office open.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Every time I go to the motor vehicle office there is a wait. A lot of people use it. Why put additional stress on other locations and make it difficult to travel to those locations.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

With the Hennepin county service center so accessible in Edina, it makes sense that the Bloomington DMV be closed. I have used that facility in the past and it was less than desirable. While I hate to see a community center close, I think Bloomington has many other opportunities for residents to connect in the same capacity in other facilities. There are many other offerings in Bloomington and these changes seem to make good sense.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Send additional surveys out about other areas that would benefit from moving to other areas in Blmtg to lower spending for us to get a good idea of what is important for us.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We don't need a shiny new community center. We have a lavish city hall that is voluminous. Certainly it could be used more efficiently (The business side seems to be pretty sleepy, so perhaps it could be used house some of the activities from the Creekside Community center, as mentioned.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Eliminate any/all things that are NOT necessary at this time!!! There are so many things on the agenda that we don't need! WE NEED Creekside and the DMV...! Period!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

should have an option to "opt out" of Bloomington curbside pickup.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank Goodness the "Grand New Community Center is no longer" The city of this size should not be closing essential buildings. What about money spent on the arts??? can't something be cut from that ?? People need Creekside, I am appalled that is the first thing you want to cut! Also, have you had the pleasure of "standing" in line for 3 hours at the Edina license, I have, only because of a name change for my license. That facility is so busy and you want to add Bloomington residents going there????

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am sure there are multiple ways to balance the budget without eliminating services. I work at the U of M, several years ago I received a pay decrease to cover budget shortfalls. Be creative on increasing revenue and decreasing spending.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How to help, what is at stake

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

City should furlough employees monitoring open spaces. Wasted money. Have salary cut for top employees. Eliminate non-essential programs like arts in the streets.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

What did the city do with all the excess revenue from the superbowl? Was there a rainy day type fund??

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am concerned that the impact on our senior population is not being considered. It feels that the budget shortfall is landing on the shoulders of our seniors who are an important part of the history of Bloomington. I think the City of Bloomington decision makers should engage with the participants and programs at Creekside to get more input from them about their needs and the impact of these closing on them. I worked at Creekside Senior Program coordinating the transportation program and trips in the community. I also currently work with seniors and people with disabilities at our Adult Day Program, so know the importance Creekside holds for our senior and disabled citizens. I have also worked as a community planner for the City of Minneapolis, so know the importance of involving citizens in the decision making process. Citizen participation. I am a long time resident of Bloomington and would like to see more concern for people, not just the budget. This also is true for the Motor Vehicle Service Center. They perform a valuable service to our community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Think outside the box

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

First, this is a senior center, not an event center. It would be a disgrace to seniors to close this only public center in a city of 85,000 population. Over 30 or more years, seniors have developed their own programs, managed them and in some cases funded them. Some suspect a past council wanted to close Creekside and sell it to the nearby Presbyterian Homes. City Council must show it cares about its seniors and keep center open for all its seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Mostly I'd like to see the people at Bloomington Motor Vehicle keep their jobs. They probably live here, too. Would there be positions for them at another motor vehicle facility?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Government needs to fill core functions: firefighting, police, water and sewer, streets. Pretty much anything else is nice to have but not a core need (with some exceptions for general welfare).

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington's DMV staff are so impersonal that I avoid going there at all costs. I actually drive past it and go to Scott County where I'm treated with respect.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have the city council members considered a pay cut?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Could get rid of some of your over paid people, who continually drive up and down the streets in city cars once or twice a week

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I like the convenience of the motor vehicle office, but could go elsewhere.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Listen to intelligent input but ignore the usual complaining, whining, anti-government voices.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Under the best of conditions any DMV visit is a painful experience. To close the Bloomington location without another Bloomington location (City Hall) would really make people miserable. Minnesotas DMV system just seems so cumbersome and inefficient as it is, To eliminate a location would just add to the grief

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

don't close the motor vehicle office move it to the city hall. the motor vehicle office is always busy

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Once again the city was trying to make high impact decisions without proper engagement. Current methods of publishing meeting and agenda items are very poor. The city should not depend on the sun-current for anything, it is just trash thrown on my doorstep. Utilize the monthly newsletter to publish public notices well in advance. I do not wish to spend my time constantly searching for attempts by the city to change existing ordinances and spending for non-required expenditures. The arts center is NOT a required service. The arts center needs to be either self supporting or shut down. The proposed community center is just another example of items being forced on the residents. The city survey that is widely quoted was extremely slanted and did not ask direct questions. The covid-19 situation should not be used as leverage to advance the community center agenda! Why does the city feel that they must duplicate service(workout facilities) and classes for the public at large when these are already available from existing school district programs. There are multiple commercial health clubs that already provide facilities. A seniors only facility should be kept in place where seniors feel safe and traffic is limited so they are safe to participate. There are many seniors buildings in close proximity to Creekside, people moved to those buildings in part because the location on Creekside. Plans should be made to renovate/rebuild Creekside. Our city's children are still going to school successfully in buildings of the same age and design, why is this a sudden and immediate problem.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Increase taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please continue programming and services for vulnerable populations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There has to be numerous other areas of waste in the city budget that can be audited to find cost savings.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think or would be sad to close. Great service to community

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Be patient, we're all in the same boat. Things will turn around. Let's not take away more jobs.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut programs before you raise property tax. We are already taxed enough

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

maybe stop spending on things like that walkway to nowhere on the west side of France Ave. between 90th and 98th

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop paving the river bottoms. It is an absolute waste of time and money. Redirect the funds.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop plowing private sidewalks. Only plow public.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep BMVA Open !

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think we have more than enough bike lanes and bike trails. Stop already.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop building water parks and trails through flood land. Don't build a community center in a place no one wants it, while also proposing to shut down one that currently exists.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Can Creekside be used by non-seniors I've always understood it's a seniors only facility

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop spending money on dumb stuff. For example a crazy new community center. Stop raising our taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**





















Thanks for your hard work

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Wish we had a miracle cure for the budget, but can't come up with a feasible one during at this trying time.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Prioritize people before profit. Invest in our school system before you invest in water parks

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Allow businesses to open up including the Mall of America
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Why not try a private business to do this. They could make a profit
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
It all comes out in the wash .....
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Get out and get your paid. inspectors to keep residential properties maintained. Not 6 cars or more in street,, access situations not paid,parked in streets. Four trailers parked on property. Bloomington is becoming an eye sore. And that walkway along France. Really?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Let the city (taxpayer) pony up the money . How will we return to normalcy if we do not continue normal services? Look at what the federal government is doing. Follow their model!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Hopefully you won't put all of the budget shortfall on the homeowners in Bloomington.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
City staff layoffs or cut backs. Stop curbside pickup or limit it to every other year.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creekside as a senior center is the highest priority to me. The motor vehicle office is nice to have but should be self-supporting. Please keep the senior center function.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
there are only a couple of other DMV near by and always very crowded.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I would love to see the 700k from the Creekside savings be given as a direct bonus payment to Bloomington police officers and firefighters.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Why don't you use the money that you snag up on late fees you charge the customers of Bloomington for during this difficult time I can't believe you charge \$11 late fee on sewer and garbage
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Close golf courses and sell the land for development
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We became residents of Bloomington about 3 years ago. We are most impressed with the good roads and the attention to the parks. We went to the Motor Vehicle Office ONCE. The condition of the building does not lend to the MANY people who need to utilize the service. You would have to go there to understand--- draw numbers, no chairs, wait outside or stand on top of each other. I guess the pandemic will take care of that anyway.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creek side should NOT be closed!!! They should add more services not less!!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I always use online. Close it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I appreciate your efforts to find the best solutions for balancing the city's budget and to obtain input from us.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Could the motor vehicle office be moved into another city building? Can there be a partnership with MOA Or the health clubs in the area to provide Seniors with space for activities until the city is out of this tax situation? 5 year plan? Have you sent a survey of all the ways the city could tighten its belt to every citizen? Give them the data with each question so the answers can be thoughtful.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Creek side and Motor Vehicle are used 12 months always. golfing? Not so much!!!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Don't close motor vehicle place. You could open up golf this summer to make money. Golf courses around the state are killing it in sales already. They have proven there is a safe way
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We shouldn't have spent money to work on the bike trail on the river bottoms. Or that stupid elevated platform in France. Or the insane amount of money to redo Normandale Blvd. Our city officials are failing us.
- Anonymous user's Opinion**



Opening of varied services and businesses so they and the city are profitable. Opening the same type of restaurants and so many hotels and condos only allows businesses to be partially full. If we would not open the same bar type restaurant and have other types would t it be better for all?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank you Bloomington city officials! Lots of hard decisions will need to be made. These facilities seem like good low hanging fruit to start with. Best of luck!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Can get along without DMV, however, would expect you to look at a lot of other expenses that City has. Lets be honest and fair to all and look at all expenses. Not just the low hanging fruit as you say.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop spending money on nonessentials!!!!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not close the DMV online services are not adequate for the needs of the community. Furlough unnecessary administrative staff. But individuals who have positions that directly impact public services including licensing should still be available



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Get rid of the center for the arts.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have done license tabs on line but I don't think and eye exam test can be done on line or checking documents for a new license. Could a new location handle all of Bloomington residents???



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Use taxes from empty nesters and singles with no children to fun Creekside and not schools!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Seems like taking away these resources that are community based will save a drop in the bucket towards the deficit. Keep thinking Bloomington.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need to be involving private business input as well. They could be great partners at providing some of the space and services the city needs to create an overall savings. Time to get creative and move away from the same old way of doing things. Also, I hope we are looking at stopping any new unnecessary projects and reviewing ALL city expenses - this includes schools (ex. do we really need all the elementary schools we currently have), land, buildings, etc...



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not waste money paving the river bottoms path and a big water park!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

About the community center, if the facility were nicer, I could see spending money to keep it up and running. But as it is, I don't believe the cost/usefulness ratio justifies keeping it open. Moving community classes/events to other facilities (at least for the short/medium term) would be the smartest choice right now. As for the motor vehicle office, yes it is nice to have in the city, but with tab/boat renewals online, the usefulness of the office is diminishing. When it comes time to renew my license every four years, I don't mind going elsewhere if it means the city saves money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If possible, make the drivers license process (including vision screening) internet-based.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

do not think curbside pick-up is worth what we pay for it. when they repave roads they do a lousy job in preparation. we have crack every where a storm sewer is located, and sinking of lawn adjacent to the grating. This means the city has to come out to correct the problems which costs money. Where is the warranty/recourse?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please do not cut arts and culture funding. When this is over and we can reconnect again, our citizens will desperately need the Bloomington Center For The Arts and it's programming entities like Artistry!!! Please keep supporting arts in Bloomington!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Bloomington MVO was not run well. Someone with throughput experience could spend a week there and fix it. It's easy. Look up drum-buffer-ropo. But that doesn't mean you close it. I think shoe horning that into City Hall makes sense. Or in a library like they did in Edina. Or a un(der)used shopping center.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

C losing the DMV Site makes no sense. On any given day the site is veru busy all day long. Where is the nearest alternative site for face-to-face service? There are many instances in which questions need to be answered and this can not happen with simple on-line renewals. In addition, driver's license which require pictures and Enhanced Licenses must be handled in-person. I am confident this should be a very high priority to retain.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm happy Bloomington Council did not move forward with Community Center. Let's close that chapter.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

City manager and staff salary cuts as other companies have done. Lay off those that are not essential positions, there have been many high paying positions created in past 2 years. Reduce now, not later, and slowly build back up programs and non essentials at a later date if able.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

+ If property taxes subsidize the municipal state aid allocation, defer road reconstruction plan starting in 2021 for one year (two yrs if feasible). + Anecdotally, it the city's fleet of passenger vehicles seems very excessive. Isn't there a more cost effective approach? + Consider merging 911 services with Hennepin County. Aren't city residents paying twice for those services now? -once via county taxes (which we don't utilize) and then again via the city's call center? + Review the cost/benefit/utility of the Park's outdoor ice rink locations- are they utilized?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

City of Bloomington City Hall should be put to functional use.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The City needs to find ways to offer more while managing taxes. The City Council has kicked the can down the road for too long - city leadership needs to upgrade Bloomington like every other suburban community around us and offer more to residents and FUTURE RESIDENTS, while keeping taxes competitive or slightly lower than the very same communities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think closing Creekside and the DMV is a good idea, I appreciate the due diligence the city has done. I do wish you would redevelop Hyland though, not partner with the PGA. Hyland could be a good mix of denser housing and affordable options.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closing the Motor vehicle Office would be a big mistake!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep the organized garbage collection. It's so much quieter and easier on our roads.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop wasting tax dollars on bike trails and bridges over swamps. And in flood zones along river.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The budget shortfall is huge versus the savings of trying to save a little by cutting any funding to Creekside. This pandemic is affecting seniors much more than any other age group, now is not the time to further negatively hurt the senior population.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

POSTPONE scheduled road upgrades/resurfacing. Not a priority expense and not appropriate simply to generate revenue from the assessments.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Take a cut in pay. Why would you close the DMV? Have you been in there lately. It's packed. Maybe you should make it bigger and hire more people to work.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

These are aging facilities. The services can be provided through other means at a significant savings to Bloomington residents

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close the swimming pool. Close some parks. Lay people off from the city. Clean the streets less since less driving. Reduce services.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Payroll and benefits frozen for all salaried and hourly employees. Cut staffing for inspectors etc. If need is not there

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Would like to see the Boutique moved to Bloomington Center for the Arts or some other accessible location.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This would be the PERFECT time to build a new facility on the creekside site. There isn't enough room at your alternative location, those people were already begging for more room. We don't need a POOL at the center.... surrounding cities have facilities and programs for their seniors, You have already spent a fortune on surveys and plans for this facility. Scale it to a SAFE community center. Meet the needs of the people; who are paying taxes to live in Bloomington.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Mobility of citizens is critical. Can they access services if services are relocated...

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open Hyland Greens

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The online is tricky for elderly or those with out computers or internet and the elderly many don't know how to use it or are forgetful

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It would be helpful for the city to stop putting so much money into the South Loop projects. The seniors are a value to our community and give so much. They should have a new building put up right where Creekside is.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

With all of the parks programs on hold for the summer - isn't that enough? Just basic maintenance needed. I'm also sad that the older seniors who mostly use the center aren't the ones who will be answering this survey. (I'm in that over 55 group, but only by 2 years and not retired) You really needed to have the age brackets of who answered this survey broken down more.. 55-65, 65-75, 75-85, 85 plus How will you hear the voices of those not using technology and shut in??? The entire survey is skewed - which is why I hate surveys in general... just the way the questions are asked - will guide the participants in answering in a way which the powers that be can interpret in the way they wanted in the first place. I feel like the elderly are having one of their lifelines - that offered them quality of life -

ripped out from under them during a pandemic without giving them a fair say. This is not the time to make these big changes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closing both the DMV and Creekside makes sense because of the age of the buildings and the cost to maintain the facilities. Also, if the DMV were to reopen it would be difficult to social distance and the City would lose significantly more money than the City already is. Creekside is so hold, difficult to obtain parts to repair facilities and can fairly easily be moved to other City facilities. It's also such an unknown for when seniors would be able to mingle and socialize again in a public atmosphere. Time to close both.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Be sure to measure the impact of services the city provides so the use of funds is accomplishing the most important objectives.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

the community center that was being planned to replace creekside that was put on hold, there is enough space in other buildings to offer all these services. what needs to happen is that the community is switching ages from senior to starter families, there needs to be funding provided for after school services and community involvement.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Focus on longstanding taxpaying residents and seniors. Not illegals and refugees.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Charge citizens to use bush lake & hyland Park again

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It is the poor planning of the city council that is causing these problems. We seem to piss away money to create bike paths, support the "Arts" and plow and sand streets in the spring when warm weather is coming the next day, hire equity coordinators, print a multi color multi page propaganda paper each month and much more. Thank god we are not supporting a 70 million dollar civic center which would be sitting empty. Oh and I am sure that the fabulous new water park we are backing would be raking in the dough also. Jamming our seniors into multi housing will come back to bite us soon enough. Your stacking and packing of housing is a horrible idea period. The council should all resign in shame.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Private owned License facilities make huge profits every year. Why can't government run a business that makes money instead of losing it? Probably some major mismanagement or embezzling.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside, and the programming therein, is very important to the senior community. The various programs such as crafts, woodworking, pool, cards, boutique, etc. provide the opportunity for seniors to socialize and to contribute to the community. The boutique, where items handmade by seniors are sold, attracts new seniors and seniors-to-be into the facility. It also also generates a small income for not only the senior crafters but also for the city. Please reconsider the proposed closure of Creekside and elimination of the boutique.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not build a new community center at Valley View. Utilize existing space in other city owned buildings.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have confidence in the wisdom of our elected officials that they will continue to do the best they can for the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city needs to plan the budget better instead of putting all the eggs in one basket (i.e. tourism, hotel revenue). It should not rest on the employees of the city to balance the budget in lower salaries or layoffs especially in public safety. There have been a few positions created in the city that should looked at for budget savings (i.e. diversity coordinator, etc). Also delaying some public works projects in the city to help budget issues.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cancel plans for a new community center until the economy improves.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut from the budget having all the Residential sidewalks plowed in the winter. Only plow the sidewalks along main traffic streets East/West and North/South. Example: France, Penn, Nicollet, Portland, Old Shakopee, 90th Street, etc. Then make it clear with residents that it is their responsibility to clear their sidewalks within 48 hrs of a snow fall of 2" or more. A fine would be imposed on the utility/water bill after the first warning notice. My fine suggestion would \$50.00 for each violation. We have sidewalks in front of our house and I have no problem clearing them.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Processing online is more costly. Sometimes raising money for the tabs is enough.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Let's cut spending before raising taxes. My property taxes already are going up about 14% this year (2020 vs 2019)!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

More transparency and more community input in decisions.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Are these the only two options to save money? If you truly want input lets have everything on the budget out there.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Due to the CV19 being "an act of God" all negotiated settlements with the bargaining units should be reopened and modified. Second the council/mayor and department heads should take an immediate 10% pay cut. The take a look at all programming that was initiated the last 4 years and see if it aligns with the basic tasks of civic governance. i.e. sewers, streets and safety. Either modify or eliminate. Then freeze the levy on property taxes to a maximum of 2%.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why don't you move to the City Plaza? SO much crazy open space in that place that could be used for this - take some of the lobby or take over the art exhibit space! Move the art into the huge lobby!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close the arts center/civic center and move DMV in there. I believe Bloomington residents would rather have the DMV than be exposed seeing a play. We DO NOT need a civic/arts center

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop the insanity stop the new community center. We cannot afford it

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm sure there are many other things that could be cut that are not used by so many people. Look at all the money that was wasted to plan a huge community center at a place where it wasn't wanted. Check with the residence of the city before wasting money on things that aren't wanted.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

be courageous and cut spending

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think many people wouldn't mind paying a monthly or annual fee

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I realize this is a very difficult time for Bloomington and all Minnesota Cities. However, you have been looking at closing the Community center before COVID changed our world. And if COVID has taught us anything, it is how important socialization is to the human soul. I look at the members of the Bloomington City Council and very few of you are at the age of depending on a site like the Community Center. But someday you will be in that age category looking for a place other than the McDonalds on Old Shakopee to stay socially connected. If you close Creekside make sure you talk to the people who truly depend on it and make sure you provide what they use/need the most. Closing the motor vehicle and licensing in Bloomington is wrong on so many levels. People come to the Bloomington location from surrounding suburbs because of the service they receive. I have used the Edina location and walked out of the Chanhassen location after waiting over 2 hours for service. Can surrounding locations handle the Bloomington population? In my 33 years of living in Bloomington I have never gone to the Bloomington location that it was not busy. Is there not a space in the City Center to continue providing this service to the large Bloomington population?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think these two things are essential for Bloomington and you should look elsewhere for cuts. I'm not quite understanding why there's such a shortfall - with all of the seasonal employees with no jobs, and lower overhead - it seems some other projects could be put on hold until next year (parks that were due to be upgraded, curbs being put in and that sort of thing) It seems these electronic surveys do not really reach the bulk of the people who use Creekside regularly, so seems unfair to be making decisions without making sure you're hearing their input.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It should have been closed as soon as it was losing money. Southdale is very convenient!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As a tax payer. Quit cutting services that effect the entire community. If you are so concerned about losing revenue, the DMV would be open like other offices currently are, doing tab renewals and dealer work that is being allowed to be processed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep Creekside. It provides an important and needed place for seniors to gather and be social. We have very few options for seniors and this is one. We need to be mindful of their needs and help them to live full lives. You should only close Creekside when you build a new community center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Raise taxes as appropriate

