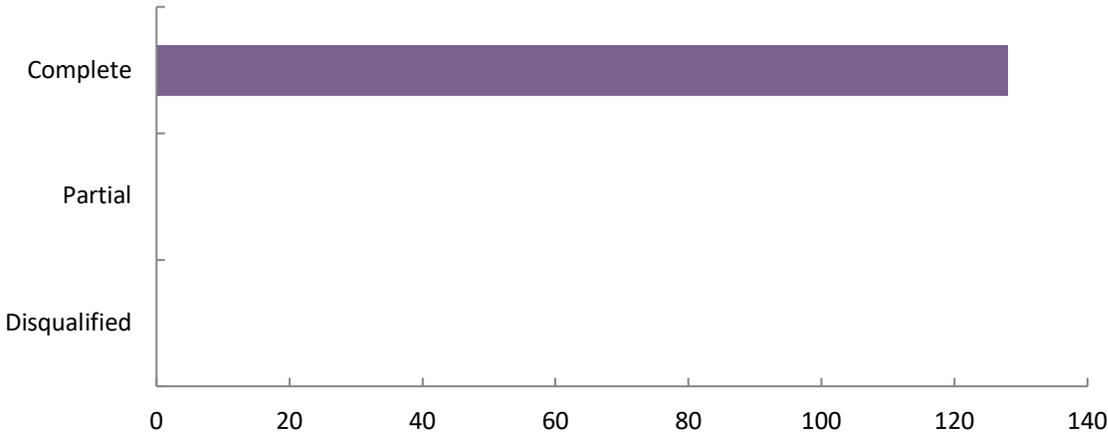


# Report for Community Survey #1 for the City of Glencoe Comprehensive Plan

## INITIAL VISION SURVEY

Please note: Data and comments are shown as received, with minor edits when needed for clarity, civil discourse, or anonymity of respondents. Where specific individuals are named or other information is included that could be used to identify specific persons, that information has been removed.

### Response Statistics



	Count	Percent
Complete	128	100
Partial	0	0
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	128	

# 1. What do you like the most about living or working in Glencoe?

ResponseID	Response to "What do you like the most about living or working in Glencoe?"
6	Small town! Everyone works together and looks out for each other!!!
7	It's close to the metro area.
8	Small town, community feel
11	Friendly people. Small town living within reasonable distance from the cities.
12	Love the small town feel with a little shopping 20 mins away. Having sidewalks around town is awesome too.
14	Overall, low crime as compared to when we lived in the Cities.
17	Oak leaf park
19	The small town feel, friendly people (for the most part).
20	I feel safe and having a smaller town. Love the library and the aquatic center along with field house. I also like our leaf pick up system and access to compost site.
21	Small town feel
23	Near family in Glencoe, work out of town for better wage.
25	The convenience
26	Nothing
27	I like that it has that small town feel but offers a good selection of local businesses and services.
28	Small town atmosphere, nice community
30	Ability to grow as a small town into a bigger town
32	Friendly small town with easy access to business - no lines typically. Yet we are less than an hour away from anything one might need from a larger community.
33	Cost of living is affordable
34	Cost of living
36	Glencoe seems to be a very tight knit community
38	family feel, community driven
40	I like how I know people wherever I go.
41	Rural community near where I grew up
42	how neighborly everyone is, the improvement to Oak Leaf Park playground has been wonderful!

ResponseID	Response to "What do you like the most about living or working in Glencoe?"
43	The small town feel how you get to know everyone.
44	Small and safe. Know a lot of people.
45	Small town community field.
46	Live and work in Glenoce, convenient. Like small town and knowing many people in community.
47	It is a smaller community with access to the Metro
48	Small town without the crime of larger communities, and we are seeing nice improvements with Kwik Trip and Dollar Fresh coming to town.
49	Proximity to the metro. Family in the area
50	The people and the family closeness.
51	Its location. Small town feel with a great Hwy location close to the Metro Area.
52	Small town atmosphere, friendly people, great places to eat....when open.
53	Living in small town
54	everyone pretty much knows each other, pretty good group of friendly people.
55	having specialty shops and restaurants
56	Most of the businesses have a small-town, friendly feel about them when you walk in the doors, and the employees are very helpful.
57	Wagon wheel roadway system. Major 212 highway going through. Close proximity to the major things in the Twin Cities (International Airport, MN Zoo, 'major' shopping malls, downtown experiences, etc., but yet rural.
58	The wonderful people who also live here, and the location within the state.
59	The closeness of the community
60	Good downtown business community. A good mix of residential and businesses to support residents. Pleased to have an excellent airport to use my aircraft for business.
62	Small town living, giving my kids freedom to Be out and about. Less hustle and bustle. We have businesses that are active and important. Affordable housing.
63	Lack of crime, safety, good medical resources, good access to shopping centers in other communities
64	That my friends are nearby I can get most of the things I need here.
65	Friendly people

