

The National Citizen Survey™

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Open Ended Responses

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Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open ended question included on The NCS 2014 survey for Bloomington. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about services and other amenities they would like in Bloomington in the following question:

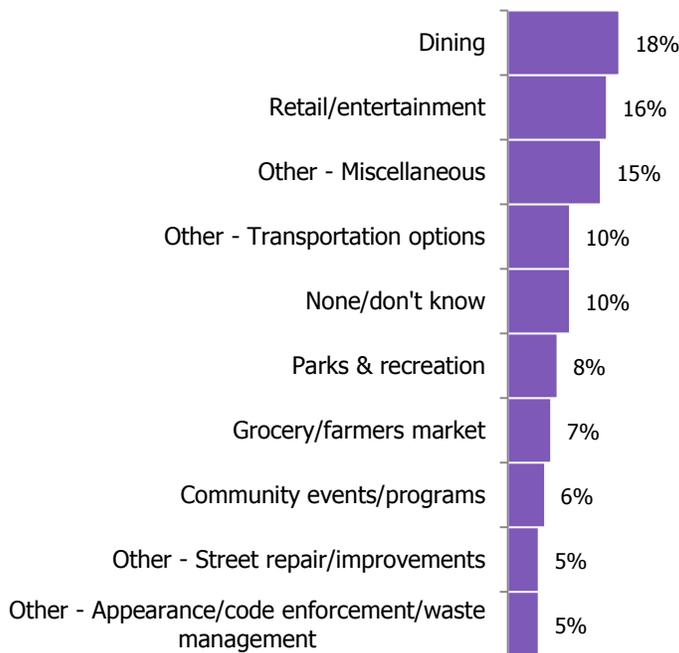
- What types of services, activities or shopping opportunities not located in Bloomington would you like to see in Bloomington?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 1,171 surveys were completed by Bloomington residents; of these 481 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. Residents voiced a variety of opinions regarding what types of services, activities, or shopping opportunities they would like to see in Bloomington. The most commonly cited theme was that of additional restaurants; some residents would like to see more locally owned restaurant options, while others cited specific chain restaurants that they would like to see in Bloomington. The next most commonly mentioned category was that of retail/entertainment opportunities.

Figure 1: Question 14

What types of services, activities or shopping opportunities not located in Bloomington would you like to see in Bloomington?



Verbatim Responses to Open Ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as written on the survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

What types of services, activities or shopping opportunities not located in Bloomington would you like to see in Bloomington?

Dining

- 1 Higher quality restaurants. 2 Improved walking, biking along State Highway 100/- Normandale Boulevard. Sidewalk / bike access poorly maintained. 3 Excessive garbage haulers e.g. 5 individual truck haulers companies circulating in one cul de - sac - tough on road maintenance.
- 1. PANERA 2.Organic restaurants 3. Drive-in-theater
- A family restaurant (Southwest Bloomington), indoor pool, language classes in elementary school - Spanish, teen center or safe place for teens,
- A few more good restaurants & brew pubs.
- A 'Panera' on France & Old Shakopee
- Better and more sit down restaurants in West Bloomington area
- Better moderate priced, quality dining off the strip on Southern half of the city
- Better restaurant choices. Curbside pickup is one of the best services that Bloomington does and impacts the majority of citizens.
- Better restaurants better local boutique'y shops
- Better restaurants, coffee shops, boutiques. More unique establishments, not just chains.
- Better restaurants-unique-not "chain" restaurants. Other types of stores/services in strip malls (other than tax serving dollar stores, etc.) community walks-physical activities.
- Bloomington is a culinary desert. There are no interesting restaurants, cafes, delis, etc. If you want fun or interesting food you have to leave the city. And the mall isn't the solution- there's nothing there either.
- Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant more winter spring summer and fall festivals. "More rail transports" "East to West"
- Craft beer tap rooms. More dining options like small cafés.
- Dunn Bros. Coffee! More local restaurants on the Westside! Please!!
- Eating establishments on Old Shakopee & by 169-everything is on 494-not much in other areas. Love Bloomington-moved here in 1970-moved to Burnsville in 1991-hated it-moved back to Bloomington in 2000-wouldn't leave-
- Everything restaurant wise is in Bloomington-(Mall of America) but we never go to the MOA, because of safety, we take all of our eating out business to Edina strictly because of safety and convenience (you can park right outside of a restaurant).
- Family dining places
- Family owned small diners; breakfast places; better North-South bike routes
- Family-owned organic/slow food restaurant
- Golden Corral restaurant
- I am 84 so I don't use many outdoor Would like to see more restaurants Have to travel so far for good restaurants.
- I would like to see a burger joint or some other type restaurant @ Old Shakopee France We miss Andy's Tap. Nice to have a neighborhood place to walk to for dinner that is not fast food!
- I would like to see a larger variety of restaurants (Korean food, Lebanese food, Japanese food) more musicals and money put into Bloomington Civic Theatre, classes for children on theatre arts, theater training for K-12 (extracurricular and summer programs on musicals and acting).
- I would like to see a Punch Pizza and a Buffalo Wild Wings located in Bloomington. Snow removal on sidewalks is great, but the quality of some of the sidewalks is understandably subpar with our winters. I think

in particular of the sidewalks along Normandale Blvd which are very rough and easy to trip or twist an ankle while walking/running. It would be nice if there could also be a separate bike path beside those walkways since many bikers bike on the walking paths which can be dangerous when they don't warn you they are coming from behind.

- I would like to see more family eating establishments in South central/West area. Old Shakopee Rd West of France to 169 in disrepair for a long time.
- I would like to see more neighborhood mom and pop restaurants and pubs, where locals can go instead of chain restaurants.
- I would like to see the City encourage more non-chain restaurant growth or investment.
- I would love to have more independent places to eat.
- Independent restaurants, the Minnesota Valley State Trail
- KFC (fast food)
- Local (neighborhood) restaurants/bars (e.g. 50th & France) more bike routes (trails)
- Local restaurants not these damn chains.
- Love to see some non-chain restaurants I can only think of a couple that are not
- More (better)/local dining opportunities & local breweries all streets/blocks need sidewalks!! Pedestrians should never have to walk on the street or cross the street to access a sidewalk. Also, more/better snow removal on sidewalks in winter.
- More dining options!
- More dining out choices--interesting places, not chains, encourage new restaurant owners
- More eating establishments West of Penn Ave & Osr. More shopping opportunities West of Penn & Osr. We go to Southdale a lot to shop & eat.
- More good restaurants-Better control loud music boxes in cars
- More independent restaurants & shops - we have an over abundance of chains.
- More independent restaurants, coffee shops-no more chain restaurants like Applebees.
- More mid to nice restaurants and retail development on the West side. What is the plan for Normandale and France?
- More neighborhood small restaurants not chains!
- More non-chain restaurants in W. Bloomington. I usually leave Bloomington if I want a nice dinner.
- More of the "family type" restaurants
- More privately owned restaurants & diverse foods breweries
- More privately owned unique restaurants -A shopping/restaurant destination other than MOA -Public indoor tennis facility we go to other communication a lot.
- More quality dining opportunities in Western Bloomington noise reduction programs.
- More quality places to eat. Great Harvest or Bread Smith
- More quality restaurants. We have Kincader & one other
- More restaurant options - especially sitdown casual & upscale chain & non-chain options 84th & Normandale food options are every limited. Also would like to see development/food options on Penn 90th. Also more eating options near the Bloomington Center for the Arts-ideally within walking distance more arts activities-especially music & theatre.
- More restaurant, clubs for yourself adult more city activities every year.
- More restaurants
- More restaurants (not fast food) competitive electronic; appliance (not Best Buy)
- More restaurants and convenience stores in the Southwest corner of Bloomington
- More restaurants cafes besides what is in the Mall of America. More walking/nature areas that allow dogs.
- More restaurants in West Bloomington! More cable competition!
- More restaurants in West Bloomington. Due to lack we all go over to Eden Prairie. Would like to patronize local establishments but limited opportunity/options
- More restaurants less malls
- More restaurants, condominiums / town houses
- More restaurants, shopping, etc in West Bloomington. There is very little here so we go to Eden Prairie or Shakopee (because the tax rate is lower).
- More restaurants on the West end of Bloomington
- More small town bars and restaurants there are a lot of chains. It is nice to support local business owners.