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The motor vehicle office fulfills a critical need and is worth saving.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Eliminate the diversity director and assistant positions. That will save a few 100000 alone and Bloomington those are just positions Ben created a few months ago that are unneeded at all. We have survived as a city for close to 70 years without them and we can do without. Eliminate those possessions.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Employees at every company I know are taking pay cuts or furloughs and company leaders are taking larger pay cuts. There are no merit and promotion increases. No bonuses and some 401K matches have ceased. Are city staff and leaders doing likewise? Have all non-essential projects been canceled or deferred? Don't attempt to balance the budget on the backs of the seniors who built this community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

FYI. Online license tab renewal has not been available for years.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The newer & bigger DMV in the Southdale Mall is at times extremely crowded. I feel that the Bloomington DMV is a low key asset to this community & a lot less stressful.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not sure I have suggestions. I hate to see Hyland Greens go -- but maybe it's finally time. Maybe a portion could be kept as a community driving range -- since there is no room at Dwan for one. But it may be time for this to go -- I played there as a kid -- my aging dad before he died played there. It has a purpose -- but unless budgets can get back on track after the whole COVID matter -- it may not be possible.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I would like to see Creekside and the community it provides to seniors to stay open. I remember how important the community center was to my grandpa and it gave him and his friends a place to spend time together and make new friends. It can be a very lonely time of life for those who have lost their spouses and friends.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Eliminate diversity director Get money out of south loop Eliminate GARE Elimination HPO it's not working Pay cut for city manager Eliminate spending on endless things such as valley view park 85 million dollar idea. Get money back from Hennepin county public health No more world expo pursuits No water park of America project. Keep city simple so residents can afford to live here.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



The Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office is much easier to use than going to the Hennepin County Service Center in Edina. I have tried to do a DMV transaction online and gave up because of problems.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Give residents the freedom to shop and select their own waste removal provider. Make the city more welcoming to businesses.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I would like to see the city cut its spending for things that only help some of the community. Creekside, and Hyland Greens both focus primarily on the senior citizens. As a young couple living Bloomington and as someone who grew up in Bloomington, I would like to see money put towards things that can benefit a great percentage of the community. It would also be nice to see more affordable housing options, which would help to diversify the population.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Get rid of the water park and world's fair

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



There are many aging people in Bloomington. I am so frustrated after living here for well over 30 years so many of the services we have been utilizing are being removed

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Your survey did not ask if my family would be inconvenienced if the Community Ctr was closed. The question was asked for the Licensing facility. I do not consider that fair in this survey. Also, in question # 8 when asked if the Community Ctr could be opened with limited services, that was too difficult to answer when you did not tell which services would be there. Would lunches be offered? Would adult day care be offered? Not enough information to answer intelligently.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



There is tons of ways to make Bloomington a better and situated city. You are catering to the older white male. I am a 39 year old white male myself, but this group continues to be the most outspoken and listened to demographic. There is so much ignorance and hate within so many neighborhoods, and these are the people you listen too. I grew up in Lansing Michigan, and have lived in Minneapolis and St Paul for the past 15 years. I have never seen so much hatred, racism and bigotry in any city I have lived in. You have a lot of work to do

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



tried to get tabs on line, but it didn't work.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



With a city the size of Bloomington I think it's pathetic that we don't have a viable Community Center. Many citizens use this center for socializing since they live alone.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



While I agree with closing Creekside for now I would like to see it re-open in future and be sure the offerings are relocated. I think the city needs to cut some projects like paving a trail by the river, push back the dates of the lyndale project, stop the mega community center conversations. The city should be taking care of necessities not looking at spending more. This is what families need to do. We can't keep spending and ask others to pay for it. This impact will continue for a few years, the city needs to be careful not to tax homeowners out as that loses more revenue

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Appreciate the difficult job to be undertaken due to COVID-19

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



If these facilities cost this much they are easy places to cut.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



These are good options.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I think any novelty costs need to be considered. For example, abandoning the Lyndale Ave revamp project as COVID is changing how "going out" will be like in the future, possibly changing a lot of the initial input received from residents. Contractors/consultants for this project should not be on our payroll any longer. Salary cuts for city leaders should also be considered...10% or more. All new cost considerations should be put to a freeze until the current budget issues are figured out. I would love to see an itemized list of spending to really get an idea of where tax payer money is spent. Truly, I'm struggling with the idea of another vacant building in Bloomington, especially on the East side again. While I don't use Creekside, my parents do weekly. It's helped them remain social and receive support. I know they would love to volunteer to help keep it open.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Stop all the needless road projects, like Normandale, a total waste of money for no extra efficiency.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



no more wasteful spending.Having our street sweepers out twice in one month to clean our street.What a joke.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Why are these the only 2 closures that are being considered?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Pet projects review

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please put people ahead of projects, such as construction. Places such as Creekside let seniors age in place and keep their independence. They can remain viable community members, and not "cared for" in congregant housing such as nursing homes. That is priceless. The Mall of America tax revenue will come back, but what you take away from seniors may permanently affect some seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have only used our DMV once because the hours were some limited. Same hours that I worked. But when my job became flexible and I could take longer lunches I used this dmV and it became way more of an asset. The one at southdale is a long wait and will only be longer by closing this one. What about moving dmV to the civic center? As for community center I didnt know it had fitness pieces. But could all of these programs be moved to one of the high schools? Is there extra space or rooms that could fit this? We dont need new swimming pools right now. We need to save money. Could we consolidate our assets to do this? What about moving some of the activities to local libraries and merging it into the library conference rooms? We could split things up between the highschool and libraries, allowing flexibility around the community. What about moving some activities to the veep building? What about cutting wages of the highest paying government workers except police and firefighters. Such as city manager, parks and rec director, mayor. Etc. Many companies are cutting salaries and removing bonuses do to tough times, why shouldn't employees here be treated differently.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

These are hard times. I would depend on the City to make good choices for its citizens.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

we use the amazing dog park on nesbitt. while i think it should STAY FREE how about a suggested annual donation of \$10 with an option to give more? i would be happy to pay that and i believe others would too. STRESSING THAT IT IS STILL FREE but asking for help for the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

These challenging times require good leadership from our elected officials. Tough choices have to be made but that's why we elected you.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Study park usage are they all used regularly. Plus on a different subject how does the city justify Dwan golf course not having up-graded bathrooms that includes disability access?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I LOVE I LOVE Creekside - it's old and comfortable like we (seniors) are!! :-)

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Decide for the long term. Invest. Listen but align the decision to priorities, then communicate honestly.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I understand the necessity of a balanced budget. However, the Comm. Ctr. is a valued resource for the senior population of Bloom. from taking a book out of the library, to having a cup of coffee, to getting a flu shot, to having lunch, to playing cards, to buying a card or gift at the Boutique, to attending the various programs, to getting technical help with a smart phone or computer, to serving lunch (which I have done since Oct. 9, 2009), to being a co-leader from the Boutique, to attending the various yoga and exercise classes and to the many other activities that are available for seniors on a mostly volunteer run basis. It is even more important for seniors to have a place to socialize and participate in these activities once the stay in place order is lifted. The seniors who use the Comm. Ctr. are mostly long term residents of Bloom who have supported Bloom. through thick and thin. We are folks who have volunteered in our community and our churches besides the Comm. Ctr. We need this facility. Please do not close it. Thank you.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need a senior center in our city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Learn how to do it. The councils idea's of spending \$75 million+ on a community center yet the 5th largest city in the state cant give it citizens a place for Motor Vehicle Operations? If the city council really thinks it cant find a better use of \$75 million then we are gonna recall everyone on the council.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

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**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As nice as they are maybe adjust some (not all) funding for arts programs or facilities at the city center as well. Additionally review what maintenance programs the city is being required to contribute (light rail, bike paths, shared infrastructure) to see if there is wiggle room for how much Bloomington contributes to those shared programs are we paying 60% of shared costs when the city residents only benefit from 40% of the shared infrastructure?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Better for all programs to take a reduction; do not sell Creekside property

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Biking & river bottom trails.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Mayor has the ability to open up Bloomington now regardless of the governors stay at home order. It's time the Mayor looks out for the residents of Bloomington and the employees of the City of Bloomington. If the Mayor just sits back and does nothing then he should not have been elected. Time to stand up and take control.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Look at other areas to trim and reduce.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop all monies that are involved in trying to get the World's Fair

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider putting on hold the Water Park at MOA.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Tax the rich. They own 90% of the wealth and pay 40% of the taxes. We just spent trillions and trillions of dollars bailing out major corporations that don't pay a cent in federal taxes. So the poor and communities of color have been in crisis for decades and all they hear is "pull yourself up by your bootstraps." Billionaires and corporations are losing a small chunk of their ridiculous wealth and suddenly we have tons of money and bonding to bail them out so they can do share buybacks and shower their failed leaders in bonuses. Corporate America gets socialism and corporate welfare, everybody else gets screwed. Don't balance things out on the backs of the middle class and working families. Increase property taxes on estates/homes assessed at or above \$800K. Implement a sliding scale on permitting fees based on value or household income. Maybe cut the salaries of some city staff, many of whom are very highly compensated. Eliminate "wants" to preserve "needs." Investigate cost savings from reduced expenditures on (I hate to even say it, but...) dancing, arts, classes, youth and adult programs, etc. Urban planning, public works and community development are important but maybe other priorities get full funding while some lower priorities get put on hold. Better yet, rework the math on the Met. Council's fiscal disparity act. Bloomington residents and businesses PAY A TON OF MONEY that actually goes to serve other people, families and priorities in OTHER communities outside of Bloomington. Meanwhile, we have to cut back here while other cities get our tax funds. Cut back unnecessary duplicity in programs across the board. Be strategic about how and where to deploy officers, but do not cut fire and EMS. Look at curbside pickup, etc. Beg and plead with state and federal programs to increase LGA - local governmental aid.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have not used the community center, but I think it is a good thing for us to have. I think it would be good to do some cost savings measures, but still have something available for our community. I don't use the motor vehicle office much, but it is important to me to still be able to do all the things I need with car license and registration, driver's license renewal, etc. I do the car tab renewal online, but I have always done license renewal in person. I would be fine if it was online, but I just need to be able to do it somehow.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Question 8. Either reopen billiard capabilities at Creekside or establish billiards at the closed Bloomington Motor Vehicle Office.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Bloomington Motor Vehicle does not only serve the Bloomington City residents but people who work in Bloomington. This is the only office in Bloomington and it does save a lot of time for people working in Bloomington. I don't have the numbers but this is a huge deal for others.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I love that you are looking at all facilities. Please just provide a designated location only for seniors with pool tables and leagues. That is why we moved to Bloomington!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I play softball, and am disappointed but extremely understanding that the summer season has been canceled. When this is lifted, if you could add a late summer season, that might help add some money to city coffers (and allow for some of the pent up energy to be unleashed). All my late summer vacations have been canceled, so the normal barriers that usually prevent me from playing after July are gone, so let's play some ball... if safe and possible. No good solutions really to get to 17 million, unless you want to start selling Bloomington's famous tap water in bottles, but keep working and doing what you do.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut non essential programs and personal

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I like to keep it open Creekside & Motor vehicles office as it helps all the Bloomington peoples. Also there is Mall of America & other business facilities, the city can managed budget.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Need too consider the \$10 million provided as seed money for the MOA water park- how can you provide those funds for possible future recreational enhancement to a private entity while closing facilities that are heavily used by Bloomington residents right now!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am probably in the minority, but to me, the taxes we pay that support the Bloomington City budget are low in comparison to those paid by other jurisdictions for fewer services. I would vote for a temporary increase in the taxes collected for the city, to be returned to the current rate when all of the businesses affected by stay-at-home orders and social distancing requirements are back to full operation, plus 1 year to make up for the current shortfall.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Wait times at the DMV are already unnecessarily long and inconvenient. If closing the Bloomington location results in even longer delays and wait times, I don't recommend the office closure. I think the Hennepin county board of commissioners should make that decision.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am recently retired so I have not used Creekside yet. I do think I would be interested in the activities in a few years. I have served meals there and it seemed popular. Motor vehicle is always busy so it seems obvious that its services would be missed by many people. You wanted to spend millions on huge community center that didn't seem to be designed for seniors and a water park. Whether developing or cutting back, seniors seem to have low priority. We've paid taxes for 50+ years to this city. I'd like to think there will be something available for me when Covid-19 is over.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open up homes to share society as in AirBnB and VRBO. I know the hotel lobby is huge here but it's infringing on my rights to do what I want in my home.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Martin Luther Adult Day Program (Creekside Club) has been housed in Creekside Community Center since 1995. Martin Luther Campus was not informed of Creekside's potential closing until Monday May 4 at 3:45pm. Many staff here consider this rather disrespectful, since this partnership with the city has existed for 25 years. Martin Luther's Adult Day Program is one of the programs that would be "discontinued" if Creekside closes. The adult day program currently serves 25 seniors and their caregivers and enables them to remain independent in their homes. Over the last 25 years, this adult day program has served hundreds of Bloomington seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please put a cost of all the city offices so we could see relative expenses. We are a city of 80k people, doesn't seem like much of a stretch to have a senior center in the community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

City Council needs to look long term on the impact of the lack of property tax revenue, which includes making some tough decisions like closing Creekside and the DMV. Subsidizing these old, dilapidated buildings is throwing good money after bad. I feel like the City Council is trying to appease the vocal minority who never supported the city in the first place. Move on and focus on rebuilding a new city in the wake of this pandemic that isn't going away soon.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

taxes went up considerably this year I always think repurposing space is good maybe charging slightly more for some community classes use of the track could help

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't trust computers to do my business and the mail doesn't work well either.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

These are places and services that Bloomington residents think are valuable. The residents want these services. Skip using extremely expensive consulting firms for waterparks and community centers and use the money for these resources.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

location is important

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut all payments to city council. They earn way way to much to do nothing good for our city. I've been unhappy with their work for the last 15-20 years. They want to be more like mpls. If we wanted that we would live in that city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Either taxpayers will have to pay a great deal more to pay the costs of Covid19, or services will need to be curtailed. The rock shop at Creekside is a wonderful place. We have a mix of men and women ( unusual ) in a shop setting. We have stroke survivors that come for the therapeutic benefits of companionship and physical exercise. The age range is from late 50s to early 80s. The shop experience allows mental growth. We have members that are recognized artists , professional stone cutters, metal smiths, avid and recreational collectors. We have a great mix of people that all enjoy lapidary. The core group is a mixture of conservative and liberal backgrounds. The shop is open to gay and straight men and women, wealthy and not so wealthy, the one thing in common is that we enjoy cutting and polishing rocks. We enjoy learning new things about our world and how we fit into it. As a group we are politically active and have the time and resources to make our world better. I would be willing to pay a bit more to keep the shop open. The shop does not have to be at Creekside, but it is a valuable asset for the community and all that participate.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Pare back to essential services only then re-evaluate those that don't provide for basic services needed to sustain the community. We've been through this before and it's time to do a reset and evaluation of where tax monies are spent in this city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am incensed about the closing of Hyland Golf course . I have grandchildren who are Golf learning age and Hyland has served teens as healthy social activity location. It is also great for a short outing for workers. So sorry to see it leave. Golf is a sport whose popularity is cyclical it seems. Can't we find a way to bring in funds to support it in the mean times while another generation of golf lovers grows. They won't grow if they aren't nurtured.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not everyone has a computer to be able to get licenses/tabs online. Everytime I have gone to the DMV, it has been quite crowded. Where is the city considering moving the DMV to?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city needs to tighten its belt and control costs. A new community center is ridiculous as are most other "non transparent" spending projects on your agenda. The citizens do not trust any of you.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please do not raise homeowners taxes again we are hit hard already. Take 10-15% off each different budget and adjust everything down until we catch up Cut salaries 10% cut hours 10% etc. tighten belt until we recover rather than lose something have fewer staff at both and don't try to do everything at both places you can always add back will be much tougher if you close them. Thanks for listening

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am concerned that closing Creekside will take away programming targeted at older and low- income Bloomington residents. The community center serves a valuable purpose and I fear we are losing sight of that out of fear from the Coronavirus.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

city should cut 5% of head count. city employees should take a 5% pay cut. eliminate the office of the property tax assessors: other cities have 1 or none. use the count. eliminate TIF financing. eliminate all non essential building repairs. cut the welcome wagon and those 5 people. cut theatre subsidy, and raise ticket prices. we have a deficit: no new projects should even be considered. with a 20% unemployment rate, the city should be cutting property taxes, not considering raising.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would suggest you add a bathroom to current facility instead of building a new building.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Does the Motor Vehicle Office generate any income or significant income or is it basically an expense to the city to provide the service?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We should for sure repurpose the arts center during the day and close creekside, sell the land. Two going to Richfield or Edina for motor vehicle needs is easy and we should close this site.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It is said the City projects \$7-\$17 million shortfall. Giving us 2 options that could save \$700,000 (Creekside) and \$250,000 (plus the "loss of revenue") seems illogical. That's a million dollars in savings. What are the alternatives? With the new requirement for a Real ID and the additional paperwork that cannot be done online this is not the time to close this service for a meager savings of \$250,000 annually. There should be more consideration to stop funding millions of dollars in to projects such as the new walking bridge along France.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city isn't the only entity affected by covid, so are the the individual people. Do NOT pass the buck to us taxpayers. I have had to redo my budget and cut spending. Sure it's not pleasant, but has to be done. The city needs to cut as well. Now is not the time to worry about building a new community center. We all have to make due with what we have.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not in favor of a centralized community center at this time

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Borrow all you can while rates are still low.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Less on commercial building and more on homeowner conveniences and reopening Hyland Golf!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are plenty of ways to cut money out of the budget without closing Creekside and the DMV. First, don't even consider ranked choice voting, that is a disaster waiting to happen and would cost huge amounts of money. Second, no expo expenses. If this pandemic continues, it would not happen anyway. Stop wishing for it. Third, stop spending money on the proposed water park at MOA. Fourth, suspend spending on the south loop. The world is changing and all of this will be useless. Fifth, consider decreasing the number of employees on this city's payroll. And perhaps some of the highest paid could give back some of that money as other leaders have done.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please stop trying to close useful sites and services to try to find money for very costly projects that ultimately provide nothing to the residents of this city. Bloomington is a wonderful city. Please lets keep it that way!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider combining with other departments in City Hall.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside is necessary for the elderly community, it's location next to a retirement home I think is extremely important. Both of my grandparents went there everyday when they stayed in the retiring home and when they were out of it. I know balancing the budget is important, but keeping the resources we already have is more important. The DMV closing would suck, but losing creekside would be devastating to the elderly and low income communities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel that there are a lot of other areas that can be reformed but the city is playing with the public in creating an "either, or" scenario. With shortfalls this large literally everything should be getting accounted for. Id be very interested is seeing what and audit turns up.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are to few places now for conducting motor vehicle type transactions. Closing the Bloomington facility would just add to the problem.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open up businesses, parks etc soon and stop wasting money by not having revenue come in.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

let's take care of the elderly. they are the heart and soul of this community. creekside is a second home to so many people.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Oversight in how the city operates things and uses the tax money collected!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Parks and Recreation programs budget should be reviewed the same way as the Community Center operating cost, and costly programs with limited participation cut.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel that the seniors in our city need a building DEDICATED to their welfare, a place they can call their own, and not just shoved off to the side and their activities spread out over multiple locations. They feel welcomed and at home at Creekside, a building that "has outlived its useful life" as it has been put (says who ??). Perhaps we could waste less money elsewhere (like elevated walkways along France between 90th and 98th, for example). Our seniors have put years of tax money into our city and totally deserve their one little building to call their own. Of course, the city will do whatever it wants to and this survey is just eyewash. There is always ways to make things work if the will is there. What will the city cut next? Perhaps less staffing at the city center...say 7-10 jobs would about cover the Creekside "shortage" with wages, benefits, and retirement.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Should be weighed against the many other programs and services offered by the City of Bloomington. It is hard to comment on what the priority should be here, given we do not have all the programs and services to compare licensing to. It is not a vital service because we can process elsewhere however, it doesn't mean taxpayers shouldn't be able to enjoy convenience too. I personally think there are other programs/services that are of less importance and are not being proposed to be contracted/eliminated.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please move expeditiously to reduce the cost of City government. Our people and those businesses that survive will be burdened with heavy debt loads by the time a vaccine is widely available or this pandemic passes. Do not borrow to cover a budget shortfall. Cut services and spending NOW.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am suspicious of the motives of the council. These are two of the programs they wanted to move to a new community center. If they really wanted to balance the budget, considering lowering all departments equally.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Stop spending our money like it's water, I save for everything so if I don't have the funds, I don't buy it. I am no longer going to support Bloomington, being born and raised in Bloomington. I will take my business to other local cities/county. Should be saving money with all of this traffic calming crap! Less roads... I hope the bikers are paying their fair share. I don't bike but have to pay taxes...taxes...taxes...taxes we are being taxed to death!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Push our governor to allow business to open! Stop all spending on new community center, shut down all ice at BIG, zero spending on ranked choice voting, stop cutting down "live" ash trees, put all grants and subsidies on hold, raise fees for yard waste pick up, stop racial profiling in hiring and decision making/end the racial coordinator position, 5% reduction in salary for "all" city staff and budgets, no improvements, repairs and maintenance spending only, license yard care companies with more than 2 employees and collect fees, suspend any unstarted development or construction that uses city dollars, suspend all tax revenue payments to state until the governor rescinds the virus mandates and directs the legislature to pass laws for any further virus actions. We forget that years ago we got by just fine without many of the things that today we take for granted and are not sustainable for the foreseeable future.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



