

Downtown Revitalization Survey

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Q3. What words do you most want to hear describe the downtown area around the Lake at the Commons in the future?

- Vibrant, energized, events for all ages
- A place that people can meet, gather, hang out, see other people and spend time.
- lively, fun, exciting, safe, beautiful
- Walkable, vibrant, transit-oriented, lively.
- Community, gathering place, family events, main hub of Tualatin.
- Accessible, open, thriving.
- Family friendly, community gathering place.
- Exciting, manicured, modern, cultured, accessible
- Family friendly. Fun spot to hang out.
- Walkable, family-friendly, inviting
- Walkable, vibrant, lots to do
- Fun, vibrant, energetic, delicious food and libation spots
- Vibrant. A great place to bring out of town guests. A fun place to meet up. Full of novel things to see and do. Clean.
- A better meet up place. Needs better restaurants. A playground for the kids would be nice. The water fountain isn't that much fun and only a seasonal or place to visit.
- Inclusive, centered in community, a gathering place, natural beauty.
- Clean, fun, vibrant. Lots of small shops and eateries
- Entertainment district. Downtown area.
- Community, beauty, gathering, inviting, walkable
- Hang out, hub, activities
- Lively, Enjoyable, Great Restaurants and Shops , Wonderful Place to Live , THE Place to Be!
- Cute place to go, easy access, neat restaurants and shops.
- Community gathering. Family friendly. Lots of options to eat and gather.
- Places to sit, new business, family space, vibrant, welcoming, inviting, music, a place to gather and meet friends.
- Vibrant, charming, fun
- I'd love the trail system to feel more connected to the Lake of the Commons as a great stopping point when the trails connect through to the riverfront park, etc. It'd be nice to feel like people could take cycling trips and stop for lunch, a beer, or an ice cream cone. Things do not need to be fancy to feel vibrant. I love the food carts in West Linn at "The Garage". Fire pits, live music, etc. I also love the street in downtown Beaverton that had the giant Adirondack chairs and shaded area for kids to play. The originality and beauty of the play structure at Hidden Creek West Park in Hillsboro would also be an example of integrating art and play in a way that makes it easy for people to come together. The amount of strip malls in the area make any sense of this just feel absent compared to Sherwood, Newberg, West Linn, Oregon City, etc.
- Fun place to go. Lots to do.
- Welcoming, inviting, beautiful

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- Fun & family friendly.
- Family friendly, good food, farmers market
- Fun, accessible, cool, delicious food
- Thriving. Family friendly. A place to visit, meet and have community.
- Designated safe walking and biking connections/ routes between the Commons and the New Seasons Market shopping area (Nyberg Rivers). Expanded play area for kids (think Bridgeport Village). Beautiful landscaping in all seasons. A destination where we can go and find interesting food (cooking classes? wine tasting?), interesting shops, local vendors, beverages, music or quality art events, recreation?. Clear connections to the Tualatin River and Community Park trail system. Maybe a classroom space for rotating adult ceramics or watercolor or painting lessons mixed in with kids art classes or for painting pre-made ceramics? A good bakery? Better visibility for businesses. Street musicians, food carts, picnic area.
- I wish the commons could be a thriving, community space with local businesses, third spaces, walkable, accessible, lucky to work near here, and environmental friendly downtown. I think also easy and safe to get to from anywhere in town.
- Less cement , more grass, more trees, more park
- Fun, busy, booming, lively
- Weekly festivities. More to do than just restaurants. More shade.
- A community gathering place. Food carts and covered sitting areas.
- Lively, active, family-friendly, walkable, cute, cohesive, community-oriented, open, diverse
- Vibrant, small business friendly, diverse, walkable, more of a core.
- Fun, public gathering place, farmers markets, food carts, easy parking and access.
- Fun, interesting, artistic, family friendly.
- Eclectic shops, comfortable seating, a new, exciting splash pad and playground.
- Active, intriguing, appealing to variety of interests, wine bar/craft brewery, art, fun to walk around
- It is a place to go with family to enjoy the outside and businesses that support our City.
- Excellent restaurants that I would have had to go all the way downtown or the east-side to get. Think how Beaverton has attracted so many good options to make me travel over there to get good food. I rarely eat in Tualatin because our options are pretty terrible. If you bring good restaurants here then people will travel from other suburbs because they'd rather come here than downtown to get good food. Also, the ban on food trucks is egregious. We need a food truck pod with seating, a bar, and a play area that people can gather in. Bonus points if there's a stage which allows local artists to perform. Maybe some art festivals or a good old fashioned farmers market every now and then would be really nice.
- Active, vibrant, Tualatin's community living room that expresses the values of our community - vibrant, local/regionally based, strong business community partnered with government and the residences for a safe and rewarding place to live, work, and enjoy.
- Lively, family friendly
- Vibrant, easy access, family friendly, multiple places for families and friends to gather.

