

2025 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

In September of 2025, the City issued the following community survey questions. The purpose of the survey was to get community feedback on key city initiatives that the council will be address in the nearer future. The survey was hosted on the city's webpage with the public notified through Facebook posts and local media outlets.

1. Do you live within the city limits of Grand Rapids?



- Action Item – In order to assess the accuracy of the survey Chatgpt was asked the following: “What is the statistical accuracy of a survey with 364 responses out of a population of 11,300 people?. It calculated a Margin of Error (95% confidence) = +/- 5.1%

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The City updated its comprehensive plan in 2020. This plan guides the planning commission and city council in how the city should develop. Did you participate in the planning process?



- Action Item – The City will likely begin the process of updating its comprehensive plan in 2027. When this occurs, the City typically mails a survey, through the US Postal Service, to every property owner in the city. Regardless of this effort, people continue to not be aware of the process which legally binds the city council on future land use decisions. Between now and the update, the Community Development Department will research and develop a communication plan in an effort to educate more residents and property owners on the importance of participating in the comprehensive planning process.

3. How would you rate WALKABILITY in the downtown area on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best)?



- Action Item – The community rated walkability in the downtown area as slightly above average. The biggest challenge as identified in past studies, is crossing TH 2 and TH 169, which carry up to 20k vehicles per day. MNDOT has recently completed a corridor study for both highways in the downtown area which will address pedestrian travel. The agency is focusing on securing funding for improvements before further design development occurs. This is anticipated to occur in the next two to three years.

4. How would you rate VARIETY OF RESTAURANTS in the downtown area on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best)?



- Action Item – The community feels that the variety of restaurants in the downtown area is about average. This is after two higher end dining establishments have opened. With the creation of the Downtown Business Marketing group, it is the goal to get more visitors to the DBA which should encourage more restaurants to open.

5. How would you rate SHOPPING in the downtown area on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best)?



- Action Item – The community feels that the variety of shopping in the downtown area is slightly below average. With the creation of the Downtown Business Marketing group, it is the goal to get more visitors to the DBA which should encourage a variety of more stores to open.

6. How would you rate PARKING in the downtown area on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best)?



- Action Item – The community feels parking in the downtown is about average. The city has developed a plan for the reconstruction of a city parking lot between Pokegama Avenue North and 1st Avenue NE.

7. How would you rate DRIVABILITY in the downtown area on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best)?



- Action Item – The community rated drivability in the downtown area as average. MNDOT has recently completed a corridor study for both highways in the downtown area which will address drivability. Especially northbound traffic on Pokegama Avenue, from 2nd Street North through 4th Street North (TH 2). The agency is focusing on securing funding for improvements before further design development occurs. This is anticipated to occur in the next two to three years.

8. How would you rate PUBLIC GATHERING PLACES in the downtown area on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best)?



- Action Item – The community rated public gathering space as average. To further understand this rating, it may be prudent to expand on this question to ask questions like: “Should there be more public spaces downtown?” or “What amenities would you like in public spaces downtown?”. The questions may need to get more specific towards a public space like Central School.

9. Please provide any suggestions for improvements that would increase the vitality of the downtown area.

- Action Item - A complete listing of suggestions is located in Appendix A of this report. The general theme of suggestions to improve the vitality of the downtown area were to:

1) Have more retail stores; 2) Improve pedestrian safety; 3) Don't reduce the number of lanes on TH 2/169; and 4) Create some greenspace/parks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

10. At no additional cost, the Fire Department currently provides escorts for athletic teams when they leave the city to attend state tournaments. Should this practice continue for high school teams?



- Action Item – Continue the practice of escorting high school teams when they leave for state tournaments.

11. Do you have any other suggestions/ideas/innovations for fire services?

- Action Item - A complete listing of suggestions is located in Appendix A of this report. The general theme of suggestions/ideas/innovations for fire services are: Create more activities that provide opportunities for the community to be involved in the Fire Department.

LIBRARY

12. Do you use the Library?

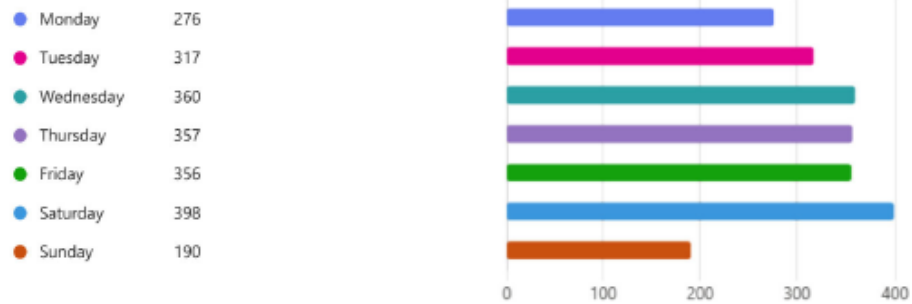


- Action Item – None.

13. If you answered no to question #12, why don't you use the Library?

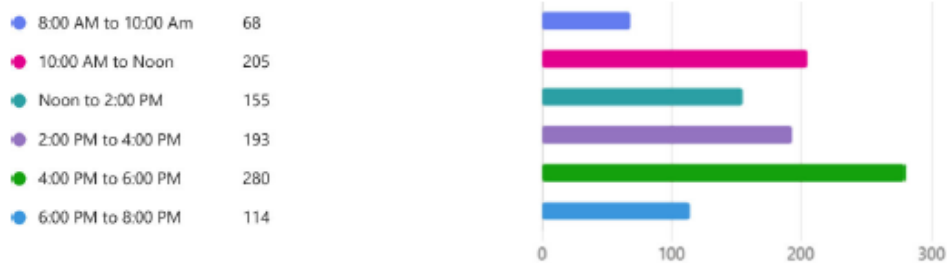
- Action Item - A complete listing of reasons is located in Appendix A of this report. The general reasons why people do not use the library are: 1) They use online resources and 2) They purchase their own books.

14. What five days of the week are you most likely to use the Library? Choose up to five days.



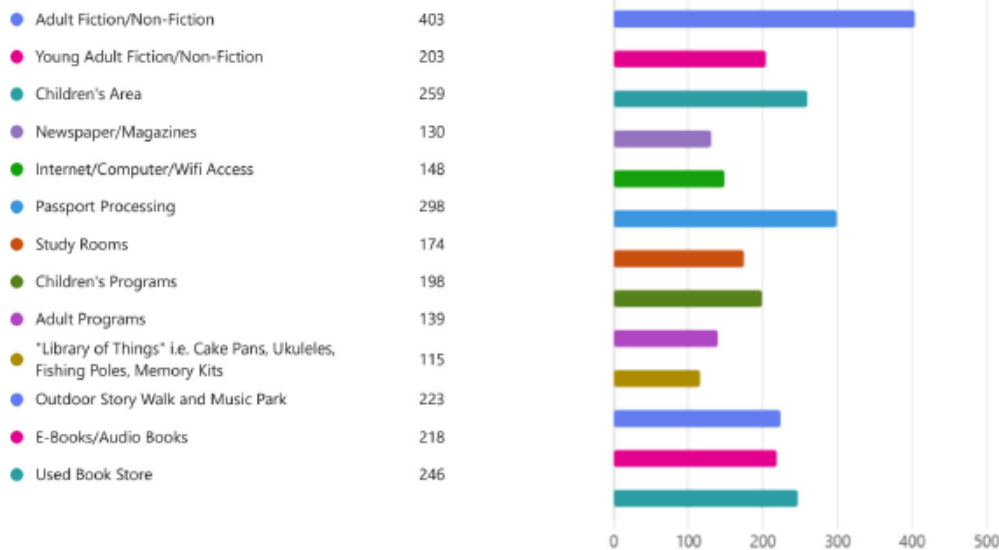
- Action Item – Provide this data to the Library Board so they can make an informed decision on new days of being open.

15. What time of day are you most likely to use the Library? Choose up to two.



- Action Item – With the reduction in staffing hours, this information should be provided to the Library Board so that they can make informed decisions on what hours the library should be open.

16. What services do you utilize at the Library? Choose all that apply.



- Action Item – With the reduction in library budget, this information should be provided to the Library Board so that they can make decisions on where limited resources should be invested.

17. What other services or programs would you like to see the Library provide?

- Action Item - A complete listing of services and programs is located in Appendix A of this report. Prominent services and program themes are: A common statement was “more programming” with reinforced desires for being open in the evenings and Saturday.

POLICE

18. Do you believe excessive speed is an issue in the city?



- Action Item – A fair majority of people do not feel excessive vehicle speed is an issue. Even taking into account the conservative margin of error, a majority still believe that speeding is not a problem. The Police Department should continue enforcement under normal protocols.

19. If yes to #18, please identify location(s) of concern.

- Action Item - A complete listing of speeding locations is located in Appendix A of this report. The common locations were Trunk Highway 2 and 169.

20. Are you aware of the Itasca County Emergency Alert System that notifies you of a safety hazard, inclement weather or public concern?
You can sign up at: member.everbridge.net/892807736729900/new



- Action Item – The Police Chief should work with Itasca County Emergency Services, utilizing the input from Question 21, to develop a communication plan to increase awareness of the emergency alert system.

21. If you answered no to #20, what is the reason you are not signed up?

- Action Item – The responses to this question are located in Appendix A. The overwhelming reasons for not being signed up for the emergency alert system is people are not aware of its existence.

22. In addition to the County's Emergency Alert System, would you like to see the city upgrade and expand its existing emergency siren system?



- Action Item – Taking into account the survey margin of error, the public is likely split on making future investments in the siren system. Prior to making additional investments into the existing siren system, city staff should research the effectiveness of siren systems and determine if the focus should be on other technologies.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

23. On a scale of 1 (worst) and 10 (best), do feel public works removes snow from the streets in a timely manner?



- Action Item – A majority of the surveyors felt that Public Works removed snow in a timely manner. The Public Works Director and staff should continue to review their process and technique and make adjustments as necessary.

24. On a scale of 1 (worst) and 10 (best), do feel public works removes snow from trails and sidewalks in a timely manner?



- Action Item – Similar to streets the Public Works Director and staff should continue to review their process and technique and make adjustments as necessary.

25. Do you have suggestions regarding snow removal in the city?

- Action Item – Individual input related to snow removal can be found in Appendix A. Generally, there were not consistent themes although some questioned why snow was piled in the middle of the street. Public Works will do an article for the website and media outlets to educate the public on why and how snow is removed in the downtown business area.

26. Salt is damaging to our lakes, rivers, streams and corrodes vehicles. To reduce salt usage on roads, would you be willing to drive on streets that are ice packed?



- Action Item – Public Works will continue to review technologies and methods that minimize ice and salt usage.

27. By ordinance, residents of the city are required to utilize Waste Management for garbage disposal. Would you support changing the ordinance so that residents can select who they want for garbage disposal?



- Action Item – City staff will develop proposed amendments to the solid waste collection ordinance that will provide choice to residents on waste collection.

28. Do you have any other suggestions/ideas/innovations for Public Works services?

- Action Item – Individual suggestions/ideas/innovations can be found in Appendix A. There was a general suggestions to use sand instead of salt. Public Works will include salting and sanding science into educational media identified under question 25 above.

RECREATION

29. Currently, there are outdoor rinks in the NE, SE, and SW quadrants of the city. Do you agree that a rink in the NW quadrant of the city is needed?



- Action Item – The respondents are split on the need for an additional rink in the NW portion of the City. The City should pause on moving forward with this initiative until a low cost opportunity presents itself.

30. The City is in the early stages of creating a master plan for improvement to Legion Park. The park encompasses Grand Rapids High School, sports fields, skate parks, Yanmar Arena, and multi-use trails, has over 20 different activities with a positive economic impact of over \$5.0 million annually to our business community. Do you or a family member utilize the facilities at Legion Park on a regular basis? For more information visit <https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/center/page/legion-park-master-plan>.

● Yes	344
● No	285



- Action Item – None.

31. How do you utilize Legion Park? Choose all that apply.

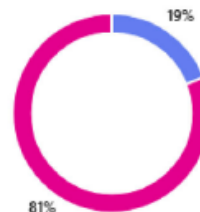
● Yanmar Arena	274
● Trails	225
● Sports Fields	164
● Skate Park	42
● Reif Center	378



- Action Item – None.

32. There is over 20 miles of paved trails and 49.2 sidewalks throughout the city. Are there missing trail or sidewalk links that you feel should be constructed?

● Yes	111
● No	470



- Action Item – None

33. If you answered yes to question #32, please tell us where you see trails or sidewalks need to be constructed.

- Action Item – Input on locations where sidewalks/trails are needed is included in Appendix A. There are many locations identified by respondents. These should be prioritized by Public Works and grant funding should be pursued when segments are eligible.

34. The City is currently securing grant funding for improvements at Blandin Beach, located on the east end of Forest Lake. Improvements being considered are a splash pad and picnic pavilion. Would you be in support of this addition to the beach? Visit our website for more information: <https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/center/page/blandin-beach-improvements>



- Action Item – There is overwhelming support for a splash pad and picnic pavilion at Blandin Beach. The City should continue to pursue grant funding

35. Please share any other improvements you would like to see at Blandin Beach.

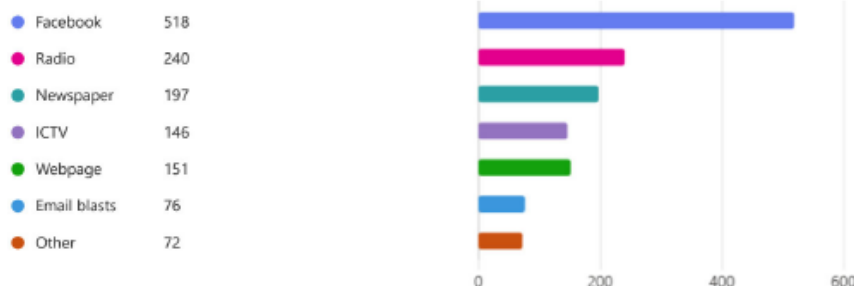
- Action Item – Other improvement ideas are listed in Appendix A. Common ideas were: 1) Find a way to eliminate the geese; 2) Additional swim raft/slides/diving boards and 3) Bring back lifeguards.

36. Do you have any other suggestions/ideas/innovations for recreation services?

- Action Item – Other suggestions/innovations for recreation services are located in Appendix A. The general theme was to invest in our existing parks.