You talked about options above regarding Creekside and I don't agree with either of them. During the middle of a pandemic when the seniors in facilities are the most vulnerable, you are talking about taking away the senior services of those who live in their homes, trying to stay away from the congregate living and with tired caregivers in some situations. Creekside is their place in the community for help, socialization and quality of life. It is the worst time to disregard these seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Lay offs

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Legal staff seems to be much larger than similar sized cities nearby. How do they manage with fewer employees? Vehicle fleet seems excessive, study how to reduce non essential equipment.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Reduce the managerial staff to a ratio that is the equivalent to non government business standards

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Cut ALL city department budgets (except police and emergency services) like private companies do when hard times hit. Make it a standard percent so everyone has a stake in cutting costs. There is always waste that can be cut.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I would not like to see the motor vehicle office close, it is very convenient to the members of the community. Since we are the third largest city, I think it is something that should stay. I realize the impact of Covid-19 on the city but this service is used a lot and should be kept open especially once you close it, you could no longer have another.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



The City should not be looking at closing services to residents. Way too much is spent to benefit businesses without much consideration for the people that live here. Try giving less tax breaks to the big businesses before considering what are minor cost savings but have a major impact on quality of life for residents.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I think cuts to all departments would be appropriate at this time until we come out of the pandemic and the economy starts to return to normal. Why is it that just a few months ago the council wanted to build a new community center at Valley View park and now they want to close it? Is it because they didn't get their way? Spread the cuts to the budget equally among all departments.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



If Creekside is closed - please make it a priority for users of the woodworking shop to be able to use the woodworking shop at one of the high schools, preferably Jefferson HS.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



A very high percentage of people that use Creekside and the DMV are not computer savvy. This survey will not get to the older population. The results will not be accurate.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



nothing else

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I do not agree with limited staffing and activities at either site, i don't know it would work, but again we would have Edina, Burnsville and Richfield to go to. Let's make it a city higher then 5.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I support any option to move fitness programs currently offered at Creekside and Motor Vehicle services to other Bloomington locations/facilities or other existing Hennepin county facilities to reduce additional Bloomington tax burdens to home owners. I also support maintaining current employees that work at Creekside as employees at alternative locations. The current staff does an excellent job.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



let us know exactly how the pie is cut,including salaries,etc.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



It would be great to see lists of what you consider essential vs non essential

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



I am happy to pay more in taxes to keep much needed programming for seniors and the licensing office. I appreciate the city's creativity in thinking outside the box on how to address the budget. I believe closing Creekside will help be a catalyst for taking action on a new community center. Leaving it open will allow the need to be ignored longer.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



enough with financing the mall of America infra structure , hotels and ancillary. Creekside is a true service facility for our Bloomington Seniors . The mall is not . That the cities priorities maximize business and now will minimize a senior social center speak volumes to what we as a community value. Several issues with the solutio s you are " promoting " 1) where exactly is the dedicated space in the arts

center for these programs. I am unaware of unused space at the center . 2) Creekside serves as a social center primarily dedicated and serving Seniors .... that is not the culture of the Arts Center .... so essentially you are minimizing the need for social interaction between seniors . Interesting as all of you who are not seniors are complaining now about 2 months of non social interaction yet I see no plan in your FAQ to replace the social part .



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I want my tax dollar supporting the Logan motor vehicle location. It is always very busy and sending all Bloomington residents to A very busy Hennepin at SD is cruel.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It could be suggested a temporary pay freeze across the board for 2021 and 2022.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are so many items that should be cut or reduced at this point. Especially a new community center, forget about the world expo, forget about the water park. There are many positions that could be eliminated or furloughed such as the creative placemaking position. Forget about the ranked choice voting that will cost us more money. This is the time to show what really matters to Bloomington families who are suffering financially with skyrocketing property taxes this last year before this, and now projected taxes even higher yet. Please do the right thing and slow down your spending.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Time to trim budget including pay cuts for Mayor and Council members. It is necessary during this time. People are having to make cuts. Even before the Covid-19. Now there is even more reason to save what we have. Not to tear down and pay for a new building when the Senior Center can have some updates and continue to be enjoyed for years to come.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Honestly, I feel that the decision to close Creekside had already been fact before Covid. I feel it is unfair to balance the budget on the backs of the older citizens, many of whom have lived here and paid taxes since Creekside was first built as a school for our kids back in 1968. I know the city is heavily invested in the east side, but that doesn't make the west side the ugly step-child, just because it is older. In order to comment cogently about balancing the city's budget, I would need to see the budget, Then I could see where we could trim; so maybe trim Creekside, not cut??



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reopen hyland greens golf course!! The city is using this pandemic to push through closing it without public input!!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

In order to not burden homeowners that are scraping by, Bloomington needs to tighten the belt and keep taxes reasonable. Common sense....



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There has to be other options than closing facilities that are an important part of our community. The DMV is always busy!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The motor vehicle office in Bloomington is very quick and efficient. A lot of people complain about DMVs in other cities, but the Bloomington location has been nothing but great for me!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As a 25 year old homeowner in Bloomington, please do not close the DMV. There are nowhere near enough DMVs available throughout the county and state, and the one in Bloomington has been incredibly helpful since moving in two years ago. Many of my DMV visits can not be performed online. I cannot overstate how drastic of an inconvenience its closing would be.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

no pay increases for city staff (COLA only), monitor personal use of city vehicles (make everyone accountable for how they use their resources), increase sales tax on alcohol and cigarettes



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close both. Please consider closing some conveniences on the EAST side of Bloomington too. All of your proposals impact the west side of town MORE. Now look at what you can close on the EAST side of Bloomington to save a second million. What can you shut down that is east of 35W?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am in favor of closing both facilities. If there is underutilized space at the Art Center and transportation is adjustable, why not save the money and move the programs? I work in government and believe that cities, counties and the state could save more tax dollars by utilizing currently available spaces than creating new space. Concerning the license facility, I am lucky enough to work at the Hennepin Government Center where I do all of my tabs and license service there. I am not sure how many folks use the Bloomington facility or where the next closest facility would be for residents to obtain services. I am in favor of trimming all the fat to help with the deficit and use what is available and underutilized. Also wondering if local churches could be helpful with loaves and fishes or other meals. Perhaps several locations could be utilized for a fraction of a cost that the city is spending now. Church buildings have gathering locations that are way underutilized and could possibly be rented by the city for a reduced price.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I appreciate the fact that you have major budget issues at this time, but I hope that you can maintain the Creekside Center - even if at a reduced service level. Also, I strongly urge the city to continue it's annual support of the arts. The musical groups currently supported are assets to the city and provide quality entertainment to city residents, especially seniors. Thank you.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

it would be helpful to have a list of services, costs of these services that are also being considered for elimination.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How to deal with negative comments regarding money spent for exploration/planning of New Community Center. Motor vehicle is a must...need to figure out how better use and manage the long lines...capacity in room, open on Saturdays, what services can be done on weekends and via internet, etc. Thank you for your service to Bloomington in this challenging time.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why don't you tell us the cost of running the DMV? Can't you add a convenience fee, user fee or special sales tax on vehicle transactions to keep the facility running?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think it is very important to think about the disparities that Bloomington has and the impact some of these budget decisions will have on those community members. Requiring someone from West



Bloomington to drive to Richfield for their license renewal is not the same as requiring someone from East Bloomington to do so.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not reduce the funding for the arts and music.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I understand if we close the motor vehicle services office we wouldn't be able to re-open it. I think we should keep it. It's always busy when I've been there, and people behind the counter have been helpful to me. I'm familiar with computers, but online isn't the answer for everything. It just shuts some people out, and often it is impossible to know if you are filling out the right form. It's hard to know the answer to Creekside when we haven't decided what the future of a Bloomington Community Center is. I could see folding the motor vehicle services office into a new community center so you could use the parking spaces. I worry we are making decisions based on short-term problems, but with long-term implications. If you are saying that we need to lobby the State Legislature to raise motor vehicle fees, then we should do that. If we need a temporary tax increase to cover the short-fall, then we should do that. I get that tax revenue is down significantly, and the future with coronavirus may significantly change for all of us, but it is too early to make that call that boxes us in for the future.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Leave Creekside open.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The City Council was elected to make these decisions and represent the City. I think the budget committee idea is absolutely ridiculous and undermines staff and your ability as council members to do your jobs.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Be more responsible and listen to the citizens.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consolidate everything to one area to the ball field. Have it all in one area and the staffing could be consolidated.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Immediate cut of 10 percent of the city hall staff and a freeze on city worker wages and salaries until the city budget deficit goes away. Find a cheaper option for City Manager. Many people are out of work all together so these concessions are the least the city can do.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If the motor vehicle office can be "mothballed" for now, which could allow for a future reopening, would that be the best medium-term solution?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider staff reduction. Open beaches and keep up parks!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close a few schools---have full online option forever for families to choose



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider legalizing marijuana to gain tax revenue instead of cutting city programs.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You can cut the city's environmental inspection department. We don't need inspectors driving around the city looking for violations, neighbors can call in to report violations/concerns.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We could cut down the amount of and sell some of the vehicles owned by the city. We could lower funding to school buildings—especially if a lot more students are doing online school.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Repeating some of what I said - scrape Creekside, build a new senior center and event center -- on weekends could possibly be rented and generate revenue for weddings, craft fairs, rock (mineral) shows, indoor concerts, robotics etc. Really worried and concerned for the arts. I do not want to see decisions made in this challenging time of Covid 19 that tosses out the value of the arts and music and theater in the city. For me if you gut that you will kill off a bit of the soul of the city and you will just be the home of MOA and hotels. Why would a family be interested.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Create a Mall of America tax zone of 0.5% tax on sales and services. Reduce City employee wages by 20%.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Decrease pay for gov workers who make >125K by 10%



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

What will be done with Creekside? Can city sell it/the land to claw back some revenue?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Would you have another motor vehicle office in Bloomington? Every time I go there it's very very busy. Why do u want to close it?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

if both of these are taken away from the community, the hardship for Bloomington residence would be major. Meaning wait times at other locations

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

if the short fall is from MOA being closed - it will never be like it was. Either increases have to be made or services will drop.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My work has been reduced 25% and expect to be laid off in 3q2020. I have a modest 1950s rambler in prestigious East Bloomington and live within my means. My property taxes are nearly half of my mortgage expense. I expect the city to make significant, logical, and potentially painful cost saving measures; consistent with cuts that have occurred in the private sector.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please find a place for the Country Jam if Creekside closes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe there are numerous other programs/departments that could be cut/modified versus taking services from the senior residents. Many seniors that have lived in Bloomington for many years have already been taxed and paid for the services currently (up until recently) available. Really do not believe City Council needs or should have an administrative arm extended to them in the form of so-called community services groups/departments.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank you, it must be a difficult task.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why bother with asking for feedback about Creekside if the city is posing a choice in question #8? Sounds like a decision or other has already been made.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We must protect our vulnerable seniors so these services at Creekside must continue.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open Hyland Golf Course. Then my kids, and I, will be able to golf this summer. Or at least open the driving range portion.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe, like so many others companies are doing, that city employees should take a temporary pay cut or furlough to reduce the cities budget until funds start to become available again.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop wasting money on nature paths that flood and Mall of America

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As far as the DVS goes, in our experience - 4 visits in the last several months - it seems like the people that work there don't really seem very motivated. They do the job fine, but there is no sense of urgency or need to get people in and out of there to get their business done. There were no less than 10 people waiting each time and the workers would walk slowly from their station to wherever they needed to go. If they could be quicker and more efficient, more customers (maybe they need to think of us as customers?) would get through there every day and pay more bills, making more money. I know I pulled in a couple of times, looked at the line and left because I knew there was no way I would get through in less than an hour. We would also expect the upper level management at the city to take pay cuts if there are furloughs and layoffs below them. There must be quite a few departments that can be run more efficiently. It will take some hard evaluation of who does what, but I'm sure there are quite a few employees with not enough to do. Especially in the upper levels of the school system. No need for cutting teachers and the people that run the schools in person, I wouldn't think. A streamlined city and budget seem like the best solution - keep it simple and have people work for what they are given.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Opportunities to trim budget costs should be pursued aggressively to reduce Bloomington costs and property taxes. Services that are available elsewhere within reasonable distance are candidates to be discontinued.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've never been to Creekside, but I have been to the Arts Center. It's beautiful! If offerings can be relocated and consolidated, I'm all for it! For what it's worth, I'm a musician and artist so I truly value these offerings in the community. I was just under the impression that Creekside was for elderly people rather than the whole community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I tried the online process but was not successful! I tried it many times over different days!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Understand reducing expenses are needed, please consider Blm City staff and management cuts and pay reductions also (as many companies are now doing during this pandemic)

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am in my mid 50s so personally don't use Creekside but I have always thought it was a wonderful facility for seniors to primarily connect with others and participate in classes for continuing education. It is a central location or hub for seniors. I was looking forward to using it as I get older.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't use Creekside but do believe it's important to continue senior programming

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Sell some of the million dollar sculptures; they must have gone up in value by now.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut non-essential staff and programs. Staff pay cuts across the board (higher % for senior managers, lower % for lowers paid staff). Rethink generous benefits package.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Eliminate the Expo. Delay further consideration of a community center for 3 years.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like to see a detailed budget proposal before answering this question. Without that information, it is not a fair question to ask.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop the Fiscal Disparity tax sharing and keep more of our city's income from property taxes. It doesn't make sense to raise the city's taxes for struggling people while we're giving away money that we need here. Property owners that pay Bloomington property taxes expect that money to stay in the city to pay for our community needs.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

why is the city so afraid to raise a levy ....in grass roots America....(rural)...a yearly change to the city/township portion of a levy can be +/- anywhere from 10-30%...

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I do not use the creek side center but have some neighbors to whom it is very important. I would chose to close the license bureau first, much as I would miss that.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Although I have not frequented Creekside, I know seniors who have and enjoy going there. Also, why should the citizens of Bloomington have to travel to other cities, to stand in lines for a DMV, when we have one already here.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep "core" city services intact as much as possible.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As long as senior services can be provided elsewhere in the city, I am in favor of closing Creekside. And we have several DMV locations within proximity to Bloomington and a lot can be done online - I think it is a good idea. Perhaps we should reconsider our budgetary involvement in a waterpark at MOA - that is not something needed at this time.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Would be easier to figure out priorities if you would tell us the other major parts of the budget that you're not currently considering cutting, in case a large part of the city might prefer a cut to something else.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

A city of 90,000 should have a nice community center such as Chanhassen

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

While it seems easy to close Creekside, the impact will be huge on the seniors who love it there. I would not want to see the offerings scattered but instead, find a vacant building somewhere and expand the Community Center in an already existing but vacant building.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

look for more cost cutting rather than increase taxes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am praying for the mayor and council. This is a tough challenge.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Good luck. It's going to be hard!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I got the impression Monday evening that the gal said the way they would eliminate programs is by number of participants. That is not a logical way to make the decision. The Quilting room is a small room split in half and shared with the Lapidary people. We have eight ladies on Tuesday and eight ladies on Friday making quilts and we donate them to Cornerstone, Geritom Medical, Giving Hearts, Martin Luther Manor, Project Linus and V A Hospital. We feel honored to Bless these places with the quilts we make. It should be Community giving and not how many are in a room. You can contact our Leader (Arline Jakeman at 952-884-4280). She can tell you how many quilts we donate annually. Please reconsider.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have used online for tabs but not a liscense

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not raise taxes - we are all hurting.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep Creekside open but close DMV office. We are assuming all transactions can be done 1) on-line or as a nearby suburb; e.g., Southdale.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would prefer to see temporary changes like canceling summer fete for a year, doing fireworks with another neighboring community, shut down half the ice rinks, install motion sensors on street lights, reduce hours of some operations, temporarily raise prices for golf. I would support increase in property tax along with increased sales tax and higher sales tax at MOA. 5-10% increase in fees from the city,

cut the trash hauling program for good, increase fees at swimming pool and ice arena.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

For a new retired citizen, having to travel beyond Bloomington to get license tabs, renewal of drivers license would make it very hard to complete. If the building/location is an issue, why not open a site in the City Hall. A larger site with more staff would make it move smoothly, because that has always been an issue. If would have to travel the lines and time would be even greater especially if we have no reason to travel to those areas listed if Bloomington is closed it would be a waste of gas and going farther then one wants to go, Please keep a site in Bloomington from a life time resident. Thank You In regards to Creekside closing, if you are going to tear down Valley View park and build a new site, I totally against that because our youth won't have a place to go,

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I realize the City and its officials have a very very difficult situation to deal with and there are no easy answers. I can say that there is a real sense of community at Creekside and it will be very difficult to continue that with the decision to close it. The incremental next step would seem to be to continue to keep Creekside operating, but with fewer programs.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have no idea how a city with the MOA, all the hospitality along the 494 and with very little new infrastructure can't meet its budget. Our taxes should be minimal.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

MV is always packed. It would add to the long wait time at Southdale or other facilities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Every thing on the table - prioritize line items as 1- high 3- Mid 5- luxury Every department gets a vote -

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop wasting money on Covid and let people go to work!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It need to be on facts and inconvienece to a point

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thanks for doing what's right to keep the budget balanced. Even if you need to make tough calls, please be responsible and close things that you need to do.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't really use the community center but I am concerned that relocating the programs there would have a negative impact on the vulnerable and less mobile population that benefits from it the most. Consolidating to another location will increase competition for finite resources and I am concerned that money talks too much and these programs would quickly fall to the wayside even with the best intentions. Although I am not currently in the position to utilize the resources discussed in the plan, I have in the past in other communities as have other members of my extended family. Too many times I have seen programs relocated and seen that negatively impact participation. In turn, I have seen that lower participation used later on to justify cutting a program. Please do not disregard the minority voices for they are often the most vulnerable and most in need.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Where else could we cut???