- More unique (non-chain) restaurants, city-sponsored composting, no more "stamp malls"! Better timing on some traffic signals, more enforcement of unkept yards / trash on yards/too many vehicles on lawn/trail dead or junk vehicles
- More, better restaurants, we drive to Edina & Eden Prairie because Bloomington doesn't offer much in the way of restaurants.
- Need more restaurants on South West side of town, both sit-down fast food
- Need some good quality family restaurants. Need cute little boutique shops
- Neighborhood restaurant & bars (and I don't mean Applebees) More bike paths. Light-rail on West side.
- New restaurants (not fast food!) Individually owned like Fong's, Collette & Blue Point
- News & better restaurants
- Nice, reasonably priced, good restaurants.
- Not enough restaurants!! Have to go to East side of Bloomington! Edina! Too many garbage services! Way to many trucks! running thru neighborhood. I counted 6 different garbage services! Why?
- Old Chicago pizza parlor clean up vacated building 90th Penn (old 5 day furniture old gas station) bring in new opportunities here - leaving old empty buildings too long!
- Restaurants that are new or recently started
- Restaurants
- Restaurants that are not chains. Better natural spaces on the East end. We lack pretty parks (play lots are pretty empty)
- Restaurants-not chains pull weeds in medians & curbs cute down town-like 50th France.
- Restaurants-other than choices.
- Some better restaurants mainly. Other than that everything is already here or very near.
- Some better restaurants to choose from.
- Specifically in East Bloomington (East of Lyndale) -more healthier restaurant options, yogurt shops,
- Taco John's Too many pot holes
- The East side of Bloomington, like 86th Ave & Penn is kind of out dated. It would be nice to have better restaurants and bars to go to in Bloomington. I always have to go to Edina or Eden Prairie to do so.
- There are very little dinning places on the West end except for fast food pizza places near club an France there are 6 pizza places and Chinese places-no general restaurants have to travel over 15-20 mins for a Target or Walmart. When Marshals moved no place to shop for clothes in the West end.
- There is a lack of restaurants in West Bloomington.
- Walkabee restaurant/shopping areas/retail areas to Woodbuy/Maple Court
- We have a significant shortage of restaurants/bars/fine dining in Bloomington - usually have to go to Burnsville or Edina if I want save drive there than the sports page or a chain restaurant card the MOA doesn't count-usually try to avoid that place!
- We need more fun bars and restaurants. Bloomington people don't like going to Mall of America. Choices for social time stink compared to other cities. Create a So and France type areas.
- West Bloomington could use more restaurants. I am disappointed every year at the communication and executive of the Iron Woman race that goes through West Bloomington neighborhood is blocked in from all sides and the police have harassed us trying to return to our homes. There needs to be a way in and out of my neighborhood during the Iron Woman race so my family can operate Thanks.
- West of France Ave toward 169 we are void of good shopping & good restaurants. City Council doesn't want to place good restaurants in this area everything is fast food.
- Would like to see more moderate/casual dining.
- Would like to see wore quality eating / entertainment in West Bloomington.

Retail/entertainment

- A center of town area
- A shopping mall or center in Southwest Bloomington. The addition of Big Lots on France & Old Shakopee was a great start, but a Target, Walmart, Family Dollar, or even Kmart would be very beneficial. I shouldn't have to drive to Shakopee or Eden Prairie to get these stores, but I do. I've been waiting for more growth in SW Bloomington since I moved here almost five years ago.
- A SuperTarget
- A Target store in far West Bloomington. Mountain bike area or park.

- Another Target Store
- Antique shops
- Bars/sport Bars/Dance Lounges people places to gather
- Bass Pro Shop! More natural food stores.
- Bloomington had a chance to build & super Walmart and blew it. The one we built lacks selection.
- Bloomington has done a good job providing a variety of good services and amenities in our community. We could use another movie theater perhaps.
- Bloomington needs some sort of "Main Street" (a "downtown" of Bloomington).
- Bloomington should look to Edina as an example of how public boulevards and parks are maintained. Think Centennial Lakes! I go there all the time. Normandale Lake Park needs landscaping help!
- Book store with coffee shop (small family owned) like Caribou with book store! -From where I live, if you can't find what you want in a mile radius you don't need it! Thank you!
- Bring back Lyn del Lanes! What a screw up that was! Demolished it to leave it as an open lot. Admit it, you screwed that up. Allow biking along Nine Mile Creek. I haven't seen a wheelchair down there in years and I believe that is the reason it become a "walking only" path. Bicyclists are very responsible and courteous to pedestrians.
- Closer access to small commercial areas (restaurants, corner shops). We are currently 1.5-2.5 miles from the nearest stores which makes walking harder.
- Craft store. Enforce the rules on extra cars- over grown yards + bushes-junk around so we can be proud to say we live in Bloomington!!
- East side: Target and Taco John and a shoe store
- Half price book store Bread Smith Bakery Panera restaurant Movie theatre all are from MOA
- Have shopping areas Clean up lots (Walmart Valley West) Some kind of an easy access store. One that allows you to not go in if you have kids in car. (Drive thru some kind)
- Health care scrub store. . . How do we have MOA & nowhere to get scrubs?
- High end apparel shops. A nice sit down restaurant.
- I have been very disappointed in the city do develop neighborhood shopping/restaurant development. There are several areas of the city starting to degrade; 90th & Penn, France & Old Shakopee. The emphasis seemed to be biased to the Mesa Mall. In the West Bloomington area, the city declined to allow Target to build a Target store in the area that would have been a plus to the neighbourhood.
- I only walk we had a downtown design like Edina, Wayzata, Eardin, with shops, restaurants, movie theatre instead of scattered and some getting more blighted-looking shopping centers. The area of Penn & 90th and areas of Lindale & Old Shakopee look bad!
- I still question the South Loop development, but if may be "if you build they will come" type of proposition. Oh for a couple more restaurants in the Southwest area! Famous Dave's and Perkins (98th and Normandale) are about it in this area. There are other (Zehe's Grand Szechuan) but all seem mediocre and not places to visit very often. Is there any interest from Panera? Or D'amico's? Thanks.
- I wish we had a "downtown" area - with shops & restaurants that is walkable. It is so common in many cities now. My next door neighbors moved 6 mos ago after spending 7 yrs here - said they were disappointed that we didn't have better restaurants & an area like that. I eat out with family & friends often. We usually go to Eden Prairie or Edina. We do have the MOA, great for shopping & eating, but that is about it for nice shopping. All the other strip malls are pretty worn out and frequently have empty store fronts.
- I would like more outdoor retailers.
- I would like to see more opportunities for shopping and movies. I find myself needing to go to Edina, Eden Prairie or Burnsville for my shopping and entertainment opportunities.
- I'd like Marshalls or something similar @ Valley West or Normandale plaza.
- Live on Edina/Bloomington border - often go into Edina for shopping - Bloomington a great central location offers many shopping opportunities - esp MOA. -- would like to see more health opportunities - do not like to travel to SLP for major clinics.
- Locating a more up-scale mall & for shopping in central Bloomington (Lyndale / Penn area)
- Low cost movie theaters (e.g., Hopkins) Treat ponds to prevent algae and duckweed.
- Miss downtown feel and local small independent rest, art galleries, etc. Test with mua.
- More additions to Mall of America.
- More business on the West side of town, restaurants, shops, coffee shops