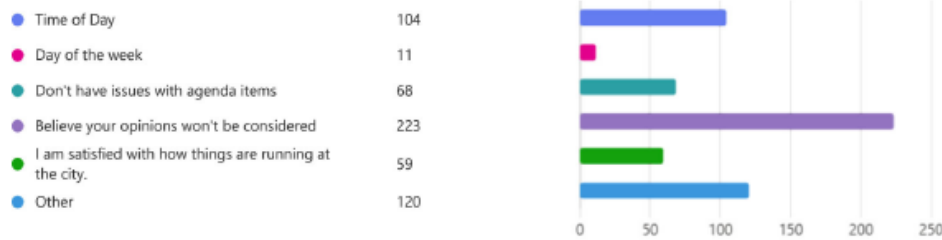
GENERAL QUESTIONS

37. Communications - How do you stay informed with City happenings? Choose all that apply.



- Action Item – Continue to utilize all methods of communication and research communication trends to maximize the community's knowledge of city government activities. Because this survey was delivered via social media, answers to this question are likely skewed toward Facebook.

38. Citizen Engagement - Attendance by city residents at council, board, and commission meetings is almost non-existent. Meeting dates, times and agendas, can be found on our website at: cityofgrandrapidsmn.com Why don't you attend meetings?



- Action Item – A large percent of respondents believe their opinions won't be considered. The input that has been gathered from this survey will assist the city council in future decision regarding policy and infrastructure. The City should also make sure to communicate those key decisions through the media identified in question 37 and reference the community survey when appropriate.

39. Similar to a municipal liquor store, the City is considering owning a Cannabis retail dispensary. Revenue from the dispensary would be used to offset property taxes in the City. Would you support the City owning a Cannabis dispensary?



- Action Item – The response to this question falls in line with the general population's acceptance of cannabis. When making a final decision on whether there should be a municipal dispensary, the city council should take into fiscal risks.

40. Do you believe the City should make the investment to maintain the Central School?

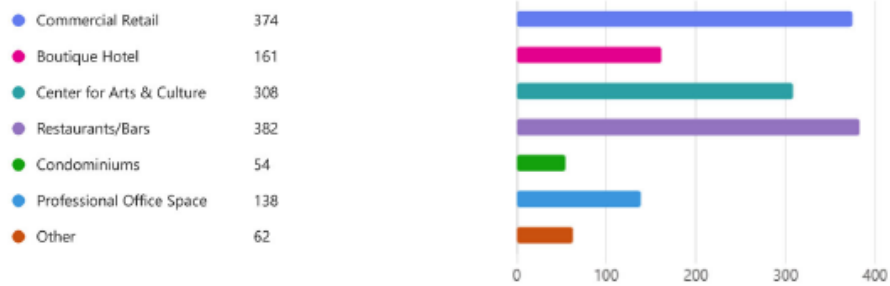


- Action Item – Overwhelmingly the public wants the city to invest in Central School. City staff will continue to pursue non-city funding to assist in this project.

41. If you answered yes to #40, please tell us why the city should invest in Central School.

- Action Item – All of the responders input can be found in Appendix A. The common reason why people feel the city should invest in Central School is because it is a historic, beautiful, building, located at a major highway intersection. It is a true landmark.

42. If yes, please indicate how Central School should be utilized. Choose all that apply.



- Action Item – Once funding has been secured, there will be additional public input sought during the preliminary design phase for Central School. The information from this question will be considered during that period.

APPENDIX A

9. Please provide any suggestion for improvements that would increase the vitality of the downtown area.

- I would like to see more retail shopping in the CBD.
- Move the Farmers Market to Central School.
- More variety of restaurants. Need some upscale dining, some Italian and some hibachi establishments
- Better shopping, variety of clothing and shoe stores. Better restaurants.
- Aside from having the highway go around the city, a wider variety of shopping & dining options.
- Do something with the Blandin owned property. Run down dingy buildings and grounds.
- No more roundabouts better restaurants no more hotels.
- A bypass
Alternative shopping. TJ Maxx, kohls
Conservative event, events, and restaurants
- We don't need anymore restaurants or little shops we family friendly places
- Less taxes, cheaper rent to bring in businesses
- Get better restaurants and more places for kids to go (arcade, trampoline park etc) traffic sucks
- Quit raising property taxes over something we had no money for you idiots
- More trees and natural shade. Caps on streetlamps & limit lights to help mitigate light pollution.
- Repair of old buildings. Repair of streets.
- Traffic makes me not want to walk around there. Loud, busy, and anxiety causing.
- Enter the mall through an appliance store. Poor signage. No destination except Benders
- A safe park for children to play, seafood restaurant, more greenscape
- Cross town walkway
- Grand Rapids vitality has much deeper issues than simply improving downtown.
- More businesses including restaurants and shop are needed. More parking is necessary
- Outside eating place not fast food; fun places for children.
- Add art work to green spaces and more variety of shops to the downtown & advertise what's there.
- Quit adding round about. Done be making these road changes from 5 lanes to 2 lanes
- Reevaluate traffic light timers and sensor as many intersections are poorly timed and cause delay
- More green spaces to gather where you don't have to spend money (not another restaurant)
- I wouldn't mind more shops or restaurants but not at the cost of reducing to 3 lanes of traffic.
- Maybe getting some more fast foods on this side of town,
- Not much left downtown.
- Indoor activities for kids, not having an eyesore jail front and center when people go through town
- The main downtown intersection is not pedestrian or wheelchair friendly
- We need Kohls or Macys, possibly a hobby store. stores that will bring area people to GR.
- Central School could be such a cool place. We should have businesses in there and not organizations.
- Bring better stores in and update old buildings that r boarded up or knock them down and develop

- Safer ways to cross streets. Less speeding traffics on highway 2.
- Focus on condensing commercial real estate east/west on the Hwy 2 corridor to fewer blocks
- Reducing lanes on 169/2 will make traffic bad. I avoid GR F-Su because of light by the courthouse.
- Too much vehicle traffic
- Some lipstick on that monstrous pig, the new jail. Improved river access. Playground?
- Atv and snowmobile connectivity to Communities n.e.s.& w
- do not switch the hwy to 3 lanes. Its already hard enough to drive through town.
- Pedestrians must be cautious in crosswalks. Traffic can be dangerous.
- Improve intersections for walking. Do something with the middle! Its separate areas & not cohesive
- Plz don't let them decrease lanes. I can't believe it. BAD idea, leading to horrific traffic.
- More driving lanes
- Old Central School grounds are the best meeting place! Smart traffic lights would help with traffic.
- Put in a bypass around town to detour so much unnecessary traffic. traffic downtown is awful.
- avoid having to cross major roads as best you can
- That area needs more shopping and to utilize events with more vendors to drop people in
- Utilize the Mississippi riverfront for restaurants & shops, not for non profit orgs.
- Stop spending money that you don't have. Stop taxing more Leave the roads alone. No more roundabouts
- Better shopping & better parking. The parking lot behind Rapids Brewing is absolutely atrocious.
- Driving into downtown is ALWAYS a struggle, roads are in horrible shape.
- Riverfront development. walkway between restaurants / bars / shops. People would come and stay!
- Keep it the way it is! Do not turn the 5 lanes into 3.
- There is no shopping left, I rarely spend money here Costco and Amazon is where I go
- Plant some trees and native flowers!
- Maintaining a five-lane highway 2. Prioritizing new small businesses and affordability
- Larger farmers market with better parking with more support for locally raised, and produced goods.
- More restaurants would be a good start
- Probably not feasible, but rerouting train traffic would help immensely
- Consider not reducing lanes of traffic. The justification is marginally supportable.
- route semi traffic around town not through it unless they have to. A by-pass south of town
- More shops and restaurants, more connectivity among Downtown as a whole
- The resources of our library are a vital part of what would make downtown a place to visit.
- Do not decrease the number of driving lanes it'll cause backed up traffic and more accidents
- Greenspaces/quality playground. Disappointing the jail area wasn't considered. Big miss by the city.
- Alternative driving routes, increase speed limit to 35mph in town
- Clearly marked/painted crosswalks. Pedestrian buffers between sidewalk and road. Reduce traffic.
- Too few characters for any worthwhile suggestions! Email me, please.
- Make the most of our beautiful River. Create a river walk, park, outdoor picnic/ small amphitheater.
- Traffic issues
- Variety, outdoor movies and music, family restaurants, craft and hobby store
- More restaurants sit downs.

- Hire someone who has a clue.
- Change the pedestrian buttons to work the traffic lights to work in the favor of the pedestrian.
- Encourage tear down of Central square mall through Central School blocks and encourage re-development
- Walking from block to block is just long waits at lights. No connection from block to block
- Less stoplights. Is downtown by the flower shop or by the shoe store?
- Leave the 4 plus turning roads the way they are.
- More restaurants/bars. Shopping is OK but very overpriced.
- The bottle-neck t the junction of Hwy 2 and 169 is HORRIBLE and dangerous!!!
- Please do not move down to 3 lanes! Traffic is terrible year around now. 3 lanes will make worse.
- Better restaurants, better clothing shopping choices, more family friendly venues. Indoor trampoline
- Better traffic control at the main intersection of 169 downtown.
- Crosswalk signs remain on the road longer. More signage to share road with bikers.
- More notice of events and construction
- It would be nice to have downtown look more appealing, while keeping the traffic lanes the same.
- Build a park or community walking space
- Needs a total overhaul. Make sure streets in the area walking only (I.e Nicollet mall)
- Pokegama is often very crowded with traffic in both directions. Could there be some traffic relief?
- Need more stores, especially clothing stores where you don't have to pay an arm and a leg for them.
- Clean up highway 2 get businesses into those empty buildings
- More fast food restaurants downtown
- A GOOD bakery would be an improvement. Need a more moderately priced clothing store.
- Blandin simply takes up too much land. Their building is ugly and in disrepair
- Improve traffic flow
- Keep 5 lanes for hwy 2. More money for library. Less money for flowers pots.
- Reclaim the empty unused land on the corner or nw second st and n pokegama ave. Add more apartments
- I am not always aware of small events until too late. More radio announcements would help
- Incorporate more businesses, grounds, playgrounds, and structure that are child & family friendly.
- Variety of restaurants, ready to wear retail. FILL Central school with quality shops/restaurant
- Protect sm business by keeping easy access and Clean up the old businesses to create an inviting
- Close off mc Alpine access to hwy 169
- It seams like there really is no downtown anymore. Everything has moved to the South End of town.
- Not to decrease amount of lanes. The timing of the lights is what is terrible.
- We need affordable family restaurant options, that would be open in the evenings. Think Perkins, etc
- I want a fair chance to be taken seriously when I run for mayor and apply for art grants
- There is no place for restaurants. Use food trucks instead. Maybe a multilevel parking structure.
- Affordable sit-down restaurants.
- I would love to see more public spaces with seating, gazebo and play area. Family friendly
- Allow the highway to bypass the downtown area, while there is still a viable downtown.
- 169 and hwy 2 are a bottleneck. GR has a reputation of being a "big box store town".

- All of the shopping is south of town and big box cheap stuff.
- A place for families to gather. More benches. Better traffic flow.
- More shops and restaurants
- *reroute hwy 2 north of town. from coleraine to the peterson road and out to cohasset. MORE ART
- 100 character limit
- Need more shopping and things to do in town. No more restaurants or gas stations
- Perhaps better use of the school house.
- Slower cars, less lanes and better crossings would help a lot. Also parks and green space.
- You can get killed walking in this town
Get the highway out
- Highway 2 / 169 needs a bypass around the city. The bottleneck can only be resolved with a bypass.
- Shopping for women is almost nonexistent.
What few restaurants are downtown have limited parking.
- The intersection of Pokegama and Hwy2 is a train wreck.
- Stop the utopian dream visions, lower taxes on business, reduce regulations, quit interfering.
- We need less people coming into our area that don't have jobs and are living off the system.
- Less PRIDE events (let them use the fairgrounds). More businesses in Central School
- Train horns begin sound at rail crossing
- Prioritize local businesses, not chains
- Prioritize local businesses, not chains; Downtown should be a destination. Lay off roundabouts
- a small family friendly restaurant with simple foods at decent prices. like the old Silver Spoon
- Make it easier to cross Hwy. 2 and 169. A department store.
- It's too late but sad that the county jail is the neighbor to downtown. Not sure how to improve
- More benches in shady areas along walking routes.
- Only 100 characters? Every traffic 'Walk' button should prioritize pedestrians, not vehicles.
- Focus the downtown from hardware hank (which SHOULD be the new co-op to rapids brewing block-
- Would love to see much more local shopping and restaurants with not so much red tape
- traffic reduction, public space, better walkability
- The traffic through town is congested for drivers and dangerous for pedestrians.
- Crossing Hwys 2 & 169 is a hassle, to get from N to S or S to N
downtown. Not pedestrian-friendly.
- Keeping our library.
Removing all truck traffic, RV traffic going through town away from downtown.
- Not much too do unless you move the main traffic corridor and the unsightly jail
- Traffic light timing (leads to cars zooming to make it thru and dangerous to pedestrians)
- Downtown feels overrated and bougie masquerading as approachable and 'Up North'.
- Additional Healthy food choices that are not crazy expensive. Chipotle, Kanes, Crisp and Green.
- 100 characters? That's barely enough for a meaningful sentence....
- Driving and pedestrian way finding needs to be addressed. Three-lane approach is not a good idea.
- 4th and Pokegama are bad but one lane is not the answer
- A water fountain would be a wonderful addition to the landscape of downtown Grand Rapids :-)

- Please don't do anything further. The taxpayers are maxed out.
- One way streets
- A walk/bike way across hwy 2. More greenery, trees, a boulevard with flowers.
- Festivals on or downtown area are awesome. Local art. Coffee shops.
- More restaurants and shops. Lower rent so these businesses have a chance to start.
- improved pedestrian crossings. plant more trees.
- Better traffic flow - definitely not cutting it down to 3 lanes. Not having events right in middle
- Make it bike friendly
- Increase public spaces (maybe a park?) and parking options
- More fine dining, quality fresh bakery and a good Co-op with fresh produce
- remove the railroad tracks & put park in old Blandin parking lot
- Stop building low income housing. Do not put any more of that up
- restaurants clothing shopping Tear down or refurbish the existing vacant buildings. Fix pot holes
- Intersection at Pokegama&169 is dangerous for pedestrians and bikers. Especially with young kids!
- Greater variety in restaurants (like a good Thai place!) And more retail shopping would be great
- Route traffic around it, have more pedestrian areas
- Protected pedestrian areas, a variety of stores that aren't centered around gift stores
- Replace the jail with something directly usable by the residents and the general public.
- Please keep our library open and available for the city and community.
- We need more restaurants and shops to keep people here. I don't know how to fix backed up traffic
- Events and competitions. Snowman/scarecrow decorating competition, chalk art comp, pumpk. Carving.
- River walk bridge 2 bridge, reroute hwy 2 & 38 traffic Decide if focus will be N or S of hwy 2 EorW Pkg
- More hours at library
- The timing of the lights could be better.
- What is considered the "downtown area"? Many busy areas in city limitations need vast improvements.
- It's fine, Don't let any more parking be taken up
- Improved traffic flow and increase parking, concerned about the proposed co op location
- Major improvements needed to the parking lots that RBC uses- repave it!!!
- We need better shopping, more affordable eating choices.
- Central School Friday music, Chalk art competitions for kids, activities in front of CityHall.
- KEEP THE LIBRARY OPEN
- Address the glut of traffic going down Powers Hill. It's not worth going downtown from the south.
- Have access to the library from without having to go thru sketchy neighborhoods.
- Prioritize existing businesses. If future plans hurt them, it'll affect the city entirely.
- Keep the 5 lanes and get a good community area
- Bypass highway! Way too much traffic.
- Utilizing buildings that are vacant- moving tall timber days to a different location/fairgrounds
- Do NOT add a bunch of roundabouts and only 2 lanes of traffic!!
- It's to congested now why would we want to add anything more.
- Keep it historic and get more cafe's stop liberals !!!
- Longer turn lane in front of the jail turning south onto 169