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If it comes to Creekside or the Motor Vehicle Office, I would rather see Creekside closed even though I use both.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Nudging people to do simple transactions online seems like a good idea, but some transactions are more complicated and need to be dealt with in person. A Bloomington office would be helpful.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We're sick of tax hikes and I've heard and read many families are getting to the point that it's become less feasible to stay i. The city. Constant talk of budget constraints like this and proposals of multi-million dollar revamps are boisterous and frustrating. It seems like the city is trying to gentrify and force younger families out.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Look at reducing govt overhead please do not look to increasing property tax to cover shortfall.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The service at this facility is so poor, closing it would have no impact

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm in favor of temporarily reducing or cutting non-essential services to trim the budget. I would also leverage the City's extremely good credit rating and issue bonds to cover funding gaps in 2020 beyond what cuts cannot cover.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

DMV could move to the city's main building but I think it is important to provide this service within our community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Fully support all efforts to achieve a balanced budget especially in light of the COVID impacts

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

To be honest I've lived here for 7 years and up until recently I'd never even heard of the community center and I've never been to our motor vehicle office. I think it would be smart to close it up and recoup some of that money.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Very tough time for the city and I'm happy to help if I can. David Kaiser 612-741-7180 or david.kaiser@sfmtic.com. I live in Bloomington and am the COO of 300 employee insurance company that offices in Bloomington. Hope you can lobby for federal assistance. Thanks for working on this.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

What other options are there for closing budget gap? Perhaps some of the "big impact" projects can be postponed- like the water park

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I tried to get tabs on line, but was not successful. Bloomington has an aging population and if we have to go to Southdale, that would require a lot of walking. This is not convenient for people with walking problems.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop thinking about just younger and newcomer people to Bloomington, it's the baby boomers that stayed here to live and make Bloomington grow as it has.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm in favor of shutting down the motor vehicle and community center facilities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city needs to prioritize critical services and then look at the remaining budget items and identify the percentage of population it serves, how it serves that population and ultimately what we know about what is important. As an example, I have a family. There are tons of family programs. What is the ranking from 1-30? Without knowing that ranking you can't make reasonable decisions. The city needs to understand what is a need, a nice, and not a need at all based on the population the city wants to serve.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm surprised a city of our size didn't have savings to get through this Covid 19 business. I think the money wasted on a raised path along France Ave and all the bike lanes would have been way better spent on things that benefits the whole city instead of using funds for things that only benefit a handful of people. We must have a heavy lobby from special interest groups who should not get funding like that. Same with the bike path along the river. What a waste of money. Balance the budget by removing funding for all the wasteful special interest projects.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

These are REALLY difficult times and my household gets that. The city needs to do what is necessary for it's citizens and employees to thrive in the future without risking health and safety.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank you for the careful work being done!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

That place is to help Bloomington residents. If you want to cut something cut the pay of the city manager and council members.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

close art programs

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

just dont raise property taxes! im retired, on a fixed income, those taxes really hurt folks like me, do more online, save \$\$\$\$

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make the online process much more simple and convenient

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It's a great convenience to have the Motor vehicle office within Bloomington. A city this size should be able to have that for its residents. Please figure out a way to keep it.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think that the city should push for a casino next to the Mall of America and all that vacant land. All of the out-of-state dollars and foreign money could eliminate our taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

A balanced budget is the key to fiscal responsibility and it is ridiculous that any organization would operate without one.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Eliminate the city council, since they rarely make the decisions the residents want!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is not just about money. It's about thriving. I love the Community Center because it feels like home. If you reduce it to just a bunch of classrooms that don't feel homey or comfortable, it won't feel the same. A lot of effort needs to go into it so it feels "good" to the seniors especially. Seniors and others need to feel like they are coming to a space where they don't feel it is just a "general, sterile-looking environment" with no sense of warmth. Don't just think about the money, think about what helps people thrive, their emotional, physical and mental well-being. Thank you!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Place a hold on any new projects not related to residents health and safety.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We should always be looking to save money regardless of circumstance, not just during a crisis.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

others-you can,t renew a drivers licenses online

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think the city really needs to start thinking about building a new high school and having only one high school in this city. The new building could be very green and last many more years. Our schools are getting old. Plus, the one high school would bring unity in the community. Many of the activities are combined between the two high schools. Also, one high school would work in their city and many only have one. Plus, the cost savings of one high school verses two.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

These two facilities will not go far to balance the budget, talk about the big items.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How would you do the eye test and pictures if renewals were done online? Also a regular driver's license is one thing, the paperwork for CDL's is so complicated and annoying that as much as I hate waiting in line at the office, it's better to have a person right there who can explain exactly what you need, and why what you have is not correct, and how exactly to fix it. You don't get that online.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep public services like street and utilities and public safety up to normal stadards

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I agree with closing both if they do support themselves. You have many other items that could be looked at and done should never have been created like that stupid art display in city hall and the ugly mural outside Expensive space to be dedicated to taxpayer supported art. Even without covid, we don't need a new community center unless the memberships / revenue support it! If you can build it or a sports dome that is self supporting, that is all great. Stop raising taxes to pay for non essentials!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have you thought about moving the DMV office to City Hall but eliminating the services that can be done online. You can have a smaller office if people are only going in for things they have to do in person.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quit wasting the tax payer money on bicycle lanes when they are not being used. It is an inconvenience to reduce from 2 lanes both directions to one lane both direction and a mutual turn lane with bike lanes on both sides of the street that are not being used.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

sell Hyland Greens Golf cut management salaries by 10% or more

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close the swimming pool at Valley View park. This would save a lot of money. Close more golf courses.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Eliminate plan for MOA waterpark. Also eliminate any planning for World's Fair to be held at Bloomington.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There is so much waste in the city's spending on stupid things. Step back act like you are taking it our of your wallet opposed to wasting money on thing such as a study to improve Lyndale Ave. WASTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quit dumping money into paving the river bottoms that always flood and destroy paths. Allow food trucks in the city with a permit.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

cut upper salaries.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The motor vehicle office is terrible. It would be great to be able to process simple things like tabs or DL renewal across the street like with passports. But the rest could go. Please bring in places where we want to spend our money. Better restaurants, Hyvee, yoga studios, shops. We go to surrounding cities to do all these things we love to do here.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If you close Creekside, please keep classes open somewhere with in Bloomington. I know a lot of people that have gone there for AA meetings. Friends and family going to AA meetings means the world to them and to me. As for the DMV, that place is ALWAYS busy. How can we do with getting rid of it? I work 6:30am to about 4pm. There isn't any time to get somewhere else.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank you for considering ways to balance the budget. It's hard, but the choices youve presented seem reasonable. I hope you'll help folks transition by offering info to alternatives.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**


Save Valley View Park.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


It is a very busy place. Closing it would be a hardship. It is a benefit for the city population to keep,it open

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


 The city should continue to seek reimbursement of MNLARS costs directly from the state of Minnesota for the Driver Services Office. In "unprecedented times" like these, the budget should be approached in the same manner - there should be "unprecedented" cuts, changes & creative solutions to the current costs. In example, as many will not be using public community spaces or buildings for safe distancing, the ice garden & aquatics funds should be reevaluated.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Act perform like you live here and that costs affect you

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Reduce the overhead at the motor vehicle and driver's license office and keep it open.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Protect current people who live in city before reaching out and spending money on people who you want to attract here. We don't need any more traffic congestion, etc. and it would be nice to make city more walkable.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


There are a lot of other programs where money could be saved. Why are you only looking at Creekside and Motor Vehicle? Who wants to buy the property Creekside sits on??

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


I think the most important thing is to maintain the park systems for all ages of our community. Beyond that, whatever we have to do, we have to do.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Stop the construction of the mall of America water park, it is a huge waste of resources and is not appropriate in the current covid reality. The single largest expense the city has are it's employees. Reduce the city employee count, prioritize public safety and infrastructure all other departments need to be reduced to account for the budget shortfall. Another option is to reduce hours and salary as the demand for services is lower. Delay or cancel low priority projects (see mall of America water park as an example).

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


We have little kids so we are just starting to use more community resources. We understand the need to balance the budget but given the choice we'd probably prefer to raise our taxes rather than decrease spending. Mostly interested in the building of the new community center eventually which we will use a lot.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


The city got off to a bad start with their initial discussion about the budget issues and now is operating from a position of defense as the public's confidence in the city manager, mayor and council has suffered tremendously. I would suggest a committee of citizens be appointed to assist with arriving at solutions to the situation. When budget shortfalls arise it has always been the city's position to propose cutting programs with high visibility and never proposing cuts to staff or overtime. I'm amazed at the weekend plowing when there is a dusting of snow but trucks nowhere to be found during the week. In addition, is the size of the motor pool necessary? And so new?

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Residents cannot afford a tax increase. So many small businesses a hurting since the stay at home orders began in March. We have no choice but to cut costs.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Frankly, it's shameful to try to save a very small amount of money by closing Creekside when the impact on a very deserving population is so significant. These are people who've lived here all their lives, have paid taxes forever, supported the public schools, etc. I would imagine most of them live on very little money and having an inexpensive place for activities (and a free daily hot lunch) is extremely important to their physical and mental health. This is a microcosm of the chronic problem facing our country: elected officials doing what they want regardless of who it hurts because those hurt don't have any political capital. I don't use Creekside and probably never will. But I grieve for all of the elderly citizens who will lose something that is probably a very important part of their lives.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


These are tough times but the city should not sacrifice green space for buildings or sell green space without prescriptive development restrictions

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


aggressively cut costs before tax increases.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Keep the Motor Vehicle Office open and close Creekside.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Don't take away our parks and trails.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Open up the driving range at humans

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Is there a way for another provider (Hennepin County, City of Richfield, etc) to profitably pick up Bloomington's tabs and drivers license business by operating a satellite facility somewhere in Bloomington?

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

i believe the City recently hired a diversity coordinator. This position should be reevaluated.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Postpone other capital improvements. Forget about the water park. Repair existing pool. Postpone Lyndale Avenue improvements. Postpone further bike trails.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Caveat about motor vehicle license tab renewals - I would MUCH prefer to do this online but had problems with the recent state-level software fiasco - renewed tabs online and never received them - I was advised by the cop who pulled me over and by the employees at the motor vehicle office to avoid using the online system.

#### Anonymous user's Opinion

The motor vehicle office is well utilized and always busy. Great use of a small building and staff is extremely knowledgeable.

#### Anonymous user's Opinion

I believe the City Council is underestimating the benefit that the programs at Creekside provide to the community, many of which cannot be quantified in a profit and loss statement. Second, I have seen many places renovate buildings or build new structures for seniors which are inappropriate; hard surfaces which are impossible to hear a conversation with hearing aids or it does not have enough handicapped parking for a crowd of seniors. The multiple entrances to Creekside have ease of drop off and many opportunities to get into the building safely.

#### Anonymous user's Opinion

Using retirees on some capacity.

#### Anonymous user's Opinion

It would be a real shame to close the Motor Vehicle Office. It is always busy it seems and provides a real service for Bloomington residents. I believe it would be a very unpopular move to close the office. Closing the Senior Center would indicate Bloomington's leadership doesn't care much for its seniors.

#### Anonymous user's Opinion

The mayor and council members were all voted into their positions. I trust they will make the best decisions for the city budget based on facts. They should be able to make changes/decisions without having to survey the residents.

#### Anonymous user's Opinion

1. How about closing down the Bloomington Health and Human Services Department and directing those who need services to Hennepin County Health and Human Services department. There is no reason why Bloomington residents should have to pay for a redundant service twice. This would save millions. Get rid of the Diversity director and her assistant. That is another half a million dollar savings between these two positions. I agree that Diversity is important but any diversity issues could be handled by the HR department and this position does not contribute to city core services. In fact any city position that does not work directly on City Core services should be evaluated as non-essential and considered for elimination. We are in the midst of not only a historic pandemic disaster but an economic disaster that could rival the great depression or worse and could take years to recover from if at all. The choices you make now could decide whether Bloomington residents and businesses are able to recover or loose it all in bankruptcy and for some end up homeless. The Bloomington city council should start making immediate emergency plans to put city government on economic life support and survival mode. This includes canceling any new projects and stopping/pausing any existing projects where legally possible. The Bloomington city council should also make plans for city employee layoffs and this should start immediately and all positions need to be on the table. No one knows how long the pandemic will last but this economic crisis could take years to recover from. The city of Bloomington needs to cut the high cost and bloat out of city government as soon as possible to help allow residents and business to recover. Once and if economic conditions improve to normal conditions projects can start/continue and hiring can resume. Bloomington Residents are losing their jobs including their savings and retirement funds and some face potential foreclosure. The city Council needs to acknowledge the current economic situation involves a drastic reduction of property taxes and fees into city coffers and take emergency action now. First I would hope that Bloomington city council and city leaders treat all Bloomington citizens equally regardless of race, religion, age, gender, or economic status or perceived economic status. Just because someone lives in a nice \$350,000+ house and drives a \$30,000 car does not mean they are rich and immune from this economic disaster. This person may have two school age children in school and could have been laid off from their job or had their business permanently closed and looking at a foreclosure. They could also be a retired couple who just lost all of their retirement savings in the stock market crash. Raising taxes now on Bloomington residents attempting to keep non-essential city employees employed or plans to redistribute taxes from one group to another group out of some perceived injustice is not the answer and will prolong the recovery. Every Bloomington Resident and Business has been affected by this crisis and this is now an issue of survival for a great number of Bloomington Residents and Businesses. Transparency with city council meetings and important decisions is critical for trust in government and everything should be out in the open for all to witness and no backroom deals. Tough choices will have to be made which will take leadership. At the next city council meeting you should consider the following: Set up a Taskforce of citizens and business across the spectrum to identify any non-essential city services, identify any duplication of city services including from other levels of government. Determine what if any city positions, city services and departments that can be eliminated or temporarily shut down. Determine if there are any city resources that can be shifted to other areas to help citizens and businesses. The taskforce could be asked to perform their duty and provide the Bloomington city council a report at the next month's city council meeting. Reducing City Employment and employee costs: 1. Hiring Freeze. Immediate moratorium on any and all new city employee hiring except for first responders (Police / Fire) and other safety or essential employees. Any new hiring going forward needs to be justified and authorized by the Bloomington City Council. 2. Immediate moratorium on all non-essential city employee and elected official travel until further notice. This includes canceling any travel expenses already approved which has not taken place yet. City of Bloomington employees and elected officials can use video conferencing for remote training in place of travel. Travel expenses for first responders (Police / Fire) and other safety or essential employees could be approved if there is a legitimate need. 3. Immediate moratorium on any optional city employee payroll bonuses or golden parachutes. City employees can expect to be paid their regular and overtime wages applicable to their contract and state and federal laws. City employees who retire or are laid off will be only paid their applicable sick, vacation, comp time under to their contract and including state and federal laws. Laid off employees will be eligible for unemployment and on the priority list should the hiring freeze be lifted for their position. 4. Bloomington city employee pay and benefits should be frozen at their existing rates until further notice by emergency order. 5. Hold an emergency meeting with city employee unions asking for concessions that will help save jobs. Inform them jobs are on the line and do to the emergency economic situation the city will be asking for major concessions during the next contract negotiations. They can expect employees paying more into their healthcare and pension benefits. All employee benefits should be on the line and negotiable. Specifically Deferred compensation and employer paid pensions. Is the city of Bloomington picking up the employee paid part of the paid pension? If yes the employer paid pension benefit should be split to something more equitable going forward. Another benefit that could be canceled, College tuition assistance for those who are not currently enrolled. 6. Encourage City Employees to take unpaid time off to help save jobs and reduce employee costs to Bloomington Residents. 7. Immediately put into place a rule/policy that any city employee that wastes city taxpayer dollars frivolously could face severe consequences and or possible termination. 8. The Bloomington city council needs to make immediate plans for city employee layoffs, consolidation of positions, and elimination of entire departments. This includes sending notifications to all city employees that they need to prepare for layoffs. All city of Bloomington employee positions and departments need to be evaluated and justified which will be in the Taskforce report. Examples of non-essential employee positions that can be eliminated: Racial and Equity Coordinator / (Redundant Position with the Human Resources Manager?) Is the city of Bloomington not following state and federal laws respecting minority hiring preferences? Racial and Equity Coordinator Assistant Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Community Development Project Assistant Assistant to the City Manager position (Could this job be done by the City Manager's Secretary?) The Sustainability Coordinator Senior Production Specialist Assessment Assistant Community Development Project Assistant / Community Development Project Coordinator (Redundant Positions?) Recreation Supervisor / Recreation Coordinator / Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation (Redundant Positions?) HRA Program Manager Public Health Program Manager / Public Health Administrator (Redundant Positions?) Assistant Director of Parks & Park Projects Assistant Golf Maintenance Superintendent / Assistant Golf Manager / Golf Course Manager (Redundant Positions?) Assistant Public Health Administrator / Public Health Nurse Coordinator (Redundant Positions?) Public Health Nurse / Public Health Specialist / Public Health Program Manager (Redundant Positions?) Civilian Services Manager Community Outreach & Engagement Manager Director of Community Development / Director of Community Services (Redundant Positions?) Other Assistant manager positions or Assistants to Assistants and any mid-level management positions \*Any social justice, bicycle coordinator, or climate change activist positions Most if not all of these 25 highly paid managerial positions can be eliminated or consolidated as redundant and 99.9% of Bloomington Residents would not notice or be affected in any way if the positions are eliminated. These are most likely all good people and nothing personal but when it comes down to Bloomington residents not being able to afford basic necessities, potentially losing their houses through mortgage or property tax foreclosures it has to be done. One can argue that most if not all of the positions are redundant or should have never been created in the first place. The Bloomington City council needs to understand that city government including the employees work for it's residents and not the other way around. The Bloomington city government should never have been turned into a jobs or welfare program and should only provide city services treating everyone equally with dignity and respect. Most if not all of these positions are political hires and unnecessary or redundant positions that do nothing for the average Bloomington Resident. In addition to eliminating or consolidating the above positions a minimum 5% across the board city employee layoff plan involving all departments (Exempting Police and Fire) should be put into effect that would save Bloomington Residents tens millions of dollars in salary and benefits. Going forward the operation and maintenance of existing city infrastructure and services (Roads/Bridges/facilities) including Police and fire services should be the main focus of city operations. The city of Bloomington should have an inventory of what existing infrastructure it has or is in charge of. Over the next few years an ongoing triage could then be conducted to assess what infrastructure needs work / immediate upgrades and what can wait a few years or what does not need to be done at all. For example any road resurfacing and sewer projects should be prioritized starting with the roads and sewers in the worst condition. Examples of non-essential Bloomington City Departments that can be downsized or eliminated: Sustainability Department - Can be Eliminated Community Outreach and Engagement Department - Can be Eliminated Community Development Department - Can be Eliminated Bloomington Health Department - Can be Eliminated/Reduced Close and transition the Bloomington Health department over the next year and merge it into the Hennepin County or the State of Minnesota Health Departments. The Bloomington Health department duplicates services currently provided by both Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota. Bloomington taxpayers are being double taxed for the same services. In a recent and shocking disclosure the city of Bloomington was caught begging Hennepin County for 3 million in Public Health reimbursements for Public Health services provided to not only Bloomington Residents but Edina & Richfield residents as well. The cost savings to Bloomington Residents and taxpayers would be in the millions of dollars by eliminating these 40 redundant Bloomington Public Health employees. Those Bloomington residents seeking public health services could then be referred to Hennepin County Public Health or State of Minnesota. Going forward the new Bloomington Health department can then operate with a skeleton crew of 2 or 3 employees with their purpose as an advisory health information provider referring low income Bloomington residents seeking services to Hennepin County or State of Minnesota Public Health Services. Bloomington HRA Section 8 and Home Rental Program - The Bloomington HRA section 8 and home rental program can be closed and transitioned into either a separate non-profit or roll it into the larger Metropolitan Council section 8 program. Like the Bloomington Health Department the Bloomington HRA section 8 and home rental program it duplicates another government welfare program offered by another level of government. There is of no benefit to Bloomington Residents funding a duplicate bureaucracy and work force providing the same services. If the city of Bloomington can offload the Health department and section 8 programs to Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council respectively. These steps alone would save Bloomington Residents and taxpayers tens of millions of dollars allowing for the same low income clients getting the same services from another government entity. Maybe the city of Bloomington could negotiate with Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council to have them take some of the Bloomington employees who would be laid off from the closure of these redundant programs. It was also disclosed there is new facility at Valley West for dental and health care for low income residents. This facility appears to be funded/staffed by Hennepin County which Bloomington taxpayers are also contributing to which low income residents seeking services could be referred to. The Bloomington City Council should immediately cancel any new programs and construction projects including: The Immediate cancellation of the planned 250 million dollar waterpark at the Mall of America. The Immediate cancellation of the proposed Bloomington Center for the Arts expansion project at Bloomington City Hall. Four months ago, the city estimated that the new Center for the Arts expansion would be \$10 million, depending on state funding. NOW, on the current CIP, it is estimated at \$15 million and most likely over \$20 million when completed. The Immediate cancellation of the planned 85 million dollar Community Center. The Immediate cancellation of the CentersofCommunity Project. The Immediate cancellation of the 2027 World Expo Project. The Immediate cancellation of the phased 6 story 183 unit apartment at 3700 American Blvd. The Immediate cancellation of the Lyndale Avenue Retrofit project. The Immediate cancellation of spending any city taxpayer money converting two lane traffic lanes to one traffic lane. The Immediate cancellation of spending any city taxpayer money on any new bicycle lanes. The Immediate Moratorium on the purchase of any new furniture, art, or upgrades to any city of Bloomington property or facility. (Emergency repairs to existing Bloomington owned property and facilities can be approved on an as need basis) The Immediate cancellation of any new affordable housing projects. Since Bloomington Residents including the City government is in economic survival mode it does not make any