ResponseID	Response to "What do you like the most about living or working in Glencoe?"
66	What I like most about living in Glencoe is the diversity of businesses that currently reside here.
67	I am close to my parents and my husband's parents
68	Small hometown feel. The people are friendly and helpful.
69	Family values and interconnectedness of families and businesses. Strong school district and hospital.
70	Glencoe provides well organized, strong city services at reasonable cost. Parks are user friendly and well maintained. We have a group of people who want to see Glencoe move forward. Entrepreneurial opportunities will come.
71	I have and will always want to live in a smaller community and this is where I grew up and wanted to raise my family, mostly because I wanted my children to go to First Lutheran School ~ a family tradition.
72	I live and work in Glencoe. The thing I like most is being close to my family, friends and church. My family has been here since the 1860's
73	I like the small town feeling.
74	Glencoe is a welcoming town. You might call it Minnesota nice. My plan is to move back to Glencoe in the near future. It has an excellent library. The downtown area has everything one would need. The schools and churches are some of the best
75	Safe city to live in. Thankful to all our First Responders and Law Enforcement.
76	It's a small community away from the business of the metro and its suburbs.
77	It is a calm town, not too far from the cities.
78	Small town. Low crime. No riots/protests during the summer [ edited ].
80	Glencoe is a quiet, small town ...well small for a County Seat. There isn't much for tourism, so there isn't really a busy season. I like that.
81	It's quiet/safe
83	I've been living here my whole life. I like the small town feel and the sense of community. Important thing to my family are the Glencoe Country Club, pool, walking paths, community events, and local restaurants. We need to improve the downtown and support our small businesses.
84	I like that Glencoe provides a feeling of safety. I like how crime is not a huge issue like in other cities.
86	It seems like we support our local businesses and restaurants. I like that I am generally able to meet most of my needs here in town and am not required to leave town for medical, food, entertainment, etc.
87	Living, small and quiet. If I would work in Glencoe short commute

ResponseID	Response to "What do you like the most about living or working in Glencoe?"
90	Many business are small family owned business, not many chains
91	Health care / Glencoe Regional Health
95	The small town feel and the fact large housing developments aren't being built up all over. School district is convenient and well kept.
96	Small, quiet, community strong town
97	Access to Hwy 212. A good number of local businesses. People seem to like to do business locally.
98	The golf course Oak Leaf Park
99	The safety and security of living in a small town, less crime. Easy access to metro via Hwy 212 for jobs and entertainment. Addition of another grocery store a plus, addition of Kwik Trip also a plus.
101	Small town feel. Cozy atmosphere. Relatively safe from crime. City parks. Swimming pool. GSL school system.
102	It's safe. As a female, I don't need to worry about being outside or going for a walk by myself.
103	the sense of family, love and support I get from people
105	The right balance of resources (shopping, recreation public services) and the size of the town (not too large).
106	Quiet and close to home.
107	small community
108	Coborns
110	Love the people
111	Small town feel and sense of community
112	Small town, familiar faces, enough in town that I could get most needs in town
113	The community. Easy to navigate through. Recently new updates to roads and buildings to make the town look more alive.
114	Small town vibe. Close proximity to Hutch and the cities. Variety of restaurant choices. Nice parks.
115	Small town, nice community, hanging out at the different bars with people.
116	It's a small community with many friends that has beautiful outdoor spaces, historic buildings and a school system.
118	The feeling of being home. Everyone knows everyone.

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121	The small community feel
122	Small town but short drive to the city.
123	Easy access to all retail.
124	Nice small town
126	The places to eat and the fact that there is a place to get groceries
127	Small-town community- fairly friendly people
128	held great opportunities
129	small town feel, historic buildings that were not torn down, the awesome library
130	Family is close
131	I love my employer and the fact that traffic and congestion is a non-issue!
133	small town close to the twin cities. healthcare right in our community
134	Quiet, friendly, good mix of small business.
135	We are far enough away from the Twin Cities to not have to deal with big city life.
136	Close to Twin Cities and Hutchinson