- Sidewalk improvements, some sort of way to move traffic along, especially where 169 and 2 meet.
- Utilize the grassy area by the river next to blandin instead of leaving it a wasted space
- Parking during events is limited at best.
- STOP TRYING TO DEFUND THE LIBRARY.
- We need to think about taking out some stoplights and adding in a few roundabouts.
- Create a bypass for trucks. Build a public sheltered performance space. Paint scenic mural on jail
- Get a TJ Maxx, additional restaurants- specifically something a little nicer (Olive Garden)
- More shops, restaurants and other activities for families
- Having the library operational and have normal 8am-9pm hours weekly
- Use Blandins "green space."
- More across the river - let's utilize the south bank and expand dt
- The mall needs redevelopment or a tear down and repurpose of the site.
- Safer way for pedestrians and bicycles to cross Hwy 2 downtown
- more activities for kids
- If the Library was open better hours this would help with the vitality of the downtown area.
- KEEP THE LIBRARY FUNDED
- Love Central School and its grounds.
- Lower taxes to bring in more business. They are being taxed away Stop with pointless music festivals
- The intersection by the old central school is very busy and backed up. Perhaps there be a solution.
- No roundabouts that would make the driving worse than it already is.
- Maybe a couple little boutique type stores, a café possibly
- Traffic lights have to change. And traffic flow has to change. More shops.
- More library hours. Already reduced too much for books, work, to study and get computer access.
- Benches, rocking chairs, picnic tables, places to hang out while waiting formshoppers
- For tourists the downtown area is great, but for locals it isn't ideal.
- A better variety of more affordable shopping for clothing, home decor & hobbies- box stores
- Designated walking paths, more variety of restaurants
- We need improved traffic flow.
- Definitely not decreasing lanes and no more roundabouts.
- Don't cut library hours, cut your bonuses
- Our town looks clean and nice. The main intersection is atrocious.
- More small businesses and cute local shops!
(This town really needs more & better retail as a whole)
- The stoplights should be aligned for better traffic flow.
- Do NOT go to 1 lane traffic on hwy 2!
- The west end of town is run down and needs to be revitalized.
- The sidewalks, recreation, parks and softball fields need to be better kept up on mowing
- , Eliminate city tax and high business tax
- Thai restaurant please. Would love a roller rink. More string lights around the river. Hammock park.
- More hours for the library to visit while I'm downtown.
- Hwy 2 should not be reduced to two driving lanes. This town is enough of a driving disaster as is.

- Don't need to change the look of Grand Rapids
- Protest's, Tall Timber Day's and the music festivals should be held at the fairgrounds
- Easier to drive through and not have traffic backed up all the time. Affordable shops and restaurants
- Pharmacies, eating establishments, Ice-cream joints. Another grocery store. I
- Everything is run down and for old people. There is nothing to keep the next generation her
- More restaurants and shops options. Better hours for the library being a big priority.
- Have a Mall that is an actual Mall not just an antique shop. Real Mall = more shops more restaurants
- I just wrote probably four paragraphs about downtown. To see that I am limited to 100 characters.
- We need 4 driving lanes through Grand Rapids plus a turn lane
- More places for families and teens
- Improve.
- Get rid of bike lane
- Need more things for young children to teens to do in town.
- Better use of central school. Mall could use a facelift and better shops. Jail placement poor choice
- More lanes on the roads
- Hwy 2 Bypass

11. Do you have any other suggestions/ideas/innovations for fire services?

- They should also be allowed to do escorts for youth teams who make it to state when the department has available staff to do the escort.
- Host more events for local community support and fundraising.
- Not that I can think of
- Quit wasting tax follars
- One fire truck, parents can follow with their cars/truckd.
- Shows community pride when public safety escorts our youth that have worked had to participate at the state events.
- This should be for everything not just HOCKEY!
- Invest in engines that have larger ladder length to support upward development beyond 3-4 stories
- If you provide it for one team, they should do all teams - all sports - can't afford that.
- Have a secondary fire hall on north side of town along with secondary ambulance service
- It should continue only if available to ALL youth activities headed to their "state" tourneys
- The open house is great, I highly value these folks.
- No. They do a terrific job.
- More involvement in community
- None come to mind
- Participate in more community events. Work with the community and other community services in the community. They are barely seen.
- they can do more walkthroughs making sure landlords/rentees are complaint w/ housing
- I think the city is doing a good job in this area.
- Make sure they have good guys

- A ~~conex~~ box fire training area would be beneficial for training of the department so they are proficient in their trade.
- not necessary in parades to have so many fire vehicles. a couple would be better
- Public safety courses on proper fire extinguisher use and other services in that realm.
- Love the community involvement by GRFD. Keep the fun traditions going.
- Veteran services
- I'm newer in town. This escort was so endearing and I told many of my friends in the cities about it.
- Reduce. The new fire hall is ridiculous and more than what you'd see on a television program about emergencies
- Why should apartment licensing and inspections pay for the fire hall.
- There should be a small fee for team escorts...
- Kids tours of facilities?
- There are teams besides the high school teams. Why should the high school be favored? It would help keep city costs lower by not providing this service.
- Nope what a great group of professionals
- Should also do more than just high school sports. This is a smaller community and we should be able to support more than just high school. Should also do more like the KIA soldier who returned home. That was an amazing escort. I also think a city this size should have more full time fire fighters. How is it that we only have one full time fire chief and 31 on call fire fighters.
- Show off more. People love you.
- Put money toward vital needs.
- Make classes to become a fire fighter free. The job market is hopeless and crime is going up
- Green firefighting foams and gels. Thermalstop! Made locally.
- no thank you. just help keep these people trained for all these emergencies!
- They are for rescue & fires why would they provide escort services?
- Training
- Just put out the fires. That's all.
- Do mock accident during prom
- safe window evacuation for kids from second story bedrooms.
- Any community engagement is always positive
- If they are going to provide escorts for athletics, they should also provide it for academic events like debate teams, knowledge bowl, etc.
- Conducting fire extinguisher audits ~~probono~~ for schools and/or other non profit business to keep costs down
- if we support our high school kids then we need to support our local library.
- For the question above, if there's no extra cost, why are you asking? Does the FD think it's a good idea? How about the school?
- No. Keep putting out fires.
- I said Yes above, but can you provide a cost so we can make an informed decision?
- Offer more events where the kiddos can be inspired by those in leadership roles at the FD that influences community connection and offers the potential for opportunity for them to serve in those roles once they become able. Keeping record of these kids by offering meaningful certificates will also promote positive outcomes.

- Over equipped and over staffed, no reason to have such a large department with all new equipment when most the time you see them is not on calls but just driving around town.
- thank you for your service
- Continue to offer the kids events
- I don't care about the escorts but if others like it-great!
- This should not be continued at the detriment of the library and other educational offerings.
- Should have bought the ambulance service, combined them and they would have been self sustained
- RE #10 - if they don't want to or don't have the budget to, I'm in support of dropping it. However, if it's in the budget and the department enjoys doing it and wants to continue.... basically I'm in favor of whatever they want to do. :)
- I'm a teacher. Some parents are nervous of fun violence in the early weeks, especially because of what happened in Mn the first week of school. Fire department could join police at entrances making families feel safe. Library read aloud, more visits to the schools.
- KEEP THE LIBRARY OPEN
- Offer to visit schools for fire safety
- could the fire hall be used for more community events?
- No, but I remember how much school spirit the fire trucks would bring when teams went to state events. I think its worth it for the memories.
- If I'm understanding correctly fire trucks follow athletic teams as an escort trailing the bus. I haven't ever heard of any other city needing this so believe resources could likely be used better elsewhere.
- The escorts are done by volunteered time of the fire staff unpaid.
- All high school teams—this means academic teams as well
- That's a waste of taxpayer dollars there that could be spent on better projects.
- This is an awesome gesture and shows our community and support of the kids who worked their butts off to make it to state.
- No, fire safety is extremely important.
- Charge for fire calls, insurance companies offer \$250-500 in coverage for it
- Keep up the great job, we are very fortunate to have such a great fire department with dedicated people
- Community bonfires (maybe offer a free soup from a local restaurant to go with the bonfire) - Tioga Beach in the winter, good parking options! Have fun kid activities, bring fire trucks to explore. fireworks in the winter - flame throwers entertainment - bouncy houses are a hit with kids.
- Include other schools such as greenway. Participate in type 1 diabetes awareness.
- Emergency services only
- No they are great

13. If you answered no to question #12, why don't you use the Library?

- No need to use library with access to online books and resources.
- I live further away but if I had kids, I would use it.
- I haven't had the time but I may.
- N/A
- Never have time. Working all the time to afford the cost of living and taxes here.
- Internet
- I plan it. It's an excellent resource.
- Books are cheap. Especially digital copies.

Reading is boring
 No Need
 Can find everything online.
 Have home resources
 For most of my working days in GR, the library hours were not compatible. Never available.
 I have the card but have yet to use it. The online aspect is what I wanted and haven't been able to set up yet. Ideally I just want to be able to reserve books or library of things items for pickup.
 When I read a book I buy it.
 It isn't open while I am at work.
 No reason.
 I have a kindle
 Don't read that much
 I use the internet.
 Google
 Lack of open hours and usefulness
 I have no reason to
 Most of what I read is from internet.
 No need
 I use a kindle. But, I feel the library is vey important to the community.
 Everything is online
 Get books online through a service
 Rather than yes/no, the question should be rated. I use library very minimally. I use other resources.
 Nothing in there
 Use my local library
 why would I use the library when I can find it all on my computer.
 I don't often, mostly due to schedule and current stage in life, but my family does.
 Hours and days are terrible.
 Not open when I am wanting to go there
 To bring grandchildren
 Use the internet
 Forget about that resource
 I use it online through Libby app. I also used it for passport support in the past.
 No need at this time but will when my children get a little older
 I don't go to the library building. I download books from the library system.
 It doesn't have anything i need
 Hours of operation conflict with my schedule
 I obtain the books that I want to read on my own and I have my own internet service at home.
 No need since the availability of online services
 Every book you would ever need is online unfortunately
 I do not read
 I personally don't have a use for it but my child does and it is difficult when it's closed.

No need to with the internet
 No need and no children at home
 No need
 nothing there I need. I have internet.
 No Need
 Usually purchase the books that I'm interested in.
 Not interested in reading.
 Don't have any children, research and read on-line
 Not a big family of readers but appreciate using it when looking for something and as a resource in the community
 I buy my books.
 No particular reason
 No need
 Too busy
 No need
 No reason to
 Retired
 Have no interest in this
 I buy the books I read then give them away
 Too many weirdos there and around there. So much low income housing around walking trails need more stealthy police presence. Such a beautiful setting though it should be cleaned out and less stuffy maybe a coffee shop or something. Fancy Neon light garden at night would be stupendous
 Too busy with work and life. Dont have little kids anymore. Most reading is done with Audible.
 No kids and technology. No need to check out books anymore or go there for research when I can do it all online.
 Location.
 I've just not needed their resources - I do use Libby the app
 Read books on electronic device.
 Digital books
 Online book access
 I don't need it
 Not sure why I dont
 Technology
 I have in the past more while my kids were growing up. Last utilized about 6 months ago.
 Hard for me to get there with my work hours
 Enough resources at home and online
 No need
 I use mail a book most frequently - since I do not live near a public library. I work in Grand Rapids daily, but the library hours do not accommodate me going there for my books.
 No desire
 Hours were terrible after covid
 No evening or weekend hours

I can use my own computer for reading, and I have friends that share books. I'm not prone to attend events held there, due to parking issues.

To old, to busy, no need at this point of my life.

Waste of time. Can find anything online

The new library is a waste of time. I get a better book experience at Barnes and Noble.

HAVE NO USE FOR IT

I can get what I need online! That library should never have been built is too large. Sell it put the property back in the tax roll and build a smaller library.

internet

obsolete

Internet has all I need

I have the Coleraine library.

Don't read

I had stopped using the library when a few years back they had a ton of LGBTQ books on display and later found a lot of objectional material in some of the books we had carefully selected.

It's a beautiful space but I use my digital resources to purchase audio books-
no need for it

I would use the library more often if open on weekends (or at least Saturdays)

Just don't go to libraries.

I have the internet and niche taste in books.

I don't have time to read books.

Everything is available online

i use the internet other than when i needed to renew my passport

Everything I need I can access elsewhere

My reading is mostly online or I purchase books

Because it is only open during hrs I work

No need in the electronic world

We usually goes on Friday's because it's not open on the weekends.

don't live in GR and hours are customer friendly

I've never needed to use it

Not open on Saturdays. I'm work so can't use during the week.

I do use the Library all the time.

The internet exists.

Have internet and home use computers. We used it when the children were younger.

Sooo liberal leaning. Garbage books I don't want my kids exposed to. I quit. Only go for passport services now.

I do and the hours only being during standard work hours limits my use

Keep the library open!

Not open at times I can go.

I'm not a reader. Just haven't had the need to go in there.