scene adding more to the burden of Bloomington Residents. The Immediate moratorium on any new debt or bonding for unnecessary services or projects that does not follow the plan of maintaining city operations during the current pandemic crisis. The City of Bloomington needs to pay down and not take on any new debt. The Immediate moratorium on any new project studies by third parties, design fees, surveys, and contracts including city employee time spent on planning for any new projects. Once the pandemic and economic crises is over and things turn back to normal which may take several years. The city of Bloomington can then resume third party studies, surveys and enter into contracts and city employee planning for future projects. Setting priorities: The Immediate cancellation of wasting city taxpayer time and dollars renaming streets and putting up art projects in the south loop. Other projects that could be dropped for now are decisive issues like lowering the speed limit to 20 per mile per hour on all Bloomington streets and Rank choice voting. These are both extreme decisive issues being forced onto residents by Bloomington city leaders that will do nothing but tear our community apart at a time when we need cohesiveness. Going forward both during and after this pandemic and economic crisis any new city of Bloomington sponsored projects need to be justified as a necessity and determined if it's a want or a need. Absolutely no more cost overruns or incompetence like what happened when the City of Bloomington spent \$500,000.00 (five hundred thousand dollars) to remodel the counter top sinks at city hall. Or the millions of city taxpayer dollars wasted spent on third party paid studies and design fees including city staff time planning for a \$100 million dollar community center at Valley View that will never be built. Going forward any new RFP's or bids from 3rd party contractors should focus first on cost savings then quality of work. In the current economic situation there should be no shortage of bids from company's which should provide quality work with the benefit of cost savings. City Funding, Cutting taxes and fees and other ideas: The city of Bloomington should look at cutting business taxes and fees to any extent it can. There may be many businesses including restaurants and bars that might not survive this economic crisis. Any red tape, rules, regulations or policy changes that can help Bloomington business stay in business should be paramount. All city of Bloomington funding and accounts under city control must be used for city operations during the pandemic / economic crisis. No hidden accounts or forgotten slush funds. All funding from any Bloomington city account to the extent it can be used by law for city operations is now on the table to keep core city services functioning. Since the 250 million Mall of America water park will be canceled including any new affordable housing projects. All Hotel, Restaurant and Bar alcohol taxes collected can be immediately redirected and put towards city core operations and core services. The Immediate cancellation of the \$3.75 monthly franchise city fee added to both Centerpoint energy gas and Xcel energy electric bills. This will save all residences/businesses \$7.50 per month or \$90 per year. Canceling or making the curbside cleanup program optional. If Bloomington residences get the option to opt out of the curbside cleanup program it will save them \$8.84 from the bi-monthly Bloomington Utility bill or \$53.04 per year. Is there any unused or underused Bloomington property or equipment that could be sold to fund city operations or pay down debt? The city of Bloomington needs to immediately renegotiate garbage and recycling services with Bloomington Haulers, LLC (Consortium). My understanding was the \$100 plus penalty for missed pickups which sounds excessive to me was the main sticking point. Could the city of Bloomington drop the excessive penalty and put forth an offer with the same terms and conditions including the same cost increases that what was in the original/existing contract? With the current economic situation the Bloomington Haulers, LLC (Consortium) may just want to settle this contract by keeping the same terms as in the original/existing contract. In addition to maintaining city owned infrastructure (Roads/Bridges/City Facilities) the city needs to prioritize utility services like water, gas, and electric along with Garbage and Recycling Service to single homes and multi-home residences. The City of Bloomington needs to also prioritize Police, Fire, and Ambulance services keeping them functioning and operational. Law and order should be enforced using all necessary means allowing citizens freedom of movement and freedom of association. The City Council could set up a Bloomington volunteer group of residents to provide manpower for any emergency or projects. \_\_\_\_\_ In closing: If most if not all of the above ideas are implemented by the Bloomington city council is that Residents and Businesses will see a drastic reduction in city taxes and fees allowing them to recover faster from the pandemic / economic disaster. Not only will all Bloomington Residents see the positive effects of reduced taxes and fees, the vast majority of residents will see no difference in city services. The only sad part is from the city of Bloomington employees layoffs but one can argue that most if not all of managerial positions eliminated were redundant or should have never been created in the first place. That is on the City of Bloomington city council and city manager Jamie for the bloat. Other levels of Government including County, State and Federal will have to make similar cuts as they will have no choice. If I was a betting man (which I am) and if the Bloomington City Council does not immediately cut unnecessary and redundant employees, departments, projects, taxes and fees to the bone. Come next November I can guarantee you people will be voting for their survival and your replacements will be making these tough choices come next November. The City Manager Jamie Verbrugge needing an assistant? And he keeps hiring people like a new diversity coordinator couple months ago. And now that person needs assistant. For an employee considering their benefits as far as training at the city pays for social security pension vacation health care and all the other things it's a 175% of their wages to employ somebody. That's not including cellphones computers and other things that need to be there for their employment. Depending on the position. Office space a vehicle etc. So if you look at the reason our taxes are starting to go through the roof is because of people like Jamie and others hiring all kinds of new people.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please consider City administrative staff reductions - concentrate on essential services



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

BRING BACK HYLAND GOLF



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Ask those Who participate in activities at Creekside to pay a yearly fee of \$25.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Surely these CAN NOT be the only buildings, programs and services that can be cut by the city at this time. Interestingly, you have targeted seniors and drivers. You stated Creekside is an aging facility that has outlived it's useful life. Sounds like you are actually referring to the Seniors that during their entire working life contributed to this city. About question 8, why are there only two choices? Certainly with all the brilliant minds in our city government, there are more alternatives than just these two. Frankly I'm insulted and outraged you think you can dictate to us, the ones paying for these institutions how many alternatives you will offer and decisions we can contribute to. Reminder, you work for the citizens of Bloomington, we are well aware of the future you have planned with or without our knowledge or consent.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please don't go forward with the waterpark at the Mall of America.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

don't subsidize the water park by the Mall of America. Sell one of the golf courses



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reduce staffing and wages and city spending during these times to rebuild the city savings.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe it is critically important to focus on providing community services that: 1) cannot be obtained elsewhere (e.g., online, shared space within other City facilities, etc.) 2) generate an operational return-on-investment 3) improve the overall quality of life for prospective incoming/new residents 4) provide shared marketing/sponsorship or other economically beneficial partnership opportunities with local Bloomington/regional businesses (encourages business growth, subsidized community facility operations and cost-efficient marketing opportunities for local businesses) Challenge is the crucible for greatness. We need to take this opportunity to re-imagine the future of our City and how we become community of the 21st century.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Online processing is a nightmare! Please do not discontinue this valuable service.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It must be shared by both business and households




**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The budget savings NEEDS to be passed to the taxpayers not for funding officials wage increases


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is your fault. We should first and foremost cut pay to city officials for the following reasons. There is No National Emergency Lock Down. Governors or City Council members don't have the right to close business or make you stay at home or make you wear masks. No National Guard Mandate. (b) This proclamation shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.(c) This proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person. Read the entire "National Emergency" declaration


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 The city budget for employees is roughly 34/35 Million dollars. A flat 20% pay cut on employees would curb the budget problems. Why cut community services that tax paying people use. Also, as a city resident I took over over 60% pay cut and you are expecting me to pay more taxes with less city offering. Please use your brains and look at it from the other side. If all employee took pay cuts it saves jobs and saves community services. The city is losing revenue - first thing people do is cut payroll. You can always "guarantee" wages/salaries return to original status once revenue return. So temporary pay cut goes hand in hand with temporary revenue loses.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Try having a fundraiser for the center. Bloomington is populated with thousands of 55+ residents who have lived, worked, paid taxes and supported this city for years. It's about time we have AFFORDABLE housing and a place to gather and remain important parts of this society. We don't need another damn water park. You spend money and help those who are not even citizens with housing, food, etc. how about taking care of Lifelong Bloomington citizens for a change? Clean up and rejuvenate the east side .


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Refrain from new development, landscaping, etc. Focus on restoring jobs and small business.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Are there other options for cutting spending? Why are we only hearing about these two options?


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 These are hard times. We need to make hard decisions.we can't do everything


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Put hold on unnecessary road repaving. We don't need it on Zenith circle/road.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 As I a longtime citizen of Bloomington I have confidence in both the elected and non elected employees to make the best decisions for the city as a whole.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Hotel tax


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Any nonessential things should be cut.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 There needs to be across the board cuts including salary freezes and at least 10% cut for all managers.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Without knowing the details of the budget I will provide an opinion. If Bloomington funds are used to create more bike lanes or to update parks or other items of this nature this should be discontinued to provide services that impact the major population of Bloomington. Once the economy is up and running and the funds are available work on parks etc. Closing the DMV office will have a huge negative impact on people of Bloomington. Has the city council looked at decrease their pay by a percentage? Many of us have had our income limited due to the shut down.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Hopefully new projects are put on hold for the time being while we catch up on our budget.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Do not open water park. Close some outdoor ice rinks.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Renewing my tabs online was a mess and I'll never do that again. I much prefer walking into a DMV. I like the convenience it provides, but some my husband and I each only need to go in once per year, I wouldn't complain if it closed, but I would really miss it when I have to renew my tabs!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 I miss Hyland Greens golf, but understand it needs to change.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Don't get rid of something that is being used in order to build something that might be used. Survey us on what we want in a community center and where we would like it. For example creekside property is centrally located. Why cant it be updated or torn down and rebuilt. And and valley view fields are used by the neighborhood why destroy something that is vital to an area's community.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Perhaps if the City wouldn't have spent \$14 million on a bridge to nowhere and stop squandering money on "feel good" projects rather than infrastructure, this episode could have been avoided.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 I'm not looking to end anyone's employment especially in these times. I would hope the staff necessary to run the "office" wears many hats to ensure those in the field [police, fire safety] continue to serve Bloomington as well as they do!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 An open forum would be appreciated. Bloomington was born and raised by many of the seniors and their families that will be most impacted by the closing of both of these facilities that are strategically located on transportation routes near the core city. Please listen to those that will be most impacted. Moving the programs and services offered at Creekside may be detrimental to the senior population if the programs and services are either offered somewhere less central or if a cost or higher fees will be imposed. Thank you for listening.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Reduce pay and staff.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The time I tried renewing my tabs via mail, they lost my check and I had to go into the Bloomington motor vehicle service center to renew them anyways.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Put less emphasis on the so-called South Loop and spend money on sidewalks and neighborhood livability.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Need to make some tough choices, but understand the serious financial situation. Do that is necessary.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I do think everything needs to be looked at seriously. Repairs are important. Is it important to have Heritage Days, maybe not with the Coronavirus.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thought the single garbage hauler was going to save the city some money as was told to us residents of bloomington

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel like these questions are being asked in a vacuum. Are these either or questions? For example, if the DMV were left open, would something else have to close? Depending on what that something else is, my thoughts about closing the dmV would change. I would much rather see a survey that ranks how I value city services. But I can add that creekside and the dmV provide services for our elderly and other populations on the margins. Few people golf or attend artistry presentations, but everyone needs a drivers license or state ID and everyone needs socialization and food. I'm glad you didn't vote on this topic on the 4th. It was beginning to feel like the impeachment hearings with important decisions put off until the dark of night. With that said, it now feels like the decision has already been made and that the effort to capture public opinion is only for appearances. Transparency and resident involvement should be a habit not an afterthought, which is what this feels like. It also often feels like decisions are proposed then the questions of whether the council is transparent and inclusive are asked rather than continually operating in a transparent and inclusive manner. For example, Baloga brought up concerns around the budget and the potential for the city to have to raise taxes by a lot in order to cover capital projects. Covid became a concern in March. Now we're in May and in emergency mode to figure out how to cut costs and citizens are now being asked for input.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Suspend all unnecessary city projects.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Highest priority should be police, firemen, emergency services, education before quality of life items social programs like theater and arts.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If things can be shifted online or to a different location (such as the Southdale motor vehicle center) then that is a good way to save money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We use the wood shop. Would that be moved to Bloomington Art center?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think the Bloomington Motor Vehicle office is poorly run and the city would be fine without it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

All their business should have diverted Online we will the first in the nation. I know it's impossible because of ID/DL picture requirements.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Get rid of curbside pick up once a year which we have to pay for even if we don't use Let us pick and pay for our own trash pickup which keeps going up in price Isn't far for a single person family



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Put DMV and Creekside inside the Bloomington City arts building. Find some room in there to hold these important services

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As a whole, we are all expected to live within our means. I don't see this being done by the city. How much has been spent on the valley view park project in research alone? The changeover from 4 to 2 lanes and adding bicycle lanes, in multiple locations? Paving the river paths? Not every project has to be started at or around the same time, if at all! Property taxes have increased exponentially, and many are tired of us taxpayers footing the bill for the city's poor money management. Especially when it's under the guise of necessity! It's more about the city's need to be keeping up with the Jones', and it needs to stop! And as for this survey, maybe consider paying attention to them. Many people feel, myself included, that these are just feel good tactics...the city council asks for citizens input, then totally ignores us and continues on with their pet projects, anyway.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop spending money on things are not essential to continue operating the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop or change the yearly free for all where everyone dumps their trash on the curb and 100's of people come rummaging through our neighborhoods. I do however love the fact of the centralized collection as it reduces weekly truck traffic to a minimum! Willing to pay a LITTLE extra to keep 21 trucks from 7 different trash companies driving through my neighborhood! Good job on that. With all our hotels and businesses, why are taxes comparable to cities.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open highland golf!!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like the city to seriously evaluate the options and not knee jerk into a budget cutting frenzy. It's important to evaluate the impact cuts have on the general life of the cities residents as a whole. I've also noticed some very vocal people on various social media sites and their screaming doesn't constitute a majority. I've blocked a few people on FB and by doing that the comments got way more thoughtful and less frenetic.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Salary cuts, hiring freezes. I see the job postings online and look at the salaries and seems a little over the top.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do NOT close the motor vehicle office in Bloomington!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut back in curbside cleanup, especially charge residents that are placing non-Bloomington materials at the curb. Charge higher fees for use of BMV services. Every time I use these services there is a waiting line and parking is often at a premium. Possibly find a home for these services in city hall or at Creekside. Close the inefficient Creekside facility, relocating some functions to other facilities (eliminate non-critical services such as card games and billiards/pool. Is there (COVID19 closure) space available in shopping malls such as Valley West/Countryside/Lohmans/Clover? Relocate functions to available storefronts as alternative spaces.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I suspect that it is unrealistic to think that you can achieve a balance budget without raising property taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It seems that with the current situation Hyland Greens could be opened for golf, foot golf and driving range. MANY would use this facility.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If Creekside ends up being closed, would the city consider selling the property for an ingestion of cash from proceeds of sale? Are there city functions that could be shared with other cities like Richfield or Eden Prairie? Private business does this all the time when they consolidate operations. I'm sure other cities are having the same financial situation of shortfall as Bloomington. Are there cost sharing options that could be explored?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

On question #8 I believe there should be other options, not just an "either or" choice as presented in this survey. I chose keeping limited services at the current location, only because I prefer this over relocating to civic center. However, this seems to be a bandaid if, in fact, the Creekside building needs major updating, maintenance or upgrading. Another option would be to keep all of the programs for awhile but add/increase fees to offset the expenses. Over a set amount of time, e.g. one year, it could become clear which services to eliminate based on actual results. Another benefit of this approach is, the people who are using the service who would be getting the most benefit would also be providing financial support. This would be more of a user fee. In addition, just asking citizens about these two issues without considering the entire budget doesn't give us an opportunity to fully understand the budget priorities overall. I would prefer receiving an ongoing, periodic questionnaire from my councilmember asking for my input on various issues to give me the opportunity to offer my suggestions on priorities for the general budget as well as other issues confronting the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Sorry, but you cannot process your motor vehicle and driver's license transactions online. If I could I would.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Edina is much better facility and does online scheduling, so I'll go there.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would miss the convenience and friendliness of the MV office but I know that alternatives are available. I hope that if it is closed, the staff can be moved into other positions because they are customer-friendly and efficient.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Having the Motor Vehicle office is convenient. Have you been to the Southdale office? Crazy busy. So is the Bloomington office but at least I still have a choice

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please reopen Hyland golf course. It would be nice to have another outdoor activity, since you closed the pool and beach.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I value the parks, trails, and other outdoor spaces perhaps more than others. I really like having the trails cleared in the winter. I don't participate in a lot of the community events and would target those with lower attendance for cost savings. I don't dislike them in general but in a pinch... We may have to evaluate services for the needy, perhaps by re-evaluating the definition of needy. Be mindful of taking care of our people but this isn't the time to "feed the need" with handouts. Keep the programs that help people help themselves and think twice about the flat giveaway programs. But bear with me, I'm not talking about VEAP and Simpson and the like - those are for people with truly no options. I'm speaking of those with options - if it can be somehow resolved who has options and who hasn't any options. Good job and thanks for the opportunity to comment.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Amenities need to be reconsidered. These places are not needed, but rather a convenience for the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If we keep it, it needs to be more efficient

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

turn off the lights at Valley View park at night. During the pandemic no one is supposed to be there anyway. Don't need street sweeping.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

eliminate the monopoly with Comcast, time to open up the city to other providers.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close Rink 3 at the BIG and transform it into the new community center. You could add meeting rooms, dining area, commercial kitchen, a walking track.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

See if any employees volunteer for unpaid leave, to save payroll. Don't replace any employees that retire or quit. Review capital expenditures, and defer any that aren't high priority. Avoid any summer overtime for public works projects, if that applies. I have confidence Jamie Verbrugge and the department heads are looking for budget savings anywhere they can find it.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open the driving range at Hyland!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Your question on processing driver's license online must have been a mistake. One needs to do an eye test and have their picture updated. Additionally the city should not be investing are dollars in a water park or the worlds fair. Must residents would not use the water park and if we have a short fall don't spend on frivolous things like worlds fair. Or spending money on reducing roads to one lanes as well as thinking about reducing speed limits all of which cost taxpayers money. Also how is that we have had covid-19 for issues for about 2 months and you have a shortfall. Me thinks our city officials are not being fiscally responsible. As usually you take away those things for our seniors. Which is wrong on so many levels. Also you are trying to make us an urban city which we don't want. There is reason why we live in the suburbs and not Minneapolis. One high taxes, two high crime and three too crowded.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please look at options of renting out space more frequently at Creekside to offset expenses.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop beautifying the city...cut back on landscaping, planting annual flowers, hanging flowers, and plants in City offices. Suspend projects that can wait until a later date.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think it is very important to keep and even enlarge the health and human services now

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closing these two is a good start for working towards a balanced budget.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The City Council was elected to serve the people, not the vocal minority. They are dragging their feet on making an important decision to save money that is being thrown at two aging facilities when the services can be provided in other locations, including Civic Plaza. I'm all for community engagement, but you don't need to ask us everytime you need to make a decision. Do what you were elected to do. And, stop catering to the naysayers and NIMBY's.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

you could've close creekside by moving it to valley view so no you plan to get your way with this opportunity. You don't care about the citizens.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Create rehearsal and performance space for all the City's community groups and charge them rent. If they have a vested interest in doing well and being profitable, they will generate more income for the city.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Need veteran memorial garden

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

whatever needs to be done

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not come after the citizens of Bloomington and raise our taxes to pay for this shortfall. We are already compromising our savings, retirement funds, have job loss, etc. The MOA should be helping out by making up this shortfall. not the little people!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This should be pretty obvious, but DON'T build a new community center.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Considering that the City of Bloomington is the 4th largest city in Minnesota (according to the stats available to me online). It is a HUGE disservice to close Bloomington's DMV to the residences. A community of our size still should have our own DMV. As you are aware, our DMV is insanely busy at this location is? If you want to keep Bloomington as desired city to live in, do not take away our DMV office.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**




