- More commercial (Shopping, restaurants, bars) on the West side of Bloomington
- More entertainment (movie theatre, etc) more shopping, stores-retail, coffee shops
- More gas stations! Southtown area is lacking
- More independent shops and restaurants.
- More indoor shopping malls (smaller than MOA)
- More mom & pop businesses, maybe some fun things / restaurants not in the MOA. More bike trails. Connect E. Bloomington to the Minneapolis trails via Richfield. A safe way to cross 494 on bike.
- More movie theatres and average price restaurants (not fast food).
- More opportunity for small business alongside the big box stores and retailers.
- More shopping and restaurant choices OUTSIDE of the Mall of America.
- More shopping on the far West side. For any things either drive to Eden Prairie or Shakopee, because there is nothing over here!
- More stores on the West side of Bloomington.
- Movie theater bookstore used
- Need to build more of a center business area with restaurants & shops.
- Need to get more craft/knitting /etc. Stores in the area -more private businesses in these areas for the above - not big box stores.
- Not enough 92-S stations more gas stations create lower prices. More auto repair all are on one street
- Outlet mall
- Outlet stores not in MOA. Mat is to ghetto! Parking sucks Another Target on West & East side.
- Patina or cute shops like it.
- Places to purchase office supplies. Speed therapy and other various therapies for people with disabilities.
- Please put a Cub pharmacy in Bloomington!
- Redeveloped retail like a Target in the Old Shakopee Road & Normandale Blvd area. Redeveloped retail in the Lunds Mall off of Normandale as there are too many vacancies and the mall is in need of updating. Fratalone's has been a great addition. Also need to update/repopulate the Scoops strip mall on Bloomington Terry Rd. As a family up spend rest of our shopping dollars outside of Bloomington EP center or Gallena. The parks and outdoor activity options are fabulous. An looking forward to a renovated Hyland Hills, however fear parking will continue to be an issues.
- Resources put towards tearing down abandoned businesses/buildings when there is no occupants > 1 year, (isolate businesses into vacant strip malls & redeveloped land opportunities.
- Ross for less
- Several other cities have up to date shopping and special shopping and restaurants in single grouping area. Blooming dose not.
- Should like another furniture & craft store in the city that could be closer to East Bloomington
- Some antiquing stores or if they are here - don't know where they are I'm ask. Don't drive freeways.
- Stores that sell more of African American item products for bi-racial person. Quality apartments lower rent. Light rail, more buses with sat. & seen services, more gardening places, more bike path's African American hair salons & barber shops, cheaper senior living.
- Super Target & Buffalo Wild Wings, indoor play facilities for children
- Super Target, tennis courts, Bachmans, Michaels, Caribou, more up scale dining, because fast food places. The biggest thing we would like Bloomington to work on is updating , modernizing and give areas of the community a face light 98th Lyndale is centrally located and seen by many people it is in desperate need of a fact light especially " clover center ". You can see if the freeway , we should be showing pride in our city and that area brings down the value
- Target in West Bloomington
- Target on the West side!
- The Mall of America takes care of everything and I feel it is a safe place.
- Too far to a store such as Michaels, no grocery store on Penn Ave or even close - please keep the green space- Bloomington has great parks-place keep them & don't sell the land for more development. We've lived here since 1957-there's always park or somewhere for a picnic or walks-it is however a little there I was when we first lived her - we have to lack up to be sure-most people they to keep up their lawns etc-but its hard for some older or etc. Too experience to hire some a little lazy may be some youth group could after keep-outside for

older able. Would be nice to have an old is grow store somewhere in weeks 494 7 overlook may be an Penn Ave.

- Walmart store Costco store Target in South side of Bloomington
- We have to drive over six miles to any of the major retailers excluding Cub, such as Target, Home Depot mends, Best Buy etc. We live in the France/ Old Shakopee Road area.
- Would love to see a "west-end" type development, similar to St. Louis Park in West Bloomington area.

Parks & recreation

- A better youth soccer organization. Why is this not being tabulated by a local company ?
- A community center More community ed offerings
- A community center w/ rink, pool, basketball, concessions, meeting rooms, etc. For all ages in the community. (Like one in Eden Prairie, Plymouth, etc)
- A community center with a dome field, swimming pool, courts and other fitness options, more bike trails and walking trails, crosswalk violations enforced, safer walking routes to our schools, the skating rinks open more, more privately owned bars and restaurants (not chains)
- A new senior center that has many activate for seniors, young adults and children. We recently visited the senior community center in Maple Grove. MN. They have many activities for everyone.
- A state of the art Adult recreation center for everyone including families
- Affordable community center-health clubs to expensive volunteer yard help-help people cleanup /update yards
- Base jumping, motor cycle racing, mountain biking
- Classes on low cholesterol diet, Jazzercise in Bloomington Don't bring gambling to Bloomington. We need less liquor stores in Bloomington. Need more reinforcement of code violation of junk in backyards (difficult to complain about your neighbors) Items like used tires, yard equipment, unused discarded grills, ladders, unused down pipes, etc. Normandale College has had too much emphasis on Eastern religion health classes in their integrative health education center such as energy therapy, light energy, EFT & hypnosis, feng shui, spring forest qigong, tai chi, radiant lotus qigong. We don't think that tax payers should have to support these classes.
- Community swimming pools indoor & outdoor child activity (indoor for winter)
- Disc golf course
- Full blown community center!
- I don't know what need to build in Bloomington. We live here in Bloomington, but go to 19 Fitness in Edina, visit doctor at Richfield and works at downtown. I love living in Bloomington I wish we are more involved with Bloomington city. Thanks from Wanpdy family. Enjoy the life. Appreciate the freedom.
- I would love to see an open space in one or more of our parks designated for the flying of safe and quiet electric model aircraft. Dakota County and North Mankato have excellent examples of public flying fields.
- I would love to see more gyms and bus transportation available to Bloomington. The bussing out here is a little difficult compared to Minneapolis.
- It would be nice to have an indoor community center, pool, etc. As a young family, we end up using services from surrounding communities very frequently. For the relatively high property taxes we pay, it would be nice to have more services in Bloomington geared toward young families.
- Keep the golf courses open!
- More extensive green space & bikeways to work affordable senior housing (\$150,000 units) (not half-million dollar homes!)
- More gym's
- More outdoors/sportsman activities, clubs, areas
- More parks-splash pads like St Louis Park. Eden Prairie & Apple Valley. Shopping aside from MOA, and improved signage into & around shopping like Southtown. More sidewalks. More weekend options for elfe type programs for working parents. Improved cell phone service. More diverse farmers market Most vendors sell the exact same produce.
- Outdoor adult recreation classes-yoga, tai chi, etc. List of volunteer opportunities posted regularly More local (non-chain) restaurants, outdoor dining in summer. More senior activities in smoke free environment.
- Please, provide open parks in the city that are not to scheduled where people could stroll, sit and rest comfortably on benches and enjoy the safe parking of the surrounding place. Thank you!

