

2012 CITY OF GRANTS PASS SURVEY

NARRATIVE RESPONSES

The open-end responses are recorded verbatim. They have been corrected for spelling but not grammar. In the interest of space, responses such as "I don't know," "I can't think of anything," and "no comment" have been removed from the document.

YBAD1 (Why was/Why is) it (parks maintenance) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Because I used to play softball and they are kept in horrible shape and I blew my knee out playing there. They said the Softball Committee was responsible for the fields conditions. Our parks aren't kept that great.
Dealings with park maintenance. A half-ass job with taking out a tree in front of the house and they didn't clean up.
Too much taxpayers' money to support them.
It wasn't well-maintained.
They don't do their job. All the maintenance people are lazy.
Because they are lazy and don't do their jobs.

YBAD2 (Why was/Why is) it (police services) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

I just feel their time spent is not in the proper manner. They are catching the wrong people. People who drive 5 miles too fast and not looking for the real criminals. They think they just need to be seen and that's not what they are there for.
They just don't do their job, they aren't professionals.
My house was robbed and they never did anything about it.
We called them out and they wouldn't show up because it wasn't an emergency. They said it had to be a real emergency or it wasn't worth their time.
Because I have seen first hand of corruption.
They don't get out to the county. We were robbed and the police would not come out to us, we had to go into the city and fill out a report.
Overboard, they spend too much money. More hassle than a plus. I like having safe streets but there are too many for such a small town. They spend a fortune on the police station.
The recent lack of funding will affect services.
Because the last encounter with the police he was unprofessional and ridiculous.
Because I have had two separate times I have been burglarized and I knew who did it and the police were of no help. I had one officer call my wife and tell her they found articles and then they never called back. We were coming home from a party, they

thought we were drunk and there was another cop who looked like was going to shoot us.

Attitudes.

It's basically poor because they're aggressive and mainly just focused on filling the pockets. There are numerous complaints about them violating peoples' rights.

I am out in Sunny Valley, I had an issue one evening, I gave directions and they said they knew where we were. The dispatcher was rude and it was all taken very lightly. I would not rely upon them.

Some people in the community near us were running drugs and they let it go on too long. Someone who lives outside the city had vandalism and they did not even take a report. They wrote about a kid and none of the children got reprimanded.

Not enough police.

We need more.

Before the levy failed they were bad.

Because we just lost our sheriff, our county spent the money too fast.

There have been a couple of robberies in the area in the last 5 years and the police haven't shown up to do any investigation yet, so I don't have very much to say about them. I voted yes for more help at the local jails and it passed, now they say we need more people to work in those jails and I voted no.

Because they are letting people out of jail that should be there. They don't have the staff to cover the people that should be there.

We don't have any service, the response time is like 45 minutes and it might be even longer now since the levy didn't pass.

We don't have the coverage that we used to have.

From my experience, the police services are poor. Matter of conduct.

Because they are a joke and they don't do their job.

Because the tax got voted down.

Well, I have been living in Grants Pass for 19 years. I think there could be a major improvement in the way things are handled in the police department. I don't feel I'm deserving of their protection.

As far as I know we don't have any.

Because we went to the police department one time with a complaint and the detective said that they had more serious cases to look at. They put us at the bottom of the list. I feel they have poor customer relations skills.

Because we don't have the money to keep the police officers on staff or the criminals in jail.

In 2000 my fiance killed himself. I called the police and they told me I was wasting their time. I would never trust them ever again.

The police are Nazis. They're involved criminal activities and they give drugs to the children and sexually molest children also.

Because I think it the residents not wanting to pay for a better force.

YBAD3 (Why was/Why is) it (street maintenance) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Transportation managers are not thinking.

Because of all the potholes.

Not enough street sweeping in the northeast neighborhood. I do not see them often enough. They spend more time around the high school and not in the residential area.

They're hard on people having weeds in their yards but there are weeds in the sidewalks and they don't keep up on it.

It seems like when they do street maintenance it takes them forever, it seems like they do more standing around instead of working.

The bike lane gets swept, the other streets are a mess with bottles and rocks. The other day there were bottles and rocks down Newhold, the people that live there had to pick it up.

Because the streets are breaking up and very few people are taking care of our streets. Other areas have a greater need for repair.

They come by once a year.

Just a lot of things that need to be done that haven't been taken care of.

Lots of holes on roads.

Roads are falling apart, cracking, poor road maintenance.

I don't think the streets are maintained well. They just get so bad they have to tear the whole street up.

They are not doing their job.

I don't think that streets have been maintained. Some areas get more maintenance than others. I have been here since 1964.

I've been trying to get the city to clean out the ditch for over 5 years and they won't do it because they say it's county and the county says it's city.

Because I drive to 100 miles and there's holes everywhere.

The streets are really dirty.

YBAD4 (Why was/Why is) it (city planning services) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

It appears to be a lot of politics in the city that leaks over to the city planning. We had a bond issue that fell through. They cry wolf all the time and they ask for things that they really don't need. When they run out of money they keep coming after us for more. I don't think the city gets it.

They're controlling and want too much money for their services. More of a dictatorship than a democracy.

They haven't planned for too much except to keep same old, same old going.

All the traffic going the wrong way.

They didn't plan their developments, the way the roads were planned, traffic increases, sewage usage, water quality is poor. The water tastes bad.

Too involved. They need progress.

The position we are in with planning. That is the key to success. These are 7 steps to productivity. Proper prior planning prevents piss poor performance.
Because they buy the wrong things we don't need.
They seem to be playing favorites with the members of their circle. They are willing to take property and create unfriendly issues to whomever stands in their way.
They are planning on putting in a dog park instead of what is needed elsewhere. They don't pay the police department so they are taking it away from the taxpayers.
They should have an emergency fund. I would fire the whole bunch if it was me.
They do some stupid things. Bus shelters were a very poor idea to spend money on. They don't put our tax money to good use, they waste it.
I think there are a lot of ideas but then nothing ever gets done. It has something to do with politics.
The red tape, too many rules and regulations.
They prioritize by who pays off for their permits. It's very skewed. Honest people have a hard time.
Too many antique buildings.
They've got to give them a building permit.
Because they don't allow more businesses to build or move in to Grants Pass. I'm a contractor and it's a pain in the ass.
They're very bad at planning how to use our funds.
Lack of planning. Meetings aren't productive.
They don't plan out property.
Just from the mess they have created in the actual planning of the city.
I was born and raised in this town. I am embarrassed by the city and county government in this town and the politics.
I don't think they have done a good job with businesses and layouts.
My experience is that about the only solution they come up with for more jobs is to create more housing developments with no infrastructure improvements. Lack of infrastructure.
I think we could do better planning and priority.
Because I don't think they are on important issues instead of personal agendas because of the budgeting. I have served a lot of committees in the past and we accomplished a lot of things that the city needed in the past. No overlay for water, sewer, and gas in the past. We established a truck route that was necessary.
I think the city workers are irresponsible.
Because they don't know what they are doing.
They don't focus on things and get them done. There is too much bickering.
It seems like they have no direction.
Because I don't think they do a good job.
I don't believe in that in general. I don't believe any group of individuals is any wiser than anybody else.
Because they do what they what they are supposed to do.
Well, look at the mess they made with taking out the dam. It killed the fish and will take many years to make the water decent.
Because the planning was ass backwards.
Biting off too much you can chew.

The city's mayor is a member of a secret society and he has been ripping off the county and city for months. He is a crook.

YBAD5 (Why was/Why is) it (city water services) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

It's really not the city water, the charge for water is outrageous.
The clarity and taste are bad.
They're charging way, way, way too much.
There is a lot of concern about the city water supply being contaminated.
I just don't like the whole water people. I think they treat their customers bad.
Where I live we have a well. But when I lived in my mom's duplex they switched us from well to city water, it took forever and the water was the worst tasting water I have ever tasted. It tasted like chlorine and they overcharged for it.
The sewer bill went up, the cost of everything.
Because the water is full of stuff that doesn't belong to it.
I have heard there is chromium 3 in the city water.
Our water share doesn't start early enough in the season. There are too many ponds to fill up before it gets to our area.
Water being sprayed on streets is a waste.
Because half the time I don't get my irrigation when I'm supposed to. They are broke down and I have to pay anyway.
The water has been poisoned with chromium 6 and the city water department knows it and they do nothing about it. It kills children very quick.

YBAD6 (Why was/Why is) it (leaf collection program) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

They don't pick up the business leaves.
It's not needed.
Because everything has to be bundled and bagged, and this isn't feasible because of the elderly. They need a better system: perhaps volunteers to help with clean-up.
Because the leaf clean-up isn't efficient, the storm drains get clogged which causes local flooding.
Because I never seem them.
Because it doesn't affect me so I can not answer that question, it doesn't involve me.

YBAD8 (Why was/Why is) it (fire and emergency services) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

The people that work among them are treated very poorly and I feel that they should get more respect for doing such a dangerous job.
Josephine County no longer has a sheriff's department. They also got the facility to look after young children. There is no money to staff the prison. The police will be overwhelmed because there will be no place for the felons.