While I love the convenience of Bloomington Motor Vehicle office I feel there are other options close enough and this is an area we could help our budget.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I emphasize with the challenge facing Bloomington. I am a 76 year old white woman. My 80 year old husband and I have been Bloomington residents for almost 48 years. We continue to have confidence in the decision-making of city staff, administration and Council. We appreciate the fine services funded by our taxes which are very reasonable! thank you.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Open Hyland golf.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I hope you have decided not to pursue building a water park.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
host fund raisers
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
A must.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Do not increase property taxes again, we have seen a 12% increase 2 years in a row!
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please dont close the motor vehicle office it is really convenient for our family and friends.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I believe you either keep Creekside open as is, or close it. To reduce programs and staff at Creekside means less will go there and in the end that costs as much since you now meet the needs of less people.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I support closing both facilities and have lived in Bloomington my entire life.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
too top heavy
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
use it - but could do without it.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please find a way to keep those who had jobs at Creekside remain employed, regardless. I also highly suggest folding some of that projected cost savings into the maintenance of the Bloomington Civic Center, to prevent us from running into the same issue (an old building with too many needed repairs) in the next few years. Also, Bloomington is a geographically large city with an aging population. What a massive injustice to the city to not have a motor vehicle office. Given that closing the Motor Vehicle office would contribute a very small amount to the overall budget issue, I'd like to challenge you all to find other ways to cut costs in the coming year.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Stop replacing streets and curbs that are already there and focus on streets that dont have curbs yet or not at all. Taxes are already to high we do not need unnecessary bills because the city has nothing else to do.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The question is where would Bloomington residents have to go to visit a motor vehicle bureau? My answer really depends on where the closest office to Bloomington residents would be.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
70 per cent of budget is wages and benefits. I do see anything being done about reducing staff. During this shut down by the Governor have any staff been laid off???
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I'm sure there are lots of places here that could be sacrificed instead of two very important buildings.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
People understand about the unusual nature of the budget shortfall, use Bloomington's excellent credit rating and borrow enough to cover it. Forget all about the city counsel's stupid plan for zero growth in the 2021 levy and the "problem" of closing Creekside and License center disappear.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
none
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Community outreach isn't doing a very good job. How about cutting them? Valleyview pool WTH?
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Would it be possible to have city liquor stores like Richfield, Edina and Lakeville? I believe they contribute a lot to the cities budget. Do not cut Police, Fire and Safety. As a resident I'm not opposed to increased taxes to keep our city safe. I think it's important to keep young families happy in Bloomington to continue to attract future residents and keep home values high. Senior services seem to be provided at many senior complexes. Maybe we partner with Richfield or Edina. Also, just a side note the Armory should be the location of the new community center if that ever gets back on the table. Demolish creekside and sell the land. Thank for all you do in our City! These are hard times for everyone and I don't envy your jobs. Stay positive and don't be distracted by all the negativity.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
The City needs to diversify income base away from Mall of America and hotels. Need to encourage more businesses and development in other parts of Bloomington. There is a lot of potential in areas around Southtown, Lyndale, 90th & Penn and Dred Scott. Should really consider eliminating golf courses which is aging sport that is losing its fan base over time. Should try to attract more millenials and a younger generation to the live and play in the community.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Discontinue the Valley View Pool.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't raise our taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If both of these items are too expensive to operate, why are we looking at a community center and indoor aquatic park?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The budget impact of these facilities pale in comparison to other, less useful, line items. What is the day-to-day impact on residents of the City's IT Department? It's important, but does it really require 18 people? Parks & Rec, by contrast, seems to function beautifully with a handful. A Racial Equity Coordinator? Nice idea when we're bullish on the economy, but now? Expendable. I'd prefer the City look at streamlining departments, before redlining an entire office. As a small business owner, I know that evaluating employees on their effectiveness and efficiency can have a major impact on my returns. For example, does the IT Dept NEED 18 people or are 18 doing the job of 9?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

During this critical time the city staff, mayor & council needs to make hard decisions regarding our budget and spending just like our individual households must. We would have to say that if it's unnecessary get rid of it. Creekside should be closed for good and if some of the programs and services can be relocated that could possibly work. For the numbers of seniors that use the service there are many that don't. Save the money, lock the doors permanently. The motor vehicle office is used by many and is centrally located. While you talk about the tax dollars needed to supplement the service we don't know if that covers payroll and staff benefits. Would it be possible to add on an additional city user fee to cover what happens there? With the car dealers, transfers, real id, etc., I would think you could cover more of this expense. While you're addressing just these two areas I think the city needs to cover Basic needs, not wants, and lets see how that would work. In the meantime I think we have enough paid staff city manager and council people that should come up with budget scenarios and not rely on the outside task force that was talked about at the council meeting. That's why we have professionals within the city staff.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

They should have a hiring freeze like they had in 2009 and considering furloughing employees especially now with the Cares Act extra income available.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I appreciate being able to renew my tabs via mail. I wasn't aware we can renew our drivers license online. I have no clue why there is a shortfall, that has not been explained. What budgets were affected by covid19 - I can't think of any except for closures of some city-related offices. That shouldn't punish everyday people by taking away important factors that keep us as a community. We are 82,000+ residents in Bloomington. Shouldn't that warrant a drivers license office for all that transacts and effects all of us?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why not lease a simple store front in a strip mall and continue services. I have seen these at other cities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Recently, there has been some wasteful spending, fortunately a few big items didn't happen, maybe we can maintain our bond rating. Bloomington is a great city, we do not need to aspire to be like other cities, let's maintain what makes this city great.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would assume that Hyland Golf course is on the short list of things to cut considering it generally runs in the red and is more valuable as real estate than the golf course. Was this site ever looked at for the "new community center" that was being pursued? As much as I would hate to see it go, this could be an area to repurpose either by selling or holding onto it as a building site. I would be cautious about the tax shift to homeowners due to the loss of revenue from businesses. Everyone has taken a hit due to COVID-19 and it is unreasonable to think homeowners can make up the difference of the revenue lost.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would love to see the city open Hyland Greens Golf Course. It brings such a positive outlet for our youth and families.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington motor vehicle office is the worst. Edina and Eden prairie were more pleasant and a much better seating and calling system. I wouldn't miss it at all

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Motor vehicle license center is busy as heck. How come you can't figure out how to make it pay for itself?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have you looked at the Public Health Building? Is there ways you can cut Services there and save money? Does the city of Bloomington still own the land where the Thunderbird Hotel used to be if so maybe you should sell that land?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

perhaps it is time for the city to discontinue providing snow removal on sidewalks that border private homes. quite frankly the city does a lousy job and if property owners are able to shovel/snow blow their driveways they should be able to clear the walks in front of their homes as well.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

No water park. No increase property taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please stop making us a version of Minneapolis. Cut spending and get rid of waste. We do not need taxes to increase as property taxes are already too high. My taxes have gone up since buying just 3 years ago. Considering selling if it continues and moving south.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut staff and or reduce their hours...use sub contractors and save millions

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Interesting that we have a new mayor and a budget shortfall!!!! Seniors need a place to go that is centrally located - not East Bloomington. As one of the largest cities in MN and you can't support a motor vehicle office- we need new leadership!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Good luck with the tough choices.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why can't the motor vehicle office be moved to the city hall building like other cities have? Seems odd for a city as large as Bloomington to not have this service.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Take a look at department redundancies which could be streamlined. Look at unique ways to partner with private businesses for best practices and roll back taxes and fees to make more appealing to homeowners and businesses.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I love having centralized trash pick up. There is much less noise and traffic. And hopefully the city saves money due to less road maintenance. In regards to the senior center, I believe it is important to survey them regarding their needs, such as meals, woodworking, classes, etc.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You can't make everyone happy but the older generation shouldn't have to sacrifice for the younger They already have done so.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

In a budget crunch, why can't us citizens of Bloomington simply use the DMV Operation that is in Southdale?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please continue to be mindful of the impact of your choices on our senior community members. The impact of the current isolation of so many due to Covid has been significant. Please continue to keep their health and well being a priority in your decision making process.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please look at innovative ideas! Think outside the box. Not just simply closing 2 buildings! What about salary cuts, elimination of positions, combining positions, changing some full time positions to part time positions, less overhead with supplies etc.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

do not dump these cost on the struggling home owners due to no work and covert 19 shut down fire or reduce over paid people with high pay grades first

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have lived in this location, 9016 Morgan Avenue, for 18 years and the only street repair has been stones ground into oil/tar that made a mess of my various cars when it was done. The tar is always cracking and it looks terrible. It needs to be resurfaced not your strategic oil/tar and stone.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city has really messed up the garbage collection system. Perhaps you could reduce some employees and improve garbage pick up back to the service we had before the city forced the new system upon all residents.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think you should look at overall divisions/departments. I hate to say it but maybe cut staffing where they are over staffed. I know Public Works Maintenance Division does not need 3 Assistant Superintendents and 3 clerical. Years ago they got by with 2 clerical and 1 Assistant Superintendent. I am sure other departments/divisions are over staffed too. Right there would save you some money. Check division/department staffing before cutting Creekside/Motor Vehicle which residents utilize. We are an older community and to cut these really affects the older population.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Rather than wholesale cuts, we should focus on optimizing all programs and lowering costs across the board.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am concerned as a senior that Bloomington has not addressed the fact that many seniors need a place to attend social events, meals and other events sooner than the present time. Seniors need a place to call their own for attending events. Thank you for this survey.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Build more affordable housing for single parents!!!!!!!!!!!! I have lived in Bloomington 33 years and have been on the waiting list for Section 8 for 16 of those years!!! Ridiculous!! Bloomington is obsessed with building housing for old people, why would you want to get rid of Creekside for them?! Also, if you get rid of the Motor Vehicle building, what an inconvenience to those who have young children, have to travel to another city/location, and then wait even longer in (more) backed up lines!! P.S. Don't mess with my Valley View pool! No one in Minnesota gets enough vitamin d, why would you want an indoor pool?! There are so many vacant buildings and places you could build a dumb rec center on. But, in case you haven't heard, there is a place called Creekside! Why not tear it down and build it big enough for a rec center?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

motor vehicle office is a basic government service - it seems to me that funds are being mismanaged if we feel the need to close a building that is providing a legitimate public service in a city the size of Bloomington and the amount of tax revenue the city has.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut citywide spring cleanup

**Anonymous user's Opinion**



Decrease city employee wages by 10-25% to match what has happened to many bloomington residents. Increase fees for community center activities to cover budget shortfalls. Pursue sponsored funding for currently free community center activities and use. No investment in any activities or city resources related to a new community center.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop the enormous amount of road work. A lot of retirees in Bloomington cannot afford it.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

please just stop all projects that are totally unnecessary to essentials right now. We DON'T need a new waterpark or family community center



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I know that we are all hurting, but we'll all have to pitch in. Life is going to cost more.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The level of inconvenience of closing the dmv really depends so much on having available options reasonably nearby e.g. if the Southdale mall Edina location has an active DMV then closing Bton is no big deal



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I use to work in Licensing at the City of Richfield. I know how difficult it can be to do transactions online. I love the convenience of the Bloomington location. And I know how busy the Licensing location is at Southdale.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Hopefully city improvements like redoing Lyndale avenue has been put on hold if you are talking shutting down services we should not fix what is not broken.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe the city needs to look at ALL operations that are outside the basic scope of city governance that produce a net negative cash flow and cut ALL of those operations (golf courses, pools, water parks, etc.). Unfortunately, the city MUST look to cut staff and other non-essential services in order to do ALL that can be done to meet this budget shortfall prior to considering "just raise the tax". My wife has taken a 30% payout and my small business has had minimal positive production during this pandemic period and will carry on for some indeterminate time. We are not just able to pay more because there is now a shortfall in your budget. Like all of us, the city must look at EVERYTHING on which money is spent and reduce or eliminate that which is not needed, not that which most impacts your residents/taxpayers so they feel the most pain.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't know all of your out put And in put .But I would like to see our council show leadership and all take pay cuts ,mayor also. We have lost jobs,pay cuts. So put your big girl and boy pants on and that pay cuts. I would fire most of you,but all I can do is vote.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think it would be a travesty if the City Council tried to close the current Community Center and then a year or two down the road , after the crisis is over, suddenly decides that the city needs a new Community Center because we don't have one. OH , and wouldn't the Valley View location be just perfect and convenient. I sincerely hope this isn't in their plan



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There are too many police officers spending too much time on traffic tickets of a minor nature. You can cut back here.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Re-evaluate all traffic signals, giving consideration to eliminating the ones that are not justified by traffic volumes. Signals located at low-volume intersections could also be set on flashing red/flashing yellow during off-peak and nighttime hours. For example, the signals located at Old Shakopee Road and Hampshire Avenue and Nesbitt Avenue. There is very little cross traffic at these intersections during nighttime hours. Other intersections in Bloomington undoubtedly should be considered as well. Both of these measures would save electricity.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city needs to listen to it's citizens and spend our money wisely. We don't need the expensive MOA water park that benefits mostly tourists, the destruction of Valley View park with a giant community center, or any of the other "improvements" to attract a worlds fair. With a growing senior population, we need to keep Creekside which benefits them. Thank you.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cancel the water park project



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Our city needs to live within it's means. Prioritizing dollars for those individuals and families most in need would be important to me (e.g. Bloomington Public Health Dept)



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Salary and benefits reduction.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I was annoyed to read about the sentiment around the economic forecast of Bloomington as a result of COVID. The significant shortfall of tax income for the city is a concern, yes - but everyone is dealing with impact of the COVID epidemic. It is important for Bloomington to adjust future plans accordingly and re-assess current budgets to balance finances.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please keep the motor vehicle office, its a huge time saver and valuable resource.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please consider the health and wellbeing of Bloomington residents over convience of Motor Vehicles office. We can all go to a nearby city or online. The services at Creekside serve the most vulnerable and is a lifeline for some.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

How much is Presbyterian Homes going to pay for the Creekside land and pay in property taxes. Are there plans for the building with the motor vehicle department.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

In regards to the Motor Vehicle Office, having sat through significant wait times at Southdale location, I appreciate having another option.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The City too many City Vehicles, They can get along with a lot less.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop the MOA pool deal.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Although Creekside is old and in need of update, the community needs a facility other than Bloomington Center for the Arts to use for meetings and activities for seniors. Bloomington Center for the Arts is already full of activities that would conflict. Please determine the best future solution for a Community Center before closing Creekside, otherwise it may appear there is no need for a community center space because the regular users would become invisible due to their lack of connections - a common problem for aging populations.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why all of a sudden with a senior aging population is the City in a budget crunch? What else have you been spending more money on when our property taxes have gone up significantly in the last few years? I think senior programs are very important for our Bloomington population.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Tax the rich

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

With so many other things closed this summer please consider opening Hyland Greens

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It was a disaster they were putting in new computers and didn't know what they were doing.. It took me almost a year to straighten it out... Never again

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Find more ways to use volunteers and donations in kind.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think the people of Blmn should be notified before some of your decision are made by a few people. I don't care if you were voted in or not its still our city

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My biggest concern is that there will be limited programs and access to the significant support needs of our senior citizens. Disappointed that there will be cuts to any of the current programs. A city our size with our taxes should be able to support them. Also disappointed to the short sightedness of closing and withdrawing support of Hyland golf. Far preferred that the the stuffiness of Dwan. Will take our support out of the city for recreation.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I sold to municipalities before and they always had a tough time getting money to buy capital equipment but Bloomington seems to have an open checkbook with all of the equipment that is running around. I've sent city employees working like you see State dept people working along side of road...1 guy doing the work and 4 others watching. I have seen this even within the city of Bloomington buildings????!!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The greatest concern I have is the impact to property tax changes resulting from the budget shortfall at both the city and county level

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

As in households across America, when money gets tight, the first thing to do is start tightening your belt. If that isn't sufficient, you can start looking for a second job, but when you do that, you are spending more time working and less time with you family, which is a large reason for work. To move this picture to a governmental agency, there will be a huge hit to revenue due to the shutdowns. There needs to be a cut to a lot of nice things, even good things, because the only other option is to make more money, of which the only way a city government can raise more money is by raising taxes and fees. This comes at a great expense to those those who have to pay the taxes because they have to come up with that money. This means they will have to work harder and sacrifice more in order to pay those taxes, and as the bottom of the ladder, they have to absorb it all.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't like the idea of "limited programming" for seniors. We need more programming. Not less. The location can be changed if necessary but the programming should be maintained and actually enhanced. Many seniors want more programming. Cut the golf course. I don't care about that. I don't care about ball fields, never use them. Bloomington needs more low cost subsidized housing for seniors. Both independent living and assisted living, but needs to be subsidized and affordable.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Since becoming a homeowner in Bloomngton, 25 years ago, I feel this city has always been fiscally well run. I understand the impact of COVID and the tough choices that are going to have to be made. People over Politics. Take care of your people first, that's what matters.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make cuts!! Attrition, early retirements, reduced hours, layoffs, cut programs, no new property taxes.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Motor Vehicle office is always busy each time I'm there. If having to add others going to Edina Southdale location it's going to draw out the visits to be even longer.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm 50- so very busy parenting and working currently- not a lot of time currently for creek side but like the idea of it

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not build new waterparks. Leave Valley View park as it is. Close the golf course.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Close the city council ! Send them home where they can't do anymore harm.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Sick it up. This will pass. Bloomington is a very well managed city. Figure it out.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Dont close the motor vehicle office. Significant time delays elsewhere

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Tough choices and regardless of decision, some people will be unhappy. And some will be very vocal about it. What other strategies have been considered?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creative Placemaking seems like a great opportunity to save \$400k per year. Do you really think that people will be less happy, less likely to live or visit Bloomington if that was eliminated? I know the arts crowd will scream but let's be realistic. Are managers with in each area of the city really analyzing what their teams do. Does the city commission look at those manager? Is everyone essential. Challenge the idea of staffing. The private sector has to do it or not survive, please consider this as you analyze where to cut. Don't touch our police, keep the fire response consistent and keep our roads clear and safe in the winter. Stop building bridges to nowhere along France avenue. Stop putting question in surveys about race. It shouldn't matter if we are all in this together. Thanks for listening.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The Senior Citizens are an important part of our city and we need to make sure they have a place to go to socialize. As long as they a place to go I believe they will go there. Creekside i know needs alot of work and I believe we have some very creative people to look at our City and decide where we can still have a place for our older citizens.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Not being aware of the city budget, I feel that not having a Sr.Center is an injustice to our #1 rated city. There has to be other ways of balancing our budget. Check to see how our neighbor cities can run their Sr Centers.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

WHY DID WE BUILD THE NNORMANDALE ROAD TO NOWHERE?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'd like the city to take a hard look at what it is investing in. The world is changing. How can the city support projects that support growth in a more localized way? How can we invest and help small entrapanuers and small business? Bloomington's muscle could really benefit smaller local businesses. Bright, shiny, big projects like Mall of America may have had their day. I hope you can see the value of supporting smaller independent projects and smaller neighborhood clusters where the community meets at their local cross roads. Look at NE Mpls, Hyland Village in St. Paul, South Minneapolis on the intersections of old street car lines esp. the restaraunts. We have a lot of beige, big box sprawl. There have been improvements of late. Are we giving a chance and the incentive to local businesses at the same rate as the big companies? If not why? What lens is the city looking through to the quality of life for the citizens? Corporate balance sheet? This is a wonderful city but I fear the treasures and resources under our nose are overlooked. Thank you for reading that.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It would be nice not to have a surcharge for doing registration on-line while inconvenient - closing the Lic Center is reasonable - Creekside/community center is very important, however. plowing sidewalks is nice, but cutting that service would save a lot.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

these 2 items both seem to be a large impact to seniors, there are enough limitations without taking away things that they should be having support from in their later years-could some of these things be located in the mall of America in a safe location that is close to an entrance

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It seems the users of Creekside are long time Bloomington residents who have paid taxes for years and years in support of the city - and now you're considering the reduction of the facilities and services they use x which to me shows how the city values it older citizens who have arguably given the most to the city.... think about it, does this represent your personal values?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside has been a wonderful service for seniors for many years and those benefits need to continue. I wasn't aware that Bloomington even had a DMV office and have always renewed my tabs and drivers license at AAA.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe the Covid has had an impact on many city budgets which is difficult for all of us. But, I would prefer to not see this decision made as we are struggling with many issues at this time. Our senior citizens especially need the continuity of this facility and the fellowship they value. Creekside is a part of our history and we can certainly find a way to wade through the present financial difficulties without removing this community center or the DMV office. Let's see if we can manage for a few more short weeks when everything will reopen.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I hope the motor vehicle office can stay in Bloomington. We are a large city, and the office is used heavily.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Would it be possible to move this operation into the City Hall?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If you decide to close Creekside, I feel as if parking at City Hall will be a big problem for seniors that utilize the services at Creekside. It is a long walk to the building if you park in the East side parking lot.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Take Creekside and build it up. Put in a parking ramp. All that you are asking for would fit into that land. Why try and build it some place else. Put the DMV, elderly groups, younger groups and anything else into a new building at Creekside.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Consider opening Hyland Driving range only until PGA Reach agreement. Only need to mow range and have limited staff. Kids and families need activities. Increase bucket cost slightly if needed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please re-open Hyland Golf Course this summer as it is the only sport we are able to participate in at this time.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Don't raise taxes

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The services you are trying to cut are very useful to BI residents. Plz make BI cuts, but in other less critical/helpful areas.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not raise taxes for the citizens of Bloomington to cover your budget shortfalls. You'll just have to do without like the rest of us for awhile

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Our seniors are important. I want to see a CENTRALIZED location for our seniors to gather, receive important resources and remain active and healthy. Like Creekside. It is awful you are considering taking away so many services from them. Valley View IS NOT CENTRAL. If, as a taxpayer, I see you close Creekside and then promote a Valley View location, I will be sick. I can go to Southdale and take care of motor vehicle needs. DO NOT take away from our seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Motor Vehicles has been a luxury that we can do without, in this age where you can do everything from the security of your own home online, you have all the tools needed to get your titles transferred and tabs done and with the way you are renewing DL's, just stay closed and do it all online. You avoid the staff who are not very friendly and sometimes almost smug, like they think they are catching you doing something wrong, and there has been one young woman there that is actually combative with customers.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop free lunch for low income kids. So many jobs open, why parents not working.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am surprised with a shortfall. We have a large commercial basis and we are not a high amenity community. We could use better care aesthetically from a maintenance perspective. Last summer there was a cone on Normandale Blvd for months before it got picked up. The fence at the lake was damaged for a year. My question is where does our taxes go then?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not spend money on paving the trails, especially the one along the MN river. Also, no more reducing lanes on roads to remark them for bike routes. That can be reset up for later. Remove the city-wide garbage plan to save the costs of operating / maintaining the program. Leave that to the individual households. One of the benefits was to reduce the trucks on the roads, and that certainly has occurred; but one of the purposes was to reduce the need for repairing roads. Maybe we have some old roads that are affected, but I've lived in my home for 27 years and all that's ever been done to my street is oil/rock surfacing. So I personally don't see that benefit.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Some of the normal maintenance operations (such as fixing some sidewalks and streets) for minor issues could be possibly reduced temporarily for six months or nine months. Similarly some of the parks and recreation area maintenance and community activities could also be reduced or postponed temporarily.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I thought creekside cost was \$500,000 not 1 million. How much will new River trail's maintenance cost Bloomington, MN

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We are the largest suburb and should have basic services for our seniors. We should also have a dmv.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Add or increase a goods and service tax, Statewide, except on groceries, medicines and children's clothes. This is the best balance of progressive and regressive taxes that helps meet this present crisis

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not build the water park by the MOA! I work in the hospitality industry and it still seems like a terrible waste of taxpayer money and a huge maintenance bill. Now with COVID shutting down outdoor pools and lakes what good is a multi million dollar water park- gross...

