

2007 Silverton Community Survey

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Executive Summary

The City of Silverton contracted with the University of Oregon to conduct the 2007 community survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from Silverton residents regarding their thoughts and feelings on community growth and development, business and the economy, transportation, parks and recreation, public participation, the Silver Falls School District, Silverton Together, and the Silverton Hospital.

The survey was administered during October and November, 2007. The remainder of the Executive Summary highlights key demographic and survey findings including comparisons to the earlier community survey in 2007.

Key Demographic and Survey Findings

- A total of 999 households responded to the 2007 Silverton Community Survey – about 39% of all households in the community.
- Overall, survey respondents were over-represented in the 55 to 74 year old age ranges and they were more likely to be homeowners than the general Silverton population as reported by the 2000 U.S. Census.
- About 25% of respondents indicated that they work in Silverton. Nearly 34% were retired or not employed.
- The majority of respondents rated Silverton as “Good” or “Excellent” on various quality of life characteristics. Nearly 95% of respondents rated the overall quality of life in Silverton as “Good” or “Excellent.” (Table S-1)

Table S-1. Ratings of Silverton’s quality of life

Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
How do you rate Silverton as a place to live?	0.2% <i>0.4%</i>	3.6% <i>4.4%</i>	40.1% <i>44.7%</i>	55.9% <i>50.3%</i>	0.2% <i>0.1%</i>
How do you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?	0.8% <i>1.7%</i>	9.6% <i>10.2%</i>	40.7% <i>46.0%</i>	48.6% <i>41.8%</i>	0.3% <i>0.1%</i>
How do you rate Silverton as a place to raise children?	0.3% <i>0.2%</i>	4.6% <i>6.9%</i>	39.7% <i>45.1%</i>	45.1% <i>40.8%</i>	0.9% <i>7.0%</i>
How do you rate Silverton as a place to retire?	1.9% <i>2.3%</i>	9.4% <i>13.8%</i>	38.2% <i>40.3%</i>	40.1% <i>35.8%</i>	10.4% <i>7.8%</i>
How do you rate overall quality of life in Silverton?	0.2% <i>0.6%</i>	4.8% <i>6.2%</i>	48.5% <i>54.4%</i>	46.1% <i>38.6%</i>	0.4% <i>0.3%</i>

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

- Despite high ratings for quality of life, a majority of respondents think Silverton is “Fair” or “Poor” with respect to job opportunities (64%) and access to affordable quality housing (62%).
- Housing prices, traffic congestion, and taxes were most frequently cited as “Major Problems” in the community.
- About 42% of survey respondents believe Silverton is growing at about the right pace, while almost 50% believe the growth rate is
- When asked to allocate \$100 to basic city services, street/sidewalk maintenance and improvements (\$23.43) and police (\$21.16) received the largest allocations.
- Survey results suggest that residents hold different perceptions regarding value for taxes paid, the direction the City is taking, and citizen involvement (Table S-2).

Table S-1. Level of agreement with statements regarding city government

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
I receive good value for the City of Silverton taxes I pay.	6.1%	13.5%	37.8%	25.3%	6.8%	10.4%
I am pleased with the overall direction that the City of Silverton	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>13.5%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>23.1%</i>	<i>9.4%</i>	<i>9.3%</i>
The City of Silverton government welcomes citizen involvement.	8.3%	17.9%	31.8%	27.6%	6.6%	7.7%
The City of Silverton government listens to citizens.	<i>6.8%</i>	<i>19.1%</i>	<i>34.8%</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
	5.8%	10.3%	29.0%	28.6%	12.1%	14.2%
	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>30.1%</i>	<i>26.6%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>
	8.9%	15.0%	29.5%	21.0%	7.3%	18.2%
	<i>8.1%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>19.8%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>19.8%</i>

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

- About two-thirds of respondents would give the Silver Falls School District an “A” or “B” grade.
- Almost half of respondents indicated that they get most of their local news from the City of Silverton newsletter.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In 1991, the City of Silverton conducted its first community survey. The purpose of the survey was to gather information from Silverton residents concerning Silverton's most desirable and undesirable qualities, city service and program budget priorities, as well as information regarding growth and the form that growth should take. The survey gave the citizens of Silverton the opportunity to convey to City officials their concerns and desires regarding Silverton's future. Issues that were impacted by the residents' input included the development of a strategic plan, the reallocation of budget funds, the securing of over \$1 million in outside funding for local projects, the development and implementation of an after-school program for children, and the development and distribution of a city newsletter.

Based on the success of the surveys and the contribution of the residents of Silverton, the City of Silverton has regularly contracted with the University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop (CPW) to conduct the community survey. The purpose of the 2007 community survey, the fifth survey since 1991, is to determine residents' perceptions of issues affecting Silverton including land use, transportation, economic development, the hospital, and the Silverton School District.

Methodology

This study identifies attitudes and opinions of Silverton residents regarding various community issues in late 2007. As such, the 2007 Silverton Community Survey presents a snapshot of perceptions at a single point in time.

The primary research tool was a survey mailed to all households that are on Silverton's Water Billing database. Almost 2,600 surveys were mailed to residents in the Silverton water billing database, and another 300 were distributed to additional residents. CPW received 999 valid responses, for a 35% response rate.

A key concern of organizations that conduct surveys is statistical validity. If one were to assume that the 2007 sample was perfectly random *and* that there was no response bias, then the survey would have a margin of error of $\pm 5\%$ at the 95% confidence level. In simple terms, this means that if survey were conducted 100 times, the results would end up within $\pm 5\%$ of those presented in this report.

One limitation of the study's methodology is potential non-response bias from the mailed survey. The survey results represent higher percentages of

registered voters, homeowners, and households with higher incomes than reported by the U.S. Census in 2000. Despite these areas of potential response bias, our assessment is that the results provide an accurate representation of the attitudes and opinions of Silverton residents in 2007.

A more detailed discussion of the methodology of the survey can be found in Appendix A.

Organization of this Report

Chapter Two, Demographic Results, describes the demographic characteristics of survey respondents.

Chapter Three, General Survey Results, describes the responses of the community to a number of issues in Silverton.

Appendix A includes a detailed discussion of the survey methodology.

Appendix B contains the comments written on open-ended survey questions.

Appendix C contains the comments section at the end of the survey.

Appendix D contains a copy of the survey instrument.

Chapter 2

Demographic Characteristics of Survey Respondents

In this chapter CPW presents a summary of the demographic characteristics of individuals that responded to the 2007 community survey. Where appropriate, CPW compares the demographic characteristics of the 2007 survey respondents (as reported on the survey) to those of the 2004 survey respondents and to the demographics of all city residents, as reported by the 2000 U.S. Census.

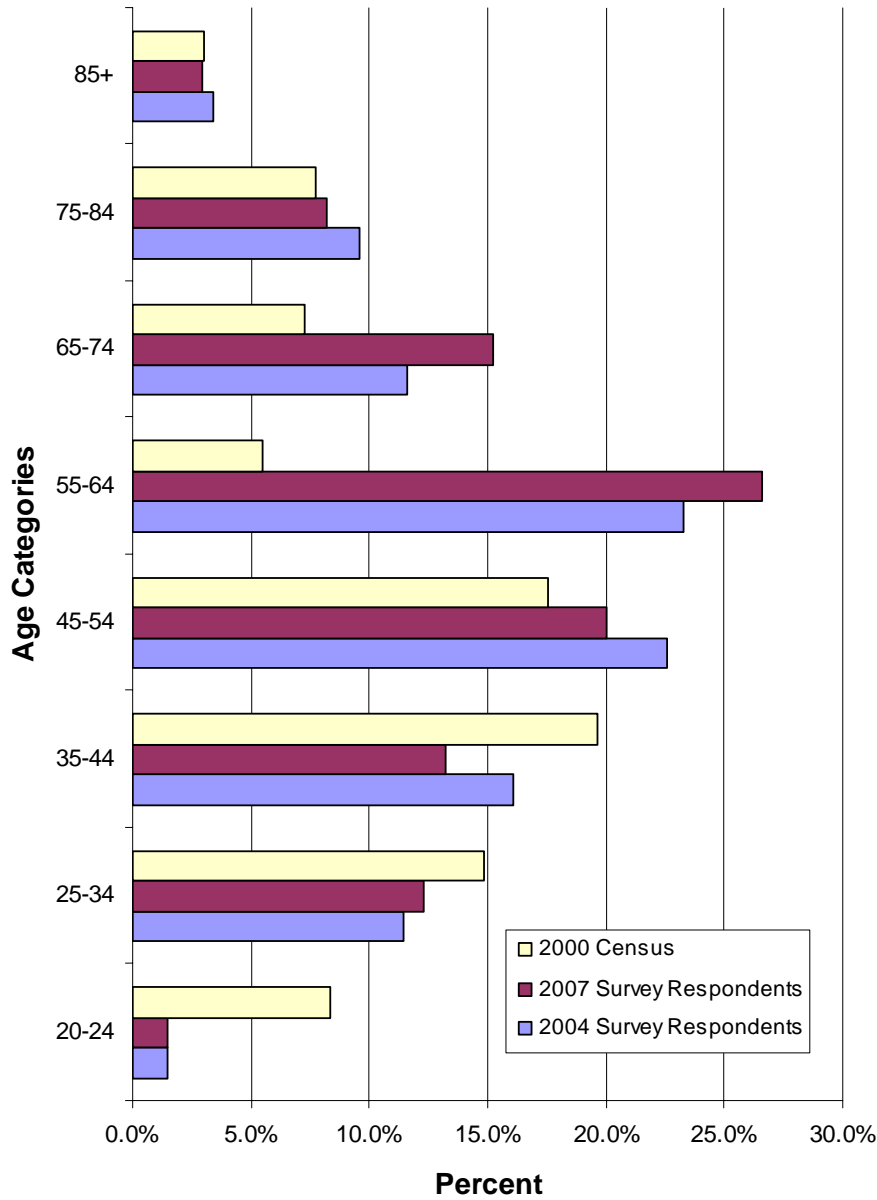
Demographics of Survey Respondents

In any discussion of survey results based upon a population sample, it is important to identify and describe the demographic characteristics of the sample, and compare them to the characteristics of the population as a whole. Significant demographic differences that may exist between the sample and the population as a whole could indicate areas of potential bias.

Figure 2-1 shows the age distribution of 2007 respondents compared to 2004 respondents and the general population in Silverton according to the 2000 U.S. Census.¹ In general, respondents under 44 were under-represented when compared to Silverton's population. This may be due in part because the survey was sent to Silverton's water billing database. This may have resulted in a larger proportion of homeowners receiving the survey. People between the age of 18 and 24 are more likely to rent and less likely to own than older age groups. Some landlords pay water, thus the survey would have been sent to the homeowner, not the renter. Survey respondents were over-represented in all age categories above the age of 45. For the 2007 survey, the over-representation of ages 55-64 and 65-74 was greater than in 2004. The average age of survey respondents was 54 years.

¹ The sample frame for the survey was individuals who receive water bills from the City. Thus, the sample was intended to include individuals age 18 or older. Because we only received one response from individuals under the age of 20, and the Census groups persons into five-year categories, persons under age 18 are not shown in Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-1. Age of Survey Respondents



Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey, 2000 U.S. Census

The gender distribution of survey respondents had a higher percentage of females and than the gender distribution of Silverton residents, as shown in Table 2-1. Women accounted for 57% of the survey respondents and 53% Silverton residents. There was no significant difference between 2004 and 2007 respondents.

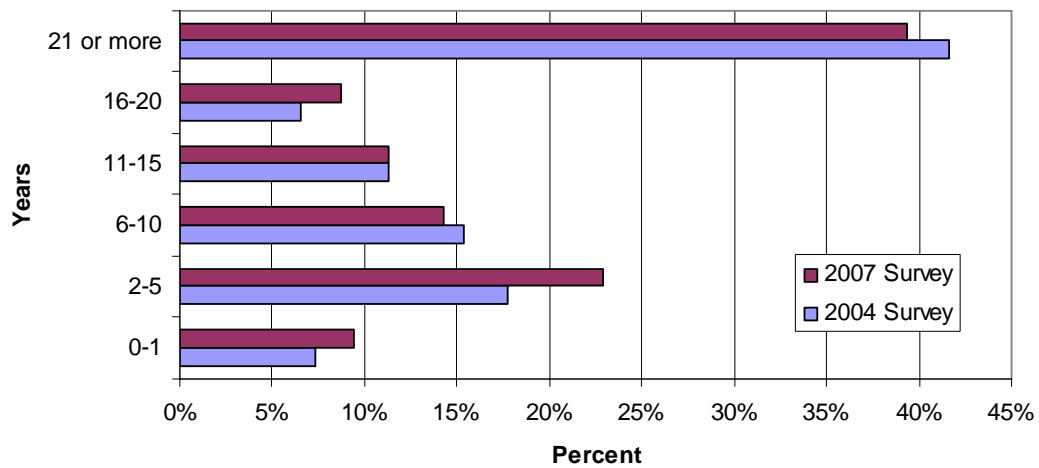
Table 2-1. Gender of Respondents

Gender	2004 Survey	2007 Survey	Silverton (2000 Census)
Male	40%	43%	47%
Female	60%	57%	53%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey, 2000 U.S. Census

Figure 2-2 shows length of residency of survey respondents. The results are similar to 2004 and indicate that many long-term residents responded to the 2007 Silverton Community Survey. Over 40% of respondents have lived in Silverton for more than 21 years and there was an increased response from 2-5 year residents. The average length of residence in Silverton was 19 years and the median length of residence was 14 years.

Figure 2-2. Residency of Respondents



Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Respondents were asked to report where they lived within Silverton. As Table 2-2 shows over a quarter of the respondents reported living in the South Water Street neighborhood or the East Hill neighborhood.

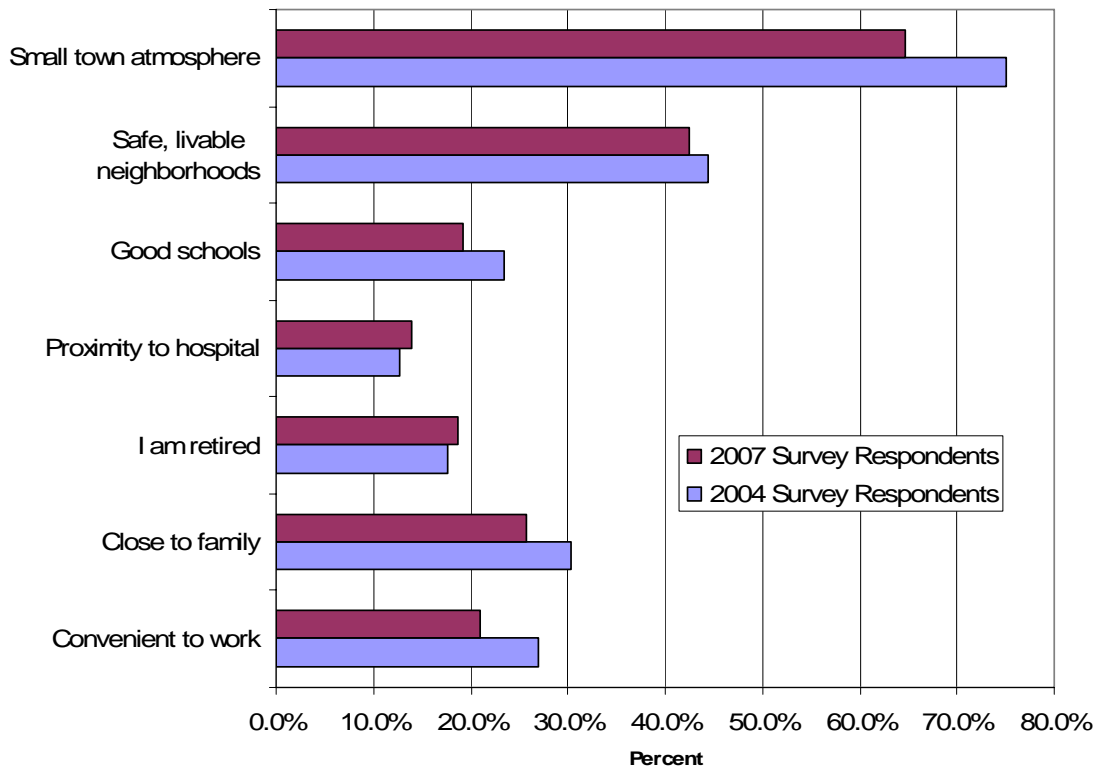
Table 2-2. Neighborhoods of respondents

Response	Percent	
	2004	2007
South Water Street	25.9%	27.5%
East Hill	25.7%	25.5%
West Hill	15.4%	12.7%
Northside	11.4%	12.5%
Silverton High School	10.7%	11.6%
Downtown	10.5%	10.2%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Figure 2-3 shows reasons why respondents moved to Silverton. The majority of respondents moved to Silverton because they like the small town characteristics of the community. More than 40% of the respondents moved because of safe, livable neighborhoods. Many respondents indicated multiple reasons why they moved to Silverton.

Figure 2-3. Reasons respondents moved to Silverton



Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Table 2-3 shows housing tenure for survey respondents. Out of all respondents, 86% own their homes, compared to 61% for Silverton and 64% statewide, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Only 11% of survey

respondents were renters, compared to 39% of people who rent in Silverton. This suggests that, like the 2004 survey, the 2007 survey over-represents homeowners, which is not surprising considering that the sample represents households that pay water bills.

Table 2-3. Respondents that rent or own housing

Response	Survey Respondents		Silverton	Oregon
	2004	2007		
Rent	11.3%	11.6%	39%	36%
Own (or am buying)	86.0%	86.3%	61%	64%
Occupy Without Payment or Rent	2.7%	2.2%	N/A	N/A

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey and 2000 U.S. Census

Table 2-4 shows the size of households as reported by survey respondents. As in 2004, two-person households were the most common household size for 2007 survey respondents. The average household size was 2.37 persons.

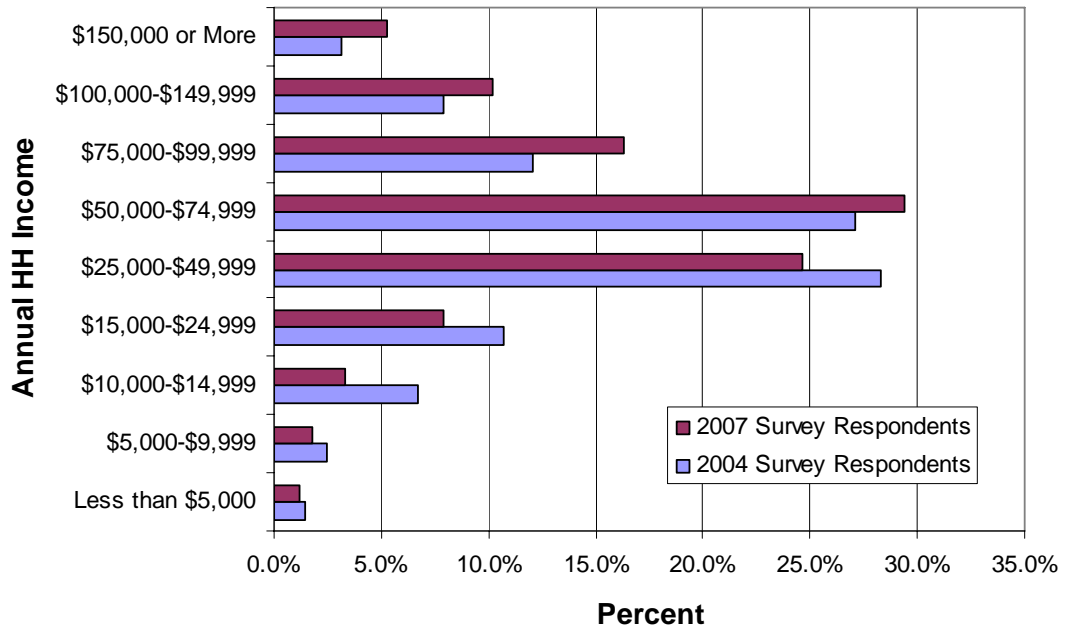
Table 2-4. Total Household Size

Persons in Household	Number of Respondents		Percent of Respondents	
	2004	2007	2004	2007
1	180	193	20.1%	20.0%
2	369	443	41.2%	45.8%
3	148	145	16.5%	15.0%
4	127	114	14.2%	11.8%
5	49	48	5.5%	5.0%
6 or more	22	24	2.5%	2.5%
Total	895	967	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Figure 2-4 shows the income distribution of survey respondents. Household incomes between \$50,000 and \$74,999 represent 29% of respondent households. An additional 24% made \$25,000 to \$49,999. As compared to 2004, the 2007 survey has more response from higher income households and less response from lower income households.