Because they couldn't even figure out how to get the kitty out of the pipe. All they do is take their shirts off and wash their trucks. All they want to do is look good.

YBAD9 (Why was/Why is) it (street sweeping) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

I have never seen a street sweeper.

Because they need more street sweepers to keep the streets clean. I don't think once every two to three months is adequate.

Because they do not sweep enough in the northeast neighborhood. They spend their time around the high school.

It never shows up.

We don't see the street sweeper very often. It's a novelty when we see him. He's on the major streets and not on the side streets.

I've never seen a sweeper running around.

I only saw a street sweeper maybe 5 times in seven years, and the gutters were never cleaned out.

They never go in the neighborhood.

I only see them two or three times a year. I think they should come around at least once a month or sooner.

It just moves the debris.

It just doesn't exist.

I don't remember seeing a street sweeper out anywhere.

I never see them.

I've only seen them twice in ten years. The brushes were only cleaning the high side of the road, not where the debris collects in the low places.

I know of one or two locations where I've ever seen a street sweeper.

Because I've only seen them twice since I've been here.

I live in a subdivision where they always skip my cul-de-sac. There's only once or twice that it's been swept in the past 6 years.

I don't ever see street sweepers.

I don't know, but I never see them. It is like once every two months.

YBAD10 (Why was/Why is) it (building inspection services) poor?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Because they don't put the contractors through enough and they don't inspect enough. Tendency of trying to get more money out of people.

Because we rent and our house is listed under a 600 square foot home and it is 3000 square feet. So they are not collecting enough on their taxes. They haven't done any adjustments since the 60's.

We had an inspector come and inspect a duplex, he ended up having a heart attack and they didn't have another one to send out.

I've never seen any of that stuff done. I have lived here 35 years and have never seen anyone inspect anything.

The attitude like they are doing you a huge favor.

Semi-corrupt.

There are a lot of places that are being lived in that should be dozed away.

Because they charge extravagant amounts for things and for anything you do they want to make you get a building permit. If you want to build a pigeon loft, get a permit.

Want to build a carport? Get a permit. Want to make changes on your deck? Still need a permit. I know because I've experienced it, and I think it's ridiculous.

Form of corruption.

The inspectors aren't liable for anything they pass, even if it's not up to code.

They're terrible.

I don't think they follow through.

YBAD11 (Why was/Why is) it (sewer services) poor?

OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

The fees are too high.

Things are getting unaffordable for a fixed income.

YBAD12 (Why was/Why is) it (recycling program) poor?

OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Because we recycle and they are strict about what they accept and they don't allow as much as could be recycled.

My biggest concern is the service has a monopoly and if they don't feel like picking it up they just don't pick it up. If they drop your trash can they don't pick it up, they just leave it knocked over.

They should be a redemption recycling program.

We don't have that service. We are one street away from the service. The way the building department zoned us let us out of it, so we don't have the service.

S.O.S. (Southern Oregon Sanitation) does the pick ups in town and they left garbages full. When I asked why they said I had illegal items in my trash and recycle bins.

They had no problem recycling them before.

It's so inconvenient.

Because they don't have recycling bins in our area.

Because it's not user friendly.

I don't like the recycling program. Our things were beat to pieces and they were going to charge us to replace it. There's no green bucket. They charge to pick up my recycling. They make money from that stuff.

Because half the time they gripe when you put something in the trash and say they can't take it. If it's put in by mistake they just don't pick it up.

We shouldn't have to pay for recycling.

YBAD13 (Why was/Why is) it (code enforcement program) poor?

OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Because it is money not well spent. They aren't enforcing the codes for everyone. They told me I had to move my basketball net or I would get a fine and then I moved it

at money to me and they didn't care but I saw people with hoops just where I had it.

I want to skew the results towards more code consciousness.

Because they don't follow up on things and they let things slide unless someone calls and complains.

They're too aggressive and not taking care of what they need to.

I'm new to this town and they don't tell us where we can find this information and we don't have internet.

Just because they hassle my friends about stupid stuff. They are hitting the small guys and they are intrusive.

There's a lot of talk about it but when it comes down to getting things done, nothing gets done.

Instead of arresting people they give them a citation and that is why the thugs are ruling the streets and people are talking on their cell phone while driving in plain view.

We had developers in our complex build something that they didn't have the majority vote for before they built it. There were a lot of things going on and they knew that if they didn't get the proper approvals for it, it would be too late to do anything about it. So, instead of a condo complex we ended up with a senior citizens building which has added a lot more noise to the neighborhood than what was told to us for the condos.

If you drive around town and you look at the houses that are not maintained then it would be a one rating. Part of the people that need to be enforced in town are the county buildings.

Who do you know? They are corrupt.

They're not doing what they're supposed to.

Lately it seems like a lot of the buildings have gone down hill, there's a lot of vandalism now and it seems like businesses could keep the homeless from loitering, or even just pick up the garbage or power wash the buildings every now and then. When I moved here I thought the place was gorgeous, and it still is but just a bit less gorgeous.

They're 100% corrupt.

Because you have to make a complaint before it's taken care of.

Because the enforcement isn't going to be there.

Too big of rules for too small of a town.

I believe they're not even in business anymore, they don't even have manpower to do their job.

YBAD7 (Why was/Why is) it (recreation programs) poor?

OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

There are no real areas for youth to meet in a safe setting; i.e. Teens, college age youth.

The only two places are the theater and the bowling alley. There used to be more safe locations for the youth to hang out.

Because they don't have anything to do here. They don't have a swimming pool, roller skating rink, nothing for senior citizens and it is very boring. They need senior citizen activities. They need street dances during the summer. Something for the

kids to do. They need to have better bands at the free concerts. Not so much old fogey music. Some classic rock or western music.
Because nothing is going on here. Everyone else has everything else going on.
There isn't anything in this town to make kids want to go to and have a good time.
The kids don't have any school recreation programs. The programs have been cut over the past 10 years.
I am not into it. The recreation programs are all private as far as I know.
I don't think there is one. There's no recreation around here unless we make it ourselves.
Because I haven't seen anything.
Because I don't see much of what the city does to provide for the younger people to do anything in that category.
There is nothing to do here.

REC2 What additional recreational services would you like?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Businesses that would let you use equipment for free.
More of senior softball.
White water park.
Some of the dog parks that are available have expensive parking lots so many people aren't using them. They should give some attention to that issue.
More places for the children to play and group play areas.
I would like to see more education with the education.
Something for the middle schools.
Summer activities for kids in the parks. Arts and crafts. Supervised activities. Reading groups, story times and games.
More music programs.
Some baseball.
I want more recreation services for the kids to do. The more they have to do, the less trouble they can get into.
More for kids.
More for teenagers.
More help for homeless.
I'd like to see more boys and girls clubs where it keeps them active.
Swimming pools.
More funding for programs for children.
More improvement. Youth opportunities and more employment opportunities for the youth. My taxes lowered, gas prices lowered.
More bike paths.
I would like more for teenagers. Work programs. Both physical and programs like crafts.
Use more for the kids.
More fishing.
Dog parks.
Maybe more hands on things that are community oriented for the youth like a boys and girls club but that are more open to the public like a rec center.
More tai chi, and yoga in the parks.

Including access to the river, more bike paths, a city pool or water park, and more parks, sport parks like baseball and football fields.

Swimming.

Something for the elderly.

More handicapped accessibility, especially for the park and its trails.

Skating rink for roller blades, ice skating rinks, library services need to be restored.

Events that would attract youth, i.e. concerts in the park, events that appeal to the youth.

More youth services.

Water parks.

I wish there was a theme park. Like a family fun center.

More history museums.

The cost. Make it more affordable.

Swimming would be nice, roller skating rink.

Gymnastics.

More music in the parks.

Do something for the young people so they would have sense not to destroy. But there are always a few that are ruining it for the others.

I think they should have a Senior Center where we can go and get together that doesn't cost too much.

A free trolley bus that goes up and down at least during the summer.

They need to have a water park here. A city swimming pool with water slides. They need more youth things to do. A senior citizen place. Pot luck night. Activity center.

More arts programs.

A water park. Publicly funded library.

A cheaper youth baseball program like a community league.

Horseback riding, more city pools, roller skating rinks for the kids.

More for teenagers.

More activity for teenagers, that is the main thing. Animal control people do not give a chance for people to get their pets. They are killing them and it was on the news.

The cats go in the front and out the back and dogs have only 3 days then are euthanized. They're not giving people the chance to get their pets back.

Big beautiful parades and a city park put into the city and bands there on the weekends.

They should have a place where they can have car shows, clothes shows, etc. And something to do that's inside for the winter times. And watch baseballs games.

Water park put in the volunteer park.

An increase in walking paths.

More things for smaller children.

More activities for teens so we can keep them off the streets and more active. And more programs for low income families with teens besides video games. Fun activities at the park that don't cost a lot of money like dance classes etc.

Roller skating rink and a swimming pool.

More teen use to keep them occupied like a water park.

More things for the kids. They like to hang around and that is when they get in trouble.

When they have nothing to do that is when they get into trouble.

A rodeo.