- Rather than a multi-million dollar Center for the Arts (voted on at a very inconvenient time with low voter turnout), Bloomington should have an Activities/Rec Center (similar to other neighboring suburbs, such as Eden Prairie) which would have been used by far more residents. There are plenty of museums and artistic venues in Mpls. Other services? Re. the health care questionsare these the responsibility of city government? I don't think so. Same re. education.....isn't that the colleges and universities?
- Swimming pool - Olson not available anymore Dwan golf should give seniors a break with rates
- Tennis courts are in terrible shape, fix em up or take them out. East Old Shakopee Rd needs to be redesigned-make it more pedestrian friendly, its a scary road when your walking on the side walks. Thanks joe afford 952-888-3358
- Up to date community center-water park in door facility for sports softball etc.
- Updated community center
- Upgrade the ballfields for Bloomington Jefferson high school. Upgrade Bloomington stadium.
- Water park/pool on West side of Bloomington, more restaurants on West side.
- We need an active senior community center which offers yoga, pilates, track, & water exercises. Now, one has to "hunt" for the classes. The senior center offers only Ichair yoga class & will take only 20 participants. The City of Eagan has a community center with a gym & track. It offers exercise classes of all types. Citizens may use it for free. In Bloomington, a person has to go to multiple buildings to exercise. There is not a lot of opportunities for active seniors to stay fit.
- YMCA I have to cross the bridge to Burnsville to go to Edina to visit the Y.
- YMCA in Bloomington

Grocery/farmers market

- A Quick Market for hurry up items
- Aldi (grocery also) would be nice & a Fitness 19 in E Bloomington
- Aldi foods, Caribou on East side (not in MOA) bike paths in town (not along MN river)
- Aldi grocery store would be awesome consignment shop. Ice cream store like Bridgemore used to be
- Aldi Grocery Store, New Mayor
- Aldis grocery store
- -Aldi's grocery would be nice -Am glad that the Old Cedar Ave bridge is going to be restored impt link for pedestrians & bikers -I do not get the Bloomington Sun current because i live in an apartment & they dont deliver to apartments I would really like
- ALDI's market at 90th and Penn or something similar I love the Dollar Tree stores what are you doing about the empty stores at 90 and Penn-(the old Seals store, the gas station.
- Aldis, Costco
- An ALDI store, a place to dance, A retreat / spa at Hyland Hills.
- Better farmers market
- Co-op food store
- Co-op; community events walking class
- Costo
- Costco
- Costco
- Costco or a Target store on the South West end would be wonderful!! Transit station
- CSA on empty lots, a hydroponic greenhouse fish a plants, Mississippi Market or Seward Coop with affordable prices, indoor garden to chase away the blues during cold winters, more community gardening opportunities.
- Drive thru dairy store. So if someone is in car with kids or senior. They can get what they need without getting out of car, down South has this type of store.
- Grocery store East Bloomington
- Grocery stores (more small/medium size.) Assistance to seniors (55yr's & older) More modestly priced senior housing. * Note:- 1) Taxes are way too high and are forcing people out of Bloomington 2) Xcel makes very high profits and their cost are way too high. 3) Cut back on the number of garbage haulers.
- I have only lived here for a year, hence the "I don't know" responses, and other responses indicating lack of involvement on my part which I intend to change. I would like to see more grocery store/"mom & pop" stores in the South loop where I live. I would like a walking/bike trail along Old Shakopee Road that also connects to the Minnesota available to bikes & hikers without having to go on streets. The Valley Wild life Refuge so that a

good East/west corridor is MUWR is a great, but underutilized resource. Connect Bloomington to the rest of the bike trails to the north, also. There is no safe way to cross 494 except by train. 34th Ave. still is not attractive as a North-South connection-not safe. Any increase in the walkability score for Bloomington will make it a more attractive place to live. The light rail is Excellent! Good job!.

- I would like to see more grocery stores. There is more of a need in East Bloomington, from France to the Mall of America.
- I'd like to see a food co-op in Bloomington.
- Love the farmers' market! would like to see it open year-round, with the "indoor season" focusing more on crafts & small business products.
- More days for farmers market
- More farmers market more diversified events
- More food choices including specialized shops like Bradsmith in addition to more "chain" like establishments. -Would like to shop closer to home for some of these everyday items
- More grocery like Rainbow More variety of shopping
- More healthful groceries & produce at reasonable cost Much better snowplowing A quality bakery.
- Often prefer to grocery shop at Whole Foods, Byerlys Kowalckis for meat & specially items so go to Edina or E. P. No sense of centralized "down town" area for Bloomington. 494 through Bloomington is always a problem East or West bound has not kept up with new business development or growth of Bloomington / surrounding cities.
- Organic food store. Olympic standard indoor deep water swimming pool Trees on roadside is not enough.
- The only thing I believe we are missing is a natural food co-op. I drive down to Burnsville to support a co-op vs. Go to Whole Foods in Edina.
- We need Aldis, Whole Foods , co-op for food. Golden corral, Taco Johns Dickey's Pit Barbeque KFC also.
- We need more organic food options such as farmers markets, zero restrictions and limitations on vegetable, gardens, and the ability for people to raise hens on their property. Also, Bloomington should not make it hard for people to sell things from the bottom of their drive way. Focus less on our schools referendums. Make Bloomington an affordable community again. The powerhouse days of our schools are long over as evidenced by our non-competitiveness of our/sports and the conferences jhs & khs are placed. Run with sustain ability applaud our "old" neighborhoods and allow futurist "take care" of ourselves with our small lots w/ non-restrictive measures.
- Would live more low cost grocery areas on West side-a super Target no public transportation from West side - impede ability of teens to volunteer on East side

Community events/programs

- ASL (American sign language) classes for public
- Being back Thursday musical-raising the rental rates caused them to depart.
- Better services and activities for senior citizens.
- For Bloomington seniors / travel and activity groups - Burnsville, Apple Valley, Eagan, Edina, Hopkins all have vibrant, active travel & activity groups for seniors. It is disappointing that Bloomington does not. Please research this for seniors 55 and older, singles & couples. Thank you.
- I'd like to see a lot more very inexpensive activities for seniors.
- I'd like to see more dog parades
- Improved library services. Three bedroom, apartments / townhomes not readily available. Thus expensive.
- Live band dancing
- More activities for kids
- More celebration public center
- More city festivals, Yoga center (carpenter)
- More community wellness opportunities for all age groups. Also really like development classes.
- More for senior citizens.
- More live, concert (classical & opera performances)
- More re activities for kids, like in Boys Clubs for teenagers.
- More social/leisure/music activities
- More things for kids to do, parks upgraded, better and safer Walmart, healthier food places besides McDonalds and Subway. Outside dinning to enjoy Bloomington.