## 2. What do you not like about living or working in Glencoe? What are some issues we should address?

ResponseID	Response to "What do you not like about living or working in Glencoe? What are some issues we should address?"
6	There are a few City Council members that have it out for others and do not work together! Some very against the fire department which is VOLUNTEER! [ edited ]
7	Not enough recreation, shopping, and eating venues. Beautiful attractions are also lacking.
8	City officials do not work well or even try to work with businesses in town.
11	No shopping options. Too few places to eat out.
12	Fix the sidewalks that trees/ wear and tear have made too bumpy to be safe for kids bikes/ strollers. Crossing guards on the railroad track crossings.
14	Complete lack of shopping options. We have to go to Hutchinson, Waconia, or Chaska/Chanhassen. While we are there we will often do other things too such as go out to eat or a movie. All of this takes money away from Glencoe. The lack of retail also promotes using Amazon.
17	Change the city ordinance to allow semis to at least drive on residential streets. This community has a large number of truck drivers who have nowhere to park their big rigs in the winter. The trucks have to be plugged in when the temp hits below 0 or they risk gelling up. At least let the trucks be able to drive on the streets to be parked in driveways so they can be plugged in. Need more law enforcement patrolling at the baseball field at oak leaf during the season. People blow the stops signs and come down the street at 40 mph.
19	Not many businesses to shop at. There aren't many activities for families with school aged children
20	Lack of industry, we have 6 or more gas stations, but can't get small retail store like we had. Our 2 grocery stores are within a half mile of each other, why not put on separate ends of town. Glencoe Days parade bring back the bands for good and make Glencoe Days better with things being downtown. I struggle with our lack of education, all kids grouped together instead of separating by how well kids understand, offering advanced classes, challenge them more, behavior issues prohibit learning. The rising taxes because of no industry. #1 is internet, we have two horrible companies providing horrible service with high prices and nothing has been done about getting RS in this town
21	Not a lot for a family to do on a rainy day (movies, roller rink,) or for free (splash pad) after you've been to the parks.
23	Low wages, no place in town to shop for anything else but farm supply, groceries, auto and fishing/hunting supplies, one furniture store. Too limited of selection at these places. The grocery stores here even cut out items I used to buy regularly.

ResponseID	Response to "What do you not like about living or working in Glencoe? What are some issues we should address?"
25	The way people bash this town and its businesses on Facebook. Makes the town look bad! Also the taxes are getting a little crazy!
26	City council say one thing [ edited ]. Other city dept cannot defy or out of a job. Morningside big waste for the good of one business. And why start at the end of the season to leave residents with the mess and nothing being done.
27	My only and very big problem about living here, which just arose within the last couple months, is that after living here almost 5 years now is the police department has started to enforce the ordinance restricting me of driving my semi to and from my house. I have driven truck since I've lived here and have parked the truck [ edited ] ever since I moved in. This is a very big inconvenience and if it continues that I cannot park my truck at my house it will be moving up my plans to move out of Glencoe.
28	No fiber internet provider. Restaurants close too early
30	Allowing more business, not searching for particular businesses that would benefit the community. You need to sometimes seek out business and sell yourself rather than waiting for the day for someone to pass through.
32	Limited retail and entertainment options. Poor internet speeds.
33	Lack of community pride
34	Fine dining shortage
36	Some amenities are missing and a person needs to drive to either Hutchinson or the cities to get
37	City leadership is "reactive" instead of being "proactive" Lack of connectivity between parks and recreation areas
38	we have nothing to do in the town for children besides parks and pool. We have to drive places to go have fun. We do not have a place to shop for our needs. We have to leave the town to go get things. Some small business are opening up but they are not children drive
40	no dog park.
41	Would like to see more retail options
42	lack of a store such as Shopko or Walgreens - some place to go and pick up a quick birthday gift or clothing items on short notice without having to run to Hutchinson or Waconia.
43	Lack of shopping and food options. Lack of green space downtown feels cold and gray.
44	gossip
45	Crumbling verging on dangerous sidewalks downtown

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46	Not a lot of options to shop for clothing.
47	Lack of retail
48	While I agree that we need to keep the town up-to-date to continue to see improvements, but for the 4 years I've lived here, my property taxes have increased by 50%. The value of my property nor my income have increased by 50%, so why has my taxes.
49	Taxes are too high for the services we get in return.
50	Glencoe has driven business away from themselves for the fear of looming bond indebtedness with growth. And now here we set with no growth or any reason to come to Glencoe.
51	Leadership has resisted comprehensive investment to recruit business and home owners which would help Glencoe increase its tax base and take the City to the next level.
52	The routing of big trucks thru town. Very noisy and dangerous
53	I live in Glencoe and commute to work but the taxes are getting outrageous! I pay over 6000 in tax to live here.
55	the politics
56	Prices are higher here for many items, and we are missing stores that carry products we need. Once you are shopping out of town for things like bedding or clothing or shoes or fabric, you might as well pick up groceries there, too.
57	Kind of beat up. Lack of: leadership, vision for the future, positive community energy, foresight, and beneficial developmental motion.
58	The town could be more progressive.
59	I'd like to live in town or closer but there's nothing you can do about that haha
62	Keep striving to make progress, grow, keeping things updated and welcoming. Strive to attract new business and manufacturing
63	Lack of shopping opportunities There is nothing to draw people downtown There used to be so much to do downtown politicians who want to make their point rather than promoting common goals
64	The racism in this town is very difficult. We aren't an all-white town and haven't been for a very long time, but I don't think we're very welcoming to minorities. The lack of empathy for people that are different is frustrating.
65	A lot of potholes on streets