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- Bustling Eventful Gathering Places Destination Community - Feel Social Capital
- Farmers Market! Food Carts!! Cute stores!! A place to gather and that people from outside Tualatin also want to visit. No more strip malls!!!!
- Central gathering place
- A community gathering spot! Somewhere locals want to go any day of year. We haven't been to the pumpkin regatta in ages. Too crowded with tourists. Also, opportunities for people to live in the area and walk restaurants, shops, coffee would be excellent.
- Vibrant, greenspace, weekend market, environmentally friendly, sustainable, connected, community focused, art, clean, welcoming, active
- Lots of fun activities, clean, kid friendly
- Visible, vibrant, food carts actually coming as they have been blocked by council for years.
- fun, always something happening. events, fairs, live music events etc...
- Artistic, cultural, inviting, safe. It's giving Stars Hollow from Gilmore Girls.
- A meeting place with local businesses and restaurants and somewhere to hang out. I would love if there was a bike friendly food cart pod here where we could meet friends or a night time farmers market with bands and dinner options.
- "It's Fun"
- Lively, bustling, fun
- Lively, diverse
- More entertainment, more small businesses, as well as more nature, like a walkable garden, as well as info centers to teach others about the towns history, whilst keeping the commons overall photogenic value.
- Beautiful, fun, great restaurants
- Vibrant. Pedestrian friendly. Walkable. Boutiques and small businesses and galleries and gift shops . A couple of good cafes. A range of eateries some of which are open late. Wine bars.
- Connected, active, vibrant, thriving, bustling, destination
- In - Expensive, Unique & Diverse
- Beautiful. Convenient. Clean. Safe.
- Planned events like a Farmer's Market, Food Truck Sunday, or something like that
- Walkable Connected Cultural Thematic Enriching Thriving
- Vibrant, regularly visited, easy parking, pedestrian friendly, more shops of substance, mirrors downtowns of other cities with vibrant downtowns, safe, safe, safe
- Kid friendly, walkable, amenities, community, events,
- I'd like to see the city, put some emphasis on food trucks and more experiential opportunities for small businesses. It certainly feels like something that the regional destination, marketing organization could help with.
- Vibrant well-designed beautiful family friendly
- Active area
- Meeting place, event center, all of the above events The townhouses at the north end look like Europe from across the lake when dining at Brix
- Safe