- More veteran programs
- More volunteer opportunities (or maybe I just don't know where to find them) Bus service/bike paths learning East-west-east thru community; bus & transportation to MOA
- More volunteer opportunity less property taxes for seniors more block get together.
- Need group to sign up for list of likeable it to get people to gather. Run a list as what response you get.
- Rates to summer programs are way to high. The average family cant afford them especially if they don't quality for assistance!
- There is no Episcopal church in Bloomington
- Volunteer opportunities awareness of and ease to connect improved friendliness of community; opportunities to engage especially for those new to community
- Walking clubs, small businesses

Other - Transportation options

- A few more bike friendly riding lanes and bike racks to lock them up. Teach snow plow operators not to fill drive ways up with snow when they been cleaned out once.
- Better bus service to the far West side of Bloomington
- Better connection of bike path & more bike paths.
- Better public transportation improved/expanded bus schedules for shorter commutes for those who do not drive or prefer to bus. -Enforcement of codes on properties like 9041 James. Seems like some rules just don't get enforced This property has been a mess for over 2 decades. It negatively affects our property values in the neighborhood. Overall we LOVE Bloomington!
- Better public transportation. Honest city employees. Competent city employees.
- Better routes, lanes and paths for bicycling.
- Better transit services throughout the city.
- Bike lanes
- Bike path on Normandale separate from sidewalk more designated bike lanes.
- Build more bicycle trails!! Extend trails along the Minnesota River & pave them. Thank you for approving the Hyland Park trail extension. Thank you for keeping streets/clean & safe for bicycles.
- Bus routes to St Louis Park and Plymouth
- Bus transp. For sr's - pick up at home to med apptmts.
- Bus transportation services are very limited mainly due to bus route cut backs by the MTC (metro transit) would like to see Bloomington fund some of bus routes in it's city, so that bus routes are increased and increases in times of availability, and increases in bus access to more places in the city.
- Bus transportation within city/surrounding cities. If available, I have not heard about it.
- Construct a bike path along Nine Mile Creek that connects to the Mn. River
- Do not put a "Target" on the West side of Bloomington stop with the bike paths on our streets people can use the sidewalk! Walkers riders can share the sidewalk! Can't believe we are wasting good needed money to restore bridge on Long Meadow Lake!! What's wrong w/ the City Council?
- Ensure walk lights are always operational more bus routes, with newer buses that don't break down more cable and internet options, other than Comcast
- Expand light rail from East to West Bloomington plan to have a Taste of Bloomington like the Taste of Mn. And plan for a festival 2003 days exp! 4th July. Have a once year event like this pitmaster BBQ contest there Mpls. has their pig day w/ live entertainment why can't Blooming have one too.
- I can't get from West Bloomington to work (all of m) by bus in a timely/easy fashion. 494 is a joke! Way too busy most of the time MN needs to do something about that
- I like at 8400 Pennsylvania Road (in Hyland Hill condo)where there is no public transportation near by would be important for bus service along 84th St - Pennsylvania
- I would like public transportation to get other Bloomington location grocery store by mall of Am. on 34th street safer streets for bikers.
- I would like to see lighted paths for walking in Bloomington. In the winter it is difficult to exercise outside with short hours of daylight.
- I'd say the routes and frequency of public transit service in West Bloomington is sketchy.
- Inexpensive shuttle service for seniors
- Mass transportation better bus service

- More a separate bike trails throughout Bloomington not the ones that are part of the road. More family owned restaurants. More Bloomington led retail design not by a driven by a developer but expectations and goods driven more by the community.
- More bike / walking trails, dog parks
- More bike paths
- More bike paths
- More bike-friendly roads esp. N-S access toward Mpls. Curbside composting & zero waste policy like Mpls.
- More bus service on the weekends to
- More bus service or Lyndale Ave for persons who do not drive
- More bus stops Need more...disabled parking
- More hiking and biking paths. Youth sports domes. More walk-up youth sports in parks.
- More public transportation from West side of town to East side or to downtown. Increased programs for health & wellness etc. Learn from new lines heart pgm which provides a lot of free community ed & fitness pgms improved timing on road repairs city tends to wait too long & is more reactive than proactive. Improved snow removal including occasional curb to curb plowing & plowing streets get lay.
- More public transportation. I love Bloomington, but as I age, I worry about having to drive everywhere from my house.
- More unpaved mountain bike trails
- More weekend bus opportunities on the West side. Many of us are driving to catch a bus before 6 a.m. On snowy mornings well on unplowed streets.
- Need a bus shuttle during day on American Blvd & Lyndale Ave or more bus during the day!
- Not enough buses. If I can't walk I almost always can't do things more than 2 blocks from home. Too much policing they need to stop their aggressive hostile, actions, downsize, less patrols, I used to be a block watch captain nor I barely support anything they do. They just treat everyone with suspicion. They are not at all nice. The Mayor is a jack ass arrogant SOB shoving things down the throat of the citizens. Leave Southtown alone already! The city for years discriminates heavily against apartment dwellers by totally excluding them from the annual cleanup of items. Now they are cancelling it I've been told. I've lived here since 1963 and its just a city/state. You want to control everything and you are not listening to the people without the money. Go to hell!
- Please continue to develop bike lanes and continue to sweep streets clean. Appreciate placement of weight pads in bike lanes to trigger traffic signals. Please continue to add them at intersections. My favorite things in Bloomington: 1) Bike lanes/cycling lanes 2) Quality of drinking water 3) Quality of parks
- Please open up a systems for all pedestrians bicyclists, walkers etc. To cross all areas connected to Old Shakopee Rd areas. This could just be a way to stop traffic only when those residents need to cross that area this has been a seriously danger area for as long as I can remember (I have lived in Bloomington for 14 yrs.) Many resident that I know have been concerned about this issue for a long time
- Public transportation is not good! More restaurants
- Public transportation needs to have more times/busses for the West Bloomington area so those who ride the buss and live in West Bloomington do not have to walk two miles to get to the bus stop at cub foods. It would make working a 10-630 job much easier to get to if there was more bus stop times available mostly in the Bush Lake Rd & Old Shakopee area would be nice. Walking 2-2.5 miles to bus and 2.5 miles home sucks.
- Traffic is a issue around rush hour community center
- Walkway all around West end of lake
- We need more bus services and on the weekend too
- Would like to see good bike trails on the East side of Bloomington. Maybe at least like other cities where there are large lanes on the side for bikers. Would like the new resident/shop area South of Southtown be more of the look and feel that St. Louis Park put in with grand ex alsior or West end. Wish had put more money in such a large area Bloomington could have done something useable for a variety of living businesses & recreation like Edina did with Centennial.

Other - Street repair/improvements

- * Eastside needs better effort to use River Valley (Cedar Avenue) for Wilkinson. Improve signals (by delayed left term) More chan, chain restaurants. Get Total Wine & Costco Fix up traffic lights (rusty) & repair

boulevards (weekly deal) Complete repair of street not small segments (Look at mess on 90th Street from Cedar to 35W) Look at aging ability poles. Plant more trees & maintain them in parks.