Closed whenever I can go after work

We love the library
Rarely due to hours
Live out of town
Their hours of operation are not available when I am not working.
Internet
Why would i
Fun
No kids at home. I read online. Hours are erratic.
Unsure of hours
Too busy
Use online books
It's never open on weekends! We work full time and it makes little sense that it is not open in the evenings and on weekends
No need
Honestly, there was one very weird librarian there for awhile and I didn't feel comfortable going to GR. I went to a surrounding one.
Resources can be found on line at home or work if needed
I get most of my information online
I haven't since my child used a tutor at the library for math.
Haven't picked a book up in years
I read at home buy my books and read on my tablet get information from my tablet
With modern technology, there is no longer need for a library. Resources could be better used elsewhere
Books
Hours suck
It's never open when I am able
Library.
No need to
I use Mail-a-book services since we are rural, but even if I was in Grand Rapids I wouldn't bring my children in there with the books they have that are essentially grooming children
I don't have a need for it
Not interested

17. What other services or programs would you like to see the Library provide?

- Open later hours, more interactive programming
- None they are great
- Access to helpful resources
- They are doing excellent
- Saturday hours! Evening speakers
- None, a library is for books. Keep it simple, save money for what it is ~~would~~ ment for... books.
- More programming! Bringing people together to learn, great community building opportunities.
- Open weekends so kids can actually use it
- I'm mostly concerned with keeping what we have! I would love to see more weekend hours
- They do a perfect job. Friendly and helpful staff.
- Would love to see hours on Saturday to bring my little kids
- coffee and snacks
- Lectures, community ed classes, how to classes,
- I wish the library would register with hoopla vs libby.
- Programs are fine. Make sure library is funded!
- It is a great location. I wish it had more of a draw or reason to go there.
- Sell the building and use it for shops and restaurants.
- Shame on the county for not helping keep the library open
- Idk
- Saturday children's story and craft hour!
- None
- The library offers so much already with fabulous staff, hoping it stays this way for our future.
- Community events
- I would like them to be open more hours.
- Nothing additional. Don't want anything reduced.
- Mainly, I want to see our library stay open and staffed. Itasca County needs to come to the table!
- Have no use for the library
- The library is fine as it is. DO NOT REMOVE IT!
- A dedicated crafting room.
- skill-building type classes. Financial literacy, budgeting, etc. idk what adult programs there are.
- love the library! Always a place to connect w/ fr.
- community. We would love even one Sat. a month.
- Not sure
- bookclubs, extended hours to later when I'm off work
- Coffee shop/cafe
- Less, eliminate non-core services and/or charge non-GR residents for use
- Evening programs. Should be promoted to visitors. Book clubs
- Book club
- Weekend or evening hours. Working people like to use the library too.

- Weekend story time for kids
- Our library is fantastic!
- Keep the library! It is an essential service and invaluable to children and seniors.
- I would like the library to explore the state park pass program as the other area libraries have.
- Please keep the loaning of books between all the libraries. We have a great library!
- Book groups or fun children's projects
- Na
- More community education events
- We have an AMAZING library! Huge community asset.
- I am satisfied with the current services.
- Have it open on Saturdays for working families. Budget could be stretched by using volunteers
- Book exchange program for kids and adults.
- Our library is great please continue to find this. Many people from all demographics use it.
- Community watch and a day care
- None
- Nothing additional, just continuing service.
- Weekend Hours; Our family is the 2-3 time per month. Keep the library open! Huge asset to our area!
- Would love to see more hours to allow for fulltime working parents to take their kids to the library
- more variety of subjects like authors, travel places, experts in certain fields, socrates cafe.
- Open on Saturday?
- Services on at least one day on the weekend.
- Expand into music, art. More adult programs (seminars etc)
- More hours
- Just support the library so they can be open 5 days a week.
- More adult programs. Seminars demonstrations
- More musical instruments
- More art on display
- More space for public gatherings and open access for the public in the evening
- Current event programs
- Just be a library. Stop the extra services. They aren't appropriate for a library.
- None! People who can get their information online.
- Additional adult programs and community use of rooms for meetings
- Reinstate cuts made in recent past. Children's programs are important! So many opportunities
- A character limit for the library but not the Fire Department? Priorities are decided.
- A farmers market u other pop up shops-food trucks there to activate the river - use the board room
- Open six days a week, fully staffed with full time professionals. Open 12-8.
- More programs for the community & open Saturdays for families
- It provides a safe place for our youth to hang out, it is close to the YMCA so they can get showers.
- Open more hours and especially on weekends
- We LOVE the library's books, kits, programming and beautiful space. Please consider Saturdays!!
- I don't go there enough to submit a meaningful response.
- Sponsor adult book clubs on a variety of topics and genre.
- I would like Saturdays to be brought back!
- Evening access for a quiet, peaceful place to study.
- Childrens programs

- Evening and weekend hours
- Shut it down and invest in the school library rather than the public one that is barely open
- Notary services
- Libraries can thrive as hubs for events, learning, markets & community support.
- I would like to see it operating as it normally does.
- digital literacy training
- More hours! Our library is excellent but the hours are not inclusive to all families.
- I want it to stay open!!!
- Open 7 days week days and eves
- The library needs to be open on the WEEKENDS so families utilize it more.
- Full hours of operation to accommodate schedule changes due to work.
- More kids programming
- Nothing. LOVE the library. Especially for young kids.
- Community education, children's clubs, after school clubs or activities
- Saturday hours would be the most useful thing for me. I cannot make most of the current hours work
- More hours
- I'd love to see table top gaming! There's a discord for Rapids that meets up. Maybe include them!
- More hours
- Keep regular hours!
- Just want to keep what we have.
- None
- I'd love to see evening hours or weekend hours so I can take my kids after work/daycare
- I enjoy the programming and hours of more variety would help being able to check out
- Adult education Travelogues with slides.
- Open on Saturdays in the winter months for kids. It should be open more than it is now.
- I would like to see all of the programs currently offered remain in place, including their hours.
- Involving school budgets for more field trips for our students. or find something else to budget cut
- It open normal business hours
- More community programs. Maybe a coffee bar.
- Keep it open. You are ruining our city with your high pay !!! Not nice
- Hours for people that work dayshift.
- We love and use the library as it is, but would be excited for any additional opportunities.
- I WANT THE LIBRARY TO REMAIN OPEN WITH THE HOURS IT HAS NOW!! How dare you take away from it
- THEY PROVIDE ENOUGH. DO NOT DEFUND THEM.
- More creative programs for children to explore music, art, and cultural diversity
- I think we can't programs until we fix the library hours/staffing issue. I do have ideas though.
- More educational events that are similar to the raptor show that has been at the library.
- The programs they have are perfect, so KEEP THE HOURS ACCESSIBLE!!!!!!
- Community learning classes or speakers
- More hours, it is sad that the hours are already cut so much more than other towns that are small.
- More kids programs
- New grandparents and look forward to taking my grandson to children's programs
- Just keep the bloody library open; scale back on other city "services" to keep the library open
- I just want it to stay open and keep a nice area for kids...they are our future readers.
- Late night book club during winter months
- Continued hours and services to the Grand Rapids Area. Do not CUT.
- The library is great. Thank you. I'm so sorry the library is not valued like it should be.
- Themed events, Harry Potter library event, or horse-drawn wagon rides with Santa in winter (free)
- I want my tax dollars to go to funding the public library instead of overpaying people at the city.
- Open on Saturdays, even a few hours would be great, especially in the winter
- More children read aloud times with community member guest readers!
- I feel the city has failed completely by not allocating the funds to better support the library.
- I think if they had a gift/coffee shop could bring in more revenue. Similar to Barns and Noble
- More hands on learning classes
- Programs.
- Do not need no more
- Better children's things
- The ability to have more open hours.
- None, they can cut back to the basics
- Open more hours.

19. If yes to #18, please identify location(s) of concern.

- Crystal Lake area, Powers hill.
- Hwy 2 and Hwy 169
- Residential streets
- All over town
- Whole city
- On pokegama/169
- 169 north by Ace hardware/the cemetery
- 5th Avenue SW, Airport Road, S Hwy 169
- Parking lots all over town
- The cops like to think they are above the law and drive 50 through town
- Pokegama Ave, Golf Course Rd, Airport RD, Hwy 2, Hwy 169
- Pokegama Avenue, Airport Road
- Pokegama Ave South around "hamburger row"
- Pineridge road by the fair grounds
- Everywhere
- Pokegama Ave, Airport Rd, 169E, 169S, Hwy 2
- 169 entering south of town, 7th Ave NE, around most schools.
- Hamburger hill and coming in from la parie and Coleraine

- Golf Course Road
- Golf course road west of school, hwy 38
- All over
- Increased speeds near entrances into town.
- Hwy 2, pokegama ave, golf course rd
- Pok ave s, 4th st e and w
- 169 coming into town just after NW 20th Ave, General red light runners
- 169 from the bowling alley to treasure bay printing. 169 from Wayne's auto to Walgreens. 2 from the mall to the reduction to 1 lane.
- 169 south up Powers hill and golf course road to school.
- Everyone's driving too slow
- Everywhere! Especially by parks and schools
- Downtown by the junction of hwy 2 and 169
- Airport Road...Pokegama Ave
- Pokegama ave/hwy2
- East and west ends of town
- 169 East coming into Grand Rapids, 169 South
- Pokegama avenue south
- Golf Course Road. Pokegama Avenue South
- Through downtown and on golf course rd. The police officers also drive dangerously fast when coming upon vehicles during emergencies. Their speed creates more chaos and danger
- Corner on River Road when it turns from 30 to 40mph
- Downtown Golf Course Road
- 4th St west
- Main corridors- 169, 2.
- Pokegama Avenue
- Pokegama Ave, by walmart, hwy 2 east coming into town. And 169 coming into town
- 5th Street, 169S, HWY 38. Drivers ignoring stop signs is huge issue too.
- 2 and 169
- South on Hwy 169
- Golf Course Rd, HWY 169 by bowling alley.
- West entrance where it changes from 45 to 30 on Hwy 2
- Residential neighborhoods next to major hwys, around the high school and Pokegama Avenue
- 169 by the bowling alley, if you don't go over 35, people will fly by you.
- From ICC to 8th Ave., Northeast
- 3rd Ave NE and 5th street
- coming into town west, and east of hwy 2 and south 169 coming into the city
- Pokegama Ave
- everywhere
- They do f8ne
- ALL

- If anything, speed limit needs to increase in areas such as Golf Course Rd and Hwy 38
- ALL areas!
- E US Hwy 169, 4th Street / US Hwy 2, Pokegama Avenue
- All over gr
- River Rd
- Golf Course RD, SE 7th AVE, hwy 169, hwy 2, river rd
- Highway 2
- Highways 169 and 2
- by Eagles club, college, super one north
- Everywhere
- The entire stretch of Highway 2 and 169 are bad, with 2 being worse. NE Eighth Ave to the Prairie River is particularly bad.
- Highway 2 and downtown
- Highway 169 N, S, E
- near the elementary schools, 169 by target and walmart, cty rd 63 in summer
- River road
- Crazy drivers are that cross over Center Lane and extremely slow drivers
- Pokegama hill. Golf course rd, especially the intersection w/ Pokegama. Streets are wide and straight, makes 30 feels slow.
- Pokegama south from Sammy's south. People are driving over the speed limit. Also Hwy 2 West coming into GR.
- Not sure
- 17th Ave NW on Sun mornings going to the River of Life Church and Wed evening.
- 169 south
- All of Pokegama
- County Rd 76
- Perhaps on West end US 2
- junction of Hwy & 169, and 169 south
- NE 8th Street and Third Avenue, blowing through north/south stop signs
- Golf course road, CR 76
- Side roads and the areas leading out of town on 168
- Highway 2
- Any road in town
- Golf Course Road
- 169 between Walmart and the River
- Golf Course Road and Hwy 2 East in the 45 mph area.
- Neighborhood
- I'd like to see a 169 and 2 be 40 mph through town
- River road
- US 2 and 169 through town. Excessive exhaust pipe noise from trucks and motorcycles should be enforced.
- 7th street and 9th Ave

- Neighborhoods
- Intermittently but see people getting pulled over plenty.
- Pokegama south 2 west 5th street. 7th ave se. river road rangeline
- 2nd ave se
- South Pokegama ave.
- County rd 76 by West Elementary to free church
- Outside the core downtown area. Ie: south of Aldi's, east of the old L&M site, and west of Goodwill.
- hwy 2 though the city with big trucks
- 38, Pokegama Ave south
- 169 and 2
- Hamburger hill. Pedestrians can't cross the road
- River Road
- Just in general, some people in their SUV/Truck just like to speed or tailgate.
- Hwy 38 north towards the high school,
- Pretty much the entire highway 2 and 169 corridors. No one drives the speed limit, which is too high anyway. It's human nature to drive fast on a five lane road. We need better traffic controls.
- West highway 2, and the Airport Road.
- Everywhere
- 7th Ave SE
- How about the Golf Course Road for starters even when school is not in session!!
- s 169 through town, hwy 38 from high school into town
- Rarely anyone drives the speed limit, and always drive too close to the car in front.
- Coming in from LaPairrie on Hwy 2
- When u get in town and middle of town 169 south
- All of Hwy 2 west & 169 south
- south Pokegama
- highway entrances to town
- West hwy 2 into town and golf course road from hwy 63 all way into town four way light stop intersection 169
- Pokegama Ave S from 10th st south to 29th street, the speed limit should be lowered to 30. As we all know most vehicles travel around 10 mph over the posted limit.
- 5th Street NEt particularly east of NE 8th Avenue. Also NE 11th Avenue between 7th st and 10th st. There's a lot of kids there as well as two schools. I just moved away from the area. On many occasions I've seen vehicles turn onto 11th headed north and gun it up to 45mph or better before the stop sign between RJEMS and EAST.
- Hwy 169 South
- Hwy 2
- Sw 4th ave
- Pokegama Ave and hwy 38
- We're a small town, and having Highway 2 and 169 go right through town don't help speed limits.
- Running red lights

- Hwys 2, 169, 38, & by Ice Lake, fairgrounds
- Side streets and Highway two and 169
- There's obviously exceptions, but speeding to get thru lights in downtown is my biggest concern
- Entire Hwy 2 corridor. 5th St.
- Near Family Advocates where it merges into 1 lane on Hwy 2 heading west.
- I regularly get flipped the bird while going 30 on US2 through town.
- I regularly see people speeding on the south end by Walmart & Target. Also noisy mufflers!!!
- 3rd Avenue North.
- Between el Potro and Walgreens
- 169 near Target. 40 mph should be lowered to 30 too many businesses there now. Poor planning in access for new gas station across from Super One
- Hwy 169
- In the speed change on 169 south
- Hwy 2
- By forest lake
- side streets and avenues in NW GR
- 169 and Pokegama area
- Everywhere. And people ignore red lights!
- Powers Hill up through the fast food restaurants.
- 4th Street SW
- Pokegama Avenue at the bridge
- (1) 21st SW. (2) Pokegama
- I notice speeding on Pokegama and 169 in the evenings
- Less about speed, more about noise level of mufflers
- Hwy 2 through town
- GRHS area
- River road by the YMCA. School zones. I tried to cross river road at the Y to get to the Mississippi bridge at the lighted cross walk and a police officer refused to stop for me and my daughter even after i had turned the walk light on.
- Hwy 2
- Intersections! People running red lights. Horseshoe Lake Rd, Golf course Rd
- Powers Hill
- Hwy 169 South, Golf Course Road
- Both highways.
- Stop lights .. people run the red lights
- Hwy 2 heading out of town towards Cohasset.
- Pokegama Ave.
- By Treasure Bay Printing to where the speed limit turns 40 mph
- Pokegama Ave, 4th street, 7th Ave and behind Walmart should be 40mph
- West end, leaving town. People are at least 10 mph over the limit.