Something for the stay at home moms.
More stuff for kids.
More places along the river for elders to fish that's more accessible.
Free music events.
More transportation for seniors.
A senior citizen park.
An interactive water feature where the water shoots out randomly from the ground that children can play in.
Transportation to Ashland for senior citizens.
I'd like to see more activities for children: i.e. Skating rink, cheaper activities to be involved in. Most activities are done or closed after work hours. There's not enough to do in the evenings.
Activities for teenagers so they aren't getting into trouble.
Things for kids to do.
More bike paths.
I would like to see an annual garbage collection day to take large items, junk, etc to the landfill for free.
More for kids.
Senior citizens activities.
More for senior citizens to do.
I would like more youth programs. Kindergarten through college age - the older kids mentoring the younger children.
Water park, with slides and stuff.
More programs for kids.
Another bridge across the river.
I don't really care.
More for the special population, a wider range.
Indoor soccer.
I would like a senior community center like they have in Rogue River.
Maybe a local swimming pool.
I would like to see them do more for the young people to keep the youth busy like soccer, swimming and baseball. Anything to keep the young people active. I would like to see boys and girls clubs. Anything to keep them off the street and breaking into my vehicles.
Water park.
I would like to see a lot more things to keep the young teenagers busy. Any place that we can give them so that they won't be running the streets and getting into trouble.
Artificial rapids, water park.
Have them build an outdoor theater. We have a lot of that activity here.
Opportunities for mentally ill to do stuff.
Adult recreation, and more youth services.
Something for the kids, something for the teenagers to do.
I think there should be a dog park like in Medford. Or the Southwest area of town.
I don't think there are enough activities for the young people, only for the elderly. There's only bowling and movies for entertainment. The only other things people do around here are get pregnant and do drugs.

More recreation for kids under 15.

I would like to see more activities. I would like more activities in the parks. Less downtown and more in the parks. Something like concerts or something to draw people into the parks.

More flag football and soccer.

Signs showing bike trails and hiking trails, and I haven't seen too many around. More stuff for the kids to do such as a roller skating rink and drive-in theater.

More for younger kids.

I would like to see a public pool installed somewhere in the southeast part of the city. I would like to see more things for the children to do also.

I want to see more police departments.

Sand volleyball. It seems like it's the people that are initiating the recreation, not the city, which is good. That's what a community does.

There needs to be more activities for the teens in the city of Grants Pass, I don't think there is enough to do for the kids.

I would like more activities for the kids. There could be a lot of things to help out the younger children.

More for kids. Our town just doesn't have much for kids. For the little tots.

Astronomy gatherings.

I would like to see more stuff for minors to keep their minds busy.

I would like more stuff for teens.

I would like to see a sport around gardening. There are thousand of acres of land they do nothing with and I think they should revolve a sport around gardening to help out the food banks and etc.

I would like to see bike lanes, it's not safe for the bikers or the drivers when there's no bike lanes to divide traffic.

I really don't know any that I would like to add specifically.

I would like to see a city dog park somewhere in the city. I don't know if they have one, but I would like to see more or at least one.

More things for kids to do to keep them out of trouble like a skateboarding park on the upper part of town.

Maybe more little leagues of all different sports, and that's about the only thing.

Bring back the hot air balloons.

I think they need a water park and something that they utilize winter and summer.

Something for the teenagers to utilize to keep them off the street. You've got to keep them controlled. Teenagers are up the road that are bummin'.

I like to see more busses to go to the shopping centers.

PARK2 Where would you like the new parks with soccer fields to be?
OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

Well, I think by the Liam Highway towards Murphy.

It doesn't matter.

Redwood area is lacking and needs to be developed.

They need to be closer.

Northeast part of town.

On Williams Highway, there is a piece of property there.
Anywhere along the river.
Redwood.
Maybe in the city park.
Centralized.
Use the parks that are already there instead of building a new one.
County and city.
Perhaps an extension on an existing park.
Northeast Grants Pass.
I have no idea. I'm not really familiar with Grants Pass.
Spread around the town.
Probably a little further out. I don't know where.
It'd be nice to see something by the college.
Maybe in the parks that currently exist. Add on to them.
I don't know where but maybe in more of the low income neighborhoods. Or out by the
fourth bridge that connects the sports parks.
Where there are lots of children.
South of the river on Allen Creek Road.
Near the hospital.
Probably on the southeast side of town.
Schroeder Park, all sports park.
I don't want them around my house just in case they kick a ball and break a window, but
any other place would be fine.
In the new area up on lower River Road.
Somewhere where there are services, facilities, places for visitors to stay.
I don't know, maybe down by the county park.
Inside Grand Central.
Northwest side of town.
Close to the schools.
Anywhere they want to put them where there is room for them.
Just near residential areas so they are nearby and people can use them.
I don't know. I think they are needed.
Near more residential areas so the kids can go there without traveling.
Merlin area or by the schools.
Conveniently located in populated neighborhoods.
The current parks or the schools.
North end of the city.
I guess probably the west or southwest part of town.
North of town or either end near the skate park.
Used in accommodation with the regular parks.
On the southeast area.
Every corner of town.
Not in town, out of town.
In the southeast area of town.
Open fields that don't have anything on it.
Located wherever they are needed.

They need to be in growth areas south and west of New Hope Road.
Probably somewhere by the YMCA or over by Williams Highway 238.
In town.

By Wall Street. Abandoned buildings.

Open lands.

In either one of the two parks - Riverside or where the hot air balloons take off.

That just takes us back to the planning department, there is no room left.

Wherever it's convenient.

On Lower River Road.

Lower River Road area.

Upriver.

All over town - not in any one set spot. The young people could all take part and not have to depend on mom or dad getting them there.

Outskirts of town where there is enough room for them to be built.

In the middle of town somewhere, where people can easily access them.

South of the river.

US Cellular fields.

Probably in the middle of town where it is accessible to everyone.

Everywhere and anywhere they can put them.

Next to the Redwood School in a vacant field.

At all four ends of the city, so you can get to them from any place in the city or where the kids live.

I don't know. Maybe up the Midland Avenue or Hawthorne.

Anywhere that would be affordable and easy access.

The soccer fields need to be put in the south part of the city for sure.

There's lots of parks. I don't know where they should be.

One out towards White Horse Park.

I would like them down near where they have the YMCA.

Wherever the development is heading in residential development.

I don't really have any preference myself. Just whatever property they have that is worthy of the development. You know grass will grow anywhere.

Redwood area.

I think of the baseball fields at the all-sports park should be reused as a soccer field.

Around the top of town.

I would like them in the southwest part of town. That's where I live and would want them located near where I live.

I think the new soccer fields should be on the southwest part of town, because that's where I live and the kids need more activities to do.

I think every park should have a soccer field or at least an area for them to play.

Sports park.

Not too far away. Very close to the city, but not in the city.

CHANGE What is one thing you would like to change about Grants Pass (to make living there more enjoyable)?

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I want them to have jay-walking laws.

I think probably allocating to the needs of the community that the community thinks are necessary and not what the city thinks are necessary. We have a rainy day allocation that could be used differently than it is.

For the police to do their jobs.

I did like to see more music venues. I'm a musician. I'd like more theater opportunities.

Most musicians are stuck playing in bars.

Traffic.

Safe public service to schools.

The people who run it, the families that basically run Grants Pass and they keep the wages down. To get them up we would need to bring in more companies, and I would just like to see the wages raised.

The speed limit on the street that I live on.

I would like to see the street sweepers come around more often.

I think that the citizens should agree to disagree and work together for our community. At some city meetings, there are citizens being rude to each other. They need to be civil to each other and working for the good of our community. I would like to see citizens be more appreciative of our public safety people: i.e. the police, fire, Sheriff.

I don't know. Well, I would like to start a TV station that is Grants Pass-based and not Metro-based to let the locals know what is going on. Sometimes they mention us to throw us a bone. Some kind of news media that is Grants Pass based.

I would like to see support for criminal justice.

Cheaper gas.

I can't think of any one thing. I'd like to see the city be more responsive to its citizens and not so in-bred. I don't think the city councilors really listen.

Some of the people.

I like it how it is, it's pretty fine.

Slowing people down. I have seen a lot of things come and go in 40 something years.

Free fishing licenses.

People voting in a sales tax. They won't vote in anything else, so we need to vote in a sales tax. It's the equitable thing to do.

Political climate to change.

It'd be nice if there was less traffic.

Make it easier for businesses to come in. Cut back on the amount they charge for permits to do anything.

Well, maybe enforcing the no skating on the sidewalks or general rules. If it says no skateboarding there should be no skateboarding.

I think more safe places and family activities.

I think it's a great city.

I would like to see a Costco come into town. Enhanced local shopping.

I think for a small town it's very nice. I think they should help the homeless people, a place for them to stay.

The whole political system to commingle the entire budget so it can be spent where it should be spent. The police don't have enough money but we have ugly art at the bus stops.

Not too much.

More younger people.

I would like them to stop buildings. I don't want any more houses. I lived in the country and they've taken most of that away from me already. It's becoming much like the city and I like the country and my animals.

We lost a theater and business and need to get those back.

Stop expanding the city.

I'm irritated about the people out of work, homeless. I don't like being approached by them.