- 1) Resurface Old Shakopee Rd-its a disgrace! 2) Clean up the ponds 3) Maintain the walk ways-trim level 4) Reduce taxes-yes! You can do it!
- Dosen't matter since traffic is such a problem you can't get any where to enjoy anything-worst road infrastructure & pool planning.
- Fix back roads and Portland Ave & Old Cedar Ave by Clark Station. Too many people speed on 98th, more patrols. Dont like the Samolians moving into Bloomington - I don't feel safe.
- Government regulation is overly strict snow removal damages yards & sidewalks
- I volunteered T.T.A.C. & on school days, I video the traffic on Heritage Hills Drive & on Rich Rd. Where the 146 cars on Old Shakopee Rd turn north to Heritage Hills Drive, then to Jeff H.S. River is a 4 way stop at Rich Rd & Heritage Hills Drive & a 4 way stop at John stop at Rich Rd & Heritage Hills Drive & a 4 way stop at Johnson Ave. (This is a short cut to Jeff H.S) & I wonder if it was planned to be this busy during the morning start. City may contact me if they wish Marshall K. Johnson 4521 Heritage Hills Cir bcm 55437 P.S I dont expect any action from BCM. at all on this !!
- Improve quality of city street surfaces.
- It would be nice if the man hole covers would be built up flush with the blacktop
- More emphasis on ease of travel by car/continued up keep on roads -we have more than enough bike paths - the nature of Bloomington makes it very important to have good roads for cars - we do not have a "city" environment where most could walk to get groceries, shop, visit drs etc - we are speed out and of various ages where many do not ride bicycles or cannot physically ride bikes.
- More sidewalks, better cleaning in winter. Target store on South side of Bloomington
- Parking lot designs or lay-outs be improved
- Pot holes are horrible!! MTC bus system is very Confusing! Hate it!
- Pot holes getting worse. The MTC bus service is terrible. It needs to be easier to understand. Overall MTC bus service in Bloomington needs to improve. I also think it is very bad to make public parks non-smoking. For god sake it's the outside. What more do you people wants?
- Replace or repair the Old Cedar Ave bridges
- Road repair hot item!
- Road work
- Sidewalk filled up with the ice between school bus and home whole winter Old Shakopee Rd to on wood her + my daughter hurt her hip twice this year + my wife hurt her elbow +and my neighbor got similar experience.
- Someone to fill potholes
- There needs to be more main tracts that are 2 lanes end way not / line each way something is radically wrong with this city go to out why do so many council members resign at the same time? Yet the Mayor doesn't resign & new Mayor elected. Why are there 30-50 employees that one cant see or talk to but are paid regularly the expenses at these employees are distributed to all depts those extra expense makes property taxes higher than it would have to be. Why do 10% of city employees live outside the city of Bloomington? There's something really wrong.
- Viking stadium-better road (pot holes)
- We have all we need. Clear our streets more often especially near lake & runoff 80-84 park Ave
- We need better road maintenance and snow removal. Most people use cars for transportation. They need to be able to get to work. Bloomington does a poor job of this in favour bike travel. While nice, most people do not travel by bike or foot to work especially in cold and inclement weather!
- When you pave the streets, put reins on man hole covers! Most are recessed & "pot roles"! Traffic lights too long. I probably waste more gas sitting at red lights - in park!

Other - Appearance/code enforcement/waste management

- *Consider less garbage haulers maybe 2-3 per area & have hauler bid to serve an area *Maybe have small meetings w/ residents w/ City Council member to hear concerns. I believe there is a growing disconnect between residents city.
- 1) Fix trash/recycling-what a waste to have multiple suppliers-City should contract for this and assess for taxpayer payment. 2) Transit does not come close to adequate in West Blmtn.

- 1) Need to have 1 (2 at most) Garbage haulers for entire city. 2) Too many abandoned businesses. Gas station at 90th & Penn vacant for 10+ yrs 3) Park board/park maintenance do not like (or act on) input from residents concerning use and improvements to city parks
- A garbage service for single people that picks up just a couple times a year would be nice.
- A neighborhood clean up day in spring after snow-city wide effort in parking up trash litter. More programs to help with the affordability of property & building improvements.
- Allow (require) residents to sweep leaves into the gutter & have street sweepers come down the streets like Mpls does.
- Apartment repairs. Make the older ones updated. "Noise is terrible and management is worse and careless. "No need for xtra things just updated the old and make better". Improvements are needed. No add-on!" tear down and rebuild. Example: South town; management, maintenance, construction need improvements." I called the City of Bloomington due to how bad it is. (They said they were unable to due anything with only one complaint!)" The apartment goes down daily".
- Better cared for public spaces I'd like to see lighting all the way around Normandale Lake Trail all year around. I'd like to see better landscaping in public medians & boulevards like Edina has
- Cable too expensive ridiculous to have multiple garbage service on the same street Beats up the streets 4-5 garbage trucks on same street & causes noise pollution!
- Clean up pay 2-3 times a year
- Clean up the weeds on Normandale Lake!
- Enforce current codes: such as the number of cars on RV's allowed in front of homes.
- Fall clean up day in addition to the spring clean up MENARDS!
- I think Bloomington officials should go after home owners that let the weeds grow. Don't move. Paint-parking. Trash in their yards. Especially East Bloomington
- I wish codes for appearance of back of bldgs, etc was higher; other neighboring suburbs do better 494 strip is ugly-new building without up grade in landscape along the free way not even a mail box I can walk to without a major climb out of my neighborhood I usually shop & eat outside Bloomington due to low convenience level in Bloomington up keep on older bike paths is lacking; city builds new without enuf maintenance effect on the old cay mate - path between lea & E Bush Lake Rd. Snow removal-they forget how year to year first snow/ice treated inadequately Highwood Drive Hill-dangerous to walk side walks-bushes protrude, even at eye level, children should be able to like side walks safely.
- I would like one garbage hauler to serve neighborhoods rather than 5-6 haulers x 3 tracks are garbage day
- I would like to see Bloomington service out a way to get people involved in keeping their neighborhood cleaned up-i.e., garbage at bus stops, spring clean up etc. We have a great city, but is littered with garbage and were holding no one accountable
- I would like to see the public areas on the East side cleaned up like they are on the West side
- I would like to see the yearly cleanup in Bloomington "continue", also continue having a senior center at Creekside
- It would be nice to have weekly recycling pick-up (instead of bi-monthly)
- Keep "East Bloomington" from deterioration since so many of the areas are or will be blighted.
- Leaf pick up in street-like Edina does each
- Less garbage trucks coming down our street-on recycle week 15 & garbage trucks drive down my street-more family owned restaurants-Less change Restaurants home cooking.
- Many people have stated that the Hilton Hotel on American Blvd and France Ave is an "eye-sore", compared to the beautiful buildings along France Ave.
- More recycling opportunities & options. Fewer trash hauling services going through a neighborhood. Offering (maybe requiring) more recycling in businesses & churches (in their events, dinners, etc.). How can be learn to conserve more water & use less energy- a how can we be motivated?.
- On city wide collection (once a year) set a limit or curfew-hate hearing/seeing junk collectors coming thru late night early morning.
- Single company trash haulers-every Friday. 5 different companies make 8-12 street passes picking up garbage receivables, & yard waste. A noise nuisance, plus the xxx ton trucks are destroying a new two year old neighborhood street replacement system.
- Sure would be great if the city maintained weeds on city land & properties

- The shopping/retail area at Hwy 169 and Bloomington ferry Road is becoming a blight on the neighborhood (except the bank). Pavement is horrible; garbage and papers thrown about; buildings in poor condition.
- We already have it but would like to see it cont. curb side pick up
- We need major investments by removing old dumpy leased buildings by helping them w/ new ones especially in fast Bloomington Cedar Ave & Old Shakopee area. We also need walking & (better maintain bike & trails) on the East side from Lyndale Ave to the Cedar Ave bridge. Also prompt the access bike trail on the Old Cedar Bridge to the Southern suburbs of again, Burnsville. Perhaps you might consider another bike path running parallel to 35-w crossing the Mn. River into Burnsville by the golf driving range similar to the one heading East on 494 into Eagan towards 35d.
- Would like to see recycling of more types of plastics.
- Yearly curb-side pick up is wonderful. We get a chance to get rid of large items thanks!!