Figure 2-4. Household Income



Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Table 2-6 shows where respondents work. About one-quarter of respondents indicated they work in Silverton, while about 34% indicated they are retired or not employed. About 46% indicated they work in a location outside of Silverton, and nine percent indicated they work at home.

Table 2-5. Work locations

Place of Employment	Percent	
	2004	2007
Retired or not employed	31.9%	34.2%
At home	8.7%	8.5%
In Silverton	27.8%	25.3%
In Salem/Keizer	19.6%	20.7%
In Woodburn	3.5%	4.3%
In Portland	6.5%	6.2%
Other	13.4%	14.5%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Respondents to the survey are almost all registered to vote—95% indicated that they are registered voters.

Chapter 3

Survey Results

In this chapter, we discuss responses to survey questions related to quality of life, community growth and economic development, transportation, parks and recreation, City services and local government, Silver Falls School District, Silverton Together and the Silverton Hospital. For purposes of comparison between the 2007 and 2004 surveys, **bold** numbers indicate results from the 2007 survey and numbers in *italics* are from 2004. Because of the margin of error inherent in the survey, changes were deemed significant if the difference between the two was greater than 5%.

In addition to specific questions addressing the above topics, the survey included a number of open-ended questions (e.g., questions where respondents wrote in their response rather than selecting it from a list). Responses to open-ended questions are presented in Appendix B. At the end of the survey, respondents were given the opportunity to provide additional comments. These responses are listed in Appendix C.

Quality of Life

Like the 2004 survey, the 2007 Silverton Community Survey included a series of questions on quality of life. The questions were based on a model community survey developed by the International City Managers Association. This section presents the results of quality of life questions.

Table 3-1 and 3-2 show how survey respondents' rated quality of life in Silverton. Table 3-2 shows that, as in 2004, the majority of respondents rated Silverton as "Good" or "Excellent" on all characteristics.

Table 3-1. Ratings of Silverton's quality of life

Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
How do you rate Silverton as a place to live?	0.2% <i>0.4%</i>	3.6% <i>4.4%</i>	40.1% <i>44.7%</i>	55.9% <i>50.3%</i>	0.2% <i>0.1%</i>
How do you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?	0.8% <i>1.7%</i>	9.6% <i>10.2%</i>	40.7% <i>46.0%</i>	48.6% <i>41.8%</i>	0.3% <i>0.1%</i>
How do you rate Silverton as a place to raise children?	0.3% <i>0.2%</i>	4.6% <i>6.9%</i>	39.7% <i>45.1%</i>	45.1% <i>40.8%</i>	0.9% <i>7.0%</i>
How do you rate Silverton as a place to retire?	1.9% <i>2.3%</i>	9.4% <i>13.8%</i>	38.2% <i>40.3%</i>	40.1% <i>35.8%</i>	10.4% <i>7.8%</i>
How do you rate overall quality of life in Silverton?	0.2% <i>0.6%</i>	4.8% <i>6.2%</i>	48.5% <i>54.4%</i>	46.1% <i>38.6%</i>	0.4% <i>0.3%</i>

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

Table 3-2 Quality of life comparisons

Question	2004: Good / Excellent	2007: Good / Excellent
How do you rate Silverton as a place to live?	95.0%	96.0%
How do you rate your neighborhood as a place to live?	87.9%	89.3%
How do you rate Silverton as a place to raise children?	85.9%	84.7%
How do you rate Silverton as a place to retire?	76.0%	78.3%
How do you rate overall quality of life in Silverton?	92.9%	94.6%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-3 presents respondents' ratings of selected community characteristics. Opportunities to attend community events, sense of community, the overall appearance of Silverton, and ease of walking received the highest percentages of "Good" and "Excellent" responses. Job opportunities, access to affordable housing, and access to public transportation received the highest percentage of "Poor" responses. Table 3-4 shows increases in many community characteristics, no change in some, and a decrease in ease of car travel. Access to public transportation was a new addition to the 2007 survey.

Table 3-3. Ratings of selected community characteristics by survey respondents

Characteristic	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
Sense of community	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>9.7%</i>	53.7%	34.0%	2.0%
Openness and acceptance of the community towards people of diverse backgrounds	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>11.2%</i>	54.6%	29.7%	2.6%
Overall appearance of Silverton	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>13.5%</i>	62.7%	23.2%	0.0%
Opportunities to attend community events	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	47.7%	43.4%	1.8%
Recreational opportunities	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>10.1%</i>	52.7%	34.2%	2.2%
Job opportunities	4.8%	28.8%	47.6%	15.2%	3.7%
Access to affordable quality housing	<i>7.8%</i>	<i>35.1%</i>	42.4%	11.2%	3.5%
Access to affordable quality health care	22.3%	41.7%	13.2%	0.5%	22.3%
Ease of car travel in Silverton	<i>31.8%</i>	<i>46.4%</i>	7.6%	0.6%	13.7%
Ease of bicycle travel in Silverton	20.8%	41.2%	24.3%	3.8%	9.8%
Ease of walking in Silverton	<i>22.0%</i>	<i>43.7%</i>	21.4%	3.8%	9.1%
Access to public transportation	4.3%	15.1%	38.5%	32.5%	9.8%
	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	41.3%	26.6%	7.9%
	16.4%	32.5%	40.4%	10.3%	0.4%
	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>26.5%</i>	44.2%	14.2%	0.7%
	12.5%	26.0%	28.7%	9.5%	23.3%
	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	32.2%	9.6%	21.5%
	4.2%	11.7%	43.6%	39.6%	1.0%
	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>12.4%</i>	45.4%	37.3%	1.2%
	26.1%	25.3%	17.8%	3.7%	27.0%
	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

Table 3-4. Community characteristics comparisons

Characteristic	2004: Good / Excellent	2007: Good / Excellent	Trend
Openness and acceptance of the community towards people of diverse backgrounds	61.5%	67.4%	Increase
Overall appearance of Silverton	80.0%	85.9%	Increase
Recreational opportunities	53.6%	62.8%	Increase
Job opportunities	8.2%	13.7%	Increase
Ease of walking in Silverton	82.7%	83.2%	No Change
Opportunities to attend community events	86.9%	91.1%	No Change
Access to affordable quality housing	25.2%	28.2%	No Change
Access to affordable quality health care	67.9%	70.9%	No Change
Sense of community	84.3%	87.7%	No Change
Ease of bicycle travel in Silverton	41.8%	38.1%	No Change
Ease of car travel in Silverton	58.4%	50.7%	Decrease
Access to public transportation	N/A	21.5%	N/A

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-5 shows respondents' ratings of selected community issues. Housing prices, traffic congestion, and taxes were most frequently cited as moderate or major problems. Noise, unsupervised youth, and run down buildings, weed lots, or junk vehicles were most frequently cited as "Not a problem" or a "Minor problem."

Table 3-5. Ratings of selected community issues by survey respondents

Issue	Not a Problem	Minor Problem	Moderate Problem	Major Problem	Don't Know
Crime	6.2%	43.4%	39.5%	2.4%	8.5%
	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>45.8%</i>	<i>38.9%</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>
Drugs	3.7%	17.2%	43.8%	19.6%	15.7%
	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>17.8%</i>	<i>41.0%</i>	<i>23.8%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>
Noise	33.7%	44.5%	16.9%	3.4%	1.4%
	<i>27.9%</i>	<i>48.8%</i>	<i>18.1%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>1.6%</i>
Run down buildings, weed lots, or junk vehicles	15.7%	51.5%	26.6%	4.8%	1.4%
	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>47.9%</i>	<i>31.4%</i>	<i>7.8%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>
Taxes	8.0%	19.6%	36.0%	30.7%	5.7%
	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>39.1%</i>	<i>18.3%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>
Traffic congestion	6.9%	24.1%	36.0%	32.5%	0.4%
	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>27.1%</i>	<i>36.0%</i>	<i>28.3%</i>	<i>0.4%</i>
Unsupervised youth	15.6%	40.0%	24.4%	6.4%	13.6%
	<i>10.8%</i>	<i>37.9%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>9.4%</i>	<i>10.8%</i>
Housing prices	7.5%	14.3%	36.4%	35.5%	6.3%
	<i>6.6%</i>	<i>16.7%</i>	<i>36.2%</i>	<i>34.7%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

Table 3-6. Comparison of community issues

Crime	2004: Major or Moderate Problem	2007: Major or Moderate Problem	Trend
Taxes	57.4%	66.7%	Increased
Drugs	64.7%	63.4%	No Change
Noise	21.7%	20.3%	No Change
Traffic congestion	64.3%	68.6%	No Change
Housing prices	70.8%	71.9%	No Change
Crime	42.0%	41.9%	No Change
Run down buildings, weed lots, or junk vehicles	39.2%	31.4%	Decreased
Unsupervised youth	40.4%	30.8%	Decreased

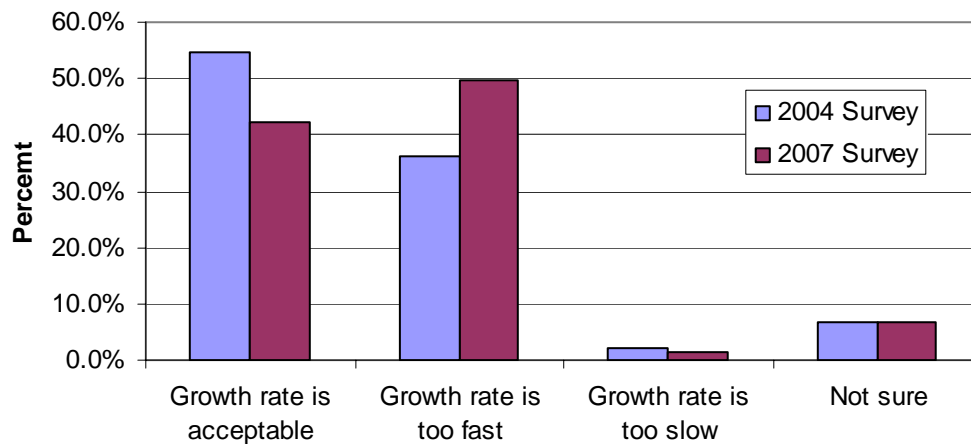
Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Community Growth and Economic Development

Many of the issues explored in the 2007 Silverton Community Survey hinge around growth, land use, and economic development. For the 2007 survey, the City added multiple questions about residents' preferences regarding economic development and expansion of the urban growth boundary (UGB).

The first question asked was how respondents felt about recent growth in Silverton (2002-2006). Figure 3-1 shows that about 42% of respondents indicated that they felt the annual growth rate of 3.8%, or about 309 people per year, was about the right pace, down from almost 55% in 2004 when the growth rate was 2.4%. About half of respondents believe the city is growing too fast, up from 36% in 2004. About 1% of respondents feel that the city is growing too slow.

Figure 3-1. Perception of recent population growth in Silverton



Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-7 shows how respondents would divide \$100 among basic city services. Street and sidewalk maintenance and improvements and police received the most funding, with an average allocation of \$23.43 and \$21.16 respectively. Code enforcement and land use planning received the least funding, with average allocations of \$6.15 and \$8.83 respectively.

Table 3-7. Average allocation of \$100 to basic city services

Service	Average Allocation
Police	\$ 21.16
Recreation (includes Silverton Municipal Pool)	\$ 12.49
Programs/Services for Silverton seniors	\$ 9.76
Parks (land acquisition, development and maintenance)	\$ 13.89
Land Use Planning	\$ 8.83
Code Enforcement	\$ 6.15
Street/Sidewalk maintenance and improvements	\$ 23.43
Other	\$ 4.29
Total	\$ 100.00

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

When asked about the approach the City should take towards economic development and growth management, 37.4% of respondents felt the City should target growth to specific businesses that are appropriate for the Silverton community. From Table 3-8, another third of respondents, 33.8%,

felt the City should manage growth by accommodating existing businesses and employment growth.

Table 3-8. Approach to economic development

Response	Percent
The City should encourage rapid business and employment growth (try to get more sooner)	4.6%
The City should accommodate business and employment growth (manage growth)	33.8%
The City should target specific businesses and types of employment that the community deems appropriate (targeted growth)	37.4%
The City should discourage growth (try to slow it down)	10.3%
The City should offer incentives and programs to help expand existing businesses	13.9%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

In terms of recruiting new business to the City, Table 3-9 shows that most respondents want the Chamber of Commerce be responsible for this. The responses, however, indicate that many individuals selected multiple organizations suggesting that business recruitment should be a shared responsibility.

Table 3-9. Who should recruit new business to Silverton?

Group	Percent
The Chamber of Commerce	55.6%
The City (municipal government)	42.2%
Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)	37.2%
Nobody--let the market work on its own	22.4%
Other (please specify)	6.6%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Question eight asked respondents to provide their opinion on 15 statements related to economic development, employment, and businesses in Silverton. Table 3-10 below shows the results and Table 3-11 presents a ranking of statements according to how strongly respondents agreed with each statement. These results indicate that respondents want strong environmental policies for the City and feel that the City should take an active role in economic development, including recruiting new businesses and expanding existing ones. Respondents strongly disagreed that the City needs more land for heavy industry.

Table 3-10. Opinions on economic development

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure
The City should not do anything to increase economic development.	21.9%	41.7%	16.1%	12.2%	4.9%	3.1%
The City should actively recruit businesses.	7.7%	18.3%	20.2%	40.1%	10.3%	3.3%
The City should reduce development fees.	15.8%	22.5%	19.8%	21.2%	6.7%	13.9%
The City needs to have more land for heavy industry.	27.6%	36.4%	15.0%	9.6%	1.8%	9.7%
The City needs to have more land for light manufacturing.	11.8%	21.8%	19.8%	32.3%	3.1%	11.3%
The City should have strong policies to maintain environmental quality.	1.5%	3.7%	7.0%	40.3%	45.7%	1.8%
The City should streamline the development permitting process.	7.5%	13.6%	21.5%	33.6%	9.4%	14.4%
The City has an adequate employment base.	6.7%	28.3%	21.9%	16.1%	2.2%	24.7%
The City should provide financial incentives to attract new employment.	9.9%	26.6%	23.9%	27.0%	4.6%	7.9%
The City should encourage development of neighborhood commercial centers.	17.7%	29.9%	20.5%	18.9%	3.8%	9.1%
The City should adopt policies that will create more affordable housing for workers.	8.5%	20.5%	19.8%	35.4%	10.7%	5.1%
The City should take steps to retain and expand existing businesses.	1.2%	7.6%	14.9%	55.8%	16.3%	4.1%
The City should encourage new businesses to locate downtown.	2.2%	10.0%	15.2%	51.4%	18.2%	3.0%
The City has a well-educated labor force.	2.8%	2.8%	26.4%	26.6%	3.3%	31.8%
The City needs to market itself better to new businesses.	3.3%	12.4%	24.6%	37.9%	9.8%	12.0%

Source: 20Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-11. Ranking of economic development statements

Statement	Agree / Strongly Agree	Disagree / Strongly Disagree
The City should have strong policies to maintain environmental quality.	86.0%	5.3%
The City should take steps to retain and expand existing businesses.	72.1%	8.9%
The City should encourage new businesses to locate downtown.	69.7%	12.2%
The City should actively recruit businesses.	50.5%	26.0%
The City needs to market itself better to new businesses.	47.7%	15.7%
The City should adopt policies that will create more affordable housing for workers.	46.1%	29.0%
The City should streamline the development permitting process.	42.9%	21.1%
The City needs to have more land for light manufacturing.	35.4%	33.5%
The City should provide financial incentives to attract new employment.	31.6%	36.5%
The City has a well-educated labor force.	29.9%	5.6%
The City should reduce development fees.	27.9%	38.3%
The City should encourage development of neighborhood commercial centers.	22.7%	47.7%
The City has an adequate employment base.	18.3%	35.1%
The City should not do anything to increase economic development.	17.2%	63.6%
The City needs to have more land for heavy industry.	11.3%	64.0%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

When asked about the types of businesses most appropriate for Silverton, respondents provided a broad range of responses. Many listed specific types of businesses such as clothing stores, shoe stores, restaurants, agriculture related businesses, and specialty retailers. Some listed types of businesses such as light manufacturing, tourist-based businesses, or department stores. Many indicated they did not want big-box retailers in Silverton, while others indicated they support such businesses. Others listed characteristics of businesses such as locally owned, independent, active in the community, or socially and environmentally conscious.

Appendix A

Question ten asked respondents to consider trade-offs between development and land use. Table 3-12 shows that almost half of all respondents (45%) felt that residential development in Silverton is too

dense and most respondents were against increasing residential density through increased multi-family housing, redevelopment, or infill development. In contrast, 45% of respondents were for requiring higher densities for commercial and industrial development.

Table 3-12. Land use and density trade-offs

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure
Residential development in Silverton is too dense (The current minimum lot size in Silverton is 7,000 square feet.).	6.6%	23.3%	19.9%	30.6%	14.6%	5.1%
Residential development in Silverton is not dense enough.	25.1%	40.0%	19.3%	7.6%	2.7%	5.3%
The City should adopt policies that require <u>residential</u> development to occur at higher densities so it uses less land.	23.2%	43.0%	13.5%	10.5%	4.4%	5.4%
The City should adopt policies that require <u>commercial and industrial</u> development to occur at higher densities so it uses less land.	8.4%	18.4%	20.0%	36.4%	8.4%	8.5%
The City should encourage more multiple family housing to increase residential density.	25.3%	36.2%	14.4%	16.3%	2.8%	4.9%
The City should encourage <u>redevelopment</u> in existing residential areas to increase residential density.	18.6%	31.6%	15.5%	20.6%	7.2%	6.5%
The City should encourage <u>infill</u> in existing residential areas to increase residential density.	18.6%	25.9%	16.8%	23.4%	5.2%	10.1%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

In relation to land use and density, the next set of questions asked respondents opinion on expanding Silverton’s urban growth boundary (UGB). Table 3-13 shows that respondents are generally against UGB expansion, but were more against expanding the UGB for commercial development than for light manufacturing.

Table 3-13. UGB Expansion

Expand UGB?	Commercial		Light Manufacturing	
	Percent (%)	Number (#)	Percent (%)	Number (#)
Yes	31.9%	299	41.2%	381
No	56.8%	532	47.5%	439
It depends	11.2%	105	11.3%	104

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Transportation

For the 2007 Silverton Community Survey, the City was interested in input regarding funding street maintenance and improvements. The survey asked respondents to indicate which funding sources were the most desirable. Table 3-14 shows no clear preference for a funding option, suggesting respondents are not willing to pay more for streets. Almost two-thirds of respondents indicated that a local gas tax was the least

desirable option, while about 20% felt that a bond levy was the most desirable.

Table 3-14. Preferred funding source for street maintenance and improvements

Funding source	Least Desirable	Neutral	Most Desirable
Local gas tax	67.9%	8.3%	16.5%
Street utility fee	46.7%	20.0%	18.2%
Bond levy	47.5%	18.2%	20.9%
Other	5.7%	1.5%	32.6%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Parks and Recreation

The City of Silverton provides public park facilities to meet the recreation needs of City residents and visitors. The 2007 Silverton community survey asked questions about Silverton’s parks and recreation system related to management of programs and facilities and the Silverton Municipal Pool.

Table 3-15 shows respondents’ opinion on the current partnership between the City, the School District, and the YMCA to provide parks and recreation services. Most respondents agreed that the current relationship is working fine and 43% would like to see an umbrella organization created to manage and oversee youth sport activities.