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm a Senior & would use the Creekside programming & other services that are close & convenient to get to vs the parks, arts, & public golf course, which also doesn't make enough to pay their cost either. I have been a taxpayer in BI. for 50+ years, please be kind to your seniors.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Continue working through the details of the Hylands Greens Development project w/PGA Reach. This will be significant for the city in a multitude of ways.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Crowds would be awful to have a massive community center. Can some collaboration with the high schools happen?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Leave the motor vehicle place. It serves OUR community. NOT THE MASSES. Creekside is in a great location, fix it up, not tear it down and start fresh.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Do not raise taxes, reduce expenditures including salaries of employees

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Community center activities could be conducted in local church buildings, many have weekday space available and would love to serve our community in that way.. oor utilize space in shopping centers which are likely to have excess space. Both churches and shopping centers already serve as types of community centers already, and shopping center locations especially would bring much greater visibility to the programs. Closing Creekside indicates to me that the city certainly cannot afford a brand new community center as it had been planning.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The next closet DMV is in Southdale. In the mall. It's hard to get to, always crowded, and inconvenient for people with disabilities and the elderly.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reduce maintenance at parks and play lots during spring, summer seasons (i.e. cut grass less often, reduce frequency of using irrigation systems), discontinue adding seating and convenience oriented accessories at ball fields; recruit and train volunteers to lead recreational programs; if space is not available for some of the programs and services that have been provided at Creekside, consider using park buildings (i.e Kelly Park building near basketball courts) for them since they are usually only used for limited weeks in the summer. A couple park buildings could permanently accommodate the pools tables and the woodworking equipment now at Creekside.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Raise sales or hotel tax not property tax

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Become more efficient so the city can have profit on every transaction.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please review golf course operations. How do you not make more money on it. Why do you have 2 golf Pros?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The city manager should share in this sacrifice with a significant payout until city revenues return. Same with all non-first provider (police and fire) employees.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Let go of the "Equity" new hire. It is not a needed position. Get a new city Manager for a much lower salary! Lots can be done! Quit wasting money on bike lanes and restructuring the roads from 4 lanes to 2. The list goes on. If only the city council would do what the citizens want and not their personal agendas.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I went to the Southdale service Center once. I discovered that you have to stand in line just to get a number. Then you take a seat and wait. And wait. It took me about an hour to get a handicapped placard.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think it's important to continue to have programs that appeal to all age groups and families. Bloomington is aging. We want new families to consider bloomington to be their current or future home. We need to provide programming for families and households of all ages.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Pay cuts

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Make the necessary budget cuts

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This is. Ot a good economic time to be spending money where it is not needed. And we've already had to increase our garbage costs taking away our options there, other tax increases along the way.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Minimize staff.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I believe closing Creekside Community Center and closing Bloomington DMV would be great moves. Both are aging facilities no longer needed. Also, stop plowing the Bloomington sidewalks and wrecking the boulevards. This will save millions of dollars in damage and repair to the boulevards.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Simple road repair could be postponed for a year, start collecting taxes (at least a portion) for businesses that are not paying taxes now. You raised my taxes over \$400.00 a year) and we are on a fixed income. You are forcing people out of their homes. Encourage other large businesses to develop on the west side of the city and make sure they are paying at least some taxes! Have the city wide clean up every other year if that costs the city money.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Bloomington has a lot of elderly people. My opinion is that Bloomington could get by with Creekside for a few more years. We have made tough decisions before we will get through this. But we definitely need a nice place for the elderly where they can walk exercise play games etc. I grew up in Bloomington lived here on and off for 70 years if Bloomington raises the taxes anymore they're going to lose a lot of elderly people they're moving out. The younger generation is not moving to Bloomington they are moving to Eagan Apple Valley Lakeville Saint Michael and other locations. The younger generation is not moving to Bloomington they are moving to Eagan Apple Valley Lakeville Saint Michael and other locations. Bloomington has to stop building apartment buildings. Our roads cannot handle all the traffic. It is getting just like south Minneapolis. Bloomington will bounce back maybe a freeze on some of the city projects.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Yes get rid of the new Park and rec Director before there are law suits involving the firing or laying off laying time employees and hiring her freinds for her old job in another town. I hope that there are several lawsuits against her and th ecity over this if possible as it seems that she is the one behind these closings ad qas the big pusher for the colsing of Valleyu Vie Fields and building a super center there. And why are there no layoffs among the brand new hires fo hers when most everything that she runs has been closed for the summer or year!!!


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 The difference between "needs" and "wants" must be re-evaluated. The walkway on France wasn't a "need."


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Budgeting of essential services to residents should be solely based on revenue generated by property tax so that fluctuations in revenue from MOA and the hospitality industry are not as detrimental. Tax revenue from those sources should be allocated to quality of life / non-essential services.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Make modest city wide budget reductions and make modest city wide tax increases.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Decrease staff and pay and unnecessary spending. Don't eliminate needs of the poor and elderly

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Raise taxes so these services can be continued - especially senior services. Why should seniors and their services always be expended. It is very important to have A Place for seniors to gather. This is especially true as the senior population is growing. Maybe a program and facility like Apple Valley has could be a model. Seniors should play a big part in the planning. I am 73 and my husband is 83. Someday this program will be very important to us.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Don't do it on the backs of seniors..Also if you would have had your act together we would not have the garbage issues we have today and you would have more money in the coffers. Arrogant council people.now no matter what it will costs us all more money.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Stop spending money on bike paths


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Seems like these two items would fall short if the budget shortfall. I would suggest raising taxes if there is a significant shortfall. Looks like we are still about \$5M-\$15M short.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 I am all in favor of closing the MVO. The Community center may have further reaching implications for those who are homeless and have no transportation. How to support the most vulnerable of the population is paramount. I understand that you are facing tough choices and you are the ones in the best position to make the necessary hard decisions but please error on the side of the disadvantaged. They don't have computers to make their voices heard.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 The MOA will be open soon , just wait and see all the money will be back soon,,, seniors really count on Creekside for Meals, and all the other programs,, now what will they do? most will probably die of board-ism , lonely,, hungry some of these people have no where else to go eat,, some don't have cars and the bus brings them right to Creekside,,, and you shouldn't be holding this vote when people can't even come in and comment or vote,,, let the people VOTE... WAIT UNTIL THIS COVID - 19 IS OVER AND THEN HOLD THIS VOTING ,, NO FARE TO THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE INTERNET OR CARS TO COME IN TO CITY HALL,,, OH YA CITY HALL IS NOT EVEN OPEN,,, CLOSE CITY HALL!!! THEN WE WILL SAVE LOTS OF MONEY

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 It is time to recover from the economic loss of fiscal disparities--We contribute approximately \$20 M per year, and have for over 40 years, while ignoring the economic cost and demands the development incurs. It is long overdue to right this ship. The City has worked very hard to achieve a AAA bond rating from the major bond houses and please do not waste the work and sacrifices of your predecessors.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 I think it is really important to find creative ways to cut the budget. Many of us would have a hard time if taxes were raised significantly to cover this shortfall. I appreciate that the City is looking for other ways to gain this loss back. Thank you.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Perhaps a temporary cut in city employee and city council member pay. Perhaps a furlough for some employees (non essential).

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 what has been done with headcount, furloughs, freeze of merit or other pay increase in 2020 since one of largest expenses ... special focus on where not busy / where revenues falling short

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Bloomington as a city is supposed to retain 30% of land as green space. Bloomington schools should retain quality schools. People with children often prefer Eden Prairie or Edina. Seemingly there is a push for more low cost housing and senior facilities. I think the city presently has already done well in that area. Tax raising has to consider what their tax base is so they need to draw in people who will and can pay tax increments.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Bloomington is outdated and does nothing to support young families. We cannot wait for the day we move out of Bloomington.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

With the potential closure of these facilities, does the city plan to sell these buildings as a way to generate revenue in addition to offsetting costs? It would be nice to see the city hold on to these real-estate assets for future use and development.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep Hyland Greens options as there are viable options already in works. Not sure why this course can't open with so many other parks and playgrounds and other youth outdoor activities cancelled.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Change the newsletters from color to black and white. Change the quality of paper.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Does not think we need as many outdoor skating rinks. Always sees 2 people in every city vehicle, should be one in each vehicle. Sad that Hyland has closed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The motor vehicle office is not worth keeping open for the minor convenience it provides. We are fortunate to live in an area with several nearby options for motor vehicle services. Though I hope the city can work to support the workers who will lose their jobs if the center closes, I strongly support closing the office.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I usually go to the DMV at Southdale or Eagan, so if the budget funds for the Bloomington DMV are needed elsewhere, re-allocate them as needed. I would recommend spending them on voter registration so that voter turnout is higher in the election this coming November, as that is more important.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My overall property taxes rose 20% for the year payable 2020. Please do everything possible to not make my property taxes continue to rise by double digits.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Online is too expensive!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The term "reached the end of its useful life" is nonsense. The building is sound, just not up to classy new ideals. Seniors care little about "useful" or standards of visibility or vision. It does the job, has a perfect central location - and seniors are a significant percentage of the population Bloomington encompasses and should be expected to serve.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You spend money on all those roundabouts which seniors hate and were never asked for our input. The walk way on France between 98th and 90th Street. How many people will use that. That was a BIG waste of Money.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There must be a better way to save money than cutting these valuable services. These are the extras that make Bloomington a great place to live. How about cutting out some of the entertainment like celebrations at the parks etc.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut staff. Way to many Bloomington employees.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please continue to do safety renovations to our roads.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Offer rentals of landscaping equipment; Offer snow plowing of driveways for a fee; Offer virtual bingo to raise money for the shortfall and share a percent of the proceeds with local businesses; Pay it forward vouchers - Bloomington citizens can purchase vouchers to help fund the deficit and in return: Get 60% back over time on an annual basis for 5 years for contributions over \$100 (amount could be deducted from property taxes, could paid forward in a fund for low income city services needs) People could opt out of any future option. The city could offer a voucher towards parks services for the remainder so the contribution nets out to 0. For contributions of \$500 or more, get 90% spread out over 5 years - just spitballing here. OR, for smaller donations, receive vouchers for city services for a portion - Give \$20 and \$10 goes to funding your cause of choice (police, fire, BTAC, Bridging or VEAP) OR Give \$20 get \$10 towards city services (park, equipment rentals, hazardous waste removal, etc.) OR give \$20 get a \$5 voucher to spend at a local business. Save the City Virtual Raffle - Non profit such as VFW or Masons could help organize, and with proceeds going to the city's deficit. Contact the MN lottery for a special save our cities lottery (all cities in MN could participate) Use curbside pickup as a revenue generator - instead of allowing people to troll the neighborhoods for recyclable metal, pick it up and use as revenue

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Closing Creekside and the Motor Vehicle office should be the two easiest decisions for the City. Other needed cost cutting decisions will be harder. I was amazed to learn of the large subsidy required by the Motor Vehicle office. I had thought it was a breakeven operation. Taking property taxes to subsidize it in 2021 (\$500,000 or larger....don't remember the exact number from the newspaper) seems obscene.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I suspect that as with most businesses, the greatest single expense is on employees and their benefits. If the parks are closed and nobody's playing ball, we don't need maintenance people. I suspect there are a number of ways to cut payroll.


**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut leadership salaries, cut leadership positions & eliminate waste not necessity.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

No water park please.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Cut salaries. Cut staff. Do not pursue any expenses related to the arts/entertainment portion of city hall. Do not pursue a new community center. Do not pursue a water park. Regarding expenses, focus on essentials such as police and fire. Trim all other budgets. Regarding generating revenue, Bloomington needs to become small-business and builder friendly. We need a greater variety of businesses, so if one area goes down, it does not have such a large impact on the city's financial picture. After all of the above, sell Hyland Greens to be condos or townhouses. Again, don't make rules for the contractors that make it expensive or cumbersome to build in Bloomington.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

ELIMINATE SOME IMMIGRANT PROGRAMS & ASSISTANCE. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO CLOSE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY & DISABLED IN FAVOR OF THE IMMIGRANT GROUPS; ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut curbside cleanup

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

The online services have been a long and troubled process, fraught with delays and miscommunication. The face to face expertise your staff provides is tremendous. Charge us more for these services, but find a way to keep it open. You serve a multicultural community, an increasingly aged population as well as a multitude of auto dealerships. To close creates great inconvenience for many who have used your location for years.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Reopen the beach.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Lobby the state and federal government for assistance.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Creekside programs and services are very important to me and my wife as we get older. I agree the facility is old but having a stand alone facility easy to park and enter is best. I would not like it to be incorporated in the Civic Center/arts facility.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bottle of America is opening back up on Monday you'll get plenty of tax revenue out of the mall and the cities are all opening up some more people will be flying in and staying at the hotels so don't worry you'll have your tax revenue but a lot of 170 people every night will not get a meal and a lot of these people cannot get to anywhere else I take the bus to Creekside and it stops right at the door for them

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

The cost to maintain the Motor Vehicle Office is relatively minor. We are charged about \$50/yr on our bimonthly bill to support the curbside pickup even if we do not participate and have no choice in the matter. Find a way to support the gap on the Motor Vehicle Office out of the curbside pickup fee by scaling back what is picked up during that event.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Let's continue this process of open dialogue and re-evaluating what is truly a priority given evolving community needs

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut needless staff and lower pay but don't eliminate senior access to convenient location and activities and services

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

No Mall of America Waterpark. Stop changing driving lanes to bike lanes

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Look into delaying some road work, reoptimize spending in the south loop and use some of that money towards obligations and put trying to get the world's fair to rest. Name one time a large event like the world's fair, super bowl, final four, etc... has ever been profitable and offset the spending needed to build up facilities in order to host an event of that magnitude.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

The cities only job it to provide water/sewer/fire/police!!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'd like to see the city stop efforts for courting the World's Fair. I do not believe the investment would be justified by any economic benefit of hosting the event. Please continue to petition state representatives to allow cities to use local government CARES funds for missed revenues, not solely expenses.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please engage the community and evaluate all options.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Quite paying out good money for studies like you did about the city run garbage pickup. Nothing has changed, we still have the same amount of trucks running on garbage day. How much does that cost the city to run??

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

The motor vehicle office is outdated, inefficient and an absolute horror to visit. Most visits I end up leaving due to excessive wait times. Would not miss it at all.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut the city budget 10% across all departments

**Anonymous user's Opinion**





Freeze wages, reduce hours, cut out waste



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Given the modest facility at the DMV Office in Bloomington, and considering the convenience it offers to conduct transactions that can't easily be done online, such as the Real ID, I'd really appreciate anything that could be done to keep our small local DMV office up and running



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

stop stupid projects like the bridge on France Av. don't think of new ways to spend money we do not have. work on ways to decrease taxes. Creekside senior center morphed from a new building on same site to a massive community center with waterpark. stop stupid projects like these. council thinks they do not have to be prudent with taxpayer money.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Start looking into being more efficient with staff and make some cuts. Tighten the belt on spending, just because it was budgeted doesn't mean it needs to be spent.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would like you to look at more than just these two options. I believe there are other areas that can also be cut. The only reason you are looking at creek side is because you already are planning on building a new community center at valley view which will cost even more money than what you are spending now. I believe there should be pay cuts. Any raise that has been promised should be stopped. Some utility work that can wait should be haunted. Paving I, and redoing of streets should be haunted for a year or two until the budget is balanced. This SHOULD NOT fall on the tax payers with a tax increase!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please reopen Highland Greens driving range.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

When Budgeting consider all proposed expenditures a -0- base and justify every dollar that is planned to to be spent in the budget period. Do the dollars planned to be spent justify the value received for the expenditure!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington motor vehicle office when open has more visitors then some of park and rec areas where money has been spent.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Our family does not golf so we would have no problem closing the golf course. The DMV has often been very busy with long wait times. Closing this office would seem to create even longer wait times at the remaining offices.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Staff cuts should be the highest priority!!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

It is important to me that the budget is balanced. I support cuts needed to do so.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If these closings will save \$1M a year you must take this action. These programs can be moved as you explain, why would you re-open Creekside when all it does is create an expense. Programs can continue just at different venues. SAVE THE MONEY!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

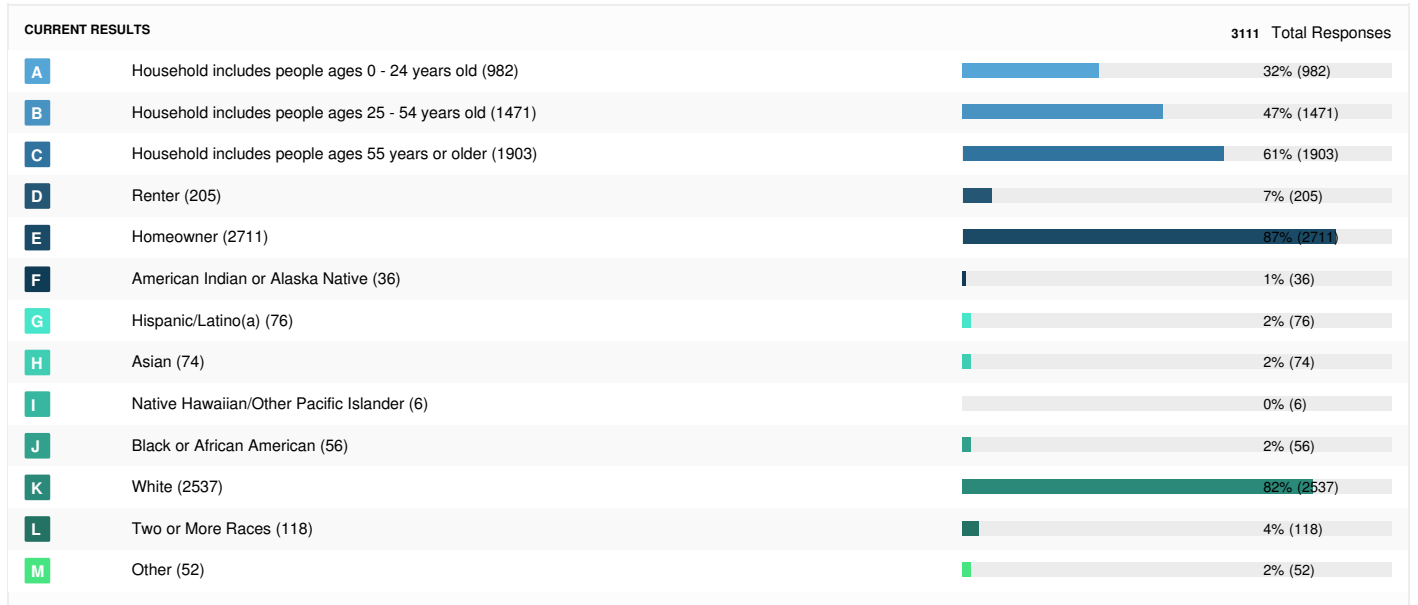
I was cut off. Already answered the previous questions. The question about Creekside future is very slanted. If minds have already been made up, why ask? Creekside center should NOT be considered an option to cut. Get the money elsewhere. Like the excessive \$\$ spent on sports. It has a limited section of the population that participates. Cut out some of their overpaid funds.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am not sure I know enough about the entire city budget to make recommendations for balancing, but I do imagine that there are more than these two facilities that could be considered for making changes to and/or closing. I do have a financial background and have worked for large corporations and nonprofits. I have created, analyzed, and presented alternatives to management and boards. I have also been a manager who was tasked with making difficult decisions to stay within a budget so I can appreciate the challenges that Bloomington is facing. Thank you for what you do, Bloomington is a great place to call home!!