- The back streets especially over by Wells Fargo around BlandIn Security when traffic is backed up. Also on the streets north of 4th around by BlandIn beach area.
- Occasionally golf course rd. Hard to leave the hospital when people eat up "pockets" by speeding and the line of cars behind me get impatient waiting for me to turn out.
- West end
- Almost everywhere traffic flows 40 mph minimum.
- Hwy 2, most people go 40 rather than 30, and 169 as well especially on the hill
- Pokegama ave S
- All of city needs to be 35 mph, 25 mph in condensed residential. Drivers are confused of current 30 and 40 mph areas!
- All of hwy 169
- Isleview road and work zones
- Traffic move way to fast on HWY 2 especially the logging trucks.
- Stretch between bowling alley and La Prairie bridge
- residential areas
- I cross Highway 38 each morning walking my dogs. Crossing both ways. There is a very visual crosswalk people ignore. Both GR police dept and highway patrol cars have ignored the crosswalk. Sheriffs cars honor the crosswalk. Same thing happens at the crosswalk going to the arena. Road to the High School.
- Golf Course Rd
- South Pokegama avenue in the evenings. Hwy 2 West near SuperOne Foods.
- Airport road and horseshoe loop
- Highway 38, children cross the highway and people are speeding a lot and texting and driving
- Not necessary in the city, but 169 going past the college to Coleraine. I hear of students (I am a teacher) that use that as a raceway— hitting speeds of over 100mph. Another problem area is Davis Road with speeds being driven of upwards of 50mph.
- Main road 169 into town
- Downtown
- All over especially residential areas
- Everywhere - also stop signs mean STOP
- Hwy 2
- Every direction on HWY 2.... in front of M and H to Forest Lake restaurant, by the bowling alley, from Walgreens to Walmart.
- Golf Course Rd
- Around school zones
- Pokegama Ave downtown and hwy 2 heading out of town toward Cohasset.
- I think that drivers are poor at stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks (I've almost been hit twice downtown!) and poor at stop signs.
- All over
- Airport road, pokegama
- Golf Course Road feels very speedy but it might not be.
- 10th St & Pokegama, River Rd & Pokegama
- Everywhere. People pass when no passing zone, tailgate, flip you off, use phones, read books while driving
- Water tower 4 lanes in the middle two on 169 can be scary

- Honestly, it's the people driving in the left lanes blocking the flow of traffic, driving too slow.
- Hwy 2, Hwy 169 and Hwy 38
- Pokegama Ave. Powers Hill. Hwy. 169
- Anywhere on HWY 2 and 169. Especially going west past Forest Lake to where it going down to one lane.
- By walmart
- West end of hwy 2. Everybody races to get the right before it turns to one lane
- Down river road
- 169s South and Hwy 2 main roads through town
- Airport road
- Locations.
- Intersection of highway 2 and pokegama. And from old central school intersection, south to L&M
- Golf course road
- Up the hill by the Mississippi River

21. If you answered no to #20, what is the reason you are not signed up?

- Did not know about it
- Never heard of it.
- Didnt know about it
- Didn't know
- Dont wanna be tracked by corrupt cops
- I don't need more notifications
- I didnt know about it.
- Unaware
- Didn't know about it
- Did not have info.
- Did not know this existed
- Was not aware of the service
- Did not know about it
- Never heard of it
- I was never notified it existed.

- ~~didn't~~ know about it
- I just learned of it now.
- Did not know it existed
- Didn't know about it
- Because my phone alerts me what I need to know
- Unaware of it
- The question asked if I was aware. I said no. So the reason I haven't signed up is I was unaware.
- Not aware
- Don't know
- I don't want more messages sent to my phone
- Unaware
- Too many phone alerts already.
- I have alerts through the Sherrie Dept app
- Never heard of it
- Didn't know about it
- Didn't know about that
- Did not know it existed.
- I didn't know about it
- Didn't know about it
- UNAWARE
- Wasn't aware of it.
- Never heard of it
- I'm in touch with weather reporters and check weather on google often
- I did not know that existed.
- Was not aware I could sign up.
- Because I was not aware. I will be signing up now
- Not aware of it
- On-line weather
- I was not aware of it.
- Didn't know
- Was t aware
- Didn't know
- Did not know about it
- Never heard of it
- Didn't know about it
- Not aware
- Didn't know about it.
- Now that I know, I will sign up.
- Didn't know about this
- Was not aware
- Didn't know about it.

- I am not aware of that service.
- Never heard of it
- Didn't know
- Didn't know about it.
- Looks annoying my life is already full of alerts and I have alert fatigue now
- I didn't know about it.
- The tv works for me. Or my eyes and ears
- Did not know it exists
- Not aware of it
- I wasn't aware and, when just looking, there are a lot of steps and it's not that important to me
- Was unaware of it
- I didn't know this existed
- I didn't know about it
- didn't know about it.
- I didn't know about it
- I was not aware of it until now
- Not aware
- Did not know about it.
- Unaware
- I will
- Didn't know about it
- Creeps
- Didn't know
- unaware
- Didn't know about it
- I don't need to be bothered. I can see emergencies coming all by myself.
- Only just heard about it from this survey?
- Didn't realize it was there
- unaware of the service
- not aware
- Not aware
- Was not aware
- I tried to sign up but never received a confirmation on whether it worked or not.
- Never heard of it
- Because I wasn't aware of it.
- You asked if I was aware, and I wasn't aware. I'm not signed up because I didn't know about it.
- Lol, didn't know of it
- Didn't know about it
- Unaware of it
- Didn't know about it

- I may or may not have known about it- but I'll sign up now
- Wasn't aware that I needed to sign up.
- The question asked if I was aware. I'm unaware, so how would I know to sign up? Also, the last thing I need is more spam.
- Didn't know about it.
- Was not aware of it
- Lack of trust in system
- Wasn't aware
- Didn't know it existed
- Didn't know about it.
- Never heard of it.
- Unaware
- Didn't know about it
- Didn't know about it
- Wasn't aware of it
- Did not know about it previously
- unaware it existed
- Unaware
- Unaware of program. Now that I am aware, I will not sign up to a password-protected notification system.
- Wasn't aware of it
- what happens when tech isn't available? how is this accessible to ALL in our community?
- I don't want another alarm alert on my cellphone. I try to unplug during the day
- Did not know about it.
- I didn't know about it
- Did not know of the service
- Because I wasn't aware of it until this moment.
- Will sign up
- Wasn't aware of it
- I didn't know about it
- Wasn't aware
- Didn't know about it.
- Didn't know
- Not notified of it
- Didn't know about it
- Didn't know about it
- Never heard of it.
- I didn't know this existed
- I have other weather apps on my phone for inclement weather
- Didn't know about it
- Didn't know about it
- Didn't know about it

- Was not aware
- Cause I don't need messages coming in at all times of day and night of ridiculous things like weather
- Didn't know
- Don't know about it.
- Never heard about it.
- Did not know
- Was not aware
- Wasn't aware this existed
- Wasn't aware of it
- Did not know about
- First I have heard about it
- Not aware
- Was not aware
- I wasn't aware
- Recently moved and did not realize it was there
- I'm already signed up.
- Not aware of it
- Never knew about it
- Never knew it existed
- Notifications.
- Never knew about it.
- I had not heard of it.
- Unaware of the services
- Didn't know it existed
- Didn't know about it
- Too much info to fill out

25. Do you have suggestions regarding snow removal in the city?

- They do a great job!
- No snow piled up in the middle of streets
- Plow and salt side street better instead of letting them ice over
- The city does an excellent job removing snow.
- River road is always one of the last to be plowed and when it is it is still never fully cleared.
- Takes them days to get to side streets in town. Especially if weekend
- Don't leave ridges as soon as someone shovels out their driveway.
- Waste of tax dollars just to do a crap job
- Before any requirements people have to clean up snow off sidewalks in front of their homes
- Stop piling it up in the middle of the streets. They pile it so high you cant see around it.
- I know nothing about logistics of snow removal. I just know my road is never plowed in the am
- Hate the piles in the middle of streets downtown
- Plow roads before trails and sidewalks, avoid main routes being plowed as people are going to work.
- Sidewalks should be done all over the city, not just downtown.
- Snow piles near intersections reduce visibility and cause a hazard by blocking view.
- plow more often and put more salt and sand down not everyone has 4 wheel drive or all wheel drive
- Keep up with it in a timely manner.
- Clear sidewalks first because they become more hazardous faster than roads.
- Calendar parking. It's hard for people that don't have driveways to find somewhere to park otherwise
- Warnings for parking and no parking tickets for homes without driveways in city limits
- Remember the needs of wheelchair users
- they quit plowing at 29th street, and the road gets really icy. Problem when Amazon opens.

- Transportation accidents are on a rise. Snow/ice provides an increased factor. Prioritize safety.
- Just plan ahead more and have people ready to go
- Excellent, much better than other towns I've lived in.
- I'm thankful for the sidewalk clearing crew.
- To plow when it makes sense - not just waiting
Don't change.
- Be conservative about salt usage and monitor runoff effects
- Along 169 from Walmart to downtown...sidewalks are horrible each winter!
- Use sand vs salt
- Only alley access; often not plowed until 3 pm. Plows leave high banks we can't drive through.
- Need to have better alert system for residents who don't have other places to park their cars
- Main roads seem to get done, some side streets in strictly residential areas don't get done.
- instead of waiting at 2am to remove, come out earlier in night i.e. 11pm if able to clean
- They never plow the whole width of my road
- It takes lots of time to haul all the snow away but the city does a good job.
- Plow both sides of the street's sidewalks!
- We enjoy walking but sidewalk snow removal should be lower priority
- Doing just fine
- Do not leave snow piles in the middle of streets for days. Safety hazard. OT to clean up later?
- Do it at night and do not leave piles in the middle of the street
- I live on NW. 20th St. and the T is very dangerous cars go in the ditch. They never salt that road!
- remove it right away instead of piling it in the road so we can't get around easily
- The City should use calendar parking. Most residence have more vehicles than parking spaces.
- The snow medians are just not great. Is there any way to avoid those?
- Stop plowing sidewalks back into the roads
- street snow piles pushed onto the curb cuts blocking access, specifically at Oakland Park.
- Sidewalk snow removal isn't great but not sure if city or homeowner responsibility
- Clear sidewalks of snow and ice along pokegama ave consistently
- Faster
- The focus needs to be on removing snow from the streets first and then the sidewalks.
- Former township roads should get higher priority than non-core city streets
- Don't leave it in the middle of the streets
- Snow is piled up in the middle of the street they are shoveling off the sidewalks that no one walks
- Alleys for people that need for their ways to get out for work
- Get alleyways sooner!
- Weekend street snow needs to be removing before Monday Crews should be on in afternoon heavy snow.
- No suggestions, hard topic to make everyone happy
- Have them stop plowing the snow into our driveways. Or at least have them clean up their mess
- Get closer to the curb. Halfway through the season, the roads are 2-3 ft less wide on each side
- Main roads don't need to be perfect before side roads are cleared, too!
- Stop removing on trails and sidewalks. People are walking on the roads no problems
- Clear them at night?
- Sidewalks are of concern for wheelchairs
- More plows out during snow events. Not just during normal hours.

- Less of a priority for the sidewalks. More for alleys which people need plowed to get to work.
- Sidewalks being salted better
- More winter help so crews are not wiped out and unsafe
- They need to plow closer to the side of the roads, especially in residential areas.
- Those of us who live out of town have to rely on neighbors to plow out our roads,
- No salt please
- Less salt. More sidewalk enforcement or snow removal of sidewalks.
- No salt
More frequent shoveling
- I am a snowbird.
- Remove it in a timely manner...
- the years i have gone thru gr on the way to work very early a m the town snow removal crews do great
- work over night when less traffic to contend with
- Annoying that the city removes some snow from sidewalks but not everywhere.
- Don't push snow back on to main highway and salt intersection better
- This is something I think the city does very well overall.
- Allow elderly or disabled residents to pay to have snow removal services provided by the city.
- Do it at night and don't leave snow in the middle of the street
- I often can't use the sidewalk on the Pokegama Ave bridge over the Mississippi River.
- There seems to be some sort of issue with our roads where the snow sticks despite owing being done.
- More timely removal. The roads retain too much snow and ice and are slippery
- Alleyways & side streets could be clearer of snow&ice
- They do a great job. We are lucky to have such dedicated employees.
- Yanmar Arena sidewalks/parking lot and ice are concerning for elderly people that come to the arena.
- Keep up the good work.
- School routes should continue to be prioritized. Remember additional routes like all of N Pokegama.
- Keep up the good work!!!
- Please don't leave the homeowner left to clean the end of their driveway from the drifts left behind
- Is the city able to enforce businesses clearing snow on their sidewalks?
- Why the hell do we plow sidewalks into the streets. Why not plow during storms to prevent buildup
- Keep up the great work!
- Quit piling up in middle and blocking view in intersections & exit from parking lots on side streets
- Let the traffic lanes pack and freeze then chip and plow.
- School side walks need more priority.
- Plow to the curb
- Don't let the snow and slush freeze on the side roads in City limits.
- No suggestions. I trust that snow removal is being done efficiently and timely.
- Remove snow all the way to the curbs
- Removal of sidewalks along Hwy 2, please. Especially north side.
- Avoid blocking the end of alleyways.
- The snow median on 5th is dangerous, it would seemingly be safer to push the backs toward the sides.
- I'm not sure if we've done it before but community naming the plows is fun!
- Just it's got be removed and roads are priority
- Please try to clean alley ways sooner.
- Prioritize plowing main roads after a snowfall event...not waiting until the next day

- Start earlier when heavy overnight snow so it doesn't get so packed down and increase risk of mornin
- Horseshoe Lake Rd needs to be plowed earlier and salt at the HLR/Golf Course Rd intersection
- Get rid of the snow that is piled up in the middle of the roads sooner.
- Utilize more unused city parking spaces for dumping snow, no more turn lanes full of snow.
- Slush removal from sidewalks in spring to avoid thick ice. Hard to walk the dog.
- When removing snow in medians, this always feels a bit hazardous for drivers.
- Clean off the roundabouts better.
- Sidewalks and bus stops where children frequent
- Enforce cars parked on the street during snow emergency so snow isn't built up
- When putting snow between lanes. Blocking access to businesses occurs. Prevent this somehow.
- Let the public works crew plow the streets during applicable snow/ice event. They do a wonderful job
- Odd-even parking or something similar. An option for people to park on the street while snow plowing
- Need to remove snow before cars have to pull out to see around snowbanks
- Yes, tell the driver on NE 9th Ave that he doesn't need to plow the same road five times
- Snow removal is a joke in this town!!
- It's okay. Better than Minneapolis in some aspects, in others not so much.
- To not block driveways in the winter with all the snow from the street like they do every year.
- Please don't dump in people's driveways.
- Snow blocking driveways after a plow goes through is a big problem!
- Plow closer to the side of the road
- Would love clarification on which sidewalks are getting snow removal?
- Consider subcontracting it out to see if there is a cost savings
- Remove snow once done and use gravel and salt more frequently, especially at intersections
- Instead of removing the snow from the center lanes during the day, they should do it at night.
- Clear the streets before the arena parking lot. Don't plow snow right into driveways blocking them
- More equipment and workers.
- Nope I feel they do decently.
- I leave for work at 8am and most of the time the main streets aren't plowed, most workers up here le
- They only remove snow from certain sidewalks
- They do a good job, other places don't use salt they use other things so look into that
- Remove.
- Don't leave giant piles of snow in middle of road in town
- houses that pay the most in taxes should get the snow removed first
- Focus on streets 1st, sidewalks 2nd

