

Online Survey Results

Do you live in the City of Grass Valley (3-4 digit Grass Valley address)?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	64.52%	100
No	35.48%	55
Answered		155

If you live in City limits, are you happy with your residential internet service?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	57.41%	31
No	42.59%	23
Answered		54

Please prioritize the following in order of which area of interest should receive any new City funds.

	Overall Scores		Outside City Responses		City Only Responses	
	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank
City Parks & Trails (adding new parks & trails)	3.88	2	4.02	1	3.81	3
Fire Department (more Fire personnel)	4.19	1	3.75	2	4.45	1
Homeless Support (County receives 100% of fed/state funds for these services, for the City to provide additional services it would come out of general fund)	2.77	6	3.41	4	2.78	6
Low Income/Affordable Housing	3.26	4	3.69	3	3.04	5
Police Department (higher level of Police service)	3.22	5	2.82	6	3.42	4
Streets/Sidewalks (replace & resurface existing facilities)	3.73	3	3.25	5	3.97	2

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What should the City focus on when making parks & trail improvements? (Please rank the choices below, one (1) being most important)

	Overall Scores		Outside City Responses		City Only Responses	
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Continue to expand the Wolf Creek Trail	3.87	1	3.69	1	3.97	1
Add more multiuse fields (soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, etc.)	3.16	2	3.10	2	3.14	2
Add more courts (tennis, pickleball, basketball, sport, etc.)	2.84	3	3.04	3	2.74	3
Add more playgrounds	2.79	4	2.89	4	2.74	4
Develop a sports complex for field events	2.53	5	2.42	5	2.58	5

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Street maintenance (resurfacing existing streets)	3.89	1	3.52	2	4.09	1
Sidewalks (repair & ADA improvements)	3.61	2	3.62	1	3.55	2
Widen roadways (adding more vehicle lanes)	2.01	5	3.17	3	1.69	5
Bikeable/walkable connectivity	3.58	3	2.80	4	3.53	3
Net-zero emissions (electrical vehicle charging stations, etc.)	2.04	4	1.90	5	2.23	4

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What type of events/activities would you like to see take place on Mill Street (downtown)?

- 1 Farmer's market,
- 2 Music, theater, farmers' markets, car shows, culinary events, holiday festivals
- 3 Music, festivals, farmers markets and parades
- 4 Farmers markets, food trucks, festivals, music, drag Queen story time
- 5 Farmers markets/craft market, downtown concert with drinks , history events.
- 6 Street dances, festivals, farmers markets! Skating?
- 7 Farmer's markets, vintage markets, arts and wine festivals, live music, food trucks
- 8 Land back activism & Nisenan / Maidu inclusion, Farmers market, book fair / literary arts, puppet theater
- 9 Street fairs, farmers markets, local band shows, food and beer festivals
Farmers market. More celebrations like the 6 week summer fest and Cornish Christmas. With much better communication via more ways to let locals know in advance. Typically I see pictures of a great event afterwards on Facebook or next door. City wide garage sale mostly to benefit charities. Better historic signage for a walking tour.
- 10
- 11 Farmers markets, sidewalk sales, festivals, live music and dancing
Small town concerts, farmers market, car show, Local armored combat event (Placer/Nevada County Golden Griffins)
- 12
- 13 Farmer's Markets, festivals, live music, food carts
- 14 Cars driving back and forth, parking in front of shops.
- 15 Parking
- 16 parking
- 17 Regualr traffics and parking spots. So sick of it being closed!!
- 18 Parking
- 19 Outdoor family friendly concert's with food / alcohol vendors.
- 20 Live music Craft fairs
- 21 Brew Fest last year was great. I would love to see more live music e ents.
- 22 Concerts and dancing
- 23 Live music