Probably more police and business. More jobs. Bring in more business and yes to more opportunities. The levy failed and there is less protection. More help for the elderly and good people that are aware of the elderly's need.

Jobs.

Right now I can't think of a thing. I'm pleased with how things are right now and in six months I might have a different answer.

I would like to change the business practice of running the city council. They run the city with a champagne appetite and a beer pocketbook.

Something for the homeless. A place for them to go and not harassed by police by police. I don't think that I would change anything. We really like it here. There are many places to recreate, slower pace living, I like the small town living.

Job market.

I don't know. I can't think of anything. We've got a good service.

I don't know. I don't have any suggestions. It is very conservative. I would make it so you had to be a resident from Oregon for quite some time before they could vote for city issues. Tax levies would help.

More public events.

Make it a little bit more safe, less crime, have the police officers pay more attention.

The government needs to get their act together.

I would like lower property taxes.

More jobs.

I would like to see safety. The sheriff department that we voted on it affects all of us, the county or the city.

The city officials get their acts together and really think about what they are proposing to affect the city and county residents. That the Grants Pass officials should consider that the majority of the people are on fixed incomes. When they propose new taxes it cuts into our budgets. Like the new levies that they have proposed and I understand that the allocated money is not being used efficiently.

More community transits.

I would like to change the attitude of the negative voters.

Well, I would like to see the police get more money and not cut back and improve.

More sidewalks, more walking and bike trails.

Game controller.

There are just a few stores and restaurants that I would like to see that are not here.

Possibly a mall would be good.

Traffic is a big issue.

I do not want to change anything, just less police.

Not much. It's pretty nice here.

Better restaurants.

I wish the funding was available for the sheriff and police services.

I don't know. More jobs.

Get rid of the gangs.

I'd not change a thing.

Anything that the taxpayer put in the community would be great, having parks and things for the kids will be very useful.

It is hard for me to comment, nothing comes to mind.

Be more interested in what the city needs instead of all the artsy craftsy stuff they buy. I would like to see them do better on the weeds and tall grass around the city, it's a fire hazard. More communication. There are so many out of job people here it's pathetic.

Less dense development projects, no land grabbing. Stop the town homes and the growth of urban development. Preserve the rural properties, and keep the farmland and preserve the private property rights.

I wish the residents understood more about the workings of the city, the funding, the effects of their choices, and the responsibility of the citizens.

Jobs for young families and support.

To get people to vote for public safety measures. I love my city but the people that live here need to make better decisions.

I can't think of anything.

Stop taxing the people. Know how to use the money.

Make the big city more like a small town.

I think we are growing too fast for such a small community.

Put money to good use in other places.

I think I would like to stop the urban sprawl and slow down the development and put an end to playing favoritism and no longer offer initiatives to outside corporations at the expense of local business.

I don't know. A few more jobs.

Not a thing. I like it the way it is. And if the people want to squawk about it then they can just pack up and leave.

More businesses, Trader Joes, bike trails.

I'd like the city to deal with the homeless people. If I knew that the funds were going to the homeless people, I would support a tax or would donate. But only if I could be guaranteed that it was being used appropriately.

Tolerance.

I would have more doctors. They need more doctors in here. I wish we could afford a police department.

Just leave it alone. It's fine the way it is.

There are a lot of gangs, when we first moved here the traffic wasn't so bad and get the gangs out of the town.

Having more entertainment options for teenagers and young adults. Maybe try to patrol the littering. Crack down on the littering.

I wish it would have more police.

They should have some kind of bus services for us outside the city, taxis are too expensive.

More open, friendly with gays, blacks, and diversity.

People would not be so quick to vote against the added tax for schools, police and fire.

We need our kids to be educated, we are down to 25 on the list. We need fire and police.

A place for the kids to hang out instead of the streets.

Stop bickering. I wish the city council, county commissioners would just grow up and just get along with each other.

I would like the police to give out less frivolous tickets to people who are poor. Not victimizing honest people.

More things to do. I am 55 years old, but there is nothing to do. They need to put in go carts or an amusement park or a paintball place. Horseback riding.

I am happy with it the way it is.

New politicians and new council and new county commissioners and a new mayor.

The fighting and name calling with the politics could end, I wish people would respect each other more.

Better fairground facilities.

Actively support the library.

I'd like to have more things for teenagers so they're not on the streets.

I think there should be limits to size of the buildings allowed in town. Small businesses need to be a priority so that local money stays in the community.

I can't think of anything. Change the name to Grass Pants.

Make people nicer. Encourage courtesy.

Not so many people.

Stricter curfew for kids.

I am perfectly happy with the way it's been going.

Wider streets.

Less traffic, not overpasses. I don't know. I think we're growing too fast. People need to be nicer, we are attracting a lot of people from down south who are rude and always in a hurry. If we could change that.

More police for better response times. More activity centers for teenagers, young adults and kids.

No more people can move here.

They should put in a mall.

It's all good.

Send all the Californians back. Figure out a way to control traffic and crime.

We need to have a fully functioning library that is open everyday instead of just a few days a week.

More public transportation. That is the main thing. Some kind of a bus service so you wouldn't always have to drive.

Whatever police force there is needs to do their jobs and really put repercussions on the laws that are broken instead of letting them go.

We need good jobs. My daughter is looking for a job.

Something that would help the community would be a bus system. Not a big bus system, something small on a rotational basis that would help people, mostly senior

citizens, get around a little easier to do things. So they are more independent than they are now, having to call for special rides.

Quit building houses so close together.

The weather sometimes. It'd be nice to not have the fees for the park.

I wish we didn't have so many May fairs. More clothing stores for the elderly.

Nothing, I'm happy with Grants Pass. We have lived here a long time.

Get our cops back and I'd love to see police enforcement have more money.

Having an effective justice department. I guess we are okay.

I wish we had a better department store, a little higher class.

I would like to see the juvenile justice center open and the jail open and full and the district attorney's office open.

Enforce the laws that are already on the books.

I would like to see more activities for seniors.

The mental health system, more people should have access to it. The churches taxed.

Shelter for the homeless where they could camp and have facilities for hygiene and stuff.

Cut the population down to 15,000 and keep it there.

I think if the city council would be acting more in the benefit of the people of Grants Pass and not of their own agendas. They put their own agendas first. I am not happy with my city council.

The issues with the safety, if I can feel safe that is about it.

More movie theaters.

I think greater attitudes to draw business to town.

Population, high food prices, hunting and fishing licenses are too high, electricity is too high.

Get rid of the good ol' boy system and make it where our votes really count. Majority rules.

I would like to consider increasing tourist tax base for activities for children and families.

And finding a different modality for sending out their newsletter separately with a slip to send back in so they can have a better relationship with the residents. And have a free giveaway each month in their newsletter or a coupon highlighting a company or something.

Better restaurants.

They have too many homeless people in the streets. I wish something could be done about that.

More small business, less big business, more police.

Have the city spend money on the basics and not on crazy. They're giving too much to the police and fire. They should focus on the basic services and reduce their taxes.

To recognize the fact they need to pass levies.

I'm very satisfied.

I would like to see city council picked with a larger IQ than Bush. It's extremely sad the city does not support the police and fire department.

The main thing is to get more things for kids to do to get them off the street and in a safe place and active.

More police.

Drug and crime rate go down, better police enforcement.

To get rid of these bickering county commissioners and act like adults. Do something good for this town other than just sit and fight with each other. They are worse than teenagers.

Jobs.

I do not have any changes.

They should do more for the people and listen to the people. The problem with the world is people do not listen.

It'd be nice to have some clothing stores for adults.

Attitudes of the residents.

Get rid of homeless.

I wish it had like a Costco or Winco.

More options kids can get into, charities.

I think the people being more responsible as far as tax levies and stuff.

I would like more business and housing built. It seems like the city makes that very difficult for people to do.

People stop being so lazy and start responding.

City logo for pickups.

Maybe a little more control on the traffic. There are a lot of red light runners and drunk drivers. I would like to see checkpoints for drunk drivers.

The county should coordinate better with the street department or water department or whoever is tearing up the roads because they come along and dig up the streets and they don't fill in the holes properly and they leave bumps.

I think continue to keep the core of the town alive. They should work with Evergreen Bank and support their activities.

Probably better on traffic congestion and that goes with the town growing too fast.

Community to be happy.

I can't think of anything. I think fixing 4th Street. It is such a mess, all bumpy and cracked.

I can't think of anything to be honest.

I would like to see better mental health care services for the homeless and our citizens. I wish there were more employment opportunities for our citizens.

I like it as it is. I can't think of a thing I would change. I am 80 years old. It is better than other places I have lived before. This is very nice.

I think another park would be helpful.

I would like to see more funding for children and schools and less funding for police officers.

More stores.

I don't know. I am very happy with it and happy to be here. I wouldn't change a thing. Not to make it busier.

Public safety and Pacific Power, they keep raising their rates and my power keeps going out. They said we'll get used to it and that's my pet peeve.

More diverse stores.

I don't know.

Support for county services.

I wish there were more businesses and jobs. The old cemetery should be better taken care of.