28. Do you have any other suggestions/ideas/innovations for Public Works services?

- I really miss the recycling stations that used to be on Saturday mornings. Also, Waste Management is the devil, end the monopoly.
- Plow snow better on river road since it is a big truck route. It should be cleared like highway 2 usually is.
- We all pay garbage fee on property tax, we shouldn't be forced a fee or forced who to use
- Fix the lesionaires in the water system and make sure its still not contaminated you idiots. My grandpa is dying because of it
- Have a general pick-up area in the city for people to drop off trash or recycling to get picked up
- Use sand, find an alternative too salt. Salt the side street intersections better.
- There is a need for public place to drop of brush and tree limbs not just grass clippings.
- If you can't use salt a different way of managing ice should be considered.
- River paths weren't maintained and had a lot of debris and garbage on them
- Keep up the local road construction
- Question 26 is ridiculous!
- Letting us know what roads are being plowed and when they're gonna plow roads
- Use dirt instead of salt for icy roads to help protect our waterways and vehicles.
- What do you mean by ice packed? I'm open to alternatives but to just let it remain icy seems dangerous.
- Use dirt instead of salt
- They do an awesome job cleaning our streets. The only thing is the number of weeds growing in the cracks in the road. It's going to ruin them if they aren't sprayed. Worst is 28th block of Airport Road and 29th street. bad...especially when it isn't plowed as good as the rest of Airport Road. Might cause problems this winter when all the Amazon employees have to turn into their lot.
- Adjust factors to account for population increase. Also ADD stop signs for intersections that are heavily used while others (surrounding) are under construction.
- Make waste management cheaper
- I like the fact that citizens can use the app to inform Public Works of situations that need attention.
- Reconsider the new bright LED street lights going up. Obnoxiously bright and lighting areas that really don't need illumination. Are LEDs more efficient sure. Turning off the lights at night is even more efficient. A new one outside my house is now blinding. I miss the old dim incandescent one that only worked half the time. There isn't even much traffic on my street so it feels like the new light is just there to blind us personally.
- Don't block alleys with snowbanks.
- It's hard to suggest to do more when budgets only allow for so many employees who work hard to get everything done.
- Dark sky compliance for street lights
- sand instead of salt. Waste management keeps upping their prices 6 years ago we were paying 60 now we are paying 117 for the same service
- Investigate other means of ice removal to minimize salt use.
- can do a better job of keeping clean streets and shoulders. HWY 2 west of the mall looks like garbage and is unkempt w/ overflowing grass/blight. There is a lot of broken sidewalks and overgrown weeds grass at

various points of the city and even when it is address it does not look great (round-a-bout at Golf Course Rd and 76).

- trim branches that cover road signs and limit visibility at intersections.
- Focus less on city banners and more on fixing up the broken roads, sidewalks. Painting lines and curbs
- Do not leave snow piles in the middle of roads (downtown) for days. There is more traffic in downtown areas than in neighborhoods, and is more of a hazard for motorists. Switch to calendar parking / or odd-even during winter. The current parking ordinance is unreasonable. People should be able to choose whomever they want for garbage service. Free market reduces prices and the user ultimately wins.
- Trim trees growing out into traffic. I, personally, have made 2 calls within past few weeks, City contacted me back, said would be taken care of following week, it hasn't. Sent e-mail to a County employee, no response.
- Why can't people choose to bring there garbage to the dump themselves
- Need to plow better
- maintain alley ways as well as streets when there is spare time
- Stop using salt. I've lived in many states that have extreme winter. No one else uses it.
- Use sand instead of salt like they do out west. Our community does not drive well on regular road vs ice packed but I would rather not have the mess of salt.
- Again on sidewalk accessibility, I've seen road construction signs placed on sidewalk so it's unusable for wheelchair users. I would also value some trash cans between the walking bridge to the YMCA area, I pick up a lot of litter on the south side of the river, behind River Grand Senior River, and have to carry it all the way to the YMCA dumpster to throw out. Otherwise great job.
- Work on removing snow until it is all removed- leaving it for days is unacceptable
- No. I think overall they do a good job
- Walking paths by the river are neglected and covered with debris.
Signs entering GR need to be painted, too faded
- Use the street sweeper to prevent salt and debris from entering storm drains. Our street get done once maybe, a year
- Fill potholes and replace the roads instead of sweeping the streets all the time
- Schedule street cleaning with call system so cars can be off the street and actually cleaned. Furlough crews if needed in years of little snow. Schedule jobs better so we don't see guys on tiny jobs that 1 or 2 can handle and the rest standing or sitting in the truck. Pay attention to detail, weeds etc. on streets, sidewalks. Go back to an Engineer and Public Works director system since detail is getting lost on both sides these days.
- Give city home owners the ability to choose their garbage service provider.
- Better website outage maps & ability to text outages
- Please let us choose who we would like to use a garbage disposal. WM has become way too expensive.
- Al Lauer told me that Glen's army navy parking lot would be a great place to put all of the city's snow.
- reducing salt does not automatically mean driving on ice-packed streets. Question very poorly worded.
- Incorporate the public into open house events to help familiarize younger generations.
- Making it easier to recycle (expanding). The library could be a good spot for trucks to meet up on certain days of the week.
- Better tech. Can we follow plows online? City road conditions? Plow cams.
- Use sand on roads
- Are they responsible for tree care? That is a huge concern with Emerald Ash Borer and all the other problems:
- Use sand on roads instead of salt
- Use sand on the roads or ?
- Aren't there non salt options to help with ice?
- More recycling, Organized composting
- More trained eyes for Emerald ash borer

- Tree care for bug killed trees
- Concerns about salt doesn't mean there aren't other options. It seems that GR has used more salt than some other cities.
- no they seem to be doing good
- Some of these questions are ridiculous. Of course people want roadways that are plowed.
- They're doing a great job on keeping the city looking great especially on 7th Ave S.E.
- Overall they do a decent job of providing services
- Find alternatives to salt for ice removal, like sand or anhydrous ammonia
- I would like to see some of the parks cleaned up. Not just mowing but spring cleaning and remove some of the dead trees and have a tree replacement program
Too many parks have too many dead aging pine trees. Parks need to be cleaned up after a storm.
- question 26 should be worded "Would you be open to salt alternatives?". YES I WOULD.
- Public organic waste compost pickup.
- There are times when we hear the street sweeper go by every day for days on end - way too often.
- I like how efficient they are, and how well they take care of our community.
The city needs to think about that for the library
- Instead of asking if I'd be willing to sacrifice road safety for environmental safety, is there no other option to provide traction on roads?! Can we reduce salt by using sand instead?
- Certain projects it appears that there are more people standing and watching 1 or 2 people do a job so better utilization of employee # and project needs.
- Just keep the city clean.
- Use sand on the roads when it's icy.
- The prior survey questions did not allow you to type more than 100 characters which is not enough for useful feedback.
- I prefer the city bidding out garbage collection.
- Bike trail maintenance, check more often.
- prioritize tree care, planting and replanting
- Too much to comment
- Is there a more environmentally safe way to make the streets safe (not using salt)?
- An effort to connect with public workers. Honestly the people that know best are the workers. What changes do they think need to be made?
- Open to others ideas
- How do other non-salt states operate? Especially those with much more extreme terrains? Salt vs no salt with ice packed roads, is not the only option.
- Drove on ice covered rd's in Alaska and the accident rate was insane no Thank you
- I don't know what ice packed roads are. If it works for other similarly sized northland communities, I'm open to trying it. My guess is most people will complain about it and blame accidents on it though.
- Is the only option salt for the roads? Is there alternatives to keep the roads safe for everyone and not harmful to the environment?
- USE NON SALT OPTIONS.
- Fill the potholes! Get more crews!!!
- Give people a financial incentive for taking their own garbage to the dump. Increase recycling options and ban plastic grocery bags at stores.
- Use more sand during the winter and only salt at intersections and when is absolutely needed
- Implement city composting services, use sand instead of salt for de-icing roads, and make efforts towards Grand Rapids environmental sustainability development.
- Keep funding the Library! It's so very important for our community. It's a place that draws people to our community helping to create the diversified community we have!

- Leaving a 5 lane highway would be best.
- Q #26. Find/use alternative to salt. Nobody wants to destroy the environment and nor do they want to crash their car.
- Public works crew does so many great behind the scenes things for the city and they are hardly recognized for the work they do
- They do a great job
- Completely agree about salting roads!!! Salting should be stopped 100%!!! All the states out west don't use salt and surprisingly they all survive!!!
- MORE affordable options!
- Use dirt instead of salt
- Keep water safe
- Street cleaning at 5:30 am? Seriously?
- Use sand on roads instead of salt!
- Waste Management has been TERRIBLE to work with. I now haul my own. I would love to have a choice of who to utilize.
- Need to get out sooner a plow the roads faster before they become packed with snow and ice
- Less employees watching and get more work done
- In other states they use beet juice instead of salt. I would like to see that as an alternative.
- Use sand instead of salt on roads.
- Dislike the garage service! And hate that they no longer pick up leaves twice a year from addresses. We have a place to take leaves 365 days a year- I just don't have a truck and used the service, depended on it
- More recycling drop offs
- Serve.
- Unrelated to these questions, but I would like to see the city install streetlights at veterans park on both entrances to the dog park for safety purposes
- Garbage service seems priced high. Would like to see addition of brush pickup not requiring use of brown bags. Multiple pickup dates in both fall and spring.

33. If you answered yes to questions #32, please tell us where you see trails or sidewalks need to be constructed.

- On 2nd Avenue SE from 11th Street SE to 10th Street SE and on 10th Street SE from Pokegama Avenue to 7th Avenue SE.
- One on 10th street
- All over
- Atv trails through town to access restaurants and get from one side of town to the other
- Pedestrian bridge at the intersection of Grand Rapids State Bank and Walgreens. I have seen many near miss pedestrian accidents.
- After crossing the bridge by Rivergrand it's unclear where to go downtown
- Airport Road
- Ones that are wheelchair accessible!
- Several spots
- Co rd 76 to co rd 63
- Along the other side of the road by the forest history center. There needs to be a sidewalk on both sides so that people can safely walk to the Forest History center.
- Within city limits not off the top of my head but connecting outlying cities such as coleraine via 169 or cohasset via hwy 2 with a bike path for safety would be nice.
- Leading out toward Cohasset. Many people walk on the highway.

- up 16th street NW to St Andrews church and the high school. because of a wheel chair person who uses the middle of the street with no lights on! kids who walk or run the area.
- Should be a sidewalk going down 7th avenue, the current one stops at the old Murphy school. Children walk in the road the remainder of the way. Please give them a sidewalk.
- Finish the sidewalk on 10th street SE from the Airport Road to Pokegama. It stops before ODC. That's a busy road to have pedestrians on.
- Airport road
- Walking areas should be better lit before adding more
- We have too many trails for a town this size
- SW 2nd Ave, from Golf Course Rd to SW 13th St
- Connect Cohasset to GR on 76
- More roads, less trails. This isn't Europe. KISS.
- Multi use trails for motorized!
- SE 7th Ave could use sidewalk from Casey's south to roundabout.
- Something going west
- Connect both sides of downtown. Perhaps a pedestrian overpass over 4th st and railroad tracks.
- Close the missing trail segment between 3rd Ave. E. and Canal Street along the north side of the River
- Designated crossing of the highway
- A snowmobile trail from cohasset to Grand Rapids near 63 through town.
- There can always be better walking options. There are too many to list.
- Strong support of more trails
- South side of town
- We need to coordinate to bring ATV / OHV connecting trails into Grand Rapids. This is a huge market, and people would come and stay here if they were able to access these trail systems from here. These are often the same people who snowmobile! We are behind the times on this!
- River Road area.
- Figure how to get ATV trails into grand rapids
- SE 10th St, between Pokegama and 7th Ave SE. incomplete sidewalks. Probably outside GR, but a bike trail along 2 to connect to County Rd 63 would be fabulous. Also, trying to bike to Mesabi Trail head from south side of town is precarious. The sidewalk along the Pokegama Mississippi bridge is VERY skinny, especially if walking with kids/pets. Worrisome to pass ppl walking other direction with how close traffic is. Bridge doesn't need a turn lane.
- Donovan drive area, people walk on the street and plug up the street parking outside of st Joe's. It's dangerous!
- Along County Rd 76
- CR 76 and cr 63, I realize this is outside the gr city but feel from a safety issue the city should collaborate to create for bikers and walkers a safer path other than the shoulder of the road.
- Near the fairgrounds and along airport road and intersection on highway 2
- I would like to see a multi purpose trail system build like a ring road with a separation from traffic
- 169 from pickled loon to town! I'm sure that's Harris Township but c'mon make it happen.
- I feel there is little to no sidewalk and walking trails on the SW quadrant of town. No where to park and walk and nothing connecting any small existing trails

- Southwest and Southeast Grand Rapids areas
- Between circle k and the hotel. There are big ugly cones up and people rip up the grass anyways
- Highway 2 west.
- River Road and Forest History Center Road
- We definitely need more trails--everywhere. And make sure people are aware of the North Country Trail coming through town.
- Connect bike trails from south of town to Tioga. More bike lanes for commuting.
- East on Hwy 2
- The se side of town by river road. There are no sidewalks withing the neighborhoods.
- Gold course Rd at Pokegama to Airport Rd.
- A good connector trail system, Winter ice skating trail, Even if it is around a lake so you can do laps
- The sidewalks through much of the downtown area need to be redone. I would like to see the riverwalk expanded to make better use of the Mississippi. Where the Get Fit Itasca trail ends by UPS. Let's expand it to Klockow.
- Connecting trails
- NW 3rd Street between 18th Ave and Hwy 63 because of logging trucks and semi's using it to get to UPM. The street also needs repaving.
- Airport rd
- Put a sidewalk on 10 Se street
- A Trail under the Hwy 169 bridge over the Mississippi River.
- Not that I know of but I'm sure there are
- Regarding #31, I would love to use the sports fields (the track), but they're always locked if there's not a school event. Leave them open for the community to enjoy!
- Regarding #32, there are a few places where plant growth around corners makes some trails a little scary (you can't see if someone's coming).
- Along the River?
- Sidewalks on ALL streets
- SE 7th Ave needs a sidewalk badly. Dozens and of people walk along that road as the trail to its west is seemingly not sufficient.
- 6th and 7th Ave NE from 8th St NE going south
- Need to re-paint bike lane on 5th st NW all the way west to the bike trail and extend it east. This is not GR city but bike trail on County Rd 76 is needed.
- sidewalk on NE 14th St needs to be better lit and the walk widened
- By the river or more natural areas
- Too many to list
- in NE GR to the sports complex from other areas of the city
- Residential neighborhoods need MANY more sidewalks to increase disability access and safety in transportation for our children.
- Wider bike lane (or a sidewalk) for traveling north on "Airport" road between traffic circles.
- Safe bike trail through town, from KAXE to County Fairgrounds
- any stretches of road without a safe sidewalk for people who need to walk or bike to get around