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66	I believe that Glencoe could benefit greatly from some curb appeal and general maintenance. There are several roads that need to be replaced, and many businesses that deserve a facelift. Glencoe would also profit from moving forward with accepting new businesses. More restaurants, family businesses, and finished lots would promote Glencoe's economic needs.
67	More options to spend time downtown- like the pocket park. Keep going! A playground in that area would help too, for different options while shopping as a family.
68	We need more major events. It's the people that make the city great. We have Glencoe Days, Dairy Days, used to have Heat In The Street... more major events to draw people in. We don't have enough events, spread out throughout the year, to put Glencoe in the eye of the surrounding public. More people mean more businesses. And not everything needs to be centered downtown, or at Oakleaf.
69	Lack of options for recreation.
70	Downtown Need positive people that will smile and welcome others. Earn their business not expect it. This pertains to our nonprofit businesses as well.
71	City officials for one but that may change now, with a new mayor. I don't believe our leaders are here to make our city better. Also, the taxes we pay in this small town ~ something someone should look into and see where all our money is going as it certainly isn't going into the city improvements or enhancements.
72	The empty downtown. I hate having to drive out to the edge of town whenever something is needed. I really miss having a grocery store. I also feel that Glencoe has too many truck routes going right thru town that eliminates the possibility of quiet neighborhoods. Nothing can be done about 212 except walls but 22 thru town, Ford has multiplied in traffic, Hennepin across the bridge has increased, along with 16th past the schools. Semis and trucks driving thru every part of town. It is very disrupting at times
73	Glencoe is not being progressive and there seems to be a lack of leadership from both elected officials and City staff. [ edited ] Leaders need to lead and bring the community forward.
74	I would like to see some more road improvement.
75	The Negative Life in Glencoe page. Does anybody watch the content, is anybody accountable for what is posted? The unprofessional behavior of some of the City Council Members.
76	Not much to do here for activities are than the Field House and one walking path. The taxes are very high compared to other cities our size. [ edited ]. We need someone who enjoys working with people, one who reaches out for community input.
77	It lacks of venues and business on the main area.

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78	The roads are terrible, many houses are not well-kept, and the snowbird ordinance is asinine.
79	Not being able to get around the train.
80	Living expenses are increasing every year...more than cost of living. It'd be nice to see a "rein in" of the spending, to lower taxes and utility fees.
81	Biggest dislike is my property taxes going from about \$1,500 in 2015 to about \$3,900 in 2020 mainly from city street projects. Also hwy 22 running through town.....bypass needed.
83	Improve downtown and Glencoe Days
84	The thing I dislike the most is the small variety of job opportunities. There are not many high-paying jobs available for people in the community and teenagers, college students, and individuals fresh out of college who wish to stay close to family have a very limited number of employment options.
86	Internet is an issue in town and is really limited out of town. Our downtown area is really limited to one street and I think could be better developed.
87	Not too many business, not much to do
90	Limited options for shopping...It is definitely getting better with time with the addition of clothing boutique, etc. wishing there were more activities to "waste the day again". Sometimes there isn't much to do
91	Lack of shopping.
95	I would say this town needs a lot of updates street wise. I had three times last winter when my water was shut off due to old pipes bursting. Vacant buildings downtown should be renovated if possible. The mobile home park in the middle of town [ appears to be in terrible shape ], not sure how those places pass inspection!
96	Bigger stores, something that you won't have to travel a minimum of 30 minutes (to hutch) if you forgot something. And second more activities something that the towns ppl can keep occupied with in winter and that can draw people off 212.
97	Slow internet is a big issue. Downtown is very rundown and undesirable. Good looking office space is hard to come by.
98	Not really a downtown location. No really places to eat that are nice. Cops all over the two/three bars that no one stay past 10... no night life
99	Not a lot of entertainment options or job opportunities. Totally hate the snow bird parking rules when it hardly ever snows any more. Taxes keep going up.

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101	Lack of shopping options (I miss Shopko). the Morningside avenue bypass is not necessary. Lack of safe crossings over hwy 212 on east side of town to the walking paths. Walking paths are not all connected. Taxes increasing a high rate. Loud trains. Jake-braking semis on Hwy 212. Noisy neighbors. No parking in winter if no snow is not necessary.
102	I'm not native to Glencoe. I've lived here for 13 years and have found it very hard to get to know people and make friends. People here tend to stay in their own circle of friends and they aren't very accepting of new people.
103	A lot of that grew up here and could contribute the most are leaving to go to the suburbs
105	Not enough employment opportunities. Stagnant growth, not much growth since I moved here in 2005. The perceived resistance to bring in larger retailers.
106	All the stupid rules. City staffing, ordinances.
107	road conditions
108	Train noise at all hours of the day. Lack of housing development. Lack of internet provider choices.
110	1. We need stop lights on 212 and Morningside!!!!!!!!!!!! Please!!!! 2. Put more business on the west end of town!!! 3. No roundabouts!!! Or J-Turns!!!!
111	The lack of support from the community on the downtown and other businesses.
112	Road conditions aren't great. Plenty of potholes all over
113	Not enough business' - only a handful of places to eat. Parts of the city are run down, so continuing to address those areas and make improvements.
114	None that come to mind.
115	Not much to do. Outside of going to bars and golfing in the summer.
116	We have a large Latinx population, but that's not really lifted up or celebrated with intentional cross-cultural events or opportunities. Internet is also another major issue, as is ensuring we have adequate quality child care to maximize our workforce potential.
118	As a young person there is nothing to do. You could go out to eat but there is nothing to do for underage entertainment.
121	People like to think they are better than others. In sports if you don't have a name you don't play
122	City leadership seems to be a mess. Lots of infighting
123	Lack of trails that connects schools and golf courses