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- 24 Street fairs, music, art, dancing
- 25 Music , street fair, flee market
- 26 Summer market (like Cornish Christmas, but all summer). Summer music series.
- Mini-CONCERTS with world music, folk music, classical, Appalachian, Irish - (Not rock or cover bands that you can hear in every bar.) ART SHOWS, CRAFT SHOWS - juried, quality, not imports, not mass produced. FAMILY DAYS with activities & music for kids & families. Historic GOLD RUSH Themed events - costumed, juried crafts, period music, Pony Express, barn dance. STREET MUSIC: Define one or two 10x10 areas where busking is allowed, 1 between Main & Bank and 1 between Bank & Neal, with guidelines: max. 1 hour at each location per day including set-up/leave, acoustic only or max 1 small, battery-powered amp, sign-ups allowed 1 day in advance but not required. Side note: can we please not have recorded music broadcast onto the street on weekends?
- 27 Live music! And food trucks! And in the summer, something fun for kids like face painting or blowing giant
- 28 bubbles, just something interactive.
- 29 Fairs, markets, live music.
- 30 Live music, more food, beer or wine events. Family days where kids can socialize too.
- 31 Seasonal events, craft/art shows, live music.
- 32 Music
- Music festivals, art shows and sales, improve outdoor dining spaces. Establish a quality standard for outdoor dining areas. They are shabby, cheap and dirty.
- 33 Live music and/or events for families! My daughter lovedddd the little kid Halloween event so more things
- 34 like that would be great also
- 35 Like cornish christmas. Food trucks. Music
- 36 Food trucks & live music
- 37 Music, street fairs
- 38 Street fairs, music, new venders, community outreach booths/services.
- 39 Car Show (again) Music gatherings Carnival International Food festival Art shows
- 40 More music, dancing, entertainment. It's like a ghost town during the week. There's noone on the street during the week
- 41 Live music
- 42 Cornish Christmas
- 43 More family entertainment! Like puppet shows.

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44 Art walks

It's been so long... I'm not sure if the 'community dinner' idea ever happened? dinner (farm to fork?)/ beer & wine tent/ dancing / fundraiser for GVDA? Pre-sold tickets, I think. I heard about it a few (4) yrs ago & thought it was a good idea. Summertime on Mill St (July) in place of the old Antique Fair street closure

45 permit.

46 Family friendly / kid activities

47 Food trucks

48 A mill street back up

49 A live preaching from Gold Country Calvary Chapel

50 Street fairs

51 nothing i dont attend any of the events

52 Keep the Mill Street closed. It is so nice and much easier to get around in a wheelchair!!!!!!!

I would like to see the design be able to handle double booths going down the center of the street so people

53 can access the stores as well. When they are on the sides it blocks storefronts

54 i don't care

Open-Ended Response

55 None. Return it to street thoroughfare.

56 Open the street

57 Opening up mill street

58 Music events but open Mill Street back up to traffic.

59 An open air concert or movie night for families

60 Cars driving on the street again

61 Live music Support of local businesses might! Open up Mill street

62 I as a disabled person would love it opened back up to street traffic.

63 Just open it already! It's a ghost town during the week!!

I would like to see the street returned to its original purpose...open to vehicles. I have been here since before the freeway was out in and now I no longer visit or shop Mill St. The Gold Country feel is gone because

64 someone bent to the flatlanders and turned Mill St. into a European street. Sad.