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- Vibrant, alive, bustling.
- Booming, fun, clean
- Attractive, appealing, engaging, thriving.
- Vibrant, interesting, full of places to see, music, nature, and safe.
- Making it into a true downtown with amenities like restaurants, music, cultural attractions and things that appeal to young people.
- Vibrant, fun, walkable, day-time and evening activities, outdoor/nature access, access to other downtown areas (connectivity between library area and the lake!), shopping, and entertainment.
- Thriving, unique, cohesive
- Attractive. Relevant. Friendly. Functional. Walkable.
- LAID BACK, WALKABLE, SAFE
- Social, inviting, welcoming, great place to mingle and eat
- Lively, food, drinks, coffee, ice cream, shops
- Vibrant, family friendly, walkable
- Fun, lively, meeting spot, community
- Energetic, fun, popular, lots to do and see, good food
- Clean, easy access
- Walkable. Great restaurants! Good shopping. Great outdoor vibe. Bring back the farmers market. Make a downtown with parking.
- Gathering place. Central area drawing from the whole city, bringing people together.
- plenty to do, lively, active. I love regularly scheduled events that get you to see people in your community.
- Vibrant, busy, social hub, always something to do/something going on, heart of the city.
- Easy and convenient gathering place for the whole town, easy and safe bike & pedestrian access from all neighborhoods, something new to discover each time in shopping or food or natural areas, more compelling to visit than any other town nearby, 3rd place
- Clean. Tranquil. Reflective. Inviting. Community. Invigorated. Family-friendly.
- Inviting and clean
- I am not a botanist, but the plants are struggling. Cannot tell if some are unhealthy or just high maintenance, but the shedding dead grasses are a mess. More water? Too much work? Not sure.
- Exciting. Welcoming. Vibrant.
- Lively, sought after, a destination, vibey
- More restaurants, more affordable, living and more shopping and not more floor and decor, which was crazy. I don't know why that even went in there. I don't know who's idea that was, but that was not well planned out.
- Green. Environmental design. Artistic.
- Artistic, beautiful, tree-lined, interactive, more variety in businesses
- Clean and safe; place for family and people of all ages.
- Diverse, lively, lush
- Thriving, active, pretty

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- Busy with many food/drink options
- Beautiful, inviting, welcoming, park-like setting
- Active with restaurants and entertainment
- Inviting, interesting, fun
- Hopping, so much to do, variety of good restaurants, love the new food cart pod with live music
- A great spot for families to get together
- Wow what a great place to live
- Fun
- Charming & quite welcoming.
- Imagine a sprawling area of Tualatin that mixed retail and housing with easy access to all of Portland via the WES Train. Imagine the downtown blocks of Tualatin thriving with local tourists coming to eat dinner after spending the day kayaking the Tualatin River. Imagine growing the Crawfish Festival back and welcoming attendees to a walkable, rich city full of culture via food, drink, music and nature. We have access to a lot here in Tualatin. Parks. Water access. Nature access. Walkable, flat areas. Space to build. I want to see Tualatin embrace a (for lack of a better term) non-chain identity. Gone should be the days of Cracker Barrel, Red Robin, Starbucks, etc... Let the residents of Tualatin enjoy diverse cuisines from the people that live in and around this area. Stop letting landlords raise rents and kick out tenants who have been here for years! (Referring to the old Thai Cuisine being replaced by [ANOTHER] pet hospital...).
- Big challenge, because rent is so high hard to draw a variety of businesses to make people shop and hang out.
- Clean
- Charming and full of character! It's a lovely spot to visit, especially with out-of-town guests. There's plenty of choices for awesome food and boutiques and has become regular destination for us!!
- Family friendly with things to do.
- Vibrant, energetic, picnic, family, lunch, musical, meetups, hangout, destination, congregate, walkable.
- So nice to have the Splash Pad upgrade and Veterans Plaza to recognize those who have served our country
- Vibrant! If the area around the commons could be more developed, there'd be more reason to go downtown. I'd like to see more retail and restaurants. The area where the old hardware store used to be seems very empty.
- Fun, active, engaging, community
- Fun, local, vibrant, unique, clean, cool, gathering, community.
- Accessible, active, thriving.
- A lovely place to gather and relax, and pedestrian friendly. In England, parking lots have pedestrian paths and landscaping. Rarely is that done in the USA.