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124	Need more Manufacturing companies. That pay over \$25. So we can add companies like Hutch or Winsted
126	Everything is across town from the school so when you are on a time limit to get food after school before your sports bus leaves it can be a hassle
127	a direct access to 212 from Hwy 22 for traffic
128	lack of planning for growth in the business area and lack of planning of attracting housing growth.
129	there are a lot of empty buildings.
130	Traffic flow - lack of
131	Access to fewer services that a larger community can attract.
133	limited church options, limited store options, limited variety of bar/grills and restaurants. lack of pride in personal property lack of community engagement and participation in community events and organizations healthcare professionals are choosing to live east and commute to GRH because there is not great housing/rental options for them. Therefore these professionals do not become members of our community clubs and churches.
134	High taxes, high county taxes, city govt and employees don't live like we do. They get bonuses and raises no matter what, projects get rolled in together so you never really know true costs.
135	For the amount we pay in property taxes we have no amenities to keep the community shopping local. We have nowhere to buy clothes, school supplies, or sporting goods. We don't have enough family restaurants and our food options are limited.
136	No jobs...bedroom community. Hardly any shopping, industry that pays well and restaurants.

### 3. What ideas do you have for making Glencoe a better place to live, work in or visit?

ResponseID	Response to "What ideas do you have for making Glencoe a better place to live, work in or visit?"
6	Keep the small town atmosphere. We do not need a fancy downtown. We just need businesses and we need to support them. [ edited ].
7	More walking trails, a city Square park, possibly with a pond and/or gazebo, movie theater, shopping mall.
8	Push what the town is known for to get people to come here. More help for businesses especially during something like this pandemic. City council needs to work together not butt heads so much.
11	Bring in more businesses and restaurants
12	I'm excited about the new traffic pattern coming to Morningside. It will be nice to slow down the traffic flow on our streets. Oak Leaf Park is super nice also.
14	We need retail options such as the Target deal that was allowed to go to Hutchinson so Glencoe could retain a "small town feel". This just means my money also goes to Hutchinson instead of Glencoe.
17	See response for 2. More community events and more promotion of those events. BBQ days in Belle Plaine is so well known, and people come from all over for it. Glencoe isn't that far, yet no one knows where Glencoe is.
19	A dog park, more retail businesses, more community events (like a harvest festival, car shows, music).
20	Let other internet companies in and get better internet, many people are upset about this, especially with more working from home and distance learning. Offer tax breaks to new businesses or offer incentives for new businesses. With more industry, hopefully that will help our taxes go down or stay closer to the same. Make the path by Speedway accessible for people on the other side to use, I don't want my kids crossing 212 to get to it and they don't feel comfortable either, have paths for west side of town for walking/biking.
21	Visit - I think splash pad would draw in many people from around and boost businesses here when people get gas or lunch with it. The area by Greeley is really central and seems like a good area for one. Live and work seem comparable to surrounding areas so no complaints there

ResponseID	Response to "What ideas do you have for making Glencoe a better place to live, work in or visit?"
23	Better wages to be able to pay living expenses without having to live paycheck to paycheck. Most places that you apply at want you to have a degree of any kind and past experience / knowledge doesn't make a difference. Need places to go in town for entertainment with friends besides a bar. Bring a bowling alley back, how about indoor mini golf, indoor year around water park, movie theater. Mini shopping mall with variety clothing stores for all ages, craft store like Hobby Lobby, Joanne Fabrics or Michaels.
25	Would be nice to hold more events after covid and possibly having things to interact with our police department to get to know them and bring this town together. Also more fast food drive through places would be nice since burger King is all we have
26	Start over [ edited ].
27	As I said in my last answer, for me personally allowing truck drivers to park their trucks at their house would be the only thing that could make living here better for me and my family.
28	Get RS fiber in town, promote restaurants to stay open later
30	Extend to the east and seek out businesses (not with billboards) Actually go out and meet owners of businesses in attempt to help them grow or seek new investment in our community. This includes residential building opportunities as there is very few single family lots left. When there's no more lots left people will invest elsewhere
32	More retail and entertainment options. A malt shop for older kids to hang out at, or other fun venue/entertainment for youth. When I grew up here in the seventies, we had bowling, 2 movie theaters, a drive-in, and quite a few more dining options.
33	Rule about maintaining property, more restaurants, more loyal community members
34	Taxi service
36	Some more variation in retail business would be a potential way to make Glencoe a more attractive destination for people to visit.
37	Need to find ways to build community spirit by engaging more residents in community events and volunteering opportunities.
38	A splash pad for kids a store to get things. when we lost Shopko we lost a place to run to.
40	dog park.
41	I would like to see more community events - once Covid is over. More involvement between community members - more ways to volunteer for joint causes.
42	A splash pad would be a great addition. An outdoor "ninja warrior" playground would be a fun attraction as well.