- NW end of town on hwy 2 going to cohasset
- I'd like to see more public awareness of where the trails are so they get used. Maybe community walks or bike rides, I know we already do some of those but I think spreading awareness of when things are is tricky. I'd love to see Grand Rapids start a TikTok page. I think that would be funny and would reach the younger generation.
- More sidewalks and walking path on the south end of town neighborhoods.
- Just leave them be we can't afford any more taxes
- There should be a sidewalk for Hwy 38 from the high school to M&H. I feel like there's not many sidewalks in that area of town.
- SE 10th street. Need trail or better bike lane on golf course road to get to the forest history center trail
- The whole west side of town on both sides and
- Behind lucky 7 downtown gas station, the walking path stops but it should continue to blandin beach
- On the side closest to west elementary. There's a sidewalk on the opposite side but not on the side closest to the school.
- More bike trails along road shoulders so bikes can use roads instead of sidewalks.
- I believe there should be more walking trails in uptown for nature recreation. The land for sale behind Aldi would make a great wooded area for park development.
- Path on forest history center road to 63 and golf course road
- South side of 10th st SE
- Longer trail along River
- The cut across from airport road to river road— many businesses that have employees walking. They often have to use the grass to get to/from work and that's not the best option with snow.
- You already tax us for the roof on Yanmar. Tell the district sell extraneous land to pay for their upgrades. \$5 million, how and where??
- A sidewalk/bike lane from Conifer Drive to the High School would be nice.
- I would love these trails to be very clearly connected - unless I know someone in these neighborhoods, I don't even know some of these trails exist or continue. Even looking at the current map can be confusing. It would be nice to have a large loop clearly connecting around town, especially expanding along the river, downtown and creating more green spaces beyond.
- Traffic is crazy now along 76 and needs sidewalks - same with Sugar Hills Rd. Both would make this city much more bikeable and safe, especially for children.
- Tioga to 169
- Through town to Mesabi trail
- By Glenda army and navy they are like none existence

35. Please share any other improvements you would like to see at Blandin Beach.

- Splash pad and or public pool
- Splash pad!!!!
- Adequate bathrooms
- Get rid of the goose poop
- None that beach is a shithole shouldnt even be swam in anymore
- Ice cream shop
- It looks like a swamp hole compared to the days it was maintained with life guards and the grounds were kept up. Get rid of the birds....
- Get rid of the geese
- Remodel of bathrooms, rental area. Improve or expand playground equipment.
- Only improve if it do not raise in taxes. Diving boards or a side in the water. Beach improvement should be for the beach not adding extra.
- Splashpad for young kids and way to control the geese and seagulls that shit all over the beach and ruin it
- More police patrol.
- Swim platform and diving boards
- None. I deeply enjoy its simplicity, quietness and specifically that it blends into nature with less manmade additions.
- Renovating the changing rooms that exist for patrons to be able to change at the beach. It is outdated and needs improvements.
- Diving board, floating dock/trampoline or lake slide would be nice none of the area beaches have them anymore. Well there's one with a diving board but I remember a few with slides as a kid and it was a blast!
- Remove the goose poop at a consistent rate
- Swimming raft or water slides would be nice along with the splash pad and pavilion
- Pavilion, amphitheater,
- How about some water slides and a wave pool
- Due to limited days of use, I'm not in favor of the splash pad, but Pavilion would be great, maybe a swim platform.
- Get rid of the geese and goose poop. Canada geese and other species of waterfowl can carry and spread disease, viruses, bacteria, and parasites. The most common include salmonella, e. coli, and cryptosporidium. Avian influenza is also common disease for waterfowl species like geese. Disease caused by Canada geese usually spreads through contact with their feces.
- Love the splash pad!
- To clean the beach and get it tested since the geese are everywhere there
- Additional parking
- No to a splash pad, they're expensive to maintain, easily vandalized, used only 3 months of the year and certainly not at a beach. YES to a pavilion
- On-site row boat, canoe, kayak rentals? Just an idea— could be cool. Maybe open for collaboration with Paddle Hoppers or other similar partners.
- Kayak rentals

- When doing these improvements in the proposed drawing it looks like the play area for the park is removed my only thought is to keep a park there too so someone who doesn't want to play in water has a place to play too.
- Bring back the locker rooms and life guards.
- Glean up goose poop
- we need more for kids to do in town. better public bathroom for parents and kids
- beach and grass need to be upkeep in terms of animal feces to stay clean before additions are made.
- There's always too much bird poo there, it's disgusting
- Splash pad
- Don't need a splash pad.
- Updated area. A pavilion that can be rented for parties.
- While I support these improvements I'd much rather any dollars go to keeping institutions like the library open and accessible for the proliferation of education, free speech, and fact based information.
- I'd very much support adding picnic pavilions more so than splash pad
- More parking
- Use of the building already there!
- The city definitely needs a park so visitors can picnic and enjoy with families
- Splash pad. New restrooms
- A beach volleyball court or a public volleyball court of any kind would be nice
- The last time we tried using changing rooms at Blandin Beach, they were locked.
- Goose reduction
- no need for splash pad as it is only a fad. Bring back what was there in the 1950's.
- The beach itself and water need to be cleaned.
- A premier playground!
- Bring back the beach !!
- Pavilion, splash pad, concessions
- Better bathrooms and someone clean it up regularly
- It's not appealing for swimming or even letting my dog go in
- geese removal
- get rid of the geese!
- Splash pad, diving boards, pavilion
- Go back to having a staff person on site to keep it clean and pets off the beach. Empower the person to assert the rules. We have people in ice rinks, we can afford a person to keep the beach presentable. There must be regular bathrooms. The outhouses are disgusting.
- Lighting at night and more security
- Na
- Weed control, diving board, water toys.
- Goose control
- Stop spending money we do not have
- Clean the beach area up and make it better for swimming as well.
- Make it family oriented.

- [Life guards](#)
- Any kind of water treatment big or small
- Grounds keeping on the sandy beach, especially when the geese are around. More of a police presence just in
- Restrooms
- I don't mind a pavilion, but it seems like people are enjoying the picnic tables at the park.
- Changing room open. Community space. Garbage pickup.
- Winter ice skating trail
- None—we have lakes to swim in and the city did not take care of it before! Waste of money
- More art,
Tree planting
Informational kiosks including history
Public transportation
- Terrible geese problem
- We used to have an old bandstand there and in the [summertime](#) there would be music on certain days of the week. Let's bring something like that back!!
- no splash pad
- I don't use Blandin beach. Why are you asking these questions about things that the city of Grand Rapids should've been keeping up over the years
- Don't overbuild it
- don't overbuild
- A beach house with changing area.
[Life guards](#) are a priority
- bathrooms that are open and usable.
- Keep geese away.
- I wouldn't say this is a high priority overall for city projects
- I'm not sure why the building is all locked up. It seems like a nice park that isn't being utilized. Too many Canada geese are being fed, which makes it gross for bringing the kids.
- Pavilion- yes-splash pad- no ongoing maintenance nightmare for city when there is a beach right there- you'd spend less hiring a kid to lifeguard than maintenance of a splash pad which will depreciate quick on our hearty conditions
- Lifeguard
- Only yes, if the money isn't taken away from the library.
- I feel that there are not many options for public swimming beaches (we don't own lake property) so just a clean swimming area is appreciated.
- A beach is nature's splash pad. Put one somewhere that isn't already a water feature... Honestly, just keeping geese and homeless people from camping out there and it would be more appealing.
- Bathrooms and changing areas
- GEESE DETERRENTS
- I really like the plan. I do hope that Blandin Foundation will help with annual costs for this as their namesake, rather than using city operations dollars.
- The water doesn't seem very clean.
- native plantings

- Goose poop removal
- I would prefer any money go to the library hours, staffing and activities instead of something that will only be used a few months of the year and require a HIGE investment from the city/community.
- we need more public space than just this
- Splash pad, nice bathrooms
- Splash pad or anything for kids!
- It does not appear to be utilized to capacity; perhaps with restrooms, food truck, splash pad, grounds safety it would, particularly for townies or grandparents with littles.
- I hugely support the splash pad.
- It's a nasty lake. But if you do something / maybe make it charge- it there is a splash pad and decrease our taxes with earnings
- Splash pad and pavilion are great. Would love to see this also at another location in the future
- Toddler friendly playground!
- I love the ideas mentioned in the previous question.
- Rock climbing wall, climbing tower, zip line
- 1000% in support of this and know every other parent in our area is too!! Our area has little to no options for families. We have to travel to do things which equals spending our money elsewhere. Keep us in town = mc
- Upgrade park
- Updated park
- The splash pad is a great idea, let's also use the bath houses again.
- That place has always been in the wrong area. It's full of goose crap and the water is polluted.
- Who the hell would use the splash pad when the geese shit everywhere, there are plenty of safe products to keep them off the area at all in town places.
- Allow dogs in the park, just not on the beach. Leashed, of course.
- Unless fully funded by grants do not improve
- I have only been to Blandin Beach once many years ago and the water looked too dirty to swim in.
- Beach clean up and better beach maintenance (it's been taken over by geese). Restore the existing building to house changing rooms, bathrooms, drinking fountains. Overall, more kid/family friendly
- Native tree cover reforestation, reducing mowed grass areas as this is destructive environmentally
- Only if taxes locally don't go up would I support this
- I want the library back to full hours/staff before anything happens at Blandin Beach!
- WE NEED A SPLASH PAD
- Staff to ensure safety.
- More cleanliness, no homeless people, garbage picked up, get rid of geese. More maintenance
- Life guards
- If it comes out of taxpayer funds in any way then zero additions! You already cannot balance a budget no need to add more costs!
- More toddler friendly play options at the park. The park is designed for much older kids.
- I don't believe a splash pad should be considered when the library isn't open at least full time and one weekend day
- I live by Blandin and would LOVE to see more lights at night. It becomes a little sketchy at night and more light would make it feel safer
- Get rid of geese!

- Would love to see a pickle ball court there!
- Many communities in the cities have a public pool with a slide or two, zip line, etc. We need this for our families!!
- All these grants are great until you need to take over maintenance which adds costs to the city
- Life guards
- I'm for the splash pad and picnic area but I'm a different location would be nice, no many geese at Blandin beach it would be a smear and sea of poop on the splash pad
- We don't have a splash pad anywhere in GR, so this is a great idea. Hammock park would be cheap and wonderful, look what Greenhaven School in Hibbing just did for their hammock park.
- I didn't see anyone at Blandin Beach for most of the summer, not even the play area
- remove some weeds and bring the diving board back clean out and up after geese
- Diving platforms,
- A slash pad and upgraded playground would be amazing for our community.
- Maybe make it look like the playground and the beach are a cohesive unit. More inviting. Have bathrooms under the pavilion, can be used as another area for BBQ, company parties, bday, etc...
- The beach house has not been open for years!!!! Geese are an issue
- Splash pad, security maybe? That area is a junky hangout and you regularly find trash and drug paraphernalia at the beach
- Honestly, the water is gross I don't know why this is being pushed as like the center. I wouldn't swim in that water. Maybe choose a different lake or put some fountains in to keep the water from being so stagnant.
- Improvements.
- Better playground to play on
- Open up restrooms/changing area. Frequent law enforcement patrols. Lifeguard?

41. If you answered yes to #40, please tell us why the city should invest in Central School.

- It is a central focal point of the City.
- It is magnificent building that visitors remember.
- Because history is important
- Central school is about the last "old" building in town.
- We need to start doing more to preserve our history and not destroy it.
- Historical landmark that is the heart of Grand Rapids
- Our history matters
- It's the staple of Grand Rapids. If you remove that, remove Grand Rapids identity.
- It's a great building perfect location, historic.
- Historical and centrally located for many purposes
- It is a vital signpost to downtown Grand Rapids, and is integral to the history of this town.
- Its a historical landmark, are you trying to erase the history
- Difficult question. It is a landmark but that is a lot of money.
- Location, invest in planning team for future use
- Plenty of history there it can be used during tall timber days, community events, or other options
- It is a staple of the community.
- With its beautiful architecture, it is a significant landmark in the city.
- Central School is a beautiful focal point to the center of town. It is a great spot for events.
- Central School is one of the most well known and important visible building in Grand Rapids.
- It's part of our history if you keep taking history away it'll be like it never existed
- One of the few buildings left in town with as much history as does the school.
- What is the alternative? Sell it w/req to apply for historic status?
- Its our history and its too big to ignore.
- It's a historical landmark that tourists come to see
- It's a central part of its history...it's right in its own name. It's our history.