I want bicycle education. I want education of drivers to be mandatory. I also want bicycle education as bicycle owners are required to follow the same rules of the road as other drivers. The city could charge for a bicycle license. Make the kids aware that they should follow the rules of the road instead of darting in and out of traffic.

They have a Starbucks right now. Less entitlement. I know there I know that their is not that much work.

A lot of parks you have to pay just to go fishing.

I don't think there should be cameras in the parks. We are a low-crime area. The noose shouldn't be tightened on the citizens of Grants Pass. Some freedom for the good working people of our community.

Better access to public transportation.

I would like people to use hydrogen or electricity in their cars. Any attention to the issues I am in full support of.

Take it back 25 years.

I would like to have more security and the sheriff's department back.

Economy.

I would like more variety in the types of shopping and restaurants; Trader Joe's and Olive Garden. I would like them to remove the center island at the intersection of Allen Creek and Redwood Avenue. People should be able to turn left onto Redwood from Allen Creek. It's affecting businesses and causing traffic problems.

Less population.

I think that more people need to be involved. Parents need to handle their youth.

Just keep interest rates low on homes and stuff so that people can make their first home purchase.

I wish there was more variety in shopping. The stores close early and aren't open on Sundays.

I would like to see services provided to help the homeless get off the streets. People have been accosted and a church downtown had to remove their playground because the homeless sleeping there. Beer cans and needles were found in the bushes. The homeless were using the playground as a restroom.

More cooperation in our city government.

Elected officials more accountable to citizens.

I really don't know. I never leave my house. I never go into town. I think every veterinarian should donate one day a month for free spaying and neutering.

Transportation better, better law enforcement.

Drug problems.

I guess I would like the sheriffs back to full service, the prisons working. I would say infrastructure improvements. I also would like more, bigger, and more functional parking lots.

Because the inmates are being let out early, and sheriffs are being cut, I don't feel as safe. Have the lobby pass to make residents feel safer and money for the library.

Less drug use and distribution, more police, lower crime rate.

I would like to see real stable law enforcement.

Less growth.

More jobs.

More art.

Public swimming pools.

I can't think of anything except a more varied use of taxes.

Just close the borders and let it grow very slowly. It's growing too fast with too many transplants.

I haven't thought of anything right this moment. We've lived here for years and I'm happy right now.

Better timing of the traffic signals to improve the flow of traffic.

I'd like to see some effort going out to finding blue-collar jobs. I wish they would come up with a bigger anti-smoking campaign.

Better funding for criminal justice.

I would say the layout of some of the streets. Some are going one-way and merging too fast.

I wish there were better areas to go walking, i.e. sidewalks.

The city council members are constantly arguing and getting into scrapes with each other and it ends up in the news. They get the job done, just not in a timely matter.

I'd like to see more citizen involvement in the running of the city.

I don't know. I really don't know. It is pretty enjoyable.

I'd like to see the downtown area businesses occupied.

Enforce neighborhood watch more.

Less vandalism.

I think more enjoyable living in Grants Pass if we don't let transients rule our community and panhandle and sleep in the alleys. I find it a big issue in the community. That Grants Pass has allowed them to come and live in the community and something needs to be done.

I'm happy with it.

I'd like to have better weather.

Stronger police force and sheriffs.

I wish we would take care of our trees better.

I think that there should be access for the elderly to be able to watch the parades. There aren't enough places for public parking. You have to walk a long way to get to see the parade or the concerts in the park.

Stop over-populating.

I would not change a thing, I enjoy living here already.

Create more jobs, make it more business friendly. Help fund some of the services that have been cut. I'd like to see a restaurant fee, tax for anyone who buys food, for everyone so that I can help others.

A fourth bridge.

I would like to see the access roads a little bit more coordinated going through traffic lights. It takes a lot of time to go from one side of Grants Pass to the other side. I would also like to see more plays.

Have sheriffs patrol.

Better paying jobs and more of them. The economy needs to improve whole bunches.

More jobs for people.

I wouldn't change a thing, I like it here.

There's nothing I would like to change.

More transparency from all the government agencies, both city and county. I want to see an equitable adjustment for the city taxes. People in the county use the services when applicable.

It's great the way it is.

They do a pretty good job. You can't change the type of people that live here. Keep the idiots out of the city council meetings. One thing, lets just say more activities for older teens.

A little more transportation services.

I would like the city to be more business friendly.

I would like to see more activities; more city leagues for sports. Bend, Oregon has lots of good ideas and activities. I'd like to see more businesses and jobs.

Have more activities for younger children.

More reasonable city employees would be a great change.

Bring in new non-retail based businesses to take advantage of the fact that we don't have sales tax. This would improve the job market. Offering tax breaks to online-based businesses would improve our economy.

There's not too much they can do, it's all good. Just take control of the crime rate.

Salary for public employees should be checked into.

I would change the town council. I would also see about the city police force.

I'd like to see more neighborhood watch programs and public safety programs.

Eliminate the public safety concept. Go back to separate police and fire departments.

Having a safe environment to work and live in reliable employment, and have cheaper living expenses.

I would like for us to have sales tax. Flat tax.

At the moment no. There is nothing I can think of. I am perfectly happy. I would not do solicitations or surveys on the phone.

More help for the homeless.

Get rid of some of the people.

I would enjoy seeing more job opportunities for the people of Grants Pass open up.

Fire the mayor.

I would not change not one thing about Grants Pass, I have lived here for 77 years and I would not personally change a thing.

It's a great place to live. So no.

I think that the city politicians should spend our money more wisely. They don't need to give themselves raises, which increases our property taxes. Our property taxes are some of the highest in our state. I don't like the scare tactics they use to frighten the citizens.

Better schools, keep kids in school.

There are two things that I would consider changing. One is to increase the funding for the county law enforcement. The second is to have the library funded with tax money so that they can improve it.

Helping the poor within their messy houses.

Well, having a police department so we can all be safe.

No more pawn shops in downtown Grants Pass. It looks very tacky.

Not so dirty.

I would like to see some more music promoting in schools and parks for the children and elderly.

I'm not one to dictate to others. I'm content here.

The city should listen better to the residents, so they have more voice.

Able to attract more vital business to the community. More forward thinking.

More disabled-friendly.

I think that the taxes that people pay here in Grants Pass should pay for everything. They shouldn't have to be raising the taxes all the time. It should pay for the city fire, city police, street sweeping, and county jail.

We need a sales tax.

Being able to navigate in the Redwood district, there's no outlet for traffic.

I think more emergency services.

It's just fine the way it is.

More police and sheriffs.

I would like more commercial store fronts and better shopping. You have to go to

Medford to get what you want instead of getting what you want in Grants Pass.

I would like to have more police officers. I voted for it but it didn't pass, but that's okay.

I would like to change something with the traffic. The traffic has been horrendous.

I would change nosy police officers.

I would like to see a league of women voters here in the city and the county. A place to go for more information for whatever ads they put in the newspaper.

Lesser growth.

I would like a family fun center. It will bring more people into the city instead of driving into Medford. I know my kids would enjoy something like that.

I would like more community involvement. There is really not enough of that. And actually more people who really care. I'm finding there are not enough people who really care.

I would like to see less domestic violence and drug use in the neighborhoods.

I would like to see more care in deciding issues, and a slower turnover of city managers, they need to stop firing all the managers.

I would like to change nothing at all. I do like everything how it is.

Probably nothing. I'm pretty happy here, there's nothing I would change.

Fewer people and need to take the road going to the coast and move it to the side of town.

I would not change a thing at all.

I would like to see bike lanes, I'd like to see more control of skateboards on sidewalks, and probably enforcing cell phone law while driving. I drove around a few days ago and saw many people talking on their phone and driving at the same time.

I think they pretty much have it, it's already good.

The police force, I'd like for the staff to be able to do what they were trained to do to help us. More law.

I would like to not change the rate on sales tax, because I think that would be a problem.

There's nothing that I would like to change. I have been here for 55 years and I don't want to see anything change.

I would like to change job opportunities for the people because there are not enough.

I would like to change not a thing, there is not one thing I can think of.

More family activities.

I think there needs to be more police.

I would like to change the city's budget instead of the city taxing us so that's what I would like to change. I would like to see a better budget. The city wants more and more money and it's not fair.

One thing I would like to change about Grants Pass to make it more enjoyable is more activities like the antique street fair, back to the fifties and farmers markets. Those types of activities. I'm very unhappy with what happened with the recent recall on city councilors. I think the only reason for recall should be criminal activities.

The people need to realize that you have got to have taxes and that everyone pays them. Everyone, even those on fixed incomes, need to realize that we need taxes to keep the city running. Quit voting them down, we need them.

I would change the irrigation district. They need to put pipes in instead of having just water going through the dirt. This should also be used for the fire department's use.

Well, if it was possible, more neighborhood get together, and that would be the only thing. People need to know people.

Beef up our police department. That should be everybody's number one concern.

Have more businesses open on Sunday and Monday.

Oh nothing. Everything is fine.

Get our police services back. Open the jail.

Lower property value, increase more quality jobs. Investigate why gas prices are so high compared to the rest of the country. Kick all the Californians out.

I don't know how to answer that question. I think it's growing too fast. Plan the roads better.