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43	More green space and life downtown maybe added trees.
44	brighten up down town. would like to have at least 1 dog park.
45	A department store, and improving sidewalks.
46	more businesses as more attractions.
47	Property taxes are high, but we need the taxes to keep our school system up to date. Possibly not charging home owners direct for street and curbing costs. Spread to the full tax base
48	Downtown area needs to be developed more so that we don't end up like other towns where retail ended up on the edge or outside of town, then the downtown totally dies.
49	Change the culture to help businesses and citizens instead of hindering them. Start by looking at [ edited ].
50	Create incentives to come to Glencoe. Low Wac n Sac fees for developers. City participation on building permits. Residential growth drives the city...
51	Continue to invest in the downtown and its quaintness. Create a comprehensive plan so the City can clearly share its vision with prospective businesses and residents.
52	I would like to see more businesses to bring more people in to town to shop and work.
53	Allow retail stores to come in with incentives and allow other people to sell liquor like Coborns. It's a prime example of government control running the only off sale liquor in town.
55	more community events
56	Bring in more retail stores! Encourage small specialty stores to come in and make Glencoe a shopping mecca for specialty items. We currently have Gert & Erma's, Wendy's Wonderworks, The French Bucket, Nine Sparrows, the Lazy Loon, and Enchanted Swap and Sell. If you could attract a quality quilting store or some other unique retail businesses to fill empty stores, that would be wonderful! I think, as it is, there are many great stores to work together to promote Glencoe as a fantastic place to spend the day shopping on a Saturday. Maybe they could work together on a special promotion (when COVID-19 is under control). I hate seeing the downtown area empty when I drive through, knowing we do have good businesses there, and thinking it would only take one or two more to help draw in customers.
57	Dog park along the highway. Winter swimming capacity (hotel?). Turn Glencoe slowly into the "Western" Stillwater... We need to build an experience worth visiting to bring vivacity and traffic back into town, increasing income for local business owners and strengthening the motile and financial pulse of the community.

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58	I like the idea of recognizing the history or our community. One way could be by having a registry of the historical houses in town. People would have to apply to be on such list, but it could create more pride in keeping our town looking clean and maintained. We could also have better lighting on public walkways, making them more user friendly. Currently, there doesn't seem to be a lot of pathways through town dedicated to anything other than vehicles.
59	[ Edited ] I'd really like to get more involved in the community and reach some networks that maybe have not utilized, been aware of, or haven't felt welcome to the "Country Club". We would be more than happy to hold some "community events." The closeness of this community is what impresses me the most and we'd only like to add to that!
61	Need to reinvest in either bulking up the efforts for Glencoe Days or bringing back a music festival weekend like Heat in the Street. Create an event for people from every surrounding town to come to Glencoe and support our local economy and enjoy themselves.
62	Recreational opportunities, maybe an indoor gun range,
63	concert stage in the vacant lot by Cortrust bank/promote activities in the downtown area. Promote the great history of the railroad in Glencoe/restore the depot. Easier/safer access to Oak Leaf park for bicycles and to the walking trail. Finish the 212 upgrade to four lanes. More higher paying work opportunities. Clothing stores. Bring Glencoe days to downtown Glencoe. Car shows with more food options. Bring back heat in the street concert. Bring back the historical festival they had for the sesquicentennial. Stop putting up pole barn like buildings in town. Make the area by the city center into a park
64	More affordable housing (both in starter level homes and affordable apartments) and more good paying jobs. More celebration of the different cultures that live and work here (events open to the community for various cultural holidays, newspaper articles about different cultures, etc. - things to normalize diversity).
65	More businesses
66	If I were to have suggestions I would promote; maintaining business store fronts, opening our arms to more businesses, resurfacing our roads and sidewalks, and to incorporate more housing options that are NOT income restricted.
67	See #2
68	Need more block parties, BBQs, and street dances. Utilize existing events to expand from, such as the pumpkin races at Halloween. Close the street off next to it and make it a block party with a BBQ. Music, food, side events for kids... the city should work closer with the Lions Club and other organizations to make each existing event bigger to draw more people in.