Other- Miscellaneous

- A recreation fire free city. Recreation burning destroys any hope of air quality whoever proposed and got passed burning until midnight truly did not have the city as a whole in mind, only themselves and a tiny minority of citizens.
- Affordable health care and grocery stores. I feel something needs to be done in the area around American Blvd. From Nicollet to Portland to better its appearance and neighborhood shopping quality.
- Affordable housing, walking paths/sidewalks on busy streets, improve road conditions on side streets, build a sense of community in small neighborhoods within Bloomington.
- Allow golf carts for elderly & handicapped
- Alternative healthcare promotion. There are only 16 chiropractic schools nation wide, and one of them is in Bloomington!
- Another choice for cable TV.
- As my home value plummeted, my taxes sky pocketed, that is the main reason for considering leaving-nearly 400 per month for a moderate home!! Nothing fancy.
- Believe that City of Bloomington is over building. Too many hotels/chain restaurants along 494. Do not have many/only a couple independent local restaurants/cafes. Traffic esp 494/Penn/ France/35W terrible and increase difficulty in driving even in off times. Do not need light-rail but need to use bus lanes and bus transportation improvements We are a suburban community and light rail will not solve that issue. Believe money better spent on bus promotion and improvements like car pool lanes.
- Better, (more affordable) senior housing less number of garbage trucks going through or streets. It's is ridiculous how many companys we have each week!!! It is taking the longevity from our side streets!!
- Bloomington is a big city, it needs a hospital for as residents because we have to drive further to get medical care in an emergency.
- Bloomington will need more retirement housing (town homes, condos) in the next 5-10 years.
- Cabela's
- Comment-I feel the expansion of the Hyland Ski Area is absolutely ridiculous, we, as a neighborhood, protested, yet all the trees were cut down to expand the parking lot, What was wrong with parking @ the beach & shuttling over? We loved the green space by the lake & very disappointed that Bloomington didn't stand up to 3 Rivers to keep the space. I'm frustrated that 3 Rivers/Bloomington expand development projects that affects only a few people i.e. Skiers, whether it's Hyland Park or the ski jump. Lets do something for all the community not just one section., of people i.e. Skiers at the expense of others enjoyment of Lk Normandale
- Competitive cable service, assistance in negotiating social services for seniors or home health care givers, affordable services that allow aged, ill or cancer patients to live in their own homes.
- Complete projects that are started & set ride continually starting new projects + old ones not completed.
- Encourage people in their daily lives to do more to protest the environment. One thing that could be pointed out is antibiotics and similarly antibacterial products, such as soap can create low levels of these things in the water supply. Regular soap water just as well.
- First time home buyer programs? Not just for low-income, help for average income people too. Otherwise, Bloomington has everything I want.
- Guns controll education, farmers market all year more that one day a week, more comunity gardens pollution control and clean up services.

- Hookah bar type business where 18 & 31 21 year olds chill Maybe more college variety choices (tattoo, bartending fashion, arts) Marijuana legalization & dispensaries \$
- Hospital
- Hospital
- Hospital. In-and Out burger. Asian community center.
- Housing for seniors. (Affordable)
- I am on a fix income below the for median for Mn. I would like to say in Bloomington even where I am now but the cost to live in Bloomington for people who don't have children. There is no housing to fit my income as well as not much help. According to Mn median income I can only afford around \$400 month. I have been in Bloomington and in the same place for almost 8 & 9yrs. It is my home. To bad I will have to move. I am 60 yrs old thank you for reading. If you would care to respond to me about the above Paty Johnston 1945 W. Old Shakopee Rd apt 116 Bloomington, MN.-5431
- I don't think we need very much more. Maybe more low-income senior housing.
- I have lived here for almost six years and love it. The only thing that I think is completely insure that you do not have for Bloomington residents is access to an on-line payment system for paying the water bill. Every time (well, almost every time) I call in to pay my water bill, I ask when you will have a system in place to pay the bill online. The response is alway the same. The city is working on it. How long does it take to implement a website to allow a person to pay his water sill? Other then that, I love living here.
- I wish park Nicollet Bloomington offered mental health care instead of having to go to St. Louis Park. Hard to find mental health care in Bloomington that is covered by Health Partners insurance. I've checked on the internet, not much to choose from. City of Bloomington is interested in having a clean, safe and attractive and healthy character. Please look into and then partner with the Hoarding Project. Org (partly based in Mpls) ask to have support group(s) at Creekside Community Center or at new Veap building. Also please regulate how much trash haulers can increase their monthly/quarterly charges!!! I have to change haulers again in order to keep the cost reasonable. My current hauler raised the quarterly cost by almost 20% !!! And would every year if people allow it. Please help.
- I would like new, attractive one floor (housing) buildings for retirement. Thank you.
- I would like to see more opportunities afforded to women and minorities. Bloomington has changed dramatically over the last fifteen years. The demographics have changed and I believe the educational sector does not reflect these changes. Employment opportunities for women and minorities are not prevalent. This leaves the educational population without proper representation of those being educated in Bloomington. As I drive around, the neighborhoods are run down, the streets are badly damaged, police harass minorities and the traffic has become worse. It is my intentions to move within the next year. I have lived in this city since I was 15 years old. The environment has become a place I do not want to thrive in nor do I desire to purchase a home here. My future will not be in Bloomington.
- I would rather see taxes go down than add service and activities.
- I would see the city government be more forthright with the total debt the city has and honest w/ the taxpayers before undertaking additional debt. I also want them to disclose where the city starts w/ it's funding for pensions. of all city employees of the level of benefits that are being awarded to these employees & officers & council members.
- It would the great to see a bit more security in some of the parks of Bloom such as Parkers picnic ground - Nine Mile Creek At one time they had mounted police on horses.
- Lack of a major hospital.
- Look to see more programs or housing opportunities for middle people. Right now housing loans and grants are for low income or other cities (Minneapolis or St Paul)
- More "variety" of police patrol of speed on residential streets. We live on Russell Ave. S. We are moving solely because of cars & school buses speeding on our street. A fear that when my baby if over 3 years & playing outside, that a car could hit him. Cars, buses, delivery trucks cut through our street from 98th to 90th. Last week & saw a grayhound a bus speeding on our road & avoid the intersection @ Penn & 98th during rush hour.
- More affordable group (seniors) housing for seniors? City support/services for seniors living at home, education-preparation for disasters-weather, terrorists, etc.
- More affordable housing
- More handicap accessible housing for disabled people.
- More larger housing area for less \$