They have all kinds of opportunities here but they don't use them. They need help with the medical. They need more jobs here. They need to open up a community service that people could volunteer to pay for medical assistance.

I would like to see some of the services extend further outside the city so we have fire and police protections. Now that they lost the tax levy it puts us in a bind and we are not that far out.

The peoples' minds, because they throw trash in the streets. The streets are too dirty.

I say if there is something that they could do better, things to catch people is to catch those who make minor infractions in driving. If they would fine people who are creating infractions. They do improper movement of the vehicle.

More jobs.

I would like take 75% of the cars off the road and send half the people back to where they came from and take half the cops off the road.

Transportation, if it was more useful.

We have a lot of indigent people in town which is not attractive. Less panhandling on the streets. Less homeless people in the parks. They are in a number of different city parks and they are definitely a distraction in the town and lead to increased crime in this town.

I can't think of anything. I'm very happy here.

More kid-friendly activities.

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That it's a very nice community, people are really nice and if you need any help they are helpful.

It is nice to old people.

Well, the thing is it is a good place to raise our kids in.

Playing senior softball.

I like the spring and summertime. I like the outdoors with the trees. It's nice and green.

I like the view of the mountains.

The people and mountains.

I'd pass the levy and make public safety come first. That's the only thing.

The community spirit.

The climate, the four seasons we have.

Being close to the river and the concerts in the park.

Parks, a lot of green space, great people, community spirit.

I enjoy the climate and being in the valley. I enjoy the fishing and outdoors.

I enjoy the beauty, the people, and the climate. It's a dog-oriented town.

I guess I like the fact it has climates. It's not too cold or too hot but I don't like their slogan. I didn't think it was a good slogan since I was a kid.

People.

Community.

I like their big community and the community involvement and attitude.

The people.

The climate, the people. That I can get good produce. I like the Riverside Park, it's a nice one and access to what I want to eat. We need better restaurants and quality food like organic.

The people are friendly, the music at the park and carnivals. A lot of things for the people.

Everything. It's home, I grew up here.

I have a good job, good friends, and like the weather.

The people.

The small town environment.

The small town atmosphere.

The small town feel. I like the way they fixed up the town, the direction they are going to make the city more cohesive.

All my family is here and it's convenient to everything and beautiful and clean and close to fishing.

It feels like home.

That it is a small community. We have good health care, public safety, good city and county roads. I would like to see bus transportation more accessible.

Community involvement, there's always something to do. A lot of opportunities.

I like the small town environment. I like living close to the river and nature. I like the seasons and moderate weather.

I like the small town atmosphere and most of the people are very polite. The kids are polite. The people are friendly. I like the rural atmosphere outside of town. I like the weather.

I like the whole area, the people who live there, most of them. Nature.

Restaurants, stores, it's a good place.

The older people.

It's quiet out where I am pretty much. Most of the people in Grants Pass are friendly and are not strangers. Everybody becomes friends.

The weather. Like the sign says, the climate. I do not like the winter.

The beauty.

The green.

People and the weather.

I think the greenery, lakes and rivers. The natural parts of the area. Duck, deer, and turkey crossing.

Weather and home town feeling.

Lots of fishing and recreational.

I enjoy my quiet neighborhood, there's not too much traffic. There's hardly any children around. I enjoy the wildlife, deer in my yard, raccoons at the back door.

The weather, the friendliness of the people, the ease of shopping.

It's reasonably sized. The neighbors are pretty nice people. Good citizens.

People.

At my age I like the weather. It's home now. I have never felt like I wanted to move back to Portland.

The attitude of the people. The friendliness. The climate is reasonable. The scenery. It is a very scenic area. The mountains surrounding the valley and the nature part.

I've lived here since I was three years old, it's a good community.

Fewer people, population.

The surroundings, I love the way it looks, the mountains, the river and the trails.

It's a small town.

It is beautiful. It is a small town yet it is close to everything. It is conservative and a great place to live.

I like it because it is close to the wilderness. I like to get outside. There is shopping in town. It's not overly-populated. I would like to see more jobs.

The nature and the parks and things.

Outdoors.

The people are friendly. It's a nice 'big' small town.

The people are wonderful, and options for southern Oregon are helpful to me.

The lack of big city traffic and crime.

I love the slow pace. It's very nice and laid back. People are really nice here.

Just the fact that it's quiet and a small town.

The climate. I love living out in the country.

The size.

I like the friendly atmosphere. The police department and public safety are good. They do a good job with the parks. The schools are good.

I like the people here, I really do. Nice people. I liked it better when it wasn't so big but I like the way the city is handling it.

The river, outdoor activities I'm able to do.

Small town.

The weather, the parks, mostly flat ground, and the mountains. That is about it. The river. Everything, the air, the climate, people's attitudes, surroundings and the quality of life.

It's just a place to live.

The scenery and the small town. The looks of the town. It's nice, quiet and safe.

We have lots of family here.

The conductivity of people.

Everything's close and convenient.

I like the climate and the area, the trees, and our river.

The scenery. The mountains and river.

Living outside the city limits.

The climate, the beauty, it's a really nice, subtle, quiet community.

We live in a wonderful outdoorsy area.

The weather, we have the warmest part of the state almost year round. Pretty mild winters; good summers. It's not like the northern part of the state where it is really dry.

I like the solitude and the fact that we are out in the country. Good restaurants and it is enjoyable for us.

It's quieter.

Upkeep of the city, it's very clean. The police force is great, fire department is fine.

The wide open spaces and the farm land, the valley views and the solitude and quietness.

I enjoy the safety of our community, and the attempted efforts of our community members to help our youth.

The green hills.

The beauty, the people, the public arts, things to do, chalk art weekend.

I like the rivers, the woods, it's very private.

It's the climate.

Quieter pace of life.

City activities centered around children.

I used to like the small community but that is changing fast. This is my home town so I guess that is the best reason.

Just about everything. It's not too crowded, shopping is easy and good.

Weather, good climate, friendly people.

It's hard to put my finger on. I was born here, attachment to the land and the area.

Everything.

I like my neighbors and the weather.

The river, growers market, art, community, parks.

I love all the activities, softball, golfing, basketball. The activities for the seniors are great.

Where I live is nice.

It's fun.

Not right now. I think if I could sell my place I would be gone.

I enjoy coming home. The climate, the people, the fishing.

The weather except when it gets too hot or cold. The concerts in the park and a lot of activities for all ages and more activities downtown. I liked the idea of the center

in downtown. The grower market that they have every Saturday and they have a lot of local businesses. It's community-oriented.

The weather. The climate. It is not too cold in the wintertime.

The people here are very nice and friendly.

The people are very friendly here.

Smallness.

Everything, the people.

I guess the people. It's a close-knit community.

It's friendly and clean.

I mainly like the weather.

Everything. The outdoors.

The woods and the rivers, the rafting.

It's a small city that has a variety of opportunities for people.

Small town.

It is peaceful and pretty. It is a very good place to raise kids. There's not a bunch of gangs and it is safe to walk down the street. For the most part the police are nice.

My family is here and great friends. It's the most generous community I have ever lived in, a lot of volunteering.

It's very scenic. We have mountains on both sides of us. We have the BLM in front of us and we can walk right through the BLM and go down to the river.

Beauty.

The green area, the weathers, the heat, the fun people. I think it's a fun little town.

It's a rural environment, it feels more country, not too city.

The climate, the easy living there and the friendliness of the people. It's just a pleasant town and pleasant people.

The weather, the people.

I like that there's not a lot of big box stores like a mall. I like that. I like the weather here and the four seasons, but there is nothing you can do about that. It just is.

Its diversity. And there are areas where homes are all together and then areas where homes are all spread out very open and I like that.

I like the small town feel.

The river, four seasons, it's a beautiful area and it doesn't get too cold.

That it is a smaller community. Very pretty.

The valley, it's a beautiful place to live.

It's close to rivers, the beach, the ocean, and it's close to other cities.

I think it is a beautiful city. It's easy to get around. It hasn't grown. The shopping is not the best sometimes.

It doesn't rain as much as it does in Portland.

I like my neighborhood with lots of trees. The traffic isn't too bad. They have plenty of stores, a good variety of anything you need. Stores are nearby and they're easy to get to.

It is still somewhat of a small town. I like the services of small businesses.

It is not a big, big town and not a podunk town. It's just the right size and there's always something to do.

Downtown shopping, people.

Everything. The closeness to the ocean and the lakes. The climate is my favorite. The mountains is one of the best parts about living here. I also like the size of the city. The weather, the nature, and the parks.

Parks.

A lot of activities and the weather. The climate and scenery and out of doors activities.

I like the area, with the mountains. It's a nice friendly town.

The friendliness of the people. I like it because everything is convenient without traveling the state.

The music in the park, decorations, flowers on posts.

The small town area, it makes you feel cozy.

The recreational activities in the mountains around and a good park service does a good job.

The quietness. That is the main thing.

The beauty of all the trees.

I like the climate and the weather. It's accessible to the airport and the highway for us to travel. We need more consistent doctors in certain areas so that you do not get kicked out of the programs when you get older. I want local doctors and hospitals.

I don't want to have to travel to the city except for major medical procedures.