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69	Summer festival with a distinct theme would be fun, something to look forward to and be known for by surrounding communities.
70	1. Take on thought that each one of us should earn business. 2. Walking and biking trails. Some only need a trail, not paved to start. 3. Sidewalks/ some parking lots need attention.
71	Most walking/bike paths. Meet with other smaller communities to see how they do things (ie: Arlington is SO successful with events in their city ~ WHY and why can't we get things going? How do we get the people in G-town to support our small businesses, events? Seems like a problem we have had forever but they support other communities with their businesses/events. Glencoe Days needs a whole revamp and bring it back to downtown. I know we have a beautiful park but when we have a rainy day or just the traffic is hard on the grounds. Just a thought!
72	start with some green space/park on the north end of town ( the only area without walking path). Add some color to downtown and start heritage tours. the hardest thing will be to get people to change their habits of driving to . . . to pick something up
73	There needs to be fresh leadership and perspectives. If this doesn't happen the City will not grow. Other area communities are growing. Leadership matters.
74	Maybe a Chevrolet dealership. An Indoor skating rink.
75	More Green Space. Promote our assets, Highway 212 and Railroad access to the Metro. Promote Housing and Economic opportunities in Glencoe.
76	For the taxes we pay, our city should have more amenities. We should be applying for grants to restore old buildings for repurposing. We need more "things" to bring our community together. Our downtown used to be vibrant and busy. Maybe we need to promote agriculture and bring back our farmers.
77	We need more entertainment venues, retail stores, etc. It needs beautification on vintage/historical buildings.
78	Many ideas are already starting. Many smaller parts are looking great. Fix the streets. Get Christmas decorations that don't look like they are from the 1980's. Work more closely with the school district on events.
79	Center lines on the city streets.

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80            Maybe a few more community activities, like the events we have (Glencoe Days or Car show.) But they don't need to be a BIG activity like those, just have a few more events, summer or winter. Maybe an annual flea market, or a Gun show. I miss the Expo...maybe do a smaller Expo event, if that got too big? or whatever reason that ended? We have a couple sportsmen's Clubs in/near town, maybe have an event coinciding with the Clubs? We have a nice large Cemetery, with lots of empty grassy areas, maybe have an event there? I suspect the Cemetery Commission would probably have a Kitten when this would initially be brought up, but it's a resource we have...things don't have to be held in a Park or Parking lot...and with the New County building near the cemetery, there would be a place for cars to park for a weekend event. [ Edited ].

81            Live-Push for the 22 bypass. Truck traffic through town is horrendous. Don't tax me out of town. I never would have dreamed that my taxes would be higher in Glencoe than Carver County but it is. More shopping options would be nice but you as a city can only do so much. Only hope to really see a difference there is if/when 212 is finished 4 land all the way to the cities, then you may see some city growth. Visit- need a nice hotel in town, would benefit your city center as well hosting weddings. Kinda sad when weddings are there and everyone is shuttled to Hutch for a motel.

83            More businesses but people must support them. Glencoe Country Club to be more part of Glencoe and use it as a tool for people to move to Glencoe. More outdoor activities

84            While still upholding a more small-town feel and a close, safe community, bringing in more businesses and companies into town would allow for better employment opportunities for community members. Also, bringing back Glencoe Days to how it used to be. I remember being a young kid and having a three or four day Glencoe Days experience. I have so many cherished memories from being able to watch a 2 to 3 hour long parades on Sundays, listening to marching bands performing, multiple events throughout town, and many family members and friends visiting to partake in the festivities, concluded by a spectacular fireworks show. The excitement for the annual celebration has waned as I have become a young adult, but it seems that the excitement has waned for many people recently. I also believe that once the current pandemic is behind us, that the city should have more community events throughout the year for people to enjoy.

86            Development of downtown, investment in development of business near the west side of the city along Chandler Ave, 10th St, 13th St, the south side of 212 east of town are all areas that seem to need help either attracting quality business, increasing their curb appeal, or bringing in new business. We need an off leash dog park, an entertainment location that isn't run down (bowling, laser tag, etc) I would also like to see more community involvement or availability of clubs/leagues and places to participate. Sports leagues, craft/knitting clubs, reading clubs, etc should be more readily accessible to increase community involvement.