65 Open Mill St. to vehicle traffic and parking.

66 Open

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- 67 Being able to drive and park in front of Old Town Cafe, Lazy Dog, Tess's Kitchen Store and Foothill Mercantile! Open Mill St!
- 68 Reopen Mill Street to traffic as it was so our elderly natives can enjoy their town. Cornish Christmas, 4th of July Parades every other year. Sidewalk sales, car shows
- 69 Open mill street again. Stop the gangs of preteens from taking over Grass Valley!
- 70 I would like Mill Street re-opened to vehicle traffic. My wife is handicapped, and we have not been able to support any businesses on that street since it has been closed. Please re-open it to vehicles!!!
- 71 Open it back up and it would be special to have it closed at Holidays etc. i used to take my parents to lunch and shopping but they can't walk from the lots. We miss downtown so much.
- 72 Please open Mill St. I am a 3rd generation GV native and miss Mill St being open to drive down. I would often impulsively stop at a shop that was not planned. Not driving down that, I do not make plans to walk down Mill St. I have kids and it is too hard to find a parking spot and walk. PLEASE OPEN MILL ST! Thank you
- 73 The removal of the road blocks on Mill Street and the opening of the road.
- 74 Concerts, fun kids events like the children's festival!!!, Spoken poetry events//open mic nights, events about books :)
- 75 Open mill street back up to cars
- 76 Please open the street back up
- 77 Open Mill Street

What types of projects/goals would you like to see added to the City's Strategic Plan?

- 1 Making the Mill Street barriers, closed street look nicer/permanent.
How does turning Mill Street into a pedestrian mall support the very first point of the city's Vision, "Preserve Grass Valley's historical character and encourage restoration." Honestly, how does it? It's always been a STREET for gosh sakes. How can anyone involved in that project justify looking the other way when that project so obviously completely ignores the Vision?
- 2 Please help find convenient parking for those complaining about you closing Mill street especially for elderly and
- 3 handicapped.

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I'd like to say mill st paved like a walk way and then decorated better. I'd also like to see the stores and restaurants on other streets get more love and attention. I think that the city of grass valley will have to come up with a plan to do that.

- 4 It would also expand out downtown area (lots of vacant store fronts on E Main)

Utilize the pedestrian traffic area now created on Mill street to create a place where people want to spend time. I find myself still using the sidewalk and avoiding the street. Center-street merchant opportunities for businesses that aren't fully committed to a full Brick and mortar (think center of mall merchants) to offer wine bars, coffee, food trucks, micro-merchants, live music. Add more permanent benches center street, allow restaurants to make more permanent patio

- 5 dining. Think Fremont street meets Santa Monica meets Roseville fountains.

- 6 Mill street back up

- 7 More access for handicap people to get to mill street. The hills are hard on older people to walk up

Make Mill Street permanently closed. I love to walk and shop with the family. The vibe is great for locals and tourists.

- 8 Restaurants would thrive with permanent, shaded outdoor dining.

- 9 2 story parking structure below Mill St. in the existing lot

- 10 Open half of mill st

- 11 Open Mill st back up. We dont need a street fair

- 12 Open up mill street

- 13 if mill st remains blocked remove the stop sign

- 14 Open Mill st!!!

- 15 More scenic, intimate old fashion upgrades and more parking but open Mill Street back up to drive thru traffic.

- 16 Open up mill street again

Turn our town back into the gold country town it always meant to be. Instead of making it an ugly eyesore. Starting with those horrid murals. OPEN MILL STREET. Respect this area rather than ignore it's history.

- 18 Open Mill St.

Reopen Mill Street. Fix the current deteriorating roads. Use tax measures for what the voters voted to use them for, ie paramedics in the Fire Engines. Stop annexing areas you can't adequately serve. Stop allowing the homeless to roam

- 19 Glenbrook.

- 20 Open Mill street back up

- 21 Open Mill Street

- 22 More trees!!!

- 23 streets and sidewalk maintenance

- 24 Streets and sidewalks

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25 Finish repaving ALL neighborhood streets.

Less drugs less people just hanging out. It's bad enough with the homeless and lab handlers. Basically clean up the

26 streets.

27 Affordable housing! Can't stress this enough.

28 INCOME BASED HOUSING.

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING Half of our residents earn less than \$35,000 a year. If you assume 28% of pre-tax income can go to housing (including utilities) that means a budget of \$816 for housing plus utilities. It's really, really difficult to find that locally. I think the plan already calls for higher density, but if there are no limits on rentals and AirB&B short-term rentals, that won't help our local restaurant cooks & health care workers. HEALTH CARE The local hospital looks underfunded & sub-standard. I don't know the facts & figures, I'm just going by appearances & anecdotal accounts.