**Help us to know if we are reaching all the people represented in Bloomington. Which of the following describes your household? (Check all that apply)**



**REGISTERED VS NON-REGISTERED**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Registered Voters (109)	36.7% (40)	49.5% (54)	65.1% (71)	7.3% (8)	89.0% (97)	-	2.8% (3)	3.7% (4)	-	3.7% (4)	88.1% (96)	7.3% (8)	0.9% (1)
Non-Registered Voters (3002)	31.4% (942)	47.2% (1417)	61.0% (1832)	6.6% (197)	87.1% (2614)	1.2% (36)	2.4% (73)	2.3% (70)	0.2% (6)	1.7% (52)	81.3% (2441)	3.7% (110)	1.7% (51)

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
All respondents (3111)	32.0% (982)	47.0% (1471)	61.0% (1903)	7.0% (205)	87.0% (2711)	1.0% (36)	2.0% (76)	2.0% (74)	-	2.0% (56)	82.0% (2537)	4.0% (118)	2.0% (52)
Registered Voters in Bloomington, MN (109)	36.7% (40)	49.5% (54)	65.1% (71)	7.3% (8)	89.0% (97)	-	2.8% (3)	3.7% (4)	-	3.7% (4)	88.1% (96)	7.3% (8)	0.9% (1)
Live in Bloomington, MN (140) - Self-reported	35.7% (50)	50.7% (71)	64.3% (90)	7.1% (10)	88.6% (124)	-	3.6% (5)	3.6% (5)	-	2.9% (4)	87.1% (122)	5.7% (8)	1.4% (2)
Subscribers to Bloomington, MN (142)	35.2% (50)	50.0% (71)	64.8% (92)	7.0% (10)	88.7% (126)	-	3.5% (5)	3.5% (5)	-	2.8% (4)	87.3% (124)	5.6% (8)	1.4% (2)
Register respondents from anywhere (110)	171.0% (188)	260.0% (286)	498.0% (548)	53.0% (58)	615.0% (677)	5.0% (6)	12.0% (13)	14.0% (15)	-	13.0% (14)	614.0% (675)	23.0% (25)	8.0% (9)

## If other, please specify here:

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**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Another disaster for the motor vehicle office. Edina - stupidity!!!! Back to the garbage disaster. End other services!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None of your business



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I am not a resident of Bloomington, but I work, shop, volunteer and recreate in this community. Thanks for letting me be a part of it. Please discard my responses if you only wanted residents.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Homestead, brother owns, he's a Bloomington resident, too.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Declined



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Human



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You should explain to people how government services that are supposed to be paid for by property taxes are affected by COVID-19. Unless property taxes have decreased the budget remains the same.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thanks for asking for my opinion as a Bloomington taxpayer for the last 50 years.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

If you want citizr representation- we are happy to participate. I am a data analyst/ strategic planner, husband is an actuary, and my lovely aunt is a passionate senior volunteer!



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why would you need to know someone's race?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Think about a bigger picture before you knee-jerk some decision to get your budget back in order due to this virus. You have a gold mine golf course sitting idle. Yes it costs money to run, but right now it could be raking in \$\$\$\$ not only from Bloomington residents, but neighboring suburbs where people are looking for tee times. It's a no brainer. Open it and use that money to start building back.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

This survey is wording is extremely biased.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Since Senior Citizens are the main benefactors of Creekside, and many do not use the internet, this is going to provide a very skewed response.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I think the City Manager need to take a cut in pay like the rest of us have, Stop spending our money. Stop closing thing that you know will hurt the seniors



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I would be sad to see the Motor Vehicle Center close, however, I do understand that we need to balance the budget. Would there be room at different city facility so we could still sell the building?



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Currently living alone, but adult son is moving in June 1. He has two young sons that will be half time. Reason, finances.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Keep Creekside open. Or replace it at the same location. I believe this is what people wanted in the first place. The DMV is not necessary. The Senior Center is.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I'm very disappointed in the city right now. I can not believe you keep making people upset. Hands off our cans, Save the river bottoms, Save Valley View Park say no the ranked choice voting. All theses group have started because the city manager and council seem not to care for us the people who voted for them. We will vote you out.



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Thank you for asking me before implementing.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Unknown

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

In case you didn't read it the first time... STOP doing things that the city residents HAVE NOT APPROVED! - Valley View Park for one! DO NOT get rid of the Volunteer Fire Department - this has not even been brought to the attention of the residents, but we are not as ignorant as you seem to think we are. Case in point - a brand new fire house with sleeping quarters - sleeping quarters ARE NOT NEEDED for a VOLUNTEER fire staff! I could go on, but I'm sure this text will be deleted from your responses and you will proceed with your socialist society agenda! IMPEACH THE MAYOR - better yet, run him out of the state!!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

American

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Prefer not to answer my background.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Euro American.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Magyar

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

teacher our grandchildren here multi weeks and during school year -always go to EP or Blaine or Eagan --regular comment from parents about lack of hang out places for all kids

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

The online service for renewing tabs worked great. Unfortunately you can't get an enhanced drivers license online. The lines at the Edina center are horrible. Not having the motor vehicle office would be a great inconvenience.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Cut cut employees and programs

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I've been in my house 37 years but not much longer if my taxes go up \$400 every year! Makes me sad that I might have to move Bloomington is my home!!!!!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Young adult with a disability - you have told us you have no intentions of supporting the disabled singles in Bloomington with section 8 housing. Pretty disappointed about that.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

American-born, mixed European and Mediterranean ethnic groups.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My husband was born and raised in Bloomington and we chose to raise our kids here as well. Thoroughly considering leaving Bloomington in the future if admin can't get their act together.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Declined

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Part Venusian and Martian.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please consider other avenues for revenue. How about a 1% tax on clothing at the Mall of America?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I support closing both facilities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Skip water park!


**Anonymous user's Opinion**


This is all really hard - thank you for your work and for giving folks the ability to weigh in before making a decision.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**


I have lived in Bloomington for 60 years and paid taxes here. Now when I need senior citizens activities and social interaction, Creekside is invaluable to me and will be the rest of my life.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

 Does race, age or number of people here matter? Are you trying to make of a bigoted survey? How about this -the person giving opinions is living here. My skin color, who I live with and ages are of no importance.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Minority

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


PLEASE CONSIDER DOWNSIZING YOUR DEPTS. I SEE SO MUCH WASTE THERE. RENT OUT SOME OF THE OFFICE SPACES TO OTHER RELATED BUSINESSES. AND YOU COULD ALSO CUT BACK ON THE "BRIEFING" NEWSLETTER. I DON'T NEED ONE EVERY MONTH, NOR DO I NEED THE NEWSPAPER THAT THE SCHOOLS SEND OUT. I DON'T HAVE ANY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Thank you for considering our opinions.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


A senior center does not need to be fancy! No pool or other expensive luxuries. The current building should be renovated to meet current ADA standards and to fix the leaky roof.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


There are many places to cut. Do not raise taxes for residential home owners, please.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Moving Creekside Ctr to the Blmgt Arts Ctr sounds like a good solution rather than close it completely. If there is space there that is not currently being fully utilized, that sounds like a good option. The Motor Vehicle Office is ALWAYS busy when I've been there -- if anything, it seems to need even more waiting room space than it currently has. Closing that office would result in many very dissatisfied Bloomington residents. What impact did taking over the garbage/recycling have on the City's budget -- how many new employees, costs, etc., did that add? Is that something the City should look at? I know residents will be voting on the centralized collection services this fall, but is that something the City even wants to continue offering? Would not offering that service through the City save some money?

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Online services aren't available for drivers licenses and an extra fee is charged for vehicle tabs and it takes so long.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


What does race have to do with anything? Get off the identity politics!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Hands off our cans was in protest. I signed that petition. - What the city-should-have-done was to first present that idea on ballot. That idea would have been great. I would have been your cheer-leader. But, your arrogance went too far again = Force-the-issue without-considering the law.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't think question 8 gave fair options. The seniors need specific details to what you mean by "limited". Creekside has been there since I was a kid and I know it means a lot to the seniors. Let them have a voice!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Go back to the drawing board and come up with better solutions!

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Caucasian

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


I would like to see a survey from the city asking for suggestions on how the city could reduce the budget short fall by cutting programs.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


Please ensure you have heard the voice of the seniors that Use Creekside. Seniors have had enough turmoil and would possibly feel strongly about using the building they are familiar with, but maybe they are open to relocating. I think they will be underrepresented in this survey.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


A question of race has no place in this particular discussion. These are city services available to all.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**


In general this survey may be too late to get an enough response. I doubt many people even know this is happening.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Give me a good reason why I need to tell you my race for this kind of survey. What is the race of the person that is going to read this going to be ?

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

The mayor and current council are making the city of Bloomington a much less desirable place to raise a family and age in place.

 **Anonymous user's Opinion**

Both are very valuable resources for the city. I support closing ONLY IF there is a viable alternative. The talk of the new community center does not address the fact that most activities at Creekside are free. Please tell me how folks on fixed income will afford membership in a new building that does not begin to fill their needs. Will it have a wood shop? serve meals? Allow for visiting free of charge????

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We have owned 3 Homes in Bloomington since 1963, moved in the day JFK was shot. Our 3 children attended Kennedy and graduated in 1963, 1968 and 1970. We recently sold our Home and moved to Senior living near Creekside. We are happy with the looks and location of Creekside and if it needs repair, lets repair and remodel.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Perhaps there is a racial dimension to keeping Creekside CC open. The history of Bloomington is predominantly white, but as that changes I assume it is/has changed here also. I don't think of it as a haven for just old white codgers, but that's a sidebar to keeping it open anyway.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Disabled

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I feel very strongly about keeping creekside for the elderly and those in need it's really wrong to take it away ,as far as the dmV yes it's convenient because it's in Bloomington and I live in Bloomington but I can easily go to Eagan but I said it was a strong need based on the amount of people that are there at any given time I do feel you could move the dmV into the city hall offices higher more employees as no one should have to wait an hour for service it's ridiculous im thankful that they have an express line for some stuff like tabs and titles etc but to renew a license the wait time is a palling

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Young 55 plus - not retired.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None of your damn business.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop all new city projects now we cannot afford it. Hear us

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Regardless of my demographics, you need to know that I am a taxpayer and investor in this community. I own multiple rentals here and they are mostly to seniors. I charge below market rent, because it is the right thing to do. I believe that if we take care of each other, the rest works out. Please find other ways to fund the Center and cut from other areas. The DMV can be cut. If people can stand in line during the COVID-19 at Sams Club and Home Depot, they can do it at other stations.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Why not add the DMV to City Hall building? We do not need a building constructed for tabs, but office space for it in City Hall would be useful. Include it with the Passport office. I would think closing the building would save a ton. You wouldn't need to hire separate cleaning crew, staffing, maintenance and utilities.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

if you wish to contact me please do. lukemutch@yahoo.com

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Maybe you could charge a convenience fee for doing business at the motor vehicle dept. A lot of older people depend on this facility.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

City of Bloomington employee

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

None other

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Bloomington Public Schools #271

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Ive been in Bloomington basically my whole life. Im appalled that the city couldn't find the funds to open Hyland Greens. That's where my friends and I learned to golf and continued to play during the summer to catch up and hang out. Please STOP WASTING our money!!!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Two seniors- one raised in Bloomington

**Anonymous user's Opinion**




















the city needs to stop asking racist questions.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We are a community partner with creekside

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Discontinue subsidizing Hyland Greens Golf and Learning Center...period. Golfing is a luxury. Getting old is not. Seniors come first. Another note: perhaps we should not rely so much on the MOA in the future and minimize our other projects.

-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
also includes young adults with disabilities
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
All public facilities should mandate tight fitting face covering until a vaccine is widely available or treatment options for Covid19 are shown to be effective at reducing the risk of the disease.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I work in Bloomington
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We want to keep motor vehicle office open. If you take it away ,we will never get it back. Thank-you
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Filipino and WASP
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please look to what you can close in EADT Bloomington next. You're closure impact west Bloomington disproportionately. Also close things down on the EAST side of town. Do close down more stuff, be responsible with the budget. Citizens that pay property taxes are going to be really stretched, raising taxes would be worse with high unemployment. DO shut down more stuff. DO also shut down conveniences in EAST Bloomington also, not just west Bloomington.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Thank you for taking this survey. I believe it is important to look at saving money when times are tough. Even though cutting and/or closing services affect citizens, people are also out of work and having less taxes to pay would overall benefit all in the community, especially when programs can be moved to underutilized, pre-existing spaces.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
City employees must share some of the burden. Raising taxes at a time like this would be a financial disaster for Bloomington residents.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
European American This is a racist question. Each of us is a human being and needs and deserves the same services
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Italian
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
American
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Workplace
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
With the number of seniors living in Bloomington it appears to me the Creekside (or similar facility) is very much needed to serve a high percentage of the population living in Bloomington
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Somali
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Please put a price on saving, Edina's Hennepin CTY site is always very busy
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Norwegian
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Ages 21 to 58
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
I work full time in Bloomington and live in St. Paul. I do all my personal work - license renewal, doctor, dentist, shopping, etc., in Bloomington. Our church actively works at Creekside and I participate when I can.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
Asking my race has no bearing on this survey
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
We are in the process of buying our first home, would like to stay in Bloomington because of which these two programs are a part of what we like of our city.
-  **Anonymous user's Opinion**  
North African

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

American

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please think about what you are doing and why you are doing it. Yes I understand city services don't always make money but "mayor" position isn't a revenue producing. Maybe cut his salary or position - or the city manager - there is always fat to be trimmed.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

No water park. If you need to put up a Center , try building an entertainment / hotel complex. Add a venue like the Carlton Celebrity Room. Close to MOA, airport. Lots of money could be generated with a venue like this. Let's put Bloomington back on the map as a great destination stop!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Disabled and live below poverty line.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

There is only one race - the human race!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Somali

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

2 retired adults

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

You want help with budget, reduce your salaries and don't spend our money on reduce lanes on roads, paving the river bottom, reducing spend limits. How about making it easier for small businesses to open up, like family owned restaurants verse corporate restaurants. I could so so much more as I am upset with how re city is run and freedoms that have been taken away such as choosing our own garbage haulers. City needs to end this and that would safe you salaries to manage, billing, collections, etc. How about that to help balance the budget.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I work in Bloomington and live elsewhere.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I have tried the states website in the past without having any success. Maybe it is working better now. I can't imagine the wait for getting a license that can be used to fly in the future. My guess is that you have already suspended new vehicle and equipment purchases or considered EV powered. Eliminate vehicles running when not in use. Take better care of the equipment used. Give the users of the equipment more education on how to do more of their own maintenance like an owner would do. Reward efficient use of all equipment by their operators. Defer some maintenance of the park grounds and buildings. People that do snowplowing of sidewalks should be more aware of digging into the ground next to sidewalks as somebody must then do repairs that are expensive in terms of money and time. Golfing is an expensive sport for having as a public expense. Maybe fees for their use could be increased. Charge additional fees for services that are not yet web enabled. People that use the community center most likely would grumble, but maybe a user based fee system could be better utilized. Defer some street maintenance activities for better times or shift it to more of the local users. Taxes must go up to support necessary services and expenses.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

American

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

With Covid-19 not affecting taxes due, and I'm assuming that there have been many furloughs or layoffs, why is the city struggling financially?

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I raised two daughters in my home and appreciate Bloomington and it's wonderful opportunities, schools, parks, and award winning water!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Same sex and step parent household, being able to see someone in person is imperative

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Caucasian

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Moving the creekside functions to the city....building may make participants more aware of what other events take place in the city....building, like plays, concerts, etc. Make that space more inclusive for all residents - increase visibility of the functions of both.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My husband used to go hang out and chat with other vets at Creekside... it important to preserve some informal gathering space of that sort, not just structured scheduled programming... Seniors need a safe, quiet, comfortable and free or very low cost hang out space to visit and make new friends. It is hard to imagine how that would look at the civic center as currently configured... but maybe not impossible. For instance, what if the current underutilized Gallery space had a Kuerig machine, free coffee with a "pay what you can" donations box, and some comfortable chairs and cafe tables? More people would probably come in to look at the art on the walls, and it would provide a comfortable public hangout space. Somebody would have to oversee it and do hourly clean up sweeps But it would make the Civic Plaza so much more user-friendly and less sterile. You could accomplish the same thing by putting a little coffee serving island in the middle of the lobby and just keep it open all day, and put some tables in there, like those Caribou coffee kiosks they have at the malls. Knowing Bloomington you might wanna prioritize this but please be sure to not give the concession to any coffee shop that is backed by a conservative religious organization. If you know the city, you'll know who I mean..

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

My ethnicity is none of your business



**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We need this service in Bloomington, your people know what they are doing and how to solve a problem..

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Off topic: Please encourage and/or incentivize residents to change lawn care habits to support honeybees and other pollinating insects whose populations are declining perilously.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Maybe white is a minority in Bloomington now????

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Stop giving tax payers money to the mall of america projects.....malls are not going to survive....get out while you can

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

American

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

please remember that while the children and young families are just as important as anyone else, the seniors that have supported the city most of their lives and helped it grow should not take the burden of losing out on programs and services that help them stay active and involved

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Very disappointed that the City Council has decided to make these major service changes without a vote by the taxpayers

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Have children in household and schools.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Frisian and Scandinavian

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Swedish-American

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Drivers license online? I have needed a replacement for stolen license and doing without due to covid closures. Filled out paperwork online but still have to go in person when open again. Very stressful doing without. Couldnt get Covid 19 test without it..was i missing some service online??

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Refuse to say race as we are all Americans and that is all that matters!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Please increase the parks programs for our cities youth! After this covid pandemic calms down we severely need more youth programs in our city that don't sell out in 30 seconds flat. Let's give our kids a chance to be kids! "Let them Learn, play, make new friends, stay active and overall be healthier!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

We are human beings. We are white North Americans who are citizens of this country for more generations than most families.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

I don't think you are accessing the elderly community. Or people who do not have technology. I fear for all the people who have to school their children online without access to the internet. I have a smart phone but cannot afford internet for my laptop. My cell service is sketchy at best too. If the city expects to deal with it's community online, you need to provide citywide internet accessibility.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

Follically challenged Euro-American.

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

stop being racist. my label is TAX PAYER!

**Anonymous user's Opinion**

you can keep creekside open with volunteers running the various programs and still save money on staff salaries that way win win for both sides and with tax revenue from hotels come back you have a place to reopen those programs without significant expense of building a new bldg saving tremendous tax dollars for the future as well as the short term