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87	Offer more attractions like festivals or art, music
90	Good question.... easier access to bike trails. Not convenient to have path start at Subway, wish there was a closer and safe option on other end of town
91	Beautify Hwy 22 coming in from west
95	Lack of retail stores really sucks considering we have to drive to Hutchinson for stuff like that.
96	Whoops, posted that in the last one. More entertainment. Hotels, restaurants, movies, Game Center or someplace where kids and adults can go to spend their time in our cold MN months. We need to draw more people in and utilize highway 212 that can potentially bring a big impact to profits in our town. Ideas: bowling, movies, town fairs or "winter fest", attraction site like a sky zone, indoors Game Center or arcade, the list is endless but I'd really like to see a movie theater or updated bowling alley that the school, older generations, younger generations, and leagues can use to utilize in the winter months
97	Get fiber internet ASAP!!! Other much smaller cities around Glencoe have had it for years. Not only is it a huge benefit for existing businesses and residents it is a huge factor for businesses and people considering a move to Glencoe. Need to offer incentives for business owners to improve the curb appeal of their property
98	More social gatherings ie. town festival, concert/heat in the street, a parade.
99	Bring more businesses to town so we don't have to commute to the metro area to find a livable wage.
101	Connect walking paths together. Dangerous crossings. Sidewalk to KwikTrip to keep people from walking on the busy street with semis. City council needs to find a way to get along like adults. The bickering is childish and embarrassing. Move the railroad switching out of the city limits. Put the bypass outside of the city. Have more community togetherness activities. (After covid) promote the car shows or something to bring more people to town. Expand the farmers market to include food trucks and entertainment.
103	I would like to see a beautification of the city and more prominent history and arts on display. I think that there should be a better sense of identity to Glencoe that people can buy into and relate to.
105	Do a better job promoting business expansion and growth here, especially bringing new industries to the area.
106	More shops would be great, but don't think its practical. Better possibilities for advancement. Nothing to visit that's worth while at the moment.
107	more shopping opportunities

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- 108            If the train cannot be routed around the town. Close more train crossings and just have one on each end of town this would at least eliminate some of the noise from blowing a whistle at every crossing. I don't know what needs to be done to get better internet choices but I am currently at Panther Heights apartments and can Century Link fiber but at the house I just bought I can only get 10mbps DSL. I am sure it's because they ran the fiber when the new development was done but can't the rest of the town be upgraded somehow. They managed to do it in Sibley County somehow. Could there be connect people who need home repairs but are unable to do them with volunteers who could help. I see many houses in disrepair and I am thinking they are elderly and unable to do the work themselves.
- 110            Like I said stop lights on 212 and Morningside and no roundabouts or J-turns, bring more businesses to the west side of town. And for business ideas for the west end of town something family reality sense Glencoe is a family town. Go-cart track or Dave and busters or something for families to do in the winter besides sledding and binge watching Netflix.
- 111            Different events to get people involved throughout the year. Street parties, Events at the park, etc..
- 112            More trails for walking
- 113            More restaurants, more business' to come in and bring competition to the city. Upkeep on the golf course to bring in out of towners. Continuing to update roads - especially side roads.
- 114            Make Glencoe Days better. Or have a concert weekend with bigger names similar to what Heat in the Street was. Make Glencoe a destination for at least a weekend or two.
- 115            Make Glenoce Days Better. Bring in some bigger bands and different activities to attract out of towners. If you can combine Glencoe Days with something similar to Heat in the Street that would help bring outside people.
- 116            Improve walking and biking paths (residents use them both for recreation and primary transportation). Offer community ed classes for adults to learn Spanish and have more signage in Spanish so we can be a bilingual community. Turn the Economart lot into a community space!
- 118            Add something for young people to do.
- 121            Need more community activities. Get people involved in things
- 122            More single family housing options is needed. New construction especially. Higher paying jobs are needed as well.
- 123            Move Glencoe days downtown.
- 124            New companies. So people don't just sleep here.

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126	Get better eat out food places.
127	The city needs some type of entertainment- bowling alley that's open, movie theater, arcade, roller skating rink.... some family oriented entertainment.
128	on the right track to have a plan developed to work from. The EDA should be working harder at attracting growth
129	Make a roof for the farmers market for people to not have to shop in the hot sun or light rain. more bike/walking trails
130	Brighter street lights. Sweep streets more often. Fix the trails through town i.e., sidewalks
131	Increase the access to affordable housing as well as housing in general. As an employer of higher paid employees--the employee goes to neighboring communities to find higher end housing options. Elevate the importance of our schools when we are thinking about attracting more people to this area. Schools are a very important part of our work and it seems that not all of the decision-makers may understand that...as we try to attract employees--schools are one of the first things they look at! Housing options are second for many.
133	Quality single unit rentals at market rate. New hotel for family guests and outside work consultants. Curling center. I admire other small towns, such as Perham, and their community engagement with parades, events, etc. I am not sure how they foster that engagement.
134	All projects approached exactly the same, doesn't matter what part of town they are happening in. More resident involvement. Less crony politics, less nepotism. More festivals and fun things throughout the summer like car shows. Less worry about neighboring towns and what they do. Let's do what's right for us.
135	Business development along 212. The way Hutchinson has done with Hwy 15 and Litchfield has done with Hwy 12.
136	Industries that pay \$20 plus an hour, more restaurants, shopping.