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- I would love to have a board display on the Missoula Floods that shaped the valley where Tualatin lies. My organization, Tualatin Ice Age Floods Foundation, is willing to make a display on the floods!
- Vibrant, exciting, welcoming, iconic, family friendly, safe, walkable, popular destination.
- Vibrant, lots of local businesses and kid friendly activities
- Excellent food options that you can count on being there. Great use of "Third Space" for people to enjoy.
- Delicious bakery, multi-cultural food scene, variety of shops.
- Lively, darling, quaint, fun, interesting, beautiful, European-esk, well kept, maintained,
- Food destination, local art, walkable, entertainment, nature spot.
- Family friendly, thriving
- Engaging; a gathering place for the community; lively; a place to walk, to meet friends; for children to play,
- More storefronts facing and opening onto the lake.
- Events, more store options, a true center of downtown. More like Sherwood or West Linn's downtowns
- Inviting, easy to access
- vibrant, active
- Vibrant, community building
- It's should be like Bridgeport shopping center. no excuses
- Family friendly. Safe. Quaint. Cool. Calm.
- Fun, inviting, engaging, lively,
- Unique, welcoming, small businesses with great attraction, service and food.
- Fun place with shops, retail, benches, food carts
- Night life restaurants etc...
- Inviting. Unique. Green. Lush. Alive. Charming. Interesting. (I have more but too many superlatives wouldn't be helpful!)
- A lively area with events and local businesses.
- Year round fun, unique shops, dining for all times of day, light nightlife . All of this not at the expense of improving the schools.
- Welcoming, lively, walkable, inclusive
- Community, walkable, farmer's market.
- Transit-oriented - there's not much room (or desire) for more parking in the confined space, so dense development with ready access to transit is a necessity. The WES could, but does not today, offer a viable transit option.
- Clean and pretty
- Leave it alone.
- Attractive & inviting. Really not much to change around the Lake itself--rebuilt fountain and new veterans' memorial are beautiful. Perhaps a bit too much concrete now, needs more lawn and larger trees for a park-like setting.
- Family friendly - safe -
- Vibrant, lively, bustling, safe, night life, farmer's market!

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- Walkable, safe, lots of public areas for leisure and play, not commercialized
- Inviting, pleasing, cozy/romantic, a place people want to go and spend time. Active with people, places to sit/eat/talk ... and meet others. It can also be a place to go to relax.
- More life to it. Tualatin has no growth happening.
- Exciting, walkable, fun
- Destination, vibrant, clean, walkable, food carts.
- Clean, family friendly, fun, calm
- Useful to folks who need it
- Welcoming, active, busy. The area needs something(s) to bring people in and keep them coming back.
- The place to go for Restaurants offering a variety of foods at prices from low to high. No national chain establishments. And for venues offering plays, concerts, art exhibits, etc.
- ACCESSIBLE to all physical abilities. Vibrant. Actually has some life and interest. Some sort of community. Tualatin has no heart, no core, no cohesiveness. I go to Sherwood for everything and avoid my home of Tualatin as much as possible. There is nothing here, and traffic sucks. There needs to be family, people friendly places. Not trendy, but things that actually matter, a basic grocery store, Starbucks, food, etc that is in one area. Tualatin is all chunked up and traffic sucks. Why go when Sherwood feels a million times closer and inviting. FYI, I have lived in Tualatin 28 years. Nothing has really changed.
- Lively. Safe. Fun. Trendy.
- Vibrant, green space, floral, peaceful
- Lively, Vibrant, Entertaining, Fun
- Vibrant, exciting, entertainment, active, and alive!
- Vibrant, attractive, a destination, full of good restaurants, has great shops, has an awesome waterfront, I love that our company moved its offices from Kruse Way to downtown Tualatin, I want to live there, I love the convenient WES service (and MAX - we can dream, right?)
- Walkable, family-friendly, garden-esque, natural, varied and vibrant business.
- Vibrant, attractive, mixed use, light rail crossroads, beautiful, tourist draw, innovative, iconic, artsy
- Needs to be easier to access
- Lively, updated, and inviting.
- Attractive, entertaining, quaint, family, eating/dining destination.