CAMPING & TEMPORARY HOUSING There's a new campsite planned, but it will charge as much as a hotel room? Does not help. Why not designate safe, sanitary areas for car, van, campers, & tent camping? Provide toilet & shower facilities &

29 security.

That is a really broad question. I would love it if Grass Valley had a parks and rec department and building. It could have

30 dance classes, art classes, sports clubs, gardening classes, outdoor adventures, kids classes and more.

31 Parks, walking paths, bike paths

32 More activities for the whole family. Especially for families with special needs children like ours!

33 Less crime

34 Clean up the crime in Downtown.

35 Improve the local public schools and stop the violence and bullying.

36 Less homeless

Address the need for useless homeless services. If we don't feel safe walking around downtown then business will lose

37 customers. Increase police presence

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- Work with FireWire groups and county to develop comprehensive wildfire prevention / reduce the risk / escape routes and personnel to direct traffic. Require scotch broom to be removed as well as thick ladder fuel based on clear criteria and shorter time from warning to mandated action. Require new development and public landscaping that is new or redone to use native plants that are native to the region. Example fewer to no new big grassy lawns, exotic trees, etc. these aren't naturally deep rooted and less fire resistant or become invasive. Equal focus on all commerce areas of city, not just downtown. In developing new commerce opportunities don't encourage / tolerate environmentally destructive business like Rise. Focus on enhancing tourism, habitat, and industries with salaries that are locally dangerous to employees and nearby neighbors and lowpaying while upper management is temporary residents and overpaid. Find a balance between water and land use demands of pot growers and long term neighborhood needs.
- 38 Stop large scale developments, residential, commercial, mines or otherwise. it's stupid to do this in very high/extreme fire danger area and is ruining small town ambience. Do more for small businesses.
- 39 Build a parking garage somewhere in downtown Grass Valley. Someday it's going to be a necessity and you'll regret later if you don't do it now.
- 40 Better/more parking downtown, more diverse restaurant options
- 41 More parking. More animal friendly events. More kid friendly events.
- 42 More parking
- 43 -More foot and bicycle/skate/scooter routes, tricycle bike rentals, reduce automobile traffic in the city and eliminate it downtown. -More public landscaping -Public produce gardens
- 44 Land back to Nisenan. Align w other tribal-led initiatives. More inclusive and DEI- aligned businesses and civic initiatives to invite and retain BIPOC and queer residents. Too white here, need to actively cultivate cultural diversity.
- 45 Repair roads, memorial park complete before summer for kids to use.
- 46 More community events
- 47 More emphasis on the iconic gold mining that our town is famous for. Less political posters in businesses. It does not matter what political side you are on it's uncomfortable.
- 48 Close off main or make one way like Santa Barbara did. It was fought against for years, but once done you can't find anyone opposed to it.
- 49 We
- 50 More modern internet to move us off cable style. Working for a large global tech Co from home - we need better, faster and more stable communications platforms here. (I'm a 20+ yr resident not a new telecommuter)
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- I just read the Strategic Plan - impressive. I can not think of anything. I think a 3.A.8. is an awesome idea - a water
52 playground ;-)
53 Is replacing PG&E possible?
54 Preaching of the bible.
55 Continue wolf creek trail through city and up Idaho Maryland
56 A giant YMCA with all the indoor activities and an indoor pool
57 More activities for kids
58 Bring the history back of a mining town and rid of the Height Ashbury vibe
59 OPEN THE ROAD!
60 Open the street already!
61 Open
62 Open downtown back up please. We need parking and close access for elderly and others.
More art around town such as murals and more events for creating art as a community. Like an open style mural where
63 one day anyone from the community can come and add something to a mural would be so cool