Table 3-15. Parks and Recreation Partnerships

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure
The current relationship is working just fine.	2.4%	8.3%	19.1%	39.1%	7.0%	24.1%
I would like to see a special Parks and Recreation District created that includes the same boundaries as the Silver Falls School District. <i>(Special Districts have their own permanent tax rate for operations and</i>	11.3%	19.8%	23.0%	20.4%	3.6%	22.0%
I would like the City to create a robust Parks and Recreation Department and provide all parks and recreation programs and services, including stand alone athletic fields separate from the School District.	18.5%	28.4%	16.5%	17.4%	5.1%	14.3%
I like the current relationship, but I would like to see an umbrella organization created to manage and oversee all youth sport activities, including field/gymnasium scheduling, partnering with the School District on field maintenance, scheduling coaching clinics, coordinating sign-ups, etc.	6.6%	13.1%	19.1%	34.0%	9.0%	18.2%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Municipal pool operations

The survey asked respondents to indicate their level of satisfaction with operation of the municipal pool. The Silverton Municipal Swimming Pool is owned by the City and operated by the Silver Falls YMCA. Table 3-16 shows that a majority of respondents do not use the pool, or used it only once or twice in the last two years. For those that did use the pool, about half of all respondents were satisfied with various factors related to pool operation.

Table 3-16. Pool use in the last two years

Pool Vistitation	Number	Percent
Never	443	46.3%
Once or twice	186	19.4%
3-6 times	120	12.5%
7-10 times	60	6.3%
More than 10 times	148	15.5%
Total	957	100.0%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Those respondents that used the pool were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with various aspects of pool operations. This question was also asked in 2004. Table 3-17 show results only for those 496 respondents that used the pool.² Overall, the results show an increase in satisfaction from 2004 along with a corresponding decrease in the number of “Don’t Know” responses.

² This number results in a figure higher than the number of respondents that indicated never in table 3-16. For sake of consistency, we included all responses to this question.

Table 3-17 Level of satisfaction with pool operations

Service	Very Unsatisfied				Very Satisfied		Don't Know
Customer service	3.6%	13.3%	24.0%	26.7%	13.1%	19.2%	
	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>14.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>	<i>7.1%</i>	<i>54.5%</i>	
Cleanliness	2.2%	6.9%	21.8%	35.5%	16.7%	16.9%	
	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>3.1%</i>	<i>13.4%</i>	<i>16.8%</i>	<i>12.9%</i>	<i>52.6%</i>	
Lifeguard supervision	4.2%	5.6%	17.1%	33.0%	19.1%	20.9%	
	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>12.7%</i>	<i>14.2%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>56.5%</i>	
Quality of programs offered	1.8%	6.7%	21.4%	29.4%	12.7%	28.0%	
	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>13.1%</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>58.3%</i>	
Diversity of programs offered	1.6%	10.1%	22.8%	23.8%	10.9%	30.8%	
	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>15.7%</i>	<i>10.2%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>58.9%</i>	
Knowledge and professionalism of instructional staff	2.8%	7.1%	21.7%	22.9%	12.3%	33.2%	
	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>60.8%</i>	

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey
 Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

Table 3-18 shows a comparison of pool operation satisfaction between 2004 and 2007. The results are positive: respondents' level of satisfaction increased substantially in every category in 2007.

Table 3-18. Comparison of pool operation satisfaction

Service	2004	2007
	Satisfied (4+5)	Satisfied (4+5)
Customer service	17.7%	39.8%
Cleanliness	29.6%	52.2%
Lifeguard supervision	23.8%	52.1%
Quality of programs offered	18.8%	42.1%
Diversity of programs offered	14.4%	34.7%
Knowledge and professionalism of instructional staff	16.7%	35.2%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

City Services and Local Government

Like the 2004 Silverton Community Survey, the 2007 Survey included a series of questions about city services and local government. The series began with a question that asked respondents to rank the quality of services provided by different levels of government (Table 3-19). In general, the City of Silverton and the Silver Falls School District received higher rankings than other levels of government.

Table 3-19. Rating of quality of government services in Silverton

Government	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
The Federal Government	16.4% <i>10.6%</i>	36.2% <i>31.2%</i>	24.7% <i>33.5%</i>	2.3% <i>2.5%</i>	20.3% <i>22.2%</i>
The Oregon State Government	8.3% <i>8.3%</i>	34.2% <i>32.2%</i>	37.3% <i>37.0%</i>	3.5% <i>2.0%</i>	16.7% <i>20.5%</i>
The Marion County Government	3.7% <i>5.0%</i>	31.6% <i>31.2%</i>	42.9% <i>39.7%</i>	2.9% <i>2.3%</i>	19.0% <i>21.7%</i>
The City of Silverton Government	5.2% <i>5.6%</i>	20.6% <i>20.5%</i>	54.2% <i>52.5%</i>	8.6% <i>8.2%</i>	11.4% <i>13.0%</i>
Silver Falls School District	4.3% <i>3.8%</i>	13.8% <i>15.9%</i>	41.7% <i>38.9%</i>	13.7% <i>14.8%</i>	26.5% <i>26.5%</i>

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

About 79% of the respondents reported that they had in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of Silverton within the last 12 months (including police, receptionists, public works or any others). Table 3-20 shows respondents' impression of employees of the City of Silverton during their most recent contact. In general, a majority of respondents reported the knowledge, responsiveness, courtesy, and overall impression of City staff was either "good" or "excellent." Despite the high ratings of most respondent's interactions, between 15% and 20% indicated that their interaction was either "poor" or "fair."

Table 3-20. Rating of most recent interaction with City employees

Characteristic	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
Knowledge	4.0% <i>4.6%</i>	13.0% <i>14.9%</i>	48.1% <i>49.4%</i>	33.0% <i>27.7%</i>	1.9% <i>3.5%</i>
Responsiveness	5.0% <i>7.7%</i>	13.2% <i>13.5%</i>	42.8% <i>44.7%</i>	38.4% <i>32.7%</i>	0.6% <i>1.4%</i>
Courtesy	4.8% <i>5.6%</i>	10.6% <i>10.4%</i>	38.5% <i>41.0%</i>	45.8% <i>41.7%</i>	0.3% <i>1.3%</i>
Overall impression	5.6% <i>7.0%</i>	12.6% <i>13.5%</i>	43.8% <i>45.1%</i>	37.4% <i>32.9%</i>	0.5% <i>1.4%</i>

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

Despite the fact that the percentages increased in every category, Table 3-21 shows no significant change (e.g., changes of $\pm 5\%$ between 2004 and 2007 in respondents' impression of City employees.

Table 3-21. Comparison of City employees

Characteristic	Good / Excellent Rating	
	2004	2007
Knowledge	77.1%	81.1%
Responsiveness	77.4%	81.3%
Courtesy	82.7%	84.4%
Overall impression	78.0%	81.2%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

The survey requested respondents to indicate their level of agreement with several statements regarding city government. Their responses, shown in Table 3-22, suggest that residents hold different perceptions regarding value for taxes paid, the direction the City is taking, and citizen involvement. Table 3-23 shows no significant change in these perceptions from 2004. It is difficult to interpret reasons why respondents disagree with the statements. This could be an area that City staff may wish to further explore.

Table 3-22. Level of agreement with statements regarding city government

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree		Strongly Agree	Don't Know
			Disagree	Agree		
I receive good value for the City of Silverton taxes I pay.	6.1%	13.5%	<i>37.8%</i>	<i>25.3%</i>	6.8%	10.4%
I am pleased with the overall direction that the City of Silverton	8.3%	17.9%	<i>31.8%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	6.6%	7.7%
The City of Silverton government welcomes citizen involvement.	5.8%	10.3%	<i>29.0%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	12.1%	14.2%
The City of Silverton government listens to citizens.	8.9%	15.0%	<i>29.5%</i>	<i>21.0%</i>	7.3%	18.2%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Note: numbers in bold are 2007 responses; numbers in italics are 2004 responses

Finally, the survey asked respondents to rate the quality of various city services (Table 3-23). The boxes around the “good” and “excellent” categories are areas where the combined percentage of responses exceeds 70%. The boxes around the “fair” and “poor” categories are services where the combined percentage of responses exceeds 50%. Lastly, boxes around the “Don’t Know” category correspond to responses greater than 30%.

Table 3-23. Rating of the quality of City services

Service	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
Police services	2.6%	11.1%	52.8%	27.7%	5.8%
	3.7%	13.8%	52.7%	24.0%	5.6%
Ambulance/emergency medical services	0.4%	2.7%	31.9%	40.3%	24.7%
	0.8%	3.9%	40.9%	33.0%	21.3%
Crime prevention	2.8%	16.6%	53.2%	8.8%	18.5%
	3.2%	18.9%	51.4%	8.9%	17.5%
Traffic enforcement	5.1%	19.2%	55.5%	15.3%	4.9%
	5.9%	21.7%	51.1%	15.1%	6.2%
Garbage collection	2.2%	8.7%	47.7%	39.9%	1.6%
	1.9%	6.9%	47.2%	43.2%	0.8%
Recycling	2.5%	8.3%	42.5%	45.4%	1.4%
	3.0%	9.0%	42.4%	43.7%	1.8%
Yard waste pick-up	2.5%	8.6%	41.3%	40.8%	6.8%
	3.0%	8.1%	41.3%	37.4%	10.1%
Street repair	18.7%	37.1%	36.7%	4.1%	3.3%
	12.2%	38.7%	41.8%	4.7%	2.7%
Street cleaning	3.1%	15.1%	54.3%	25.4%	2.1%
	3.5%	12.6%	55.9%	25.3%	2.7%
Street lighting	3.9%	20.2%	59.2%	15.3%	1.3%
	5.8%	20.7%	58.5%	14.7%	0.3%
Sidewalk maintenance	20.7%	39.8%	31.1%	4.6%	3.9%
	16.7%	37.3%	38.9%	4.7%	2.4%
Amount of public parking	19.8%	36.8%	36.1%	6.1%	1.2%
	21.1%	34.0%	36.7%	6.7%	1.5%
Storm drainage	6.6%	24.7%	50.8%	6.6%	11.3%
	7.9%	24.9%	50.8%	7.0%	9.5%
Drinking water	4.0%	9.8%	47.7%	36.4%	2.1%
	4.7%	12.5%	51.1%	29.2%	2.5%
Sewer services	2.4%	9.5%	58.0%	22.4%	7.7%
	3.9%	12.4%	58.4%	18.2%	7.1%
Land use, planning and zoning	14.3%	30.5%	32.8%	3.8%	18.6%
	13.1%	28.6%	36.9%	4.6%	16.8%
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc)	11.1%	30.4%	37.8%	5.6%	15.1%
	9.8%	29.0%	38.5%	8.7%	14.0%
Services to seniors	3.9%	16.2%	32.8%	8.0%	39.1%
	3.5%	12.8%	40.2%	10.3%	33.1%
Services to youth	8.4%	22.4%	32.0%	4.7%	32.5%
	10.7%	25.3%	32.7%	3.1%	28.3%
Municipal courts	1.8%	7.2%	24.8%	2.7%	63.5%
	2.4%	9.1%	29.6%	3.3%	55.6%
Cable television	15.6%	17.7%	23.1%	5.1%	38.4%
	20.2%	20.1%	20.3%	4.0%	35.5%
Silver Trolley	1.0%	6.2%	27.3%	12.8%	52.6%
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CARTS	2.0%	7.2%	23.3%	10.9%	56.6%
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-25 shows trends in respondents' opinions of City services from 2004 to 2007. There was no significant change for most services, however, street repair, sidewalk maintenance, services to seniors, and municipal courts all showed a significant decline in rating.

Table 3-25. Comparison of City services, 2004 and 2007 surveys

Service	Good / Excellent Rating		Difference	Trend
	2004	2007		
Police services	76.8%	80.5%	3.7%	No Change
Ambulance/emergency medical services	73.9%	72.2%	-1.7%	No Change
Crime prevention	60.2%	62.0%	1.8%	No Change
Traffic enforcement	66.1%	70.8%	4.6%	No Change
Garbage collection	90.4%	87.6%	-2.8%	No Change
Recycling	86.1%	87.8%	1.7%	No Change
Yard waste pick-up	78.7%	82.1%	3.3%	No Change
Street repair	46.4%	40.8%	-5.6%	Decrease
Street cleaning	81.2%	79.7%	-1.5%	No Change
Street lighting	73.2%	74.5%	1.3%	No Change
Sidewalk maintenance	43.6%	35.7%	-7.9%	Decrease
Amount of public parking	43.4%	42.2%	-1.2%	No Change
Storm drainage	57.8%	57.4%	-0.4%	No Change
Drinking water	80.3%	84.0%	3.8%	No Change
Sewer services	76.6%	80.4%	3.8%	No Change
Land use, planning and zoning	41.5%	36.6%	-4.9%	No Change
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc)	47.2%	43.4%	-3.8%	No Change
Services to seniors	50.6%	40.7%	-9.8%	Decrease
Services to youth	35.7%	36.7%	0.9%	No Change
Municipal courts	33.0%	27.5%	-5.4%	Decrease
Cable television	24.3%	28.2%	4.0%	No Change
Silver Trolley	N/A	40.1%	N/A	N/A
CARTS	N/A	34.2%	N/A	N/A

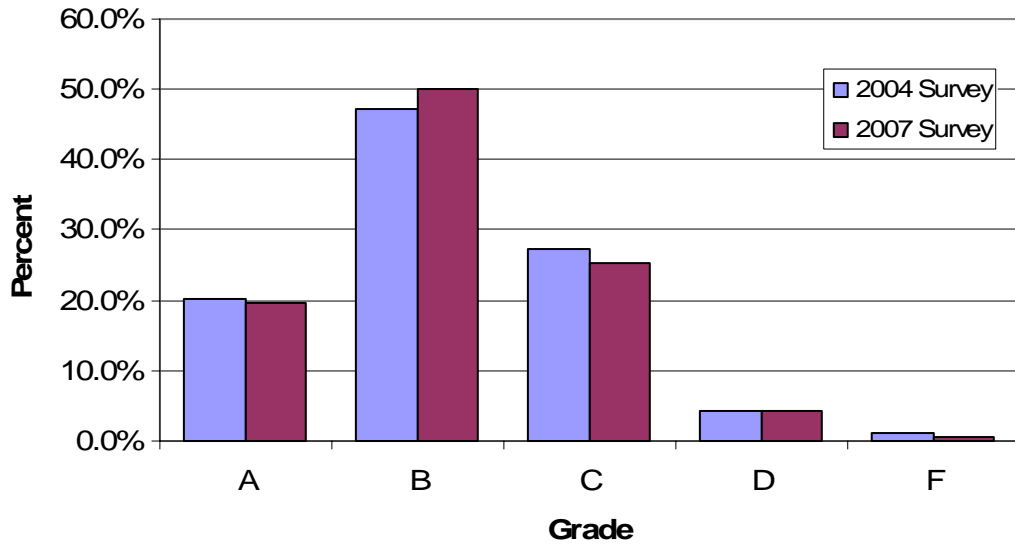
Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Silver Falls School District

Like previous surveys, the 2007 Community Survey included a set of questions regarding the Silver Falls School District. The Silver Falls School District was interested in respondents' perceptions about the quality of education provided by the District. Figure 3-2 shows that about two-thirds of respondents would give the District an "A" or "B" grade. About 25% selected a "C" grade, and 4% a "D" grade. Less than one percent gave the District an "F" with respect to the quality of education. There were no significant changes between 2004 and 2007.

Respondents that gave the District a "D" or "F" grade were asked to indicate why they gave the District a low rating. A complete list of comments is presented in Appendix B.

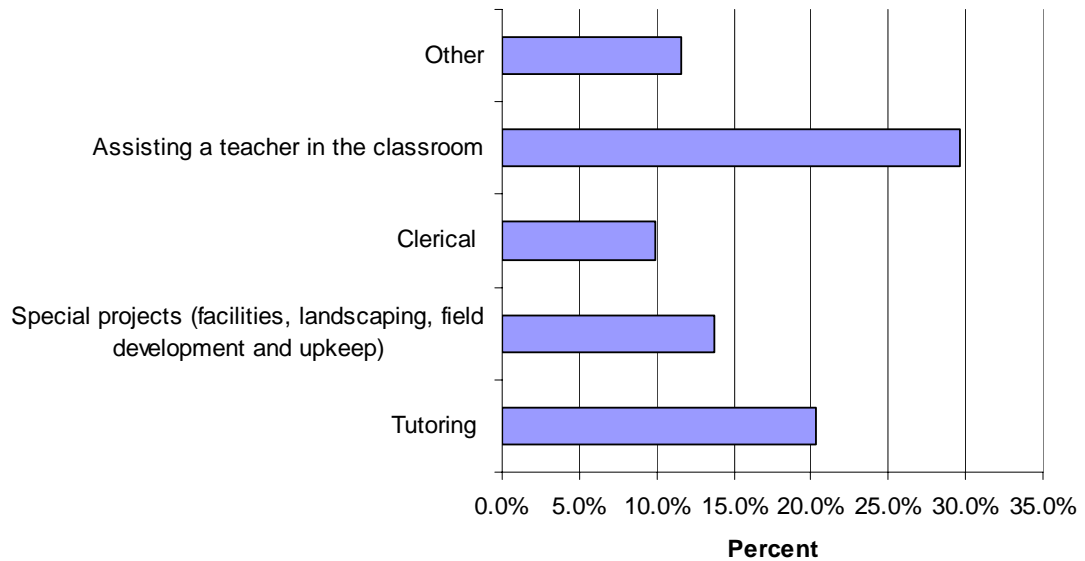
Figure 3-2. Respondents grading of the quality of education provided by the Silver Falls School District



Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

The remaining School District questions focused on volunteer help in local schools. About one-third of respondents had volunteered in a local school in the last three years while 45% were willing to volunteer in the future. Figure 3-3 shows that the most preferred type of volunteer activities are assisting a teacher in the classroom and tutoring.

Figure 3-3. Preferred volunteer activities



Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Silverton Together

Silverton Together is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help strengthen and support the health and well being of all the children, families and community of Silverton. Silverton Together works to assess the risk factors for adolescent problem behavior and to develop prevention strategies to address those risk factors. The 2007 Silverton Community Survey included several questions about youth programs and community involvement designed to help Silverton Together better serve the community. Over half of all respondents were not aware of the programs and services Silverton Together offers, suggesting a possible need for greater community outreach.

In regards to sufficient programs and services for youth, respondents were split. 49% felt there are sufficient programs, 51% did not. Over two-thirds of respondents felt that existing programs were appropriately prioritized. Those that did not were encouraged to list programs they felt should take a higher priority.

When asked about what programs and services for youth should be offered that are not currently available, the top responses were:

- Supervised after school activities for teens
- Sports
- Skate park
- Location for youth to congregate

Silverton Together focuses on community involvement. For the final question in this section, respondents indicated that the greatest barriers to being involved in the Silverton community were:

- Some organizations are not welcoming to newcomers, seem cliquish and closed to outsiders
- Language
- Culture
- Handicapped accessibility
- Lack of time

Silverton Hospital

The Silverton Hospital offers a variety of medical and community services locally. Respondents to the survey were asked to indicate which services they used from a select number listed. Table 3-26 represents the responses, with over half of all those responding stating that the most commonly used

service is laboratory services. Diagnostic imaging and the emergency room were also used by about 40% of the respondents.

Table 3-26. Silverton Hospital services used

Response	Percent	
	2004	2007
24-Hour Emergency	53.5%	38.7%
In-patient Hospitalization	22.3%	18.2%
Mammography services	38.2%	26.6%
Laboratory services	66.7%	53.5%
Transportation to medical appointments	3.3%	4.8%
Diagnostic Imaging	56.0%	41.6%
Health Screening Clinics	3.9%	5.2%
Day surgery	16.3%	13.4%
Intravenous and chemotherapy services, wound care	3.9%	4.0%
Community education programs or Health Resource Center	15.4%	8.4%
Other	6.9%	7.0%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Respondents were asked how satisfied they were with their local medical care. As Table 3-27 shows, almost 80% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with cleanliness of facilities and 72% of respondents indicated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the friendliness and helpfulness of staff. Parking elicited the most unsatisfied and very unsatisfied results with 14% of respondents being unsatisfied or very unsatisfied with parking.