Its ruralness. We have shopping and other amenities that you would expect, but it does have a smaller town feel which is nice if you have kids.

It's beautiful and the people.

The quietness of it.

I think the style and the attitude of most of the people, it's laid back.

I like living in a small town.

I like the small town feel and the four seasons and convenient shopping.

Being close to the river. We have awesome local shops and it's close to nature.

The people and the climate.

The people are mostly very nice. We have lovely gentlemen in this town. The city is very helpful and friendly and a pleasant place to live.

I'm not sure how to answer that one.

The location and the people.

It feels like a small community even though it is big.

The people.

I like the atmosphere and the weather and the change of seasons.

The people.

The climate.

I love the beauty of our city and the friendliness of the people in it. Somewhat the efficiency of the city and how it runs without the city council.

The fact that I was born and raised here and my family is here. The scenery.

Nature.

I like the stores and shopping. I like working here.

The friendliness and volunteer activities of the community. I like having a downtown.

Weather, be able to go on picnic.

Opportunity for outdoor activities, diverse culture.

The area.

The environment.

Climate and the people.
Safeness.
If it wants to rain, let it rain.
I enjoy the surroundings.
It's beautiful with a wonderful sense of community.
The activities at River City Park are really nice.
It's a small town.
Small town, you always know someone.
The whole atmosphere, community, people.
The river, I love the trees, I love the mountains.
The country and wildlife, the nature, the seasons.
Seasons, people.
The change of seasons, quiet neighborhood.
It's beautiful, friendly people, everything you want.
I enjoy the weather and just enjoy being here. I live alone and think it is a nice place to live.
It's a small city, the country. It's more peaceful, you can walk around, not like LA. It's quiet and peaceful.
It's close to so many things.
Its climate. It's a great place to live.
The beauty, the friendly people.
I love the location, the size of the town and the climate is fantastic.
The people, the scenery, the temperature is perfect.
The woods, the peace.
The small town quality.
The size.
It has less people, the way of life is slower, less population, it's behind the times, country.
The people.
I enjoy the beauty, the parks, the river, the people.
I just like the people and the town. It's an enjoyable town with a nice downtown area.
The climate.
I enjoy the volunteerism. I think the quality of the city council. The quality of the public school systems.
The atmosphere.
The people are friendly and it's a nice beautiful area.
It's a smaller community.
The trees. I love it that we have trees in town. They are beautiful and taken care of. I like the activities downtown. The concerts in the park.
It's a peaceful, calm little town.
I enjoy the green areas, the trees, the parks, the river. The schools are great. It's a very good place to live.
Climate, the looks of it, mountains.
It's beautiful.
I like the mountains and the scenery. I enjoy it here.
The speed of life. It is almost the Goldie Locks story. Not too fast and not too slow.

I enjoy the weather and being able to go to the river and things like that. I like the easy access to downtown.

The rivers, the woods, the people.

The climate.

I like the air and the weather and the convenience of shopping. I like that my grandparents lived here in 1875.

The weather, it's not too hot not too cold.

Not a whole lot of traffic, clean air.

I like the quiet and the peacefulness of the area, the easy living lifestyle, no traffic problems or crime problems.

The outdoors.

I like the slow pace. It's a small town and most people are really nice. They say 'thank you,' and open doors for you. You don't see that in the big city.

I enjoy the seniors and it is a more age diverse community because my mother and I are both seniors.

Well, I love the outdoors, rivers, and hiking trails. I love the smallness of it. And the young folk go down to the Purple Parrot and do not go to work. There are a great deal of younger people wandering the town.

Small town, laid back, friendly people. Weather.

The climate.

Low population, freedom, recreation.

Everything is close together, shopping.

It's a nice place to live.

The climate.

The weather, the beautiful mountains, the river. I love the way the city decorates for the different seasons. I think our city is very attractive. I think some businesses should paint their buildings.

The people.

The access to nature.

I enjoy the beauty. It's still a small community. It's easy to get to shopping. Convenience of locations.

I like the downtown area, the parks, the people. I just really like the town.

It's a tight-knit community, lots of family activities, the river. There are nice places to shop at.

Weather.

It's my home. I love it. It's beautiful. I love the trees, mountains, and the river. I can't think of another place I want to live but here.

The location, it's not too far from Portland, it's close to my friends and family. The climate. It's just an all around great place. Horse races, the fair, the bowling alleys.

There are a lot of activities like Boatnik, fishing. There's something for everyone. Lots of wide open space.

I think that the downtown merchants have worked hard to make the downtown area beautiful and inviting. There are lots of activities. The 'Back to the 50s' activity is lots of fun.

Smaller town, peaceful.

Scenery.

It's laid back, not the rush of a big city. Lots of seniors.

I like the summers. I like the lakes and rivers.

People.

It's safe.

I like the surroundings. I like the nature. It is beautiful here. It's so beautiful sometimes I can't believe it and just stare at it.

I love the beauty, being in the valley, downtown, bear statues, memorial columns. Bald eagle sculptures. The decorations during the holidays. I love the trees. I think our city is very clean. Crime is on the rise and I'm concerned about that.

The location.

The people are friendly. The air is clean. It is a beautiful area with a good climate.

Everything we need can be found here, there's no need to go to the big city for things.

Mountains, scenery, trees, lakes, rivers.

The climate, people, scenery.

I like the fresh air and the people. I like the neighborhood where I live. I really like the high school sports.

I like the people. We have excellent medical facilities.

Climate.

I like the trails and the area.

Climate.

I like the quiet.

I like the people, I haven't seen prejudice, bias or any hate, everybody seems to be happy.

The people and the beauty.

I can be fishing, mountain biking, and skiing. I enjoy hiking. I love the mountains.

I think it is a very nice town. I think most people are friendly and doing different things that I might not do.

Small town atmosphere, friendly people, close to all kinds of recreation.

I moved over here because it has a river going through it and I have a drift boat. I enjoy going fishing. I enjoy the less elitist attitude about Grants Pass.

Outdoor environment.

I would say probably the location is really nice if you want to get away without driving for a long ways.

I like the people, the weather.

The flowers, people, community.

I love the beautiful surroundings, the climate. The people are friendly. Tucked in the mountains. Easy to access large cities. Beautiful river.

The weather. We get all four seasons.

The summer, the weather being warm. My family is here, that is why I'm here.

I like the friendly people, great police and fire departments, lots of activities.

The weather is great and it is also quiet enough for me.

The river runs through it, greenery, mountains.

The climate, the variety we have.

A slower paced environment that still has that family feel to it. You don't find that everywhere.

The people are friendly. I enjoy it all.

I enjoy getting out of the house. I just enjoy the city.

The friendliness.

I think the people, the beauty. I feel like we are centrally located between Seattle and San Francisco, and we are about an hour and a half from the coast.

I like the little town atmosphere.

I don't. I want to get out.

I love the people, the things to do and the parks.

The greenery, the river, small town atmosphere.

The small town atmosphere and polite drivers.

Mainly the people, I like the people. The buildings and everything.

Weather, everything.

It's still a fairly small town.

Just that it's a quiet town.

The atmosphere and the people. I like having easy access to the woods, but still living downtown. I like the city parks.

Parks, scenery.

I enjoy the people, the community feeling. I love the beauty, the weather.

The weather and the beauty.

It is a nice community surrounded by mountains. I raised both of my daughters here, and they went to college. I've been able to make a living here. I am working fulltime and I've never been unemployed.

The activities.

Scenery and the activities that are available are a pretty good spectrum.

It's quiet and everybody is friendly.

I love the people that live in Grants Pass.

I like the river, camping spots. It's a good place for kids, lots of parks. There are a few tourist attractions.

The weather, mountains, and rivers.

The southern Oregon scenery.

We like the sense of community, and the environment is beautiful.

Being a smaller town is a great deal for me.

Its environment.

We do have friendly people.

I love the weather here in Oregon.

I like the weather and scenery.

I like the idea that the seasons are the seasons. I like that there are lakes and rivers, most of the people are friendly.

I like the four seasons, river, climate, the people.

I love the people and the idea you can be yourself and not who someone else expects. I have nice, considerate neighbors. You don't have to put on airs and you can just be yourself.

The river, parks.

The beauty.

I think the overall country and people and climate make things very enjoyable. I love the weather here in Grants Pass.

Everything.

The trees, woods, rivers.

The small community.

I enjoy the size of Grants Pass. I enjoy living in the small populated area.

It has the small town atmosphere. We need more clothes stores.

It's a nice community, decent weather. I like the look of the town, it's not too big or too small.

It's not really crowded.

The environmental surroundings, people are very helpful, weather.

People.

The weather. Most of the people are nice and friendly.

I like the small town feel, the downtown area, the weather, the schools in district 7.

I've lived here all my life and I like it. It's home.

Church community.

I grew up here and I left, then I came back. I just love the town and the climate, and my family's all here.

I enjoy the scenery and the quality of people. Most people are pretty decent around here. I love the river. That's where I learned to swim. The river runs right through the town of Grants Pass.

I really enjoy the unique things about Grants Pass.

I love the mountains, love the location. It's close to the mountains, close to the coast. I like the climate, unpredictable.