- More police in neighborhoods
- More police protection at Mall of America parking ramps, etc. Crime.
- More prairie/wetland restoration rain gardens education about storm drains, more education/maps of bike routes, clearly marked
- More than one ambulance co. Or better training for EMT's
- Multiple cable options
- Need more police patrol on 98th st / Old Shakopee Rd. Old Cedar Ave South need a lot of repair by the Clark Station.
- New senior center building
- Non smoking apartments
- Not to communicating need more Minnesota based.
- Of anything we have enough commercial bldges & apt bldgs (too many) etc. Single family affordable homes are becoming extinct and need to stop financing the MOA! If MOA was supported to lower our taxes not ride blow them sky high! income haven't increased enough-if it keeps on going Bloomington will be only for the rich we pay for MOA, a stadium more down go to and - with the high taxes on cigarettes we should get free "bokes" at the stadium & inspectors should be available when one needs them not days later or longer. I see Bloomington becoming a ghost town may be Mps too?-in the future if things keep going like they are-?
- Our small strip malls with small business seem to be having troubles keeping and getting tenants...I was sad that the Target venture didn't work out. we're really ...to a library or shopping outlet...only a Walgreens in Eden Prairie within walking distance.
- Please restrict the constant "emergency" sirens on huge constant volumes of first responder vehicles.
- Safety
- Seasonal decoration, especially Christmas, Bloomington has zero. Used to be 98th & Landale area. Very sad.
- Sports team, state-funded casino,"downtown" area
- Taxes too high
- Technical college.
- The bias of West Bloomington over East Bloomington is too often obvious. One way this happens is the Bloomington sun for years has lumped crimes in the Mall of America with all of East Bloomington residences East of Portland Ave. We happen to live on the East side of Portland Ave. We have personally tried twice to have the Bloomington police department break out their statistics separately for the sun newspaper. Both efforts have been unsuccessful.
- The police speed traps in Bloomington reflect poorly on the city.
- Value of homes keep going down but taxes keep going up. Not happy about!
- Volume limitations on "emergency" sirens on emergency responder vehicles
- We always go to other communities for hospitals, clinics, theaters, concerts etc.
- We like the chutes n ladders park at Highland Reserve
- We live in West Bloomington and don't feel as safe when we go to East Bloomington. Everyone is so friendly at the DMV. I love the farmers market - go every Saturday.
- When it comes to the environment and considerations for the wildlife that also call the city of Bloomington home, I think Bloomington's city government and planners rank low, low. In the 20 years that I've lived here, I've seen no pro-environmental moves to set examples or take the lead in matters such as non-recyclable styrofoam and plastic products-that eventually find their way onto our roadsides and ditches. Bloomington parks & rec uses plastic erosion netting and mesh around its lakes, bike and walking patch, to rampant degree without regard to the birds, reptiles, and wildlife that tangle and perish in it, and without heed to the MN DNR's request to use wildlife friendly and competitively priced products. City planning: again is any regard given to the migratory paths of watershed critters when it's planning/zoning its road and walking/biking paths that completely encircle the lakes (e.g., Bush Lake)? When moving to high ground during egg-laying season, turtles coming from winter hibernation in deeper waters must first cross bike paths, then plastic erosion mesh, then fast, high traffic roads that encircle the lakes, then meet a 6-8 inch curb before they can safely cross to higher ground to lay eggs. What are the odds?! And if they do by miracle manage to get to grassland, Bloomington city park maintenance crew with mowers mow these roadsides with total abandon along these migratory paths (wetland to wetlands, e.g., East and West Bush Lake roads) during egg-laying season. Is anyone with an environmental/wildlife background involved in park maintenance and the zoning/planning of these paths and development around these cherished wetlands? Might Bloomington consider wildlife crossings, especially when new paths are being built, installed, and/or roads being

resurfaces, etc.? Here again, there are reasonably priced options. (Check with Minnesota herpetological society.) In my 20-years residence and witnessing of the City of Bloomington's severe fragmentation between development, roads and parkland, I see little to no regard, for the wildlife that lives in and around the park- and wetlands sparingly set aside for them. One can witness the value that City of Bloomington places on it by taking a gander through its bimonthly communication piece to residents and businesses: Bloomington briefing. You would be hard-pressed to find anything about anything with regards to the city's furred and feathered residents.

- Would like to feel wherever I go in Bloomington whatever it's East or West just overall security tired of hearing sirens all the time but if that is the feeling of safety I guess I can deal with that
- Wow cable television
- You ask too many questions more people would fill them out if there were fewer nor personal questions

None/don't know

- Anything I can think of is here or nearby.
- As a new "transplant resident" in "assisted living" I can't really say services
- Bloomington already offers plenty of opportunities. I can't think of anything else I need here!
- Bloomington does a great job. No changes needed.
- Bloomington is a well rounded city, very well planned we raised our family here from 1956 1956 returned to Bloomington when retired & widowed best city in MN advice- stay conservative
- Bloomington is not lacking anything.
- Can't think of any
- Can't think of anything Bloomington is a great place to live & retire.
- Can't think of anything.
- Don't know
- Don't know
- Don't know
- Dont know yet
- Have no suggestions or recommendation
- I am very happy with the shopping areas in Bloomington.
- I can't think of anything not available to me in Bloomington.
- I can't think of anything. I'm able to find what I need in Bloomington.
- I like live in Bloomington. Because: services good, nice peoples, mobile convenience to anywhere. My family live here since 1989 Still now!
- I love Bloomington. I've been here for 14 years & love it. It's the center of everything for me. I rarely leave Bloomington as not needed.
- I love living in Bloomington I enjoy my neighbors, I can walk down the street and talk to any one and not be afraid of any one. I enjoy biking, walking and talking to the people on and around my block. I have live on the East side, West side South side of Bloomington and its all good.
- I think Bloomington has ample services for my needs.
- I'm satisfied with all that is present in Bloomington. We moved here in February, so we are still getting to know our surroundings.
- I'm too old to worry about it
- It's a great city!
- No change required.
- No opinion
- None
- None
- None at this time.
- None that I can think of.
- Not a priority since you can drive a short distance to find something you want. Bars /restaurants in town.
- Not think of any right now. Everything seems excellent around here.
- Nothing additional comes to mind
- Nothing I can think of

- Overall, I'm very satisfied with what is located in Bloomington.
- Satisfied
- Satisfied with overall opportunities
- Seems like were just fine
- Since Bloomington is close to other suburbs & Minneapolis, when I need a particular service, shopping, etc It never enters my mind to only stay Bloomington. I go to church in Minneapolis, shop in & dine at Eden Prairie. We're all one big community. Bloomington is great - but so are all the other areas.
- Sorry I can't answer more I am a senior citizen living in senior housing.
- Thanks for all you do!
- There are no casinos -which is very good!
- There is a good mix of this, especially if one can drive a car.
- Unknown
- Very satisfied
- We feel lucky that we have our home in Bloomington for many years & all is well!!
- We have everything we need in Bloomington. (My wife & I are both retired)
- We have everything we need nearby.
- We have it all. Thanks.
- We have Mall of America right here
- We have plenty - of shopping no more
- Well covered.
- Whatever opportunities the market permits - The city doesn't need to worry about additional services, activities or shopping.