Table 3-27. Satisfaction with medical care

Hospital Services	Very	Unsatisfied	Neither	Satisfied	Very	Don't Know
	Unsatisfied		Satisfied Nor		Satisfied	
Availability of primary care physicians	5.4%	5.2%	13.0%	23.7%	38.4%	14.4%
Availability of specialty care	4.2%	4.2%	14.6%	24.7%	39.8%	12.5%
Quality of physician support staff	3.3%	4.1%	14.5%	26.4%	27.4%	24.3%
Emergency medical care	2.6%	5.8%	19.0%	24.9%	23.2%	24.5%
Overall patient care	2.6%	2.5%	15.3%	28.3%	33.6%	17.7%
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	1.6%	3.5%	16.3%	30.6%	31.2%	16.8%
Availability of parking	2.5%	1.2%	12.0%	22.9%	36.1%	25.4%
Cleanliness of facility	1.2%	3.6%	12.9%	26.3%	32.4%	23.5%
Outpatient services	1.9%	1.6%	12.9%	32.1%	34.5%	16.9%
Health education programs and community health outreach	1.6%	1.2%	15.9%	33.7%	31.6%	15.9%
Other (please specify)	2.1%	2.6%	10.3%	28.0%	44.1%	13.0%
	1.9%	2.3%	13.7%	30.4%	41.9%	9.8%
	3.8%	10.3%	21.1%	27.8%	25.6%	11.5%
	4.1%	8.0%	24.7%	29.2%	26.0%	8.0%
	1.9%	1.6%	6.8%	27.9%	50.8%	11.0%
	0.8%	1.3%	9.5%	29.4%	50.5%	8.4%
	1.6%	0.9%	10.1%	22.9%	32.9%	31.6%
	1.0%	1.5%	10.0%	25.2%	29.5%	32.8%
	1.4%	1.6%	10.1%	21.5%	26.8%	38.5%
	1.2%	1.7%	11.6%	22.3%	28.2%	35.0%
	5.0%	1.0%	2.5%	2.0%	22.6%	66.8%
	7.8%	0.6%	1.9%	7.1%	21.4%	60.4%

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-28 shows a comparison with the 2004 survey. A notable increase occurred in the satisfaction with the availability of specialty care. Respondents did not indicate increased satisfaction with other hospital services..

Table 3-28 Comparison of satisfaction with medical care

Hospital Services	Satisfied / Very Satisfied		Trend
	2004	2007	
Availability of primary care physicians	64.5%	62.1%	No Change
Availability of specialty care	48.2%	53.8%	Increase
Quality of physician support staff	61.8%	61.9%	No Change
Emergency medical care	58.7%	58.9%	No Change
Overall patient care	65.3%	66.6%	No Change
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	72.3%	72.0%	No Change
Availability of parking	55.2%	53.4%	No Change
Cleanliness of facility	79.9%	78.7%	No Change
Outpatient services	54.7%	55.8%	No Change
Health education programs and community health outreach	50.4%	48.3%	No Change

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Almost half of all respondents (48%) left Silverton for specialized health care during the past year. 43% did not leave Silverton for specialized health

care, up from 38% in 2004, and 8% did not need specialized health care, down from 14% in 2004. Of those who received health care in other communities 10% indicated they went to a dermatologist and 9% went to a cardiologist (see Table 3-29). About one-fifth of respondents left for another service, and the most frequent responses for services listed in the “Other” category were ophthalmology, pediatrics, gynecology, and dental. A transcript of comments is presented in Appendix B.

Table 3-29. Specialized healthcare services used outside of Silverton

Response	Percent	
	2004	2007
Cardiology	5.1%	8.5%
Oncology	7.6%	4.5%
Orthopedics	16.8%	7.1%
Dermatology	18.8%	9.8%
Urology	10.5%	4.4%
Neurology	9.3%	4.4%
Ear, Noise, Throat	19.0%	6.1%
Endocrinology	4.6%	2.0%
Gastroenterology	7.1%	3.5%
Plastic Surgery	3.2%	1.2%
Pulmonary	5.9%	3.1%
Other	38.4%	20.5%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Table 3-30 shows the types of health insurance that respondents indicated that they have. As in 2004, the most frequent response was for “Other private insurance”.

Table 3-30. Type of Insurance

Response	Percent	
	2004	2007
Medicare	19.9%	22.9%
Oregon Health Care	4.0%	2.5%
Kaiser	10.4%	10.7%
Other Private Insured	76.5%	71.8%
Uninsured	5.0%	5.0%

Source: 2007 and 2004 Silverton Community Survey

Information Sources

Table 3-31 shows where survey respondents usually get information. Newspapers appear to be the media of choice for a majority of respondents. About 56% of respondents indicated they get information from the Silverton Appeal. Slightly less than 40% used the Statesman Journal, down from almost 50% in 2004. Both the local “grapevine” and the Internet increased significantly from 2004. Additionally, almost half of all respondents reported getting most of their news from the City of Silverton newsletter insert in “Our Town”.

Table 3-31. Source of local news

Media Source	Percent		Trend
	2004	2007	
Silverton Appeal	60.4%	56.1%	No Change
Statesman Journal	48.3%	39.0%	Decrease
Oregonian	10.4%	11.7%	No Change
SCAN TV	7.8%	5.8%	No Change
KBZY radio	0.8%	1.2%	No Change
From the local grapevine	18.5%	23.4%	Increase
Internet	8.1%	16.5%	Increase
City of Silverton website	1.6%	2.9%	No Change
City of Silverton newsletter	n/a	48.8%	N/A
Other	12.4%	9.2%	No Change

Source: 2007 Silverton Community Survey

In response to how the City can provide better information to its citizens, common responses included the community website, better TV coverage, and better newspaper coverage.

Additional services or information respondents would like to see on the website included numbers of city departments, information on all local service providers, and local events and attractions. Although fewer than 3% of respondents get their local news from the City website, this may be a factor of the survey demographics rather than overall use of the website.

The majority of respondents, 92%, like the fact that the City periodically asks for their opinion on different issues. Only two percent thought the City doesn't need to conduct household surveys and six percent dislike answering surveys and don't think anybody really cares what they think.

Appendix A

Survey Methodology

This appendix summarizes the methods used to conduct the 2007 Silverton Community Survey. The survey was distributed to every household within Silverton city limits. Potential survey recipients were identified from a database of residences that receive city water. Surveys were also sent to business owners and to owners of property within the City of Silverton, even if the owners lived outside of Silverton. City staff identified households that do not pay City water bills and hand-delivered surveys to those households.

Each mailed survey packet consisted of: (1) a cover letter that explained the purpose of the survey and described the survey incentives; (2) a copy of the survey; and (3) a postage-paid envelope in which to return the completed survey.

The survey was administered in October and November 2007. Each household received a postcard informing them they would receive a survey in the next week to 10 days. The survey was sent to 2,591 households in October 2007. CPW received a total of 999 responses by the November, 2007 cut-off date. This yields a 39% response rate.

Appendix B

Responses to Open-Ended Questions

The 2007 Silverton Community Survey included a number of open-ended questions. Appendix B presents the written transcript of responses.

Q5. If you had \$100 to spend on basic city services, how would you divide it among the following categories? You can put the entire \$100 into one category or divide it in any combination. (Other)

- Programs/services for youth (including pre-school ages)
- \$15 – programs/services for Silverton youth
- \$100 – programs for youth
- \$30 – lower water bill/other programs for youth
- \$7 – youth programs
- \$25 – youth services
- \$20 – youth programs
- \$15 – youth
- \$15 – programs for teens/activities
- \$5 – programs for juveniles
- \$100 – school programs
- \$25 – manage unsupervised youth
- \$10 – services for youth (2)
- \$5 – bike paths, youth programs
- \$10 – youth facilities
- \$24 – youth facility
- \$15 – kid play areas & entertainment
- \$15 – Youth programs to get them off the street, particularly teenagers
- \$25 – teen programs
- \$20 – elementary school improvements & more schools
- \$10 – youth services/library
- \$10 – juvenile peer court
- \$25 – eradicate drugs
- \$25 – drug prevention, dropout prevention
- \$5 – skate park
- \$50 – skating rink
- \$100 – skate park, bicycle/walking path
- \$10 – skate park
- \$20 – adult rec leagues (soccer, etc.)
- \$20 – fund city historical and social efforts
- \$10 – events like Davenport Days
- \$100 – cost of water & sewer
- \$20 – better water system
- \$35 – reduce water & sewer cost

- \$10 – growth issues (water, sewer, expansion, etc.)
- \$100 – water/sewer rates
- \$20 – H₂O/sewer systems/utilities/transportation
- \$50 – Fire/water/sewer
- \$20 – fire services (2)
- \$25 – fire dept. (3)
- \$50 – fire department
- \$20 – fire & emergency
- \$30 – improving traffic flow
- \$10 – traffic congestion
- \$3 – traffic lights
- \$100 – traffic congestion
- \$100 – traffic lights/road improvements
- \$20 – traffic signal \$25 – stop & go lights on C St & RR Travel
- \$100 – revamp traffic pattern
- \$50 – more stop lights
- \$5 – weed control along streets, sidewalks, & around downtown core bldgs
- \$75 – putting power lines underground downtown
- \$10 – leaf/debris removal program
- \$5 – bury utility lines
- \$50 – free parking lots for shoppers
- \$10 – underground utilities in historic district
- \$50 – fix Koons St.
- \$5 – restore Silver Creek to healthy environment for nature & people
- \$15 – city bldg maintenance – community center
- \$20 – rebuild or remove reservoir dam!!
- \$10 – downtown facelift
- \$20 – public art
- \$45 – build east side parkway
- \$10 – city beautification/ec dev
- \$15 – economic development
- \$10 – low-income housing
- \$25 – job creation
- \$5 – living wage job creation
- \$20 – public transport to/from Salem/Portland
- \$10 – marketing
- \$20 – quality business development
- \$10 – getting new business/mfg
- \$25 – business development
- \$59 – stop large developments
- \$10 – SACA including financial planning training
- \$10 – needy
- \$40 – health services
- \$5 – health program
- \$100 – lower taxes (2)
- \$56 – reduce taxes
- \$20 – return to voters
- \$20 – library (2)
- \$10 – library
- \$15 – library
- \$25 – Library open weekends & eves

- \$15 – community education classes
- \$10 – public education/artwork
- \$20 – rainy day fund
- \$10 – emergency fund
- \$5 – saving for future projects
- \$40 – dog park
- \$50 – dog park
- \$60 – Pet ordinance, pooper posting similar to downtown parks in neighborhood curb your pet!
- \$10 – administration of city

Q7. Who do you feel should be working to recruit new business to the City?

(Other, please specify)

- All of the above (2)
- Citizens (6)
- The community
- Everyone! (2)
- The people should vote! (2)
- Citizens of Silverton (through a poll?). Public opinion should be a consideration.
- Growth should not be encouraged
- Nobody, we have enough
- Don't need it – it's already happened
- The town is fine – let's improve what we have!
- Silverton will become an extension of Salem soon enough, don't push it and destroy the city
- We don't want new business – we don't want the town to grow
- The City (municipal government), The Chamber of Commerce, and SEDCOR – all three working together (2)
- City Manager, Mayor
- The Mayor
- Mayor & City Council
- Mayor (included with "The City")
- City should cooperate w/chamber
- Chamber of Commerce & SEDCOR working together
- Participation of city, Chamber, & SEDA
- All working in concert!
- A combination of efforts
- Anyone who is interested
- General public
- Ideas from everyone – like this report
- Offer Ideas from everyone – like citizen involvement group
- The community should be requesting appropriate business and encouraging each other
- People of Silverton
- All of us by shopping in Silverton
- Residents
- Local residents should be empowered & given incentives to start local businesses

- Whoever has power to attract business to our vacant shopping center & downtown
- Task force/community members, C of C, merchants
- People not in the “old guard”
- Find what businesses the community needs & do target recruiting
- “User friendly” codes, timelines, requirements
- Let merchants choose
- Business ventures should work w/city
- Other business encouraged by existing business
- Business community
- Business committee – a group of diverse from the community individuals who have a say in what kind of growth we see→ less big chains (ex: Starbucks) and more small businesses (i.e. Rolling Hills)
- Business owners
- Entities promoting living wage jobs (family wage jobs)
- Form a community to get good paying jobs to Silverton
- Local realtors
- Other businesses
- Lower taxes on business
- Local developers
- Be helpful but NO financial incentives – keep city kept up
- Bring in someone from other cities that have been successful
- Don’t know implications of each
- State government
- Identify favorable locations
- 1st establish the number of workers needed + where a NEW project could be put
- Let it happen

Q9. What types of businesses do you think are most appropriate for Silverton?

(List up to five responses)

- 1) Clothing. 2) Furniture
- 1) Clothing store – shoe store. 2) Light industrial/manufacturing. 3) Micro brewer. 4) Indoor recreation facility – tennis/basketball/volleyball. 5) Alternative fuel development company
- 1) Light industry. 2) Sporting goods store. 3) Electronics store. 4) Bi-Mart. 5) McGraths Restaurant
- 1) Starbucks. 2) Furniture. 3) Target. 4) Lumber yard/home improvement.
- 1) Family owned & operated. 2) Small ma & pop businesses. 3) Wendy’s or Burger King.
- 1) Light mfg. 2) Service. 3) Retail.
- 1) Hi tech. 2) Services. 3) Food
- 1) Tourist. 2) White collar businesses. 3) Computers, chips, etc.
- 1) Affordable motel
- 1) Food processing, local agriculture. 2) Niche market specialty shops. 3) Eco-Biz, green development. 4) Eco-tourism/tours of farms & biz. 5) Develop global markets for local businesses
- 1) Motels. 2) Shoe stores. 3) Teen entertainment. 4) Clothing store. 5) Pet shop.
- 1) Skating rink for everyone. 2) Goodwill. 3) Kids place indoors to play.
- 1) Locally owned. 2) Regionally owned. 3) Independent. 4) Active in the community. 5) Socially and environmentally conscious.

- Small business ventures
- 1) Bi-Mart. 2) Blockbuster video. 3) America's Tire Co. 4) Shari's Restaurant. 5) Burger King.
- 1) Small grocery. 2) Antique shops. 3) Health care. 4) Coffee shops. 5) Family restaurants.
- 1) Retail (big business). 2) Restaurants.
- 1) Department store (not Walmart). 2) Affordable restaurants.
- 1) Small business
- 1) Tourist-based – shops, restaurants
- 1) Non-chain. 2) Privately owned.
- 1) Small running equipment store. 2) Restaurants. 3) B&Bs. 4) Gas stations. 5) Gardening/nursery.
- 1) Ag related. 2) Light manufacturing. 3) Retail sales. 4) Human services. 5) Science & technology.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Grocery stores. 3) Art galleries.
- 1) National retail stores. 2) National food stores. 3) Specialty shops.
- 1) New clothing store. 2) Shoe store. 3) Technology store. 4) Steak house.
- 1) Clothing retail store. 2) Enclosed aquatic center. 3) Shopping center. 4) Shoe store. 5) Jewelry store.
- 1) Antique stores. 2) Tea & coffee houses. 3) Specialty shops. 4) Sorry to lose Goodwill!
- 1) Good quality clothing store. 2) Good quality shoe store.
- 1) Burger King.
- 1) Fast foods. 2) Recreational – movies, etc. 3) Variety shopping – clothing, etc. 4) Gas station access. 5) Small manufacturing.
- 1) Music (CD-DVD) store; they have to compete w/Target, Borders, etc. 2) Bookstore. 3) UPS packaging store. 4) A business that picks up & delivers goods purchased in Salem – Silverton doesn't have. 5) Computer ed for seniors.
- 1) Antiques. 2) Gift shop. 3) Galleries. 4) Restaurants – small – family style. 5) Bakery – bread, pastry (Harvest Breads for instance)
- 1) Fine restaurants. 2) Light industrial (environmentally safe). 3) Recreational uses. 4) Businesses that support the garden and those who visit Silverton.
- 1) Food – groceries. 2) Restaurants. 3) Auto repair. 4) Clothing. 5) Nursery.
- 1) A lumber yard. 2) Goodwill or other quality 2nd hand/thrift store. 3) Sr. center. 4) Shoe repair. 5) Head Start/child care center
- 1) Clothing stores. 2) Household store (Target). 3) Discount food store.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Entertainment. 3) Offices/administration. 4) Garden centers.
- 1) Those that support the present population & businesses
- 1) Places for kids (gymnastics center). 2) Clothing stores. 3) High-end retail.
- 1) Moderate family clothing. 2) Family type restaurants. 3) Moderate family hotel.
- 1) Child and animal based business
- 1) Motels. 2) Clothing store.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Hospitality. Restaurants.
- 1) Fine arts. 2) Antiques.
- 1) Light industry, green and pollution free. 2) Hi-tech industry. 3) Small businesses – NO BIG BOX!
- 1) Clothing. 2) Household items.

- 1) Walmart for sure – idiots voted it out 3 yrs ago. 2) Clothing & shoe store. 3) Dollar Tree – good for senior citizens. 4) Appliance store. 5) Bed mattress & furniture store.
- 1) Clean. 2) Small.
- 1) Bakery. 2) Fabric. 3) Restaurants. 4) Theater. 5) Flowers.
- 1) Not sure, but something to offer more jobs.
- 1) Mid-price restaurants. 2) Antique and craft shops. 3) Health facilities (gym, Curves, health classes). 4) Pools & park facilities. 5) Farm equipment.
- 1) Antiques. 2) Bed & breakfasts. 3) Small grocers.
- 1) Electronics – subcontracting manuf. 2) Clothing – apparel – affordable.
- 1) Fabrication. 2) High tech.
- 1) Retain – bookstores, clothing, etc. 2) Quality restaurants – not fast food. 3) FRED MEYER! 4) Tourist-related. 5) Specialty farm/ag (ORGANIC)
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Food stores. 3) Clothing shops. 4) Antique shops. 5) Art shops.
- 1) Antique stores. 2) Art galleries. 3) Restaurants. 4) Bookstore.
- 1) Full service fuel & automotive stations. 2) Family clothing store – full service. 3) Full service auto mechanic shop. 4) Burger King fast food. 5) Enhanced senior center.
- 1) Clothing.
- 1) Recreational – travel/tours. 2) Clothing. 3) Art.
- 1) Services. 2) Retail. 3) Lt. industry.
- 1) Tech – to encourage educated residents to move here. 2) Restaurant. 3) Retail.
- 1) Clothing – dry goods. 2) Hardware. 3) Gifts (not antiques).
- 1) More family restaurants – not fast food. 2) Walmart type. 3) Costco. 4) Home Depot – Lowe’s
- 1) Restaurants/bars. 2) Clothing stores. 3) Consignment shops. 4) Computers & small electronics stores. 5) Craft stores.
- 1) Restaurants (not fast food but not really high-priced). 2) Clothing/department store. 3) Hallmark/scrapbooking supplies. 4) Starbucks. 5) Walmart/Shopko type store.
- 1) Medical. 2) Services for residents/grocery, hardware, insurance, med.
- 1) Light manufact. 2) Professional. 3) More regular retail.
- 1) Donut shop/bakery. 2) Italian restaurant. 3) Gas stations.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Recreation.
- 1) With close proximity to Salem, Portland, the surviving businesses here are typical of what is needed and required for the town at this time.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Social clubs (Elks, Eagles, etc).
- 3) Gyms. 4) Vet clinic. 5) Day care.
- 1) Kid friendly.
- 1) Shoe. 2) Clothing. 3) Furniture.
- 1) Clothing with changing inventory & reasonable price. 2) Food – Safeway & Roths appropriate. 3) Restaurants – balance high end with fast food – Marie Callender
- 4) Pharmacy – 2 are adequate. 5) Hardware/car/farm/household goods.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Services (doctors, attorneys)
- 1) Professional. 2) Labor. 3) Clothing.
- 1) Clothing & accessories.
- 1) Light, environmentally clean industry.
- 1) Gas station. 2) Clothing/shoe store. 3) Bi-Mart.
- 1) Family clothing store. 2) Affordable family restaurants.
- 1) Goodwill. 2) Small shops. 3) Family restaurant. 4) Light mfg.

- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Tourism. 3) Nurseries.
- 1) Lumber yard. 2) Computer store. 3) Tutoring business.
- 1) Family owned. 2) Clothing. 3) Variety. 4) Entertainment for all ages.
- 1) Dept. store.
- 1) Grocery. 2) Hardware. 3) Lumber. 4) Healthcare.
- 1) Small shops. 2) Small locally owned restaurants. 3) No more big stores. 4) Need another thrift shop.
- 1) Farming. 2) Outdoor recreation access. 3) Tourism. 4) Alternative energy.
- 1) Mom & pop stores. 2) No chain stores. 3) Shoe repair.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Privately owned businesses retail. 3) Competitive grocery store. 4) Technological business.
- 1) Grass farming. 2) Oil drilling. 3) Rock mining. 4) Cattle grazing. 5) Logging.
- 1) Retail clothing. 2) Indoor miniature golf. 3) Senior day care. 4) Good deli.
- 1) Fred Meyer store. 2) Quality store for men, women, & children's clothes & shoes.
- 1) Retail.
- 1) Tourist – walking & antiques. 2) Not Walmarts. 3) Not storage units. 4) More variety but with unique qualities.
- 1) Lite industrial
- 1) Uptown grocery
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Shopping centers. 3) Gas stations.
- 1) Art galleries. 2) Clothing.
- 1) Retail shops. 2) Restaurants. 3) Light industry/high tech.
- 1) Small, local.
- 1) Service.
- 1) Fred Meyer store or equal
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Industrial design. 3) Knowledge-based business.
- 1) Clothes store. 2) Shoe store.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Agricultural. 3) Communication support centers.
- 1) Gift shops. 2) Restaurant (food).
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) More senior care facilities. 3) Less ethnic foods but restaurants. 4) Educational facilities – jr. college or academies. 5) Techno facilities
- 1) Department store. 2) Shoe store.
- 1) Unsure due to a clear picture of what is already available and the tax base.
- 1) Retail clothing. 2) Lumber yard/building materials. 3) Hardware retailer.
- 1) Leisure. 2) Outdoor activities. 3) Food.
- 1) Light industry. 2) Lumber yard. 3) Restaurant with clean & ample meeting ARBA. 4) Restaurant (Denny's, Shari's).
- 1) Tourism, come visit but don't stay
- 1) Foods. 2) Banks. 3) Retail. 4) Medical.
- 1) Something similar to Trader Joes (I know T.J. would never locate here). 2) More "upscale" restaurants. 3) Ice cream franchise like Cold Stone or Ben & Jerry's. 4) An "all purpose" type store so you don't have to drive to Salem.
- 1) Family restaurants. 2) Lumber materials.
- 1) Bi-Mart.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Antique shops. 3) SPCA – community center – non-profit. 4) Grocery stores & Wilco. 5) Gas stations.
- 1) Retail. 2) Food. 3) Hardware. 4) Lumber. 5) Sport.
- 1) Local or regional (owned) businesses.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Retail shops (tourist). 3) Ag related. 4) Construction. 5) Hotel.

- 1) Walgreens – okay on the corner of Westfield
- 1) Motel – Best Western, Motel 6. 2) Gas station going to Oregon City
- 1) Textiles. 2) Hand crafts. 3) Gardening – organic. 4) Fair trade/natural/organic market. 5) Arcade/fun center – youth target of 7-14.
- 1) Any and all.
- 1) More grocery stores. 2) More recreational centers. 3) Maybe a senior center.
- 1) Department.
- 1) Antique stores. 2) Gift shops. 3) Art galleries. 4) Bookstores. 5) Restaurants.
- 1) Environmentally benign businesses. 2) Those that AVOID sprawl & NO strip malls. 3) Co-op.
- 1) Types of businesses in Silverton are almost irrelevant. Instead focus on emphasizing to citizens the importance of shopping here, the market will drive “what” belongs. Last survey, most citizens wanted a bowling alley, which we already have!
- 1) Retail. 2) Restaurant. 3) Game room for kids. 4) Skating rink, miniature golf. 5) Video arcade.
- 1) Restaurants/hospitality. 2) Retail. 3) Customer service.
- 1) Groceries. 2) Restaurants. 3) Offices – services. 4) Retail – household, clothing. 5) Light industry.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Antique shops. 3) Restaurants. 4) Commercial offices. 5) Small airport.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Downtown businesses, shops of all varieties. 3) Light manufacturing like mobile homes. 4) Services – medical. 5) Artists, inventors, www businesses of many types.
- 1) Dept. store. 2) Lumber yard (complete inventory). 3) Used bookstore.
- 1) Dollar Store. 2) Electronics store. 3) Music store.
- 1) Affordable clothing store. 2) Affordable shoe store. 3) Restaurant – Denny’s or Shari’s. 4) Light mfg to employ local citizens. 5) 24-hr convenience store.
- 1) Tourism-based sites (eateries, etc.). 2) Unique stores (novelty).
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Art-related. 3) Basic needs, food, medical, etc.
- 1) Family wage jobs
- 1) Antique stores. 2) Grocery stores. 3) Hardware stores. 4) Pharmacies. 5) Restaurants.
- 1) Small.
- 1) Agriculture related. 2) Health care. 3) Light industrial. 4) High tech. 5) Services.
- 1) Retail. 2) Restaurants. 3) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Food. 2) Antiques. 3) Clothing. 4) Art. 5) Specialty music.
- 1) Environmental type jobs. 2) Cleanup crews. 3) Something for children = activities. 4) A place for children to party (such as Chucky Cheese). 5) Day care.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Clothing. 3) Gift. 4) Art. 5) Services.
- 1) Antique shops. 2) Small local shops. 3) Discount stores. 4) Small retail stores.
- 1) Walmart. 2) Bi-mart. 3) K-mart.
- 1) Fruit stands. 2) The building with Papa Murphy’s needs to have more business in it
- 1) Banking. 2) Realty. 3) Grocery.
- 1) Antique shops. 2) Clothes, new. 3) Gifts.
- 1) Lite manufacturing. 2) Retail clothing store.
- 1) Home improvement. 2) Grocery. 3) Gift. 4) Fabric.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Hotels. 3) Galleries – art/antique. 4) Interesting stores. 5) Recreation.

- 1) Restaurants. 2) Specialty shops such as now exist. 3) Design – architectural. 4) Design & advice – interior for home & business. 5) Maintenance services for businesses & homeowners.
- 1) Retail clothing/sporting goods
- 1) Discount retail, i.e. Bi-Mart, etc.
- 1) Retail. 2) Food industry. 3) Lt. industrial/manufacturing. 4) Agricultural/horticultural. 5) Commercial.
- 1) Clothing, retail. 2) Car dealership. 3) Family restaurant.
- 1) Family friendly.
- 1) Youth oriented (skate park/rink). 2) Education center (i.e. something like OMSI), target group children & family. 3) Integrated health center. 4) More programs from YMCA. 5) NO CHAIN STORES OR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT SHOPS.
- 1) Retail/tourism.
- 1) Market. 2) Pharmacy. 3) Gasoline. 4) Dollar Store. 5) Retail store.
- 1) Full line of clothing (Stayton does). 2) Another hardware (we used to have 3 or 4).
- 1) B&B. 2) Gift shops. 3) Small restaurants. 4) Small businesses (beauty supply).
- 1) Service businesses. 2) Retailers. 3) Financial. 4) Real estate. 5) Light industrial.
- 1) Department stores – JC Penney. 2) Discount grocery. 3) Discount farming.
- 1) Quaint shops. 2) Restaurants.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Medical.
- 1) Entertainment. 2) Upgrade senior center.
- 1) A restaurant (outstanding). 2) Small shopping center. 3) 1st class motel.
- 1) Light industry.
- 1) Eateries – a good mix – pasta! 2) Bookstore – new & used. 3) Art galleries. 4) Trader Joes. 5) The Black Lily.
- 1) Small retail. 2) Services.
- 1) Bookstores – like a Barnes & Noble. 2) Home improvement store. 3) Crafts store. 4) Electronics manufacturer – like Intel. 5) Store like a Walmart or Target.
- 1) Outdoor. 2) Sporting goods. 3) Convenience. 4) Small. 5) Mom & pop (locally ow1) Music/book. 2) Gymnastics/rec activity center. 3) Affordable clothing (children), maybe a Ross Dress for Less. 4) Brewery/dining (Silverton’s signature brews). 5) Vocational straining center – school for welding, mechanics, electrician
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Family dining. 3) Clothing.
- 1) High tech eng/used manuf plants. 2) Downtown retail. 3) Brew pub w/full service restaurant. 4) Wood pellet manuf plant. 5) Day spa w/new convention cntr.
- 1) No box stores.
- 1) “Green.”
- 1) Small, locally owned, no franchise
- 1) All-in-one shopping (Target, Fred Meyer). 2) More diversity in restaurant choices.
- 1) A good ice cream shop. 2) Family restaurant. 3) Lumber. 4) Clothing.
- 1) Retail stores.
- 1) Restaurants.
- 1) Industry. 2) Quality restaurants. 3) Clothing. 4) We need a mall! 5) Housewares.
- 1) Men’s clothing. 2) JC Penney. 3) No more Oriental or Mexican restaurants.

- 1) Fitness center – 24 hr, most of businesses shut down after 6pm. 2) Apparel store like Fred Meyer. 3) More dry cleaners/laundry that want to extend hrs. 4) McMenamans. 5) Baja Fresh or Qdoba.
- 1) Tourist – restaurants/bars
- 1) Yard maintenance services. 2) Retail.
- 1) Health food store. 2) Some type of store to replace Goodwill (all-around 2nd hand, not just clothes). I am very sad about Goodwill leaving our community. I buy used books & toys for my grandkids that are affordable & clothing & household items. I'm hoping something else will fill the void.
- 1) Movie rental. 2) Antiques. 3) Landscaping. 4) Food/eatery. SMALL coffee houses/drive-thrus. NO corps.
- 1) Women's clothing store. 2) Shoe store.
- 1) Manufacturer. 2) Retail.
- 1) Small retail stores. 2) Restaurants.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Clothing stores. 3) Department store. 4) Gourmet foods (Trader Joe's).
- 1) Tourism-related (hotels, etc.) 2) Specialty shops. 3) Art studios, kilns, glasswork. 4) Computer-related industries. 5) Healthcare.
- 1) Retail. 2) Medical.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Family business.
- 1) Large restaurant. 2) Children's activities
- 1) Retail. 2) Food/restaurants.
- 1) Food processing. 2) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Medical. 2) Educational. 3) Light mfg.
- 1) Non-profits (i.e. OCPP). 2) Locally-owned shops. 3) Small, independently owned businesses.
- 1) Anything that keeps it "small town"
- 1) Retail shops. 2) Affordable medical. 3) Large chain, Bi-mart, etc.
- 1) Natural foods/organic food store. 2) Arts/crafts store with lots of variety. 3) Variety store similar to Fred Meyer. 4) A McMenamans. 5) Healthy, high value restaurants.
- 1) Services. 2) Light industrial.
- 1) JC Penney. 2) Clothing, shoes.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Retail. 2) Food. 3) Office/commercial.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Affordable clothing. 2) Service stations.
- 1) Niche retail.
- 1) Better restaurants (more diverse)
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Specialty shops.
- 1) Small, locally owned retail. 2) Avoidance of national chain stores. 3) Avoidance of fast food outlets.
- 1) Service. 2) Entertainment. 3) Retail. 4) Gallery, books.
- 1) Artisan. 2) Crafts. 3) Food.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Retail. 3) Healthcare services.
- 1) Clothing shops. 2) Like Walmart stores. 3) Dry goods. 4) Hardware. 5) Pet, animal supplies other than Wilco.
- 1) Antique shops. 2) Family-type restaurant. 3) Specialized hobby stores. 4) Coffee shops.
- 1) Deli. 2) Kitchen store. 3) Clothing. 4) Art supplies.

- 1) Environmental. 2) Electronics. 3) Variety of retail to attract tourists. 4) Businesses to serve the town.
- 1) Environmental. 2) Recreational. 3) Tourism. 4) Entertainment.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Manufacturing (for laborers). 3) Food processing.
- 1) Grocery. 2) Medical, dental, vision.
- 1) I like what we have.
- 1) Farming only.
- 1) More diverse retail.
- 1) Target type store. 2) Bakery/bagel shop. 3) Restaurants. 4) Fast food. 5) Video.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) A quality motel. 3) Antique shops.
- 1) Walmart. 2) Bi-Mart. 3) JC Penney.
- 1) Bank of America. 2) Retail clothing store (small business). 3) Fun center for kids.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Tourism. 3) Bicycle tourism.
- 1) Clothing stores. 2) Coffee shops. 3) Delis. 4) Specialty. 5) Antique.
- 1) Montgomery Ward. 2) Sears Roebuck. 3) JC Penney.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants/coffee house. 2) Art galleries. 3) Manufacturing. 4) Financial institutions. 5) Medical.
- 1) Medical. 2) Restaurants. 3) Grocers. 4) Hardware. 5) Farm supply.
- 1) Retail (department store, outdoor store, etc.). 2) Reasonably priced hotels. 3) Travel agency. 4) Planned Parenthood.
- 1) Those that would attract visitors.
- 1) Big restaurant chains. 2) More gas stations. 3) Automotive dealership.
- 1) Grocery. 2) Restaurant. 3) Recreation (e.g., bowling). 4) Yard & home maintenance. 5) Health/medical/pharmacy.
- 1) Department store.
- 1) Clothing – affordable. 2) Music. 3) Arcade – fun center. 4) Organic food health store. 5) Sporting goods – or Bi-Mart.
- 1) Clothing store. 2) Variety store.
- 1) Retail.
- 1) Clothing/shoe store. 2) Furniture. 3) Sporting goods. 4) Delis. 5) Health food store.
- 1) Would like to see business park on Hobart grow.
- 1) Discount clothing store. 2) discount shoe store. 3) Discount food store.
- 1) Service – health care, auto. 2) Lt. mfg. – specialty electronics, wood products. 3) Ag related – plants & flower mail order
- 1) Retail services. 2) Manufacturing. 3) Restaurants (excluding coffee shops). 4) Trades – commercial.
- 1) Groceries. 2) Gas. 3) Pharmacy. 4) Mechanic. 5) Variety store.
- 1) Small business. 2) Quaint business. 3) No Walmart.
- 1) Specialty retail. 2) Hospitality. 3) Destination activities. 4) Light industry & technological. 5) Spa & wellness center.
- 1) Retail sales. 2) Food services. 3) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Clothing stores. 2) Building materials.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Recreation (bowling, mini-golf). 3) Antique shops. 4) Clothing (so one does not have to travel to Salem!).
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Service related. 3) Tourist.
- 1) Bi-Mart (no Walmart). 2) Electronics, hi tech
- 1) Medical. 2) Clothing store. 3) Hardware.
- 1) Promote physical fitness for youth. 2) Good dining.

- 1) In-home. 2) Recreational. 3) Service oriented. 4) Vacation visitors (tourism).
- 1) Clothing store. 2) Professional schools. 3) Learning centers – youth & adults. 4) Housing.
- 1) Burger King! 2) Bi-Mart. 3) Office supply.
- 1) Clothing stores. 2) 5 & dime.
- 1) Bookstores. 2) Restaurants. 3) Doctors. 4) Retail. 5) Furniture.
- 1) Affordable clothing store. 2) Affordable shoe store. 3) Office supply. 4) Art supply. 5) Craft stores.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Services for community.
- 1) Restaurant. 2) Hotel. 3) Car/truck dealership.
- 1) Agri-business. 2) Communications. 3) High tech. 4) What about a small call center?
- 1) Art. 2) Agriculture. 3) B&B/motel/hotel. 4) Restaurants.
- 1) Restaurant. 2) Specialty stores.
- 1) Small shops – boutiques. 2) Fine dining establishment. 3) Specialty shops.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Tech businesses. 3) Restaurants. 4) Shops.
- 1) Higher education learning center (pass through Chemeketa). 2) Restaurants. 3) Clothing store.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Entertainment.
- 1) Family clothing, shoes. 2) Second-hand since we are losing Goodwill. 3) Gymnastics center. 4) Pediatric clinic.
- 1) I'm 45 now. I think it's time for the community to start looking at Eugene Field as a retirement center and community center.
- 1) Specialty retail.
- 1) Farming. 2) Selling farm equipment.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Restaurants. 3) Golf course. 4) Farm stores. 5) Outdoor/recreational stores.
- 1) Department. 2) Variety (5 & dime). 3) Electronic. 4) Building supply.
- 1) Bike shops. 2) Family restaurants. 3) Landscaping supply. 4) Hardware store. 5) Fast food.
- 1) Recreational. 2) Shops/antiques. 3) Restaurants. 4) Coffee bistros. 5) Pubs.
- 1) Health services. 2) Home improvement – no Home Depot or Lowes. 3) Mid-level restaurants. 4) Clothes store. 5) Bi-Mart.
- 1) Light industry.
- 1) Quality furniture store. 2) Quality quilt and fabric store. 3) Garden shop or nursery.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Banks. 3) Grocery stores.
- 1) Local retail.
- 1) Arts & crafts. 2) Child centered.
- 1) We need a clothing & shoe store. 2) We need a co-op or health food store.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Specialty stores or boutiques – NOT antiques
- 1) Tourist related – shops & restaurant. 2) Support services for community. 3) Adult foster care homes – well integrated. 4) Construction & home maintenance.
- 1) Current businesses are fine.
- 1) Light manufacturing
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Retail (not “big box”). 3) Tourist oriented.
- 1) Good restaurants. 2) Good lodging. 3) High-end bar. 4) High-end clothing store. 5) McMenamins.
- 1) Antiques. 2) Art centers and galleries. 3) Service-based business. 4) Pet store. 5) Craft store.
- 1) WalMart. 2) Hardware. 3) Clothing.

- 1) Fred Meyer. 2) Trader Joe's. 3) Target. 4) TJ Maxx. 5) Michael's or Craft Warehouse.
- 1) Ag business. 2) Restaurants.
- 1) What do people travel to Salem for? Can we attract those businesses to Silverton?
- 1) Mom & pop stores. 2) Family restaurants.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Bookstores (novelties). 3) Entertainment. 4) Shopping.
- 1) Retail. 2) Light manufacturing. 3) Recreational.
- 1) Clean. 2) Quiet. 3) Dignified. 4) Good quality.
- 1) Lumber yard. 2) Sporting goods store. 3) Natural food market. 4) Toy store.
- 1) Retail. 2) Business that helps Silverton people stay in Silverton to shop.
- 1) One-stop shop (Dollar Tree/Bi-Mart, etc.).
- 1) Small retail. 2) Businesses that provide services. 3) Light manufacturing. 4) Arts/antiques type. 5) Restaurants.
- 1) McMenamens Restaurant & Hotel (w/all of our historical buildings). 2) Alternative bookstores besides library. 3) Less antique shops & real estate businesses. 4) Some sort of WalMart or Foods for Less. 5) Extra businesses targeting youth – a skate park, indoor hangout to give the town youth more extra curricular activities
- 1) Small shops downtown – clothing, etc. 2) Restaurants. 3) Bookstores. 4) Medical services. 5) Small open markets for fruits, etc.
- 1) Antique. 2) Restaurants. 3) Motels.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Clothing retail – national chain. 3) Hardware. 4) Entertainment.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Service. 3) Education. 4) Entertainment.
- 1) Cheaper food store.
- 1) Light mfg in outlying areas of county.
- 1) Gift shops. 2) Motels. 3) Affordable clothing.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Industrial. 3) Service. 4) Commercial.
- 1) Retail, i.e. Target, Fred Meyer, Bi-Mart. 2) Hardware store like Lowes or Home Depot.
- 1) Retail. 2) Restaurants. 3) Health care.
- 1) Goodwill/thrift store. 2) Glass blowing.
- 1) Grocery. 2) Banks. 3) Restaurants.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Gas stations. 3) Discount department stores. 4) Name brand stores. 5) More choice food markets.
- 1) Family dining – middle tier, not high end. 2) Community recreation. 3) Office/art supply.
- 1) Clothing stores. 2) Dept stores, JC Penney/Sears.
- 1) Affordable clothing – need! 2) Existing grocery. 3) Antique, boutiques existing. 4) Improved hardware store – like Freddie's.
- 1) Restaurants.
- 1) Retail. 2) Lt. industrial.
- 1) Retail. 2) Restaurants.
- 1) Businesses that promote a healthy lifestyle – like Curves
- 1) Antiques. 2) Restaurants. 3) Quilting store.
- 1) Small retail.
- 1) Silverton should become a “destination” shopping/recreational place. 2) “Small town” historic mall?
- 1) Bookstores. 2) Ethnic foods. 3) Pet accessories. 4) Furniture. 5) Art gallery/store.