- Its a city icon
- Because it may support small businesses which this town needs.
- It's a landmark of our town.
- It's a part of Grand Rapids history.
- It's a landmark that everyone coming through sees.
- It's better to look at than the jail next door
- Its been there as long as anyone can remember. Its a beautiful center piece downtown
- It's a big part of the history of Grand Rapids
- It's the heart of the city, it's iconic, it's a landmark, it's for everyone
- It is the center of our town and it is historical
- Because it is the history of our city.
- It could be such a cool tourist destination. Its potential is untapped.
- This building is not very inviting for businesses to benefit/users to enter.
- It is the stepping stone of the city
- Historical Landmark
- It's an incredible piece of architecture that can never be replaced.
- Central Landmark of the City and a key differentiator with other towns.
- Important to persevere history
- It is a historical landmark to the city.
- The history of this building and grounds are the centerpiece of our city.
- It is the symbol of our town. It needs to be improved
- Make it into a hotel!
- It's a landmark
- It's special to the town
- Updating the facilities-roof, elevator, etc
- Who owns the building?
- Historical building and the potential anchor for downtown shopping
- No pot store - will only line council pockets and pet projects. Money will disappear and taxes up.
- Historical landmark, enhances appearance of downtown, unique attraction
- It is about the only historical building left in the city and it is beautiful.
- It is one of the remaining pieces of attractive architecture we have. It is iconic to the city.
- Keep the small old school charm of a rural community its character and a corner stone
- It is one of the very few things left holding on to Grand Rapids history.
- It is a unique focal point GR is known for.
- This is the city center. It is special to our city. It is used often as an event location.
- It is a nice gathering space downtown and a landmark
- It's a beautiful historical landmark. So much character and tourists attraction.
- Too many old buildings are torn down. History.
- It has been a vital part of this town for multiple decades, it is a centerpiece!
- It's cool to see, I love the history
- Unique resource for city

- its historic and place where people go to gather for many reasons
- Central School is an irreplaceable historic landmark for Grand Rapids
- It the best-looking building in downtown.
- Icon of Grand Rapids
- It is a natural meeting place but it expensive. I would be open to ideas
- It is a landmark that is not utilized as it should be
- Beautiful and viable business/hotel location
- It's a historic landmark
- It is the face of downtown. Draws people in. Retail should be encouraged by subsidizing rent.
- Central School is a historic landmark and central to the identity of Grand Rapids
- Making sure it is persevered properly and that the grounds it sits on will not be disturbed at all.
- It's the centerpiece of our community.
- It is an iconic landmark. The Wizard of Oz mural was already torn down, keep this piece of history.
- Small business opportunities
- It's preservation of historical building
- It's a historical building
- I believe history, including buildings like this, should be preserved, if possible.
- Its an iconic building that supports local small businesses and stimulate the economy
- Tourism, it's a great and visible event space
- It's a beautiful building that defines GR. It has great outdoor space for all kinds of gatherings.
- It should be the perfect retail center.
- Center, focal point of community. The new jail is not attractive and not a good community symbol.
- it is an icon to the city, locals would donate if we knew what was being done to keep it
- The school is one of the most iconic things about GR and by far the highlight of Downtown.
- The building is iconic to our city and an important historical site
- figure out to make it a more profitable location that benefits the city on a monetary basis.
- Because it's a piece of history
- business, it's the main spotlight in downtown
- Because it is a central, focal point of the city. It should be our own Dewitt-Seitz building.
- Maintenance
- There is a lot of potential if you get creative and make it a fun space.
- It's a historical part of the town.
- Historical landmark, a great center point for a downtown, especially if downtown was more walkable.
- That is the City's Landmark
- It is a building with great features and has great vibes. Going to events/shops is a pleasure!
- It is part of Grand Rapids' history. It is a beautiful center of town.
- Beautiful history and center of town
- It's neat
- It is part of the city's history and identity

- Buildings like this with history are essential to small towns. Don't let it be forgotten/torn down!
- Center of Grand Rapids
- To keep the integrity of the cities history. You e already eliminated half the diwntown area.
- It's part of Grand Rapids history.
- Make it a destination. Add a business , food, and encourages people to stay and socialize
- Preserves history, and is beautiful. Unlike the ugliest monstrosity of a jail.
- History and a landmark!
- It is a central spot / landmark in town. Spot to gather the community.
- It's historic dating back many generations
- It is a visitor draw. It is the one place people of all incomes/ ages can gather. It has potential
- It's part of our history.
- The history and events it holds
- We pay to many taxes now
- To have something public & welcoming at the heart of downtown to offset the space the jail occupies
- This is the iconic heart of our town. The city has already ruin the downtown image with the jail
- Beautiful building. Like the businesses inside.
- It is a unique symbol Grand Rapids. It offers space for artists and events in the community.
- It's so centrally located and known by locals and visitors, a landmark.
- To preserve the history of Grand Rapids
- Its iconic it has character
- Start saving money to fund improvements. Don't put another tax on city residence.
- Some historic landmarks should always be preserved. No matter how it is used.
- History
- Because past history is important.
- It's such a great building It's far under utilized.
- Historic center of town
- Historic buildings are beautiful and bring more tourism
- Historical landmark, well used inside and out.
- It's the iconic centerpiece of Grand Rapids. I'd personally invest in keeping it beautiful.
- Only historical building of importance left. Center of tourism, community gathering and focal point
- It's a Grand Rapids visual landmark
- Because it can't be torn down
- It's history
- It will crumble otherwise
- Inappropriate events such as mates with blood on crotches and picketing that killssmall businesses
- Preserve history
- It's the center of the town and a neat looking building
- It is the heart of the city.
- There are restoration grants that hopefully could be obtained.

- It is the focal part of our town - a great public meeting space. Make it the heartbeat of G.R.
- The children's music learning center should be there. Or a community center for kids in general
- Its history. It's been there as long as i remember
- It is important to maintain our historic buildings. This building is a landmark in Grand Rapids.
- Great building, centrally located, should be used more.
- It maintains the small town charm
- Because it is historic. Letting history fade away is disappointing.
- Beautiful historic building at the center of downtown-
- It anchors the downtown
- It is an iconic structure of GR history which bis important
- Historic building, enhances downtown.
- It is part of the fabric of the downtown area. Any replacement buildings would not be tje same
- It has historic significance. It is one of the few central locations where activities can be held
- It's a incredible landmarkm very beautiful.
- Iconic building in Grand Rapids.
- It's a landmark
- It is a beautiful hub of the downtown area. More community events should be centered there.
- Beautiful historic landmark
- It's historic and has many visitors
- Excellent location with space for public events
- Yes, it's part of our history and is still actively used, which is why I believe it's worth it.
- It's an iconic local landmark with space for commerce and gathering, inside and out.
- It is a hub for our city, centrally located, and could be a driver for economic success.
- history is significant
- It is our City Center. Iconic
- It's the only thing in town worth looking at
- Only historical thing left. You tear everything down.
- It's the last of the real buildings that you utopians haven't destroyed in the last several decades.
- it is a historic building there are but a few please keep
- We take little interest in showcasing our heritage like Red Wind or Stillwater do
- Center piece of town
- It is a nice focal point to the area.
- It's in city limits. It's been their job to take care of city buildings. Not the county
- The school is iconic & should be preserved & better utilized. Too many have already been destroyed
- Its history, you shouldn't forget the past!
- It part of history
- There are many reasons to retain the past !
- It is a beautiful landmark in a town with bland chains, serving the community via tenants
- We are rapidly losing what makes us unique in favor of chains
- Landmark

- This is a welcoming building along with the city hall for the city of Grand Rapids
- The city's involvement should be limited to accessing grants ONLY. not directly paying for upgrades.
- It is an iconic symbol of Grand Rapids and serves as a gathering place especially in the summer.
- Vital historical landmark, centers the downtown around a unique asset
- It's a main hub for many events
- It's visible, it's welcoming, and it looks like it has cool shops (should have more!)
- It's an old iconic building which has a visual history
- it's part of our history
- Character of our community, attraction for visitors, respect for the past
- It's a jewel for tourists and residents. It should be filled with businesses and organizations!
- It's a centerpiece—especially needed with that ugly jail.
- The building is in the center of town. Looks better then a jail.
- Why is there not economic impact data for context like improvements to Legion Park?
- Great potential for small businesses or groups to meet for public gatherings
- A nice landmark with good space.
- It is a good building with a fabulous history in this community. It just needs to be run better.
- It's a Landmark for Grand Rapids
- It's a cool building with a lot of character.
- It's the one thing that is sort of like a town center. 100 Characters again? Really?
- It is a major landmark and historic building.
- It's a community gathering space.
- (100 words is not enough room) History is important to preserve especially in a town that is rooted
- Failure to do so would leave a prominent and preeminent piece of real estate in disrepair.
- Historical buildings should be cared for and maintained. History is important.
- It is a GR icon. Could be a huge draw with a coffee shop and gift shop added
- It currently is the only charm to downtown.
- Preserve history. Don't gentrify Grand Rapids
- This is a historic and known part of our city.
- Because its a landmark
- Old Central School is a unique asset that defines Grand Rapids - without it we're only a jail town
- It is a historic landmark.
- More shops
- Historical landmark
- History is precious
- Because you have to protect some history. Everything else has been torn down or replaced with ugly
- Because it's a historic land mark and businesses use that building.
- It's an important part of Grand Rapids history

- I thought they should have torn it down in the 70s:)
- Historic central location in downtown. It's underutilized
- It is an integral part of our towns legacy and should be preserved. Adds to the city's character.
- Invest for the upkeep, don't add anything new or fancy to it, otherwise it will be an eyesore
- It is a part of our history, a landmark
- It is a historical and cultural pillar
- Historical land mark
- It is a beautiful building with tourist potential
- Invest to maintain this historical treasure. Grand Rapids should value this history.
- history, improve community gatherings, the events they put on outside are excellent
- It is one one of the last beautiful old buildings in town
- Because it's beautiful, central to the town, and a shared community space in a good location
- Symbol of downtown grand rapids
- Central School is a historic landmark and a beautiful place for the public to gather.
- Centrally located, beautiful building, full of history
- Good facility for multiple economic and community services. Usable grass areas for events.
- Heritage preservation should absolutely happen, if not for our citizens, but too visitors.
- It's pretty.
- it's a historical landmark and a gorgeous building--they don't make them like that anymore.
- One of the most beautiful and interesting buildings in Grand Rapids
- Located in the center of town and I believe in trying to keep some historic buildings
- It's beautiful. And understandably, the expansion of the jail has really uglied up the area.
- It is central to our downtown and a beautiful historic building, in spite of it's issues.
- Only if can fill w/retail, bar, events, things to do there, ice cream, make it a hub of activity
- It is part of the city's history part of my history since I went there from 1st grade - 6th grade.
- It is an historic building and grounds. Can't imagine what could take its place.
- Not if it costs any more money - quit spending you are hurting us
- It is a main tourist attraction and could be used for more small businesses.
- Great gathering space for all public events
- It is a gorgeous historical site with great gathering space
- Tourists love visiting shops in local buildings. could bring in revenue.
- Upkeep
- It is the hub of the city and a lovely building
- Historical center with room for development into a thriving resource, especially in the winter.
- It's an icon, a tourist attraction, keeps our neighborhood rustic and homey feeling.
- Only if significant grants are obtained.
- It's one of the few historical landmarks left.
- It is on the corner of 169 and Hwy 2. It is the history of GR and the businesses within are needed.
- It is a focal point of GR
- Rich history and usable space in the heart of the city

- Because it's historic. That in itself isn't enough. (Not enough character space on your survey)
- It's a beautiful building. Would be a shame to see all that history demolished
- It's an historic landmark and a beautiful property downtown.
- Because it's a landmark and don't want a dumb overpriced strip mall there instead
- It's a staple to our town
- It a beautiful part of our town that should be preserved for future generations.
- It's a historic landmark
- I think it should be maintained as it's a historical building and a focal point
- A significant piece of history
- Because it's a staple of Grand Rapids
- It's the only beautiful land mark left. It would be nice to have more events take place there.
- It's all that's left of downtown !!
- One of the only original piece left in our town ! It's a staple of down town !
- It's one of the most notable buildings in town and I love driving past it.
- Because it marks history for our locals
- It's a neat part about history in our city.
- It's at the heart of the city and a historic landmark
- You spent millions on that ugly jail. Keep something nice as you drive through GR
- It's a historic landmark. Once it's gone, we can't get it back. Preserve the history of our city
- Because it's historic. Stop investing in the hideous art sculptures in town and save the OSC
- It's irreplaceable
- It's the heart of GR.
- It's the only historic building we have
- Central School is a staple of the Grand Rapids community. My grandmother attended school here
- It is a staple of the community, a place of culture
- It is a beautiful building and grounds and should be utilized
- History and all the little shops inside
- It's a Historic landmark!
- Beautiful historic landmark in the middle of downtown, better to repair than demolish and rebuild
- Prime location, underutilization of spaces, opportunity for park development on site
- it generates tourism
- Historical value.
- It's an iconic part of our landscape and one of the few structures that showcase our history.
- It would be incredibly sad if Central School was no longer a landmark of downtown
- Central School is such an asset to the community with the events and businesses located there.
- Why shouldn't you?? It's a historical landmark and is important to the history of the city.
- One-of-kind building and grounds. Community event space
- It's our biggest historical landmark that the old generation attended
- It is a historic building that attracts people to the downtown. It is under used.
- Historic and prime renal space of marketed correctly
- City cannot balance budget now, stop adding costs! We are already paying ridiculously HIGH taxrs!

- It's a staple to our town— the airplane on the top was there when my great grandpa attended.
- Because of it being a historical landmark, they are disappearing from our country
- It is the central landmark of the city. There needs to be more shops & draw to the bldg
- It is historical
- It is unique
- It's a central part of the towns history
- is the heart of downtown Grand Rapids.
- It is a city staple. Without it GR would be just another dying town in the north.
- It's a landmark. Jail should not be in center of town.
- Landmark
- Because it's one of the only iconic landmarks in the city
- It's historic to our town. Part of the history of Rapids
- It's an icon of the city and a critical part of our culture
- It's a beautiful and vibrant space that deserves some care to preserve it.
- Historical landmark that people admire and promotes tourism
- Cornerstone of the city.
- Use it for more community events
- It's a beautiful part of our downtown area.
- It's been central to a lot of events that I do attend, pride and other craft festivals
- It's sentimental but I know it's expensive, so I would understand if the city decides not to.
- It's the center of our town and the heart of it! It's also a beautiful building compared to others!
- It's a central spot in GR, great history
- Landmark
- Because it is a historic landmark
- Multi-use facility
- It's one of the last remaining historical buildings in the city. Why wouldn't you preserve it?
- icon of Grand Rapids, historic building pleasing architecture
- It's a beautiful beautiful building that makes Grand Rapids, Has such history to the center of town.
- Free community parties should be held in the attic - untapped gem that a lot of people don't know
- I think keeping it ran the same and getting more businesses in it to create more revenue.
- It's a piece of town history
- Historical Building
- What a beautiful piece of history we have here. It tells the story and history of our home.
- It's a Historic Landmark. It's more important than bent pipes all around town.
- It's beautiful and it's our history
- It's historical and about the only interesting building we have left in town.
- B a better Mall to draw attraction to buildings like this, maybe make this building the antique shop
- Historical/ beautiful building, central location- jail is a joke at main intersection
- It's a beautiful and well used historical building
- Center of he city and a tourist stop

- Local history
- Splash pad in front, indoor food market, community center
- Why.
- It's been an icon for so long maybe times it's used for different events
- Old Central School is the centerpiece of our community. It is beautiful and rich in history.
- A historical building
- It is one of the most standout places visitors see in the town at one of the busiest intersections.
- Shouldn't that be covered by the businesses renting in the building?
- Historic building. Focal point of biggest intersection in town
- Tourism
- It's a lovely building that isn't being utilized to the full extent
- Only architectural icon in the city.
- It's a nice property utilize it
- It's apart of Grand Rapids history