The climate and the people.

I enjoy less traffic. I like small towns.

It's my home, I'm 50 years old.

It's beautiful. The small town feel.

It's small.

Open space.

It's a nice area.

It's a lot cooler weatherwise. I like the cool air.

I guess the access to being close to the redwoods and being able to visit redwoods. I like the fishing and outdoor opportunities here.

I like the small town, country atmosphere it has.

I enjoy the small town feel. The police department is really good about responding which is unusual in the city.

I just enjoy the fact that it is really close to nature. There are a lot of activities to keep you busy.

The geography, proximity to the river, and the opportunity to meet a lot of really nice people. I like where it's situated in southern Oregon close to the ocean. It's close to the mountains. I like the fact they have lots of events during the summer and all year long. I like that they've been able to retain their downtown as a relatively viable business district.

Country atmosphere.

I love my church and the people I've met. I like the community involvement. People seem to like hanging out together. I like that.

I enjoy the park on Seventh Street before you cross the bridge.

There is less crime than Denver. It is really pretty and a great place to raise your kids. I like the weather at certain times. The winters are too ugly and too long. In the winter it rains a lot and is very cloudy and depressing.

I enjoy the habitat. The climate is wonderful, I mostly enjoy living in the woods here in Oregon.

I love the climate and the weather and the people of Grants Pass, all three of these things make Grants Pass enjoyable for me.

The most particular thing I enjoy about living in Grants Pass would have to be the river.

I just like the climate, I also like the people. Most places you go they are friendly.

I enjoy the cleanliness of the community, and I also enjoy having no stress living here.

I enjoy the area. I like the government in Grants Pass because they do not bother you and of course I love the weather.

Everything is accessible. The bus system is really nice and the shopping is great. The people mind their business and no one really gets into it.

The trees, I love the water. My children grew up here.

I enjoy the weather, I also enjoy downtown. I would like to see more businesses open up so the young people have a place to work around here.

I enjoy the weather and the climate, friendly people around town.

I enjoy the beautiful scenery and the people, and sometimes I enjoy the climate and the weather also.

I enjoy the four seasons, the climate and the weather are very enjoyable for me.

I just like the view and most of the people are pretty cool.

The woods and the river, it's beautiful here.

I love the beautiful surroundings. I love the trees and all the wonderful people.

Geographic location and the proximity to wildlife and the small town atmosphere.

The size and a beautiful town.

I enjoy the Oregon area. I have been interested in Oregon since I was younger so I just enjoy Oregon as a whole.

The views of the mountains, the air is clean and I also love the weather and the climate.

I like the weather.

I think it's the most friendly city I've ever been in.

It's a beautiful part of the country, it is beautiful.

Well, I have lived here 91 years. The climate and the attitude. That is why I am still living here.

It is quiet. I lived in LA and there were a bunch of Mexicans there using all our welfare and stuff. Most of them haven't made it up this far.

Helping other people, especially kids.

The view. It's calming.

It's small. It's just pretty.

It used to be a nice place to live, but we are talking about leaving. It is hard to live here.

It is friendly and it is a fairly vibrant downtown. A lot of convenience, hiking, and getting more diverse. More acceptance.

I love the weather, I love the people, I love the rain.

It is not too big. Metropolis is a good thing to compare it to and we are not one of those.

The weather, clean air, not so congested.

I enjoy not one thing at all, Grants Pass sucks.

The weather.

It's the climate. It is a great small city. We love the people and they are friendly.

I enjoy the privilege, that there are lots people that care for one another here in Grants Pass.

Friendly people. Not so much traffic.

I really appreciate the downtown area and how they have really worked hard to make it a very beautiful place.

I grew up here. I like the fact my family lives here. It was safer to live here.

END1 Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these important questions about Grants Pass. Your comments have been valuable. Do you have anything else you'd like to add? Have a nice (day/evening).

OPEN-ENDED, TYPE EXACT RESPONSE BELOW

I enjoy living in Grants Pass, it's a really nice place to live. Everyone is so congenial.

I'd like to see the results of this survey published in a newspaper or something like that.

I just think it's highway robbery how you have to pay for a septic tank reinspection. You have to pay a fee and they didn't even stop and look at it, they just drove by. I feel like I was legally robbed by the inspection department of Grants Pass.

I would like to see, during the summer, a patrol to cite owners who leave their kids or dogs locked in cars in the heat.

I don't like the ordinance the city has about trees. Being able to take one down, put one up.

The property tax is low and that helps people when they don't have to pay a super high property tax like everywhere else. I do appreciate that.

I was shocked when I moved here that they cut off funding for the library. It has colored my opinion of city government negatively.

No, I like the idea of the survey.

I think they should take open questions and publish them in the paper and let people see what is being asked and address it.

Need more work and help with growth.

The city budget should be readjusted so that schools are first, fire and safety are second, and other services after that.

No, I don't think so. I think it is a safe place to live and the people in general are friendly. More police on duty.

I really do, but it is not for your ears.

How come Grants Pass doesn't run the county jail? And they should at least half.

I like Grants Pass very much.

No neighborhood centers, we are against neighborhood centers, density and urban sprawl. We don't want the buildings and traffic it brings, we don't want them to take the farmland.

I think that the city officials that run for office should have to state their political party and views. They should think about, be aware of, and attempt to get the opinion of the youth of our city in making their decisions.

They need to be more friendly to new businesses coming to the area.

Just a great place to live.

Sales tax, growth is growing too fast, high prices.

No, not now, I just got done voting. But no, nothing else.

Yeah, I'd like to find out who is behind this survey.

I don't think so and thank you, this was fun.

It's a great place to be.

No. They have been pretty comprehensive.

No. I think we have pretty much covered a lot of it. It's a good place to live.

No. I like that you are contacting the public. I wish that in planning things they would have adequate parking available. To get into our driveway.

No. Except that anyone that lives in Grants Pass would be very happy with all phases of living in this town. I find nothing negative about this town.

New bridge going over the river.

More jobs in the construction area.

On the growth it is too slow because of the city mandated by the good old boys society stopping the city growth.

It would probably be nice to maybe send out questionnaires to people to answer on a more consistent basis and finding out what people think and letting the results out.

It is nice to have people in office who are concerned about what people think. If there were more options as to where you could go to school, some more flexibility. Some people here are considering home schooling to address their particular needs that the school they are assigned to can't meet.

Add more discounted services for vets, like dentists and doctors and vets.

The only thing the city needs to do is figure something for the teenagers to do to keep them out of trouble and off the streets so they're not so active in doing naughty things.

I'm very sad about the levy going down and the citizens will not step up and provide public safety and libraries for our community.

No on the medical. Yes it's beneficial but not always necessary.

Just the immaturity of the city council.

More open about what they do with their money, be more specific on finance.

A dance hall for the teenagers to do.

Incorporating the city police and sheriffs department together.

It's a great place to visit. There's lots to do here.

Good transit.

I think the city should do more to help the county with its budget problems like with the sheriffs office.

It is a great community.

Law enforcement under control.

I just think people do not realize what a lovely town this is. I can not drive into town without seeing people I know.

I think there are a lot of people doing a lot of good things. I appreciate their efforts.

This is a good community with good people. We don't need any extra funding for police.

Vacant intersections to be made into parks, with grass and trees.

I would like to have the recycling program take glass items.

I think the bear statues are a great idea.

Improve the schools, music programs, higher standards of learning.

Yes, I was just wondering why the city was doing this survey.

I don't think that the wages keep up with the rental rates.

Nope, I just think that this is a wonderful town and please don't screw it up.

No. I can't think of anything. I'm very pleased in my move here.

No. I'm glad the city cares enough to ask these questions. Good luck with the project.

My biggest concern is the county itself. There is not enough police control and there is not enough police force, jail space, and there is too much tolerance for the criminal activity.

No. It could be a little cooler, but that's all right. It will get better. It's in the high 80's right now.

Not that I can, I think I have said. Again I'd like to see a use tax, restaurant tax, to help the community.

We need a tax here.

There should be more revenue generated from the fairgrounds. Renting it out to different groups and organizations.

It's really important for the city to find ways to grow economically before we grow in population.

I think over the past 10 years with the addition with the downtown environment and the things the city does.

The city officials need to learn to live within their own budget like the rest of the citizens have to.

There have been groups that are mean-spirited. There are advocates of different city council people, that through the media, disrespect and create unnecessary drama. It's a turn-off and it doesn't represent our city well. It would also be nice if the city newsletter came out earlier. There have been activities and events that have been missed because the newsletter was too late in advertising.

No. Other than the fact when I get directions tell me left and right, not north, south, east and west.

Just that I'm a big supporter of the library and the operation of the library is saving a lot of money because it is being run by volunteers. That basically it's providing computer access for job hunters and for people trying to better themselves which is something the city should support. It provides opportunities for the children to go somewhere where they are not on the street. It provides a service that is needed in Grants Pass.

I would like to see both the city and the county increase the members on the city council and board. At least the county to have more than three members.

No. We have to figure out how to get the jail back.

That Ashland would send out a text message to cell phones to text residents when anything like murders, weather, or other happenings would take place.

Get the law enforcement back. Open the jail.