- 1) Restaurants.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Small locally owned. 3) NO big box, less chain stores.
- 1) High tech.
- 1) Agriculture. 2) Tourism.
- 1) Fast food. 2) Restaurants.
- 1) Home improvement material store.
- People need to shop close to home as fuel increases. 1) Clothing for entire family. 2) Food – Winco or WalMart. 3) Store for do-it-yourself – Lowe’s, Home Depot. 4) Baker outlet. 5) No more gift shops or antiques.
- 1) Environmental friendly business.
- 1) Encourage the ones we presently have & the reconstruction of old buildings downtown.
- 1) Restaurants.
- 1) Mid-priced women’s clothing. 2) Shoe store. 3) Small craft store (like Michael’s). 4) Late night taxi service.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Retail. 3) Grocery. 4) Activities (dance, martial arts, gymnastics, etc.). 5) Hair, new shops.
- 1) 0-150 employees, small to medium. 2) Light manufacturing. 3) Manufacturing. 4) No more service & realty, we have enough.
- 1) Any business is appropriate for Silverton.
- 1) Small business (less than 20 employees). 2) Light manufacturing. 3) Ecology conscious. 4) Fill the Silverton Industrial Park.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Hotels. 3) Information technology.
- 1) Clothing. 2) Hallmark.
- 1) Train stn + passage to Salem, Stayton, Woodburn, budget stores. 2) Arts school or music school or community college in elementary bldg downtown. 3) Financial or business HQs. 4) More tourism related – hotel. 5) Convention center-related to Gardens. Skating rink – ice or cement. Solar panel industry.
- 1) Hospitality (more motels!). 2) Manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Family entertainment. 3) Miniature golf.
- 1) Clothing & shoes. 2) Office supplies & books. 3) Businesses like Portrait Express.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Clothing (basic). 2) Restaurant – current growth is excellent. 3) Sporting goods. 4) Entertainment
- 1) Small to mid-size employing 8-35 people. 2) Retail. 3) Professional. 4) Light industrial.
- 1) Family restaurants. 2) Variety store (like Shopko or Target).
- 1) Businesses that serve our existing community. 2) Retail. 3) Small boutique businesses.
- 1) Retail – clothing. 2) Independent rather than franchise.
- 1) Art supply & crafts. 2) Electronics & music! 3) Clothing – not used. 4) Sporting goods/fitness. 5) Furniture & cultural goods.
- I like what we already have, but we are missing some others. 1) Small mom & pop shops. 2) Discount stores.
- 1) Grocery on the small scale (co-op). 2) A few restaurants. 3) Medical facil. for elderly/children.
- 1) High end retail/fine dining. 2) Medi-spa. 3) Resorts.
- 1) Family restaurant.
- 1) Antiques. 2) Restaurants. 3) Community program.

- 1) Home/garden. 2) Personal care. 3) Retirement facilities. 4) Discount grocery/affordable.
- 1) Bi-Mart.
- 1) Art. 2) Restaurants. 3) Bakeries. 4) Custom craft manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Hardware. 3) Lumber.
- 1) Manufacturing. 2) Gift shop with new things. 3) Lingerie shop (tasteful).
- 1) New restaurants (not chain restaurants). 2) More downtown gift shops (antique stores. 3) Family focused businesses (family activities).
- 1) Small family craft business. 2) Bookstore. 3) Small quality restaurants. 4) Professional services.
- 1) Art & craft. 2) Specialty. 3) Manufacturing. 4) Industrial.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Retail. 3) Commercial/business/professional.
- 1) Clothing. 2) General store (multi-item such as Target, but not necessarily a "big box" store). 3) Greenhouses/local nursery. 4) Organic foods market (but Roth's does do well but not as many alternative options).
- 1) Art related - studio spaces, gallery, crafts, etc. 2) Retail - clothiers, specialty, i.e. haberdasheries, literary pursuits, home products. 3) Services.
- 1) New clothes store. 2) New shoe store. 3) Appliance. 4) Electronic store. 5) 7-11.
- 1) Clothing stores (affordable). 2) Dining facilities. 3) Business oriented toward seniors & young people. 4) Recreational businesses for young people. 5) Exercise (gyms, spas, etc.).
- 1) Clothing. 2) Shoes.
- 1) Light industry (Note: Blazer Industry had to go to Aumsville because Silverton was not financially friendly). 2) Quality antique furniture stores & antique shops, such as those found in Aurora, Lafayette, and Sisters).
- 1) Family restaurants 0 mid/low price.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Other food related shops - i.e. ice cream shop, etc. 3) Antique shops. 4) Gift shops. 5) Specialty stores.
- 1) Ice cream parlor. 2) Furniture store. 3) Arcade center. 4) Clothing.
- 1) Better restaurants. 2) Maybe a department store. 3) Clothing store.
- 1) Retail, small scale. 2) Professional services - lawyers, accountants, etc. 3) Services.
- 1) Small businesses. 2) Medical serviced are needed (clinics, family medical care).
- 1) The current ones.
- 1) Clothing store.
- 1) Small specialty shops.
- 1) We need manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Clothing stores/adults & children. 3) Bakeries. 4) High quality gift shops.
- 1) Retail in heart of city! 2) Put mortgage/insurance business on edge of center.
- 1) Bi-Mart. 2) Asian market (food). 3) WalMart. 4) Chevron gas station. 5) Winco foods.
- 1) Family entertainment. 2) Dept store/clothing store. 3) Business supply store.
- 1) Electronics manufacturing (Intel, HP, etc.). 2) Regional HQs for companies like Aetna, Verizon, etc. 3) Light industrial. 4) Clothing retail. 5) Electronics retail.
- 1) Lumber yard - Home Depot, Lowe's. 2) Clothing store.
- 1) Small specialty shops that will attract tourists (gift shops, art galleries, boutiques). 2) Small businesses that offer unique products and services that

- would keep \$ here in Silverton instead of it going to Salem. 3) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Small business shops, jewelry. 2) Restaurants. 3) Coffee shops. 4) Bookstores. 5) Crafts.
 - 1) Small service oriented businesses.
 - 1) Services/tourist, good, beverage, etc. 2) Antiques, crafts, gifts. 3) Nursery related. 4) Entertainment. 5) Light manufacturing – away from core.
 - 1) A store where you can buy clothes or shoes or anything. 2) Bi-Mart. 3) Small Kmart.
 - 1) Health food store. 2) Small locally owned businesses.
 - 1) Clothing shops – downtown – shoe store. 2) Restaurants. 3) Video – Blockbuster would be great. 4) Recreation.
 - 1) Light industrial. 2) Light mfg. 3) Commercial/retail.
 - 1) Manufacturing. 2) Processing. 3) Retail
 - 1) Light manufacturing, assembly type jobs
 - 1) Agricultural. 2) Artistic. 3) Food that is not drive-through. 4) Antique. 5) Bed & Breakfast.
 - 1) Apparel – men, women, children.
 - 1) Small, family type stores and restaurants. Keep chains out!!
 - 1) Clothing store. 2) Shoe store. 3) Restaurant. 4) Keep Goodwill.
 - 1) Manufacturing. 2) Retail.
 - 1) Variety store.
 - 1) Grocery. 2) Another internet provider.
 - 1) Thrift shop. 2) Clothing store. 3) Shoe store.
 - 1) Clothing store. 2) Lumber. 3) Shoe store. 4) Variety store.
 - 1) Light manufacturing.
 - 1) Pub
 - 1) WalMart. 2) Bi-Mart. 3) Walgreens. 4) Burger King. 5) Panda Express.
 - 1) Restaurants. 2) Boutiques. 3) Grocery. 4) Retail (clothing).
 - 1) Pediatrician.
 - 1) Retail. 2) Apparel. 3) Dollar Store. 4) Shoe store/repair.
 - 1) Clothing stores. 2) Manufacturing.
 - 1) Clothing. 2) Variety store. 3) WalMart type store. 4) Craft stores. 5) Movie store or bigger theater.
 - 1) Family clothing store (new). 2) Shoe store. 3) Bi-Mart – all purpose store
 - 1) Whole foods or Trader Joe's. 2) Clothing. 3) No more Mexican or Asian restaurants. 4) No chains. 5) No WalMart.
 - 1) Thrift stores. 2) Shoe stores, PayLess Shoes. 3) Roth's Dress for Less, middle of road clothing store. 4) Dollar Store. 5) Skating rink.
 - 1) Bed & Breakfast. 2) Bridal dress shop & wedding planning. 3) Art gallery (i.e., Thomas Kincade). 4) Full service spa & salon. 5) Harley Davidson dealership. 6) Upscale furniture store. 7) Restoration hardware. 8) Limousine service. 9) Bookstore. 10) Relocate meat packing plant & set up urban renewal district over the land to create a factory outlet pedestrian mall
 - 1) Wait and see who wants to locate here!
 - 1) Retail. 2) Restaurants. 3) Hotel.
 - 1) Light industrial. 2) Service business. 3) Recreation.
 - 1) Saw mills. 2) Plywood mills. 3) Paper mills. 4) Heavy industries. 5) Tectronics.
 - 1) Service oriented around home (i.e. upholstery, shoe repair). 2) Trader Joe's. 3) McMenemy's. 4) Bookstore (i.e. Powell's Bookstore. 5) East Indian restaurant. 6) No big box stores! Bi-Mart, WalMart, Target, etc. 7) Golf course.

- 1) Department store. 2) Appliance store. 3) Clothing and shoes.
- 1) Clothing store. 2) Department store.
- 1) Better grocery store. 2) Auto repair shop. 3) Dentist. 4) Doctors,
- 1) Family style restaurants. 2) Ice skating rink, activity for everyone. 3) Department store – Sears, JC Penney, etc.
- 1) Clothing store. 2) Dept. store such as Bi-Mart. 3) Discount store, i.e. \$1 Tree.
- 1) Retail clothing. 2) Motels. 3) Lumber yard. 4) Building supplies. 5) Restaurants.
- 1) Manufacturing. 2) Professional. 3) Health care. 4) Education.
- 1) Clothes store (affordable). 2) Appliance store. 3) Dollar Tree. 4) Big lots.
- 1) Auto dealership. 2) Dry cleaners/Laundromat. 3) Garden center. 4) Pet shop. 5) Auto repair.
- 1) Retail/non-franchise. 2) Entertainment – restaurant/pubs/theater. 3) B&B. 4) Sports shops – art store. 5) Financial – medical.
- 1) Clothing stores (new). 2) A store you can shop all at once. 3) Shoe store. 4) Morel – hotel – reasonable rates. 4) An arcade for youngsters.
- 1) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Clothing and shoe shops.
- 1) Retail clothing. 2) Retail shoes. 3) Information services. 4) Help center services. 5) Education services.
- 1) Light assembly/industrial. 2) Less real estate brokers. 3) Tourism. 4) New clothing – affordable.
- 1) Restaurants – non-chain. 2) Micro-brewery – pub type.
- 1) Fabrication. 2) Restaurants. 3) Clothing. 4) Entertainment.
- 1) Light-med industry. 2) Garden nursery. 3) Specialty shops. 4) Restaurants.
- 1) Gift shops. 2) Cakes/restaurants/coffee shops. 3) Art galleries. 4) Residential apartments above downtown buildings. 5) Other office-related businesses above downtown buildings.
- 1) Manufacturing. 2) High tech. 3) Agriculture. 4) Construction. 5) Education.
- 1) Tourist type business. 2) High tech – software development tech support, etc. 3) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Restaurants/cafes. 2) Preschool – Montessori or non-faith based. 3) Shoe store. 4) Organic, natural food store.
- 1) Fred Meyer – NW owned diverse store. 2) Lumbermans – NW owned diverse store. 3) Burgerville.
- 1) Privately owned tourist shops. 2) NO BIG BOX STORES!!!
- 1) Mom & pop businesses. 2) Artisans. 3) Restaurants (bistro-like original Silver Grille). 4) Healing arts.
- 1) Department store.
- 1) Retail clothing department store. 2) Shoe store. 3) Consignment shop – handmade local items, i.e. jewelry, woodworking. 4) Another hotel – affordable, possibly by Roth’s. 5) Shops that take advantage of the tourist business.
- 1) Local retail (NOT “big box”). 2) Business services (e.g. computer consulting, medical billing). 3) Tourism/hospitality. 4) Healthcare (hospital needs to expand – whether they want to or not!).
- 1) Organic/environmentally friendly. 2) Family owned. 3) Educational. 4) Personal services. 5) Medical treatment.
- 1) Light mfg.
- 1) Hotel/motel. 2) Dining. 3) Clothing/shoes.
- 1) A skating rink for kids & families. 2) Burger King.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Art focused.

- 1) Arts. 2) Boutiques.
- 1) Manufacturing. 2) Agriculture.
- 1) Small owner operated restaurants – not pizza! 2) Bookstore. 3) Computer software. 4) At least one coffee house for youth. 5) Support for the Palace Theater – a small-town landmark!
- 1) Micro-brewery. 2) More variety of restaurants (Mediterranean). 3) Specialty shops. 4) Boutique hotel downtown. 5) Golf course, driving range, batting cages.
- 1) Restaurants (not fast food). 2) Tourist related.
- 1) Those that maintain a “healthy” downtown. 2) Commercial business in downtown. 3) Light industry on “outskirts” of Silverton. 4) Need businesses that provide adequate wages for local residents.
- 1) Just moved here – not sure yet. 2) Winco.
- 1) Lite industry. 2) More retail businesses. 3) Independent (non-franchise) businesses.
- 1) More quality restaurants.
- 1) Not industrial types.
- 1) Small individually owned service businesses. 2) Boutique retail shops. 3) Restaurants.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Services & cleaners, cobbler. 3) Educational – tutoring.
- 1) Teen entertainment. 2) Service based business. 3) Product manufacturing. 4) Warehouse distribution. 5) Ethnic grocery – Hispanic, etc.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Medical – help increase hospital land/parking. 3) Preschools.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Service business. 3) Restaurants. 4) Art galleries. 5) education
- 1) Retail. 2) Service. 3) Light industry. 4) Education. 5) Environmentally progressive.
- 1) Better quality food business. 2) Something for kids to do – geared towards youth. 3) Community activities. 4) More shopping choices.
- 1) Lumber mill. 2) Fast food restaurants. 3) Small markets. 4) Theatre. 5) Flea market.
- 1) Local. 2) Family owned. 3) Small.
- 1) Mini golf with 3 or 4 levels. 2) Park-like rides. 3) Golden Gloves boxing/wrestling.
- 1) Retail. 2) Warehouse – distribution ctr.
- 1) Light industrial. 2) Software development. 3) Health care. 4) Tourism.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Grocery stores. 3) Clothing stores. 4) Hardware stores. 5) Sports store.
- 1) Lumber yard. 2) Hardware store. 3) Adult clothing store.
- 1) Restaurant. 2) Shoe repair. 3) Western apparel.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Hardware – lumber. 3) Drug stores. 4) Grocery. 5) NO PAYDAY LOANS.
- 1) More restaurants. 2) Shopping – not antique shops. 3) Better movie theater.
- 1) Eco friendly/green development building supplies. 2) Athletic facilities focused on youth. 3) High tech industries. 4) tourism oriented businesses (tours around town, restaurants).
- 1) Arts & crafts. 2) Hobby. 3) Nursery. 4) Performing arts. 5) Home based.
- 1) Department stores. 2) Fast foods. 3) Car washes. 4) Mall.
- 1) Holiday shop selling things for different holidays. 2) Catalog site for different stores like 4CP. 3) Local Verizon store. 4) A gym for little kids to learn acrobatics (Boys & Girls Club). 5) Indoor playground/pizza for children

- 1) Restaurants (fast food). 2) Big box stores – outskirts of town. 3) Small businesses, e.g. sporting goods & kids’ stores. 4) Coffee shops & bakeries. 5) Warehousing facilities.
- 1) Resale shops. 2) Grocery stores. 3) Natural marketplace. 4) Wholesale.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Clothing (would be nice to have!). 3) Grocery – Safeway & Roth’s do good job. 4) Rite Aid, excellent. 5) Wilco.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Arts. 3) Garden business/nurseries, etc. 4) Recreation oriented businesses.
- 1) Bookstore – and we just got a great one! 2) Goodwill – keep it here. 3) Clean industry – don’t know what is left that hasn’t been “outsourced.” 4) Clothing store like Old Navy. 5) Craft store.
- 1) Non-smoking pub/brewery w/live music. 2) Toy store. 3) Food co-op/permanent farmers market/specialty food store. 4) Ethnic/unique restaurants (Indian).
- 1) Value Village. 2) Factory 2 you, medium-low clothing.
- 1) A shoe shop (I go into Salem to buy shoes!).
- 1) Medical, dental, vision. 2) Retail: grocery, drug, home improvement, garden, clothes, gas. Etc/ 3) Restaurants. 4) Banks & real estate. 5) Services: food, home repair, painting, etc.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Clothing stores. 3) gift shops. 4) Antiques. 5) Drug stores.
- 1) Restaurant/food. 2) Clothing. 3) Grocery. 4) Outdoor/sporting goods. 5) Music/books.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Coffee shops. 3) Gift shops. 4) Hotel/B&B. 5) Grocery stores.
- 1) Machining. 2) Heavy to light manufacturing.
- 1) Like Bi-Mart. 2) Clothing. 3) Shoes. 4) Dollar Store.
- 1) Strong medical community and hospital.
- 1) Clothing stores. 2) Burger King. 3) Walgreens. 4) Bi-Mart.
- 1) Large retail. 2) Services.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Small business.
- 1) Large department store. 2) Thrift store (since Goodwill is closing). 3) Discount grocery store. 4) Ophthalmologist. 5) Electronics store (large).
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Coffee cafes. 3) Gift shops. 4) Hotels/B&B. 5) Grocery stores.
- 1) Clothing store for all ages. 2) Shoe store like Payless. 3) Walgreens or Bi-Mart.
- 1) Service. 2) Retail.
- 1) Clothing.
- 1) Clothing. 2) Arts & crafts. 3) Café.
- 1) A clothing store (affordable!). 2) A shoe store (affordable!). 3) An office supply store. 4) There are too many sick mall & junk stores!!!
- 1) Light industrial – clean. 2) Artistic. 3) Service.
- 1) Card/game store. 2) Payless shoe store.
- 1) Unique retail shops. 2) Art & antique dealers. 3) Restaurants. 4) Medical (professional). 5) Other local “services” – insurance, banking.
- 1) Destination attractions.
- 1) Continue arts and traveler’s needs type (as it is established as a vacation/antique, etc. place). 2) Continue crafts. 3) Build a youth center. 4) Bus service to center of town from all areas. 5) Anything for dogs & cats & little people.
- 1) Thrift store/Value Village. 2) Dollar Store.
- 1) Chemeketa CC branch/classes. 2) Health spa center. 3) Office computers.
- 1) Motel. 2) Recreation for youth.
- 1) Winco, WalMart, Bi-Mart, Kmart, Shopko → “Mart” we need a “mart”.

- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Catalog sales operations & warehouses. 3) Food industry distribution.
- 1) Non-chain restaurants. 2) Shoe repair.
- 1) Visitor accommodations (hotels & motels). 2) Visitor meal service (restaurants & fast meal svc.). 3) Retail shops for basic needs (clothing, shoes, etc.). 4) Parts assembly & distribution. 5) Recreational facilities.
- 1) Antique shops. 2) Gift shops. 3) "Made in Silverton" shop.
- 1) Lumber yard/building materials. 2) Fish restaurant. 3) Antique stores. 4) Bookstore. 5) Health spa.
- 1) Non-corporate - locally owned. 2) Food options.
- 1) Small business.
- 1) Light manufacturing w/living wage (should be an ordinance). 2) Home/cottage industry/businesses.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Retail - Bi-Mart type.
- 1) Clothing/shoes/etc. 2) Antiques.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Food service. 3) Retail. 4) Agriculture.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Light industrial. 3) Retail.
- 1) A place to buy clothes - socks, shoes
- 1) Manufacturing.
- 1) Good restaurants. 2) Scrapbook store.
- 1) Small business - retail or professional services.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Grocery store.
- 1) Family rest. 2) Clothing store.
- 1) Many would do well. The merchants just need to accommodate how many residents work outside of town. Why can't businesses be open in the evening - eve 7-8pm. Could open later.
- 1) Would like to see a Trader Joe's. 2) Health related like Silverton Hospital. 3) Specialty/gift stores are nice. 4) Necessary businesses like grocers - Roth's, Safeway, Ace Hardware, etc.
- 1) Gift shops. 2) Art galleries. 3) Restaurants. 4) Specialty shops (quilts, hobbies, etc.). 5) Bookstores.
- 1) Financial. 2) Computer software. 3) Specialty retail. 4) Start-ups.
- 1) Affordable clothing store. 2) Shoe store. 3) Family amusement center. 4) Dollar Store. 5) Immediate care facility, not live-threatening, more accessible to community.
- 1) Dollar Tree. 2) Claire's. 3) Grocery outlet. 4) Ross Dress for Less. 5) Goodwill.
- 1) Penney's, etc - Freddy? 2) Lumber yard. 3) Clothing.
- 1) Boutiques. 2) Nice restaurants - not fast food. 3) Recreational stores - smaller owned. 4) Stores that are open on Sun & Mon and some later hours.
- 1) Small business. 2) Retail. 3) Medical/health. 4) Services. 5) "Clean" industry.
- 1) Small shops. 2) Light manufacturing. 3) NOT heavy industry.
- 1) Manufacturing/fabrication. 2) Industrial. 3) Commercial.
- 1) Mom & pop services, i.e. cleaning, trade services, current coffee shops as opposed to Starbucks! 2) A clean mini-market - Oak St Market & Quick Stop is not a good place. 3) Teen center offering games, music, internet access. 4) Specialty shops.
- 1) Value added niche food processing. 2) Bi-Mart. 3) Flex space for startups. 4) Light manufacturing.
- 1) Environmentally friendly.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Light manufacturing. 3) Service industries.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Environmentally clean businesses.

- 1) Light industrial. 2) Lumber yard again if possible. 3) Would love to see Silverton become a destination-type resort, supporting more hotels & variety of restaurants – simply continue pursuing current direction w/further encouragement and growth.
- 1) Small retail. 2) Moderate box – i.e. Bi-Mart. 3) Light industry – manufacturing. 4) Entertainment.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Brew pub. 3) Wine studio. 4) No big box stores or taverns.
- 1) Light mfg. 2) Tech related. 3) Rec tourism (need more recreation development 1^{st!}).
- 1) Health food/organic grocery store. 2) Clothing store. 3) Bookstore – high quality w/selection. 4) Ice cream store. 5) Bicycle repair shop.
- 1) Computer software design. 2) Consulting.
- 1) Community center art classes. 2) Fly fishing store. 3) Carls Jr. 4) Burger King. 5) Jazzy club.
- 1) Home improvement. 2) Restaurants – both sit-down and fast food.
- 1) Small manufacturing – non-polluting. 2) Music. 3) Clothing/shoes.
- 1) Hardware, lumber. 2) Restaurants, the more variety the better. 3) Clothing for men & women & children. 4) Services, doctors, attorneys, accountants, etc. 5) Light industrial that creates jobs – greater #s
- 1) High tech. 2) Light mfg (non-polluting). 3) Recreation & tourism.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Coffee shops. 3) Art shops. 4) Grocery store.
- 1) Tech. 2) Agriculture or associated. 3) Tourist.
- 1) Restaurants – not chain. 2) Retail – antique & specialty stores.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) More rentals. 3) Entertainment.
- 1) Grocery stores. 2) Service stations. 3) Clothing (Salem’s probably too close, tho). 4) We think Silverton has all types of stores a small town (near a large town) needs.
- 1) Small retail. 2) Service.
- 1) Alternative healthcare. 2) Grocery. 3) Hardware. 4) Restaurants/bars. 5) Real estate.
- 1) Small, independent retail.
- 1) Family entertainment.
- 1) Independent retail. 2) Light industry. 3) Recreation.
- 1) Studios (arts, w/memberships). 2) Retail lumber. 3) Fred Meyer (NO WALMART!). 4) People’s co-op. 5) Independent radio station.
- 1) Retail, upscale. 2) Restaurants. 3) Theaters.
- 1) Could use clothing/apparel/shoe store for men.
- 1) Companies with local ties to Silverton. 2) Companies not currently represented (i.e. new types of businesses). 3) Small businesses only – no major chains (no Target/WalMart, etc).
- 1) Grocery store. 2) Gas station. 3) Restaurants. 4) Gifty type stores.
- 1) Small retail.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Service. 3) Technology based.
- 1) We have enough.
- 1) Sports. 2) Thrift shops. 3) Entertainment.
- 1) Gift stores. 2) Food. 3) Restaurants.
- 1) Clothing. 2) Light industry.
- 1) Small, locally owned, downtown
- 1) Retailers. 2) Manufacturers.
- 1) After-school daycare. 2) Low income housing construction. 3) Low income senior housing construction. 4) Night school college classes.

- 1) Retail clothing. 2) Department store.
- 1) Sales.
- 1) Boutiques. 2) Café/Restaurant. 3) Whole foods store.
- 1) Building supply. 2) WalMart. 3) Clothing store. 4) Farming store. 5) Burger King.
- 1) Art – education/retail. 2) Small, local people.
- 1) Good restaurants. 2) In-N-Out Burgers. 3) Quality clothing store.
- 1) WalMart. 2) Target. 3) Chuck E Cheese or children’s place. 4) Dollar Tree. 5) Game stop.
- 1) Retail. 2) Light manufacturing
- 1) A shoe store like “The Shoe Tree.” 2) Ice skating rink.
- 1) The kind that are here now. 2) NO big box chains.
- 1) Nursery/agricultural. 2) Human services. 3) Brewery. 4) Technology.
- 1) Restaurants/lounge. 2) Grocery stores. 3) Home improvement stores. 4) Variety stores.
- 1) Light industry. 2) Technical.
- 1) Recreational. 2) Ecotourism. 3) More service orientated.
- 1) Retail. 2) Art studios & galleries. 3) Light manufacturing. 4) Service industries. 5) Light industrial – still is room in our industrial park
- 1) clothing. 2) Shoe. 3) Dry goods (sheets/towels, etc.).
- 1) We need an “All Night Diner”. 2) We need a Walgreens Drug Store. 3) We need a sporting goods store.
- 1) Alternative power/clean energy. 2) Garden/nursery. 3) Unique retail – local products not made in China. 4) Recycling. 5) Sustainable, non-polluting recreation.
- 1) Brewery. 2) Restaurant (good quality). 3) Small family owned.
- 1) Antique stores. 2) Gift shops. 3) General merchandise.
- 1) Grocery. 2) Clothing. 3) Hardware. 4) Auto maintenance. 5) Medical.
- 1) Paper card store. 2) Shoe store. 3) Dollar Store.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Art/craft type businesses. 3) Bicycle shop. 4) Candle/aroma therapy shop. 5) Senior center store.
- 1) Manufacturing. 2) Chain restaurant.
- 1) Antique. 2) Quilt store. 3) Restaurant. 4) DOG KENNEL.
- 1) Light manufacturing. 2) Specialty, niche commercial.
- 1) Tourism. 2) Restaurants/diversity. 3) Computer training. 4) Athletics club. 5) Shuttle service.
- 1) Light manufacturing – food processors. 2) Galleries. 3) Specialty shops.
- 1) Tourist/restaurant. 2) Light industry. 3) Computer/document or professional services. 4) Food processing. 5) Agriculture.
- 1) Medical. 2) Clothing. 3) Restaurant. 4) Appliance repair. 5) Handyman.
- 1) Dine-in pizza place.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Coffee shops. 3) Antique shops. 4) Bars.
- 1) The company should be green, not use much water, and easy on our street system
- 1) Health. 2) Leisure. 3) Quality of life. 4) Foods. 5) Collectibles/arts.
- 1) Food co-op. 2) Natural food store. 3) Music store. 4) Green business (manufacturing?). 5) Sculpture studio/school, bronze casting.
- 1) Service industry – banks, ins., etc. – necessary. 2) Entertainment – tourism, dining, recreation. 3) Farm related.
- 1) Green & environmentally aware. 2) Art & culture oriented. 3) Attract tourists.
- 1) Penney’s.

- 1) Food/bakeries/restaurants. 2) Dry cleaning/Laundromat. 3) Theater. 4) Small shops/small retail. 5) Small service shops.
- 1) Local ownership.
- 1) Arts. 2) Tourism. 3) Education. 4) Mail order. 5) Medical research/support.
- 1) Specialty retail – galleries, small shops, etc. 2) Food/entertainment. 3) Visitor services. 4) Basic retail – hardware, drug & grocery stores, etc.
- 1) Arts oriented. 2) Garden oriented. 3) Light manufacturing. 4) Web based businesses.
- 1) Clothing store
- 1) Tourist-focused shops (antiques, crafts).
- 1) Any community oriented.
- 1) Clothing boutique. 2) Dollar Store.
- 1) Service. 2) Restaurant/lodging. 3) Well thought-out retail.
- 1) Variety store. 2) Clothing store (mid range \$).
- 1) Retail stores. 2) Health care providers.
- 1) No more real estate offices, restaurants.
- 1) Roth's IGA. 2) School pharmacy/Ace. 3) Farmers market. 4) O'Brians. 5) Florist shops.
- 1) Shoe store. 2) Underwear store.
- 1) Small retail stores. 2) Family dining. 3) Family entertainment.
- 1) Grocery. 2) Retail. 3) Real estate. 4) Restaurants. 5) Repair.
- 1) Food. 2) Retail. 3) Antique.
- 1) Dollar Store. 2) Clothing store.
- 1) Restaurant.
- 1) Small independent businesses. 2) Services such as plumbing. 3) Small independent retail businesses.
- 1) Agriculture. 2) Transportation – trucking/rail. 3) Lite manufacturing. 4) Retail. 5) Tourists.
- 1) Family restaurants – sit-down type. 2) Coffee shops locally owned. 3) Drug stores. 4) Grocery stores. 5) Dress shop.
- 1) White collar centers. 2) Food related. 3) Research center (medical, scientific, etc).
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Galleries. 3) Antiques/collectibles. 4) Motels.
- 1) Clothing store & dry goods.
- 1) Retail – small. 2) Small woodworking, etc. 3) Tourist. 4) Micro-brewery. 5) Outdoor recreation based.
- 1) Video stores. 2) Health food stores. 3) Employment center. 4) DMV. 5) Food stamp office.
- 1) Used goods – Goodwill store replacement. 2) Clothing. 3) Shoes.
- 1) Thrift store! 2) Discount store! 3) Shoe store! 4) Clothing store! 5) Dollar Store!
- 1) Boutique. 2) Art. 3) Specialty clothing, etc.
- 1) Light mfg.
- 1) Restaurants. 2) Book store/library. 3) Banks. 4) Grocery stores. 5) Fitness center.

Q11. Should Silverton consider expanding its urban growth boundary to provide additional sites for commercial development? (It depends, explain)

- Yes, if it could be done responsibly
- If commercial development means more homes → NO; if business → YES
- Absolutely not – refer to prior comprehensive plan

- If there is a commercial dev. that requires it.
- Eventually
- No need for more commercial areas
- Why have an urban boundary if we're going to expand it?
- Not familiar where boundary lays
- Is the available land all gone?
- On a case-by-case basis
- City needs to do a better job (quality) of controlling current urban growth boundary
- Is there a need? (3)
- As the need for the benefit of the community arises
- Should be looked at on a cost/benefit to city for each individual plan
- Depends on benefits to community (2)
- What kind of commercial development and impact on area (2)
- On the type of business
- Type of development - food processing OK
- On the type of commercial development
- On area of expansion & type of business
- It depends on the type of commerce
- Type of business
- No box stores or strip malls (2)
- Not Walmart/quality and selection. We need to develop more community village centers that people can walk to easily. Look at Britain, same size as Oregon but 10X the population. Still park-like in many areas.
- On the business - the first Blockbuster, Fred Meyer, or Walmart will close mom & pop stores
- No WalMart!!!!
- Please - no WalMart, Lowe's or Home Depot
- On type of commercial development - not a shopping center or "big box"
- No big box stores or large chains
- On the stores you could attract
- On what you want to come in
- Not for retail - industrial only
- Commercial only
- Need a local landing airstrip
- To allow a "Mart"; will reduce travel to Salem/Woodburn, etc.
- What commercial development - not airports or porta-potty businesses
- On what's deemed "commercial" - should be green
- Clean commercial activities that are aesthetically pleasing/quality
- Would like to see more "green" growth in both residential & manufacturing
- Eco friendly, noise level, municipal services in place
- "Clean" work places - our hills will trap a lot of smoke
- If it was clean targeted commercial development maybe
- What kind & do they really employ lots & will this be green
- Infilling should first be ruled out. The type of development should be considered no development in wetlands, mature woods, or riparian zones.
- After infill only and reasonably full leasing of available space
- Yes, after the lots in town are filled first
- Fill up what we have
- Not until we fill existing
- Work on current space

- After current supply is exhausted downtown?
- On whether existing sites are used or vacated
- When present commercial real estate is occupied
- Are there areas not fully developed or awaiting redevelopment?
- On how much is available now that is unused
- Too many empty store fronts
- Must be worth the loss of land
- Only if it doesn't tax farmland (2)
- I would not be for forcing farmers to give up their land.
- If it is barren land, not farms. Reuse of land is best.
- Prime farmland should NEVER be sucked up for commercial development or housing complexes
- If it would not impact agriculture
- Silverton is surrounded by farmland
- Only low density in places not suitable for agriculture
- As long as it doesn't infringe on wineries & farmland (existing)
- It depends on where the location would be, not on farmland On how it would impact surrounding agricultural land
- I generally oppose conversion of farmland to residential uses
- Need more info - what kind of development specifically?
- Only in high traffic entry corridors, not in agricultural reserve or residential areas
- Away from residential housing and downtown
- As long as there is no expansion of residential areas
- Where it will happen (4)
- On where & how
- On where it goes and what goes in
- Where the additional sites are located
- On what is not available, enough should be available at proper location
- Depends on if expanding onto private land or gov't land
- Location and amount of growth
- On where and what that looks like
- In what direction of expansion
- Only logical places seem to be along 1st St by Roth's or leaving town toward Salem, which will worsen traffic. Where else is there?
- How would we manage the increased traffic?
- Too much traffic for small town living
- Do not create more traffic problems
- Fix traffic problems first
- Depends on where & traffic impact.
- Whether the developments would bring in sufficient funds to warrant the draw on city services and traffic flow
- Depends on location & citizen input, availability and cost of municipal services, etc.
- Need to grow an infrastructure within existing boundary first. Expanding boundary may result in large "big box" malls.
- Sewer, water, waste disposal capabilities
- If wells dry up, if need city water
- As long as we leave the woodlands alone
- Site specific
- If sustainable business increase demand/commerce

- This is not the market for it now
- The type of commercial jobs
- Depends on the necessity of the particular business
- On the “kind” of development – want to preserve the charm of Silverton
- If the particular proposed commercial development is one that is a high priority business for our community
- On how many people it will bring
- On how it is handled
- City should develop an architectural theme & conform to that theme. Require high standards for all the new development.
- I don’t know, expansion has to pay its way
- Limited
- It seems more houses than commercial devel. have gone up – it should be more balanced
- How much excavation is needed! I hated to see most of the wooded area removed on Ike Mooney for the sake of wildlife.
- Only if necessary to accommodate appropriate commercial development to maintain quality of life in Silverton
- Isolated suburban neighborhood with no park or corner café, mom & pop store site without a sense of connection or distraction will keep people in their cars and become unhealthy
- If it enhances our small-town feel
- The industrial park is a nice way to deal with the industrials
- Keep downtown as a fun, pedestrian oriented destination but non-ped commercial businesses on outskirts
- Certain businesses & educational buildings
- On what it does to my taxes

Q12. Should Silverton consider expanding its urban growth boundary to provide additional sites for commercial development? (It depends, explain)

- We don’t want growth.
- Absolutely not – refer to prior comprehensive plan
- Not needed!
- Is it a done deal or mere speculation?
- Why have an urban boundary if we’re going to expand it?
- As the need for the benefit of the community arises. I don’t believe boundaries are to be stagnant, but to grow slowly with a plan for the future.
- Not familiar with where boundary lays
- We have a largely untapped & underused commercial park already
- The one we have is half empty, just out of city maybe
- There appears to be lots of unused space now
- If the industrial park is full
- Make use of existing unused buildings
- If were 90% full – again, green industries
- The industrial park is a nice way to deal with the industrials
- What kind of commercial development and impact (2)
- Only if it doesn’t tax farmland (2)
- Don’t take prime farm land or strip the land and trees to the point where Silverton loses its good land character and charm.

- Prime farmland should NEVER be sucked up for commercial development or housing complexes
- If it would not impact agriculture
- Only low density in places not suitable for agriculture
- Environmental impact, i.e. wetlands, farmlands
- Environmental and social consciousness should be a factor
- Quality & environmental impact, farmland/tree growing land are limited
- On what type of manufacturing – environmental conscious, etc.
- Only environmentally clean development
- Environmentally friendly, neighborhood friendly
- What type of manufacturing – for example, whether it pollutes the environment in ways other than taking up space
- Only if such development is environmentally responsible and sustainable
- Clean industry
- Would like to see more “green” growth in both residential & manufacturing
- Green & a model for other cities
- If they were clean & green, full taxpayers
- Clean, create family living wages
- Good paying family jobs – green, clean business
- Low income or high income jobs?
- Best job/land area ratio
- If it provides jobs that pay enough to live in Silverton
- On the type of business
- On type of manufactured goods, amount of pollution, will bring good stable jobs? Is the land being used for farming?
- Depends on the type of manufacturing (3)
- Type of business
- On what kind of manufacturing development
- On the “kind” of development – want to preserve the charm of Silverton
- Need more info – what kind of development specifically?
- What kind of light mfg?
- On what you want to come in
- Sewer, water, waste disposal capabilities
- Managing traffic
- Do not create more traffic problems
- Too much traffic for small town living
- Fix traffic problems first
- Whether the developments would bring in sufficient funds to warrant the draw on city services and traffic flow
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- Only if there is absolute no harm to the public (air pollution, chemicals, cell towers)
- Depends on benefits to community
- Should be looked at on a cost/benefit to city for each individual plan
- On the business & how it’s run. Would it benefit Silverton or close existing family businesses?
- Where the site will be located (4)
- On where it goes and what goes in
- On where and what that looks like
- Where land would be located
- Location, location, location

- On location & type of business
- Location & amount
- On Broadway or Industrial location specific
- Depends on location & citizen input, availability and cost of municipal services, etc.
- As long as there is no expansion of residential areas
- Each urban area they choose should not be forced on those living in that area
- There is vacant land available for light manufacturing
- On the businesses and how they affect the community and economy
- Upon need (3)
- If the company is a good fit to the community
- How much is available and needed
- If need to be fluid (budget) then begrudgingly, yes
- It depends on the impact on our infrastructure
- Only in high traffic entry corridors, not in agricultural reserve or residential areas
- If the particular proposed commercial development is one that is a high priority business for our community
- City should develop an architectural theme & conform to that theme. Require high standards for all the new development.
- Whatever expansion happens needs to pay its way
- We moved here to get away from Salem's craziness - Silverton is quaint
- Unsure of what light manufacturing development is
- Bring in high end business resorts, tax them
- It seems more houses than commercial devel. Have gone up - it should be more balanced
- Commercial land on the fringe will hurt downtown and encourage sprawl. Expanding to the N or W will be into prime farmland, which is more important
- Maybe split Res/Comm, small business
- It depends how their businesses connect with the community and how dear (in terms of air & noise quality) they are
- If it enhances our small-town feel
- Site specific
- Keep on outskirts
- On how much is available now that is unused
- Once the existing industrial park is full
- Maybe gardens
- If there is a light manufacturing dev. that requires it.
- Amount of existing not enough if we are turning away business due to this boundary!
- Is there a need currently? Is current industrial park full?
- On how it would impact surrounding agricultural land
- On a case-by-case basis
- If it is needed!
- On existing sites being used
- Still with emphasis on "measured" growth
- How soon you want to trash our town
- Certain businesses & educational buildings
- After infill only and reasonably full leasing of available space
- Need a local landing airstrip

- You should not have built all those houses on Hobart, shrinking expansion potential for the industrial park

Q13. The City needs to find additional funding sources to help cover the costs of street maintenance and improvements. (Other, specify)

- Local business tax (2)
- Use current budget (5)
- Use the money they have wisely (3)
- Take it from general fund (2)
- Charge new development (8)
- Developer fees (2)
- Development tax (2)
- System development assessments (2)
- Federal grants (2)
- Fed or state grants (4)
- Parking meters (2)
- Local sales tax (3)
- Sales tax! (2)
- SDCs (4)
- Tourist fees/hotel visitor fees (2)
- Use what you have (2)
- NO MORE TAXES!
- Cigarette or alcohol tax
- Use pass for tax revenue
- Funding from economic development sources?
- Flat tax of net worth
- City sales tax
- No gas tax - people will buy gas out of town
- Higher curb parking fees
- Re-average funding
- Raise tax on dog licenses
- Budget what they have
- Federal grant
- None of the above
- None of the above. Our taxes increased \$200+ this year. You are going to price us out of our homes.
- No taxes
- No new/more taxes
- Make owners pay for sidewalks in front of their homes - and make sidewalks MANDATORY!
- Taxes are too much!!
- RV & boat tax
- What is present funding used for?
- Developers of new subdivisions need to pay
- Pay your own way
- Taxes based on vehicle displacement
- New housing developments
- New development fees
- State fuel tax increase

- Wise use of current taxes
- Bar tax
- Tourism tax on hotels, shops, etc.
- Tax business at higher rate
- Taxes here are too high already
- First would like to know how it is paid for now
- New housing complexes need to be kicking in more to cover road use
- Prioritize present spending, #1 is roads, streets; #2 police & fire
- State legislature
- New developments – they bring all the traffic and sewer problems
- Specialty tax
- Budget money better
- Fundraiser
- System dev charges to new developments
- Use existing funds from SDCs properly
- Follow thru on current responsibilities 1st!
- With so much new development, the developers should pay
- More industrial/commercial use fees
- None of the above. The property taxes in Silverton are high enough already.
Something is very wrong with the amount of money being spent for the schools, especially since the State of Oregon taxes are also very high and are supposed to be going toward education as well!
- Taxes are too high now!
- Developer fees
- Reallocate current tax
- New home tax
- Tax developers
- Additional development levy on new homes
- Higher development fees & taxes (if development is allowed)
- What are SDC fees for?
- 1% sales tax
- Determine cost then fundraise for it
- Over-taxed city
- City tax so all pay equally
- Hire min. wage workers; use meter income
- Schools win over streets!
- Cigarette tax
- Fees to builders/developers
- None – over-taxed already
- Bond levy paid for by local gas tax & street utility fee
- Tax the construction truck that tear up the roads!
- Builders/land developers
- Higher fines for drugs/crime. Does that work? Probably not.
- How about all the fees and taxes they already collect?
- Successful local businesses & owners
- All development fees
- Residential developers
- With all the building going on there should already be enough \$
- No new taxes
- No new taxes or fees, the high school tax was enough
- User fee

- Evaluate why additional money is needed
- Business tax
- ↑ parking meters
- No more taxes, w/"one school" it's already killing us
- Slightly raise parking ticket fees & quarter-only parking meters
- Higher development fees and/or building fees
- City tax – get a lot of tourists at gift shops
- Non-resident source, RV permit, parking
- Taxes are already too high. Need to make better choices.
- Curious to know how bond levy would work
- Re-manage funding
- Charge state according to highway usage (count traffic through Silverton)
- Re-budget
- Impact fee on development
- Cut city staff
- Pay cuts or cut jobs
- Transient occupancy tax
- Add development fees
- State government
- Tourist tax on lodging, etc.
- Gov't subsidies
- More state gambling tax help
- Traffic tickets
- Wise use of whatever funding is the concern
- Something that everyone pays, not just homeowners
- Higher development fees
- Cuts/re-allocation
- Building tax
- Percentage of development fees must go to EXISTING infrastructure which is taxed (physically) by development
- Better management
- Better use of existing funds
- SDCs for new residential
- Cut waste in City Hall
- Local cigarette tax
- Check out what other cities use for funding for more ideas
- Use some of the fees you have from the new developments!!!
- Urban renewal
- Restructure existing funds
- Grants for major projects
- Taxes are already outrageous
- Property taxes already too high – use them
- Use vehicle registration
- County & state funds since 213 & 214 are putting heavy traffic on local roads
- Better use of SDC fees, grants
- New developments to pay – allow property owners to access mat'ls and repair on their own
- Some % each of above – spread the bill between locals & visitors
- Rework budget
- SUV tax (usage)
- Reduce manager's salary

- Silverton's share of regular gas taxes – fed, state, that's what they are for
- Find out where the money is going
- Building permits
- None will work
- Our property taxes are high enough. Use money more wisely! We don't need 16 police officers.
- Less money spent by City Council decisions
- Redistribute existing funds
- Use the PERMIT money that is supposed to be for street improvements!!!
- Become much more efficient
- License bicycles
- Redirect general fund budget
- Increase development fees – require developers to put in all sidewalks, crosswalks
- Housing/property tax
- Increase SDCs for new development
- Are you out of your mind?!
- City needs to live within their budget
- ABSOLUTELY NONE, deal with what you have!
- BUDGET BETTER. We have enough taxes.
- Police citations
- We don't need more funding
- Entertainment tax

Q23. Please explain why you gave this grade.

- Grade A – Quality teaching
- Grade A – My kids are learning a lot in school
- Grade A – I moved to Silverton because of the schools, the involvement of parents, teachers, & administration working together.
- Grade A – great teachers, great communication with families
- Grade A – Grandchildren seem to be doing well
- Grade A – Our 3 kids received a good education
- Grade A – I've had nieces go thru SFSD & they were challenged and they learned – a lot more than I learned as a grad of '73
- Grade A – Both my children attended K thru 12 and went on to college
- Grade A – If the students want it, it's there
- Grade A – 6 of us have attended and graduated here – excellent schools
- Grade A – We have good teachers and volunteers
- Grade A – Excellence is offered! Some take it, some reject it.
- Grade A – Overall quality, behavior, and grades are good to excellent
- Grade A – My kids got a great education from great faculty and staff
- Grade A – Quality teachers that have moral values
- Grade A – Came from California – small class sizes, student activities
- Grade B – Seems like there is a good quantity of students that graduate
- Grade A – Seems to be balance in service to special students. TAG students and the remaining 90% of motivated & unmotivated students.
- Grade A – A large number of Silverton High grads continue their education into college level
- Grade A – I work with the district via my teaching load at Western Oregon U.

- Grade A – I have had children (my own) in the schools & also taught in the district schools
- Grade A – We find the staff is easy to talk with
- Grade A – Because I worked 28 yrs in the school system, rural, and district office so have first-hand (until 1998) knowledge – plus, my 3 children attended these schools
- Grade A – Dedicated teachers @ Silver Crest Elementary
- Grade A – My kids have had outstanding care and instruction @ EF, MT, and HS
- Grade A – Personal knowledge of teachers, satisfaction of other parents
- Grade A – Generally an excellent education for my children, middle school was most challenging and H.S. is too big for some
- Grade A – We volunteer in the elementary school see the quality, also read about the youth & their activities before, during, & after graduation
- Grade A – My experience is that Silverton schools are very good
- Grade A – I like how they work with the kids and get the parents involved
- Grade A – Kids I know
- Grade A – Advanced placement classes in middle school
- Grade A – Everyone in Silverton says the schools are wonderful.
- Grade A – I was at one time employed by a local school, having the opportunity to see first hand. I also volunteer.
- Grade A – Have observed many students
- Grade A – My experience was that kids @ all levels of capability are given opportunities to succeed
- Grade A – Students are encouraged to express beyond the Outcome-based Ed. Program
- Grade A – My two children graduated from SHS and have been very well prepared for college academics
- Grade A – Silverton’s young people seem to be well educated
- Grade A – Personal knowledge from having kids in school
- Grade A – Class size and quality of instruction
- Grade A – Good teachers – the only issue I can see are the buildings
- Grade A – I graduated from this school district, went on to college & graduate school; so did my siblings. My children are receiving an excellent education
- Grade A – My children go to Bethany Charter. I am very involved and I believe they go above and beyond.
- Grade A – They still allow a couple of small, rural schools where our children got personal attention + good education from caring teacher
- Grade A – Impressed with quality of my son’s education & teachers
- Grade A – I believe the teachers make things happen for students when the money is not there; they rise above the obstacles; they prepare the kids
- Grade A – They compare well on state testing scores and number graduating
- Grade A – My knowledge of teachers, students, and staff
- Grade A – Evidence of graduates
- Grade A – Good teachers (overall) who listen and care, otherwise, all fail & lose out
- Grade A – Because my children are learning at above grade level
- Grade A – Local student graduates have been honored at colleges. I substitute and find the academic standards are very high & students are respectful.
- Grade A – All of my children were on the honor roll and one was a valedictorian
- Grade A – Overall the youth at Silverton always come out the best!

- Grade A – My son receives an excellent education with plenty school for amount of kids!
- Grade A – School district is very good – teachers very committed to education
- Grade A – Regarded best in area
- Grade A – Because I think there are some very good teachers & the kids can receive as good an education as they desire
- Grade A – From what I have seen & experienced the teachers care
- Grade A – I have 2 kids in the schools & went there myself – my kids are excelling
- Grade A – Can only rate by experience of our kids – both are doing well w/education they received
- Grade A – Great schools!
- Grade A – As a whole the school district does a good job w/educating the city’s youth. The district is still small enough that the staff really care about the youth.
- Grade A – In general we’ve had a positive experience w/all schools as far as education
- Grade A – The ed. Offered is A level, that all take advantage is problematic – many conflicting “family/personal” pressures
- Grade A – My grandchildren are happy with the schools
- Grade A – I have worked for the school district & have always appreciated their desire to provide quality education to our youth
- Grade A – We think it’s a great school district for our son
- Grade A – Teachers are excellent
- Grade A – Great success rates at the college level – students very prepared for the next educational level
- Grade A – My daughter loves school & is learning
- Grade A – The staff all excellent, schools are the right size, the community is involved – my kids attended
- Grade A – Because you have to have more credit hrs to graduate than most other H.S.s in the state
- Grade A – Our children attended high school at SHS and we feel they were prepared to do well in college
- Grade A – If a student is motivated, it is possible to get an excellent education. My children have received and are receiving an excellent, academically rigorous instruction from outstanding teachers.
- Grade A – I thought my kids when they were young got a good education here
- Grade A – My children began school in Silverton this fall; we are very impressed by the schools
- Grade A – I have 2 children – one just graduated from college – one is headed there. Silver Falls is a big reason.
- Grade A – Eugene Field – excellent school – great teachers/programs/management
- Grade A – Based on my kids
- Grade A – 8 mo. w/2 children in Silverton & impressed!
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- Grade A – 8 mo. w/2 children in Silverton & impressed!
- Grade A – Children have a real opportunity, good teachers
- Grade A – I have seen the teaching only of K and 1st grade, but it seems to challenge each child @ their own individual level. Socially there is a great collaboration for those students having social issues.
- Grade A – Dedicated teachers!

- Grade A – I love the schools
- Grade A – Students have great opportunities to explore a variety of interests
- Grade A – Quality of teachers is high
- Grade A – Smaller class size w/ teachers who have interest in their students
- Grade A – I believe the schools are doing a great job
- Grade A – Do not know but heard from others
- Grade A – Graduates are well prepared for future
- Grade A – SAT scores
- Grade A – I am pleased with the results of the education the youth receive
- Grade A – I have a little personal experience except my sister @ SHS seems to be getting a great education
- Grade A – I meet a lot of students & they all are bright & knowledgeable & like school.
- Grade A – Students have opportunity to learn
- Grade A – My daughter is learning!
- Grade A – We have excellent school system, great teachers & administrators
- Grade A – Silver Crest!!
- Grade A – Students interested can definitely access education opportunities
- Grade A – My children enjoy school, their teachers, and continue to receive a good education
- Grade A – Achievement, opportunity, success after graduation, community involvement, teacher/ student ingenuity despite old facilities – these are “can do” teachers, staff, & administrators
- Grade A – My contact with teachers & students support an A grade
- Grade A – All four of my children were well prepared and all graduated from a four-year college
- Grade A – The teachers are excellent
- Grade A – Because I went thru school here & depending on individual study, many subjects are offered. I also worked in the schools and felt the teachers were sincerely dedicated to their teaching.
- Grade A – All around good quality education in the programs it does have; bring art back!
- Grade A – The schools work very hard to provide individual care
- Grade A – I have 3 kids – all with different needs that were met
- Grade A – I am pleased with the education my family and I received
- Grade A – Good teachers
- Grade A – Good admin, great teachers, excellent community support
- Grade A – Good teachers, good services, all students accommodated
- Grade A – In Marion County our students are outstanding, our teachers first choice
- Grade A – School staff are very dedicated and provide high quality programs to the extent allowed by the size of the community and school funding structure
- Grade A – I have two children in school here and have great communication with teachers & faculty
- Grade A – My four children received an excellent education here in Silverton
- Grade A – Over the past 50 years it has been my pleasure to see many go on to lend their education to better community, nation, & world.
- Grade A – I have seen the success of its graduates. I saw the ability of the district to respond to the varying needs of my children and others.
- Grade A – I’m acquainted with teachers and students, including our own grandchildren

- Grade A – I believe we have excellent teachers & administration
- Grade A – Observation of grandchildren
- Grade A-B – There is always room for improvement. Both of our daughters Graduated & have college & advanced degrees.
- Grade A-B – Second hand info, people I talk to are pleased
- Grade B+ – I am impressed with the dedication & hard work of my granddaughters' grade school teachers (3rd thru 6th grade)
- Grade B+ – Overall dedication of teachers is good; volunteer programs seem excellent
- Grade B+ – There is always room for improvement
- Grade B+ – 4 of our sons graduated from Silverton H.S. in the past, went on to success in college & careers
- Grade B+ – TAG is lacking – some teachers need to be dismissed – most teachers are great, A+.
- Grade B – The students that I know that went here were B-average
- Grade B – Middle school needs work, some of those kids seem to flake out. If it's not the educators it's the parenting. Drugs come into play (for some reason) at this time.
- Grade B – My kids have great teachers who make it their jobs to teach well.
- Grade B – Too many biracial programs, need to learn English
- Grade B – School is what a student makes of it. The educational opportunities are there if one is motivated.
- Grade B – Standards keep rising, so should the quality
- Grade B – My son just started kindergarten
- Grade B – Outlying schools (Evergreen) = A+, inner city schools = C-. I averaged the two.
- Grade B – I believe the high school needs to participate in the International Baccalaureate Program (www.ibo.org)
- Grade B – Responsiveness, progressive attitude
- Grade B – Need to be more demanding of students, push on them more to perform at a higher standard
- Grade B – Higher than average
- Grade B – Only from what I have seen as far as students in the city
- Grade B – I only have one grandchild in school district (Evergreen)
- Grade B – Don't do the best job preparing students for college; limited mentoring
- Grade B – My students are receiving a fair/average level of education
- Grade B – Difficulties with buildings, crowded classes, seems stressful
- Grade B – I had 4 children graduate from Silverton schools – all attended college
- Grade B – Daughter was above average. We had to supplement with college courses to keep her interested.
- Grade B – I evaluate many scholarship applications; most tend to prove good education
- Grade B – Not sure (retired & recently moved here). We hear good comments in general.
- Grade B – Many students get to high school being high achievers & go on to college and succeed in life
- Grade B – Have had only positive experiences with school – active teachers, etc.
- Grade B – Classes are crowded, but we have good teachers
- Grade B – I have read in the Statesman J. of rating & base my opinion on news reports

- Grade B – Need less in-service days & more school time
- Grade B – Elementary schools & Mark Twain have encouraging teachers & lots of opportunities for extras. The high school is not so friendly or helpful for parents or students.
- Grade B – It can be better (2)
- Grade B – From what we hear and know, the schools are great here!
- Grade B – Both my kids have been in school here. Good teachers, poor buildings.
- Grade B – Good, room to improve. Plato Math example of individualized programs needed. Need more innovation & alternative schools.
- Grade B – Economic cuts have cut electives out of schools – made us place too much emphasis on college-bound and not enough on technical
- Grade B – There is not enough discipline – why are the students roaming around the streets?
- Grade B – Current texts & materials are not covered by budgets – always cutting somewhere – kids pay the price
- Grade B – 5th & 2nd grade grandkids do well. However, high school graduates often don't know the basics – scary.
- Grade B – The graduates & students that I have been in contact with seem prepared to move on in life
- Grade B – There is a need for more variety of programs & reduction in class size
- Grade B – Parent involvement & teachers that care – classes offered
- Grade B – I think the dropout rate is too high
- Grade B – Poor buildings – need to save \$ & move students from small schools in town & build new schools
- Grade B – Because that's what I believe
- Grade B – The high school focus is on a white bread, sports, and social experience rather than academic excellence
- Grade B – One world language – Spanish
- Grade B – The “no child left behind” program needs to go
- Grade B – Overall very good. However, because of the small country schools some students miss out on activities available to them.
- Grade B – The schools need new “life” and leadership
- Grade B – I teach for SFSD – they are good kids – some need to try harder
- Grade B – the classes could be smaller and curriculum focused on individual & small group capabilities
- Grade B – What I have read in paper
- Grade B – Community & students are not notified in timely manner of H.S. graduation requirements (i.e. senior project requirements)
- Grade B – Good curriculum & teachers, make most of money available
- Grade B – 4 kids, all graduated
- Grade B – Observe own 2 children and neighbors', track record in college
- Grade B – Two kids – one just graduated from U of O, got good education; other had a lot of conflict w/ teachers
- Grade B – Good teachers, students seem well balanced, smart, and good self-esteem
- Grade B – There's always room for improvement (9)
- Grade B – Grandson is doing pretty good
- Grade B – My son is special needs & I feel that the district does a decent job w/him

- Grade B – Teachers and staff seem very passionate/helpful/dedicated, but I think there should be more communication between schools and a common curriculum
- Grade B – Schools are geared for the average student, whose above/below are left wanting or take too much time in classroom and all suffer
- Grade B – I follow what graduates do after graduation
- Grade B – Although far from scientific, my encounters with Silverton grads is that they are better prepared for life and higher education than in other areas
- Grade B – Lack of \$, cutting of electives
- Grade B – Quality is good, but there is always room for improvement
- Grade B – From what I observe & read (too much social & sport activities)
- Grade B – Acquainted with some local teachers. Some children have attended lower grades, middle and high school.
- Grade B – East coast schools are much better in comparison
- Grade B – Both of our children graduated, did well @ school, and currently, leading productive family lives
- Grade B – We like the variety of school environments to choose from (K-8, Eugene Field) & also the progressive way of problem solving issues within the school, especially at E.F.
- Grade B – Silverton schools are known in the area for the fine staff & educational programs. Everyone I know has good things to say.
- Grade B – Could be better, but the level of education is not too bad
- Grade B – The teachers are great – administration overpowering (cost)
- Grade B – Our kids are in grade school – so far they have a good quality education
- Grade B – Number of college-bound students
- Grade B – Guess
- Grade B – Would have been an A except for the commuting problems for high school students between campuses.
- Grade B – More good than bad
- Grade B – Don't have kids in school, but neighbor kids seem to be happy and are learning
- Grade B – Observations of the kids on my street
- Grade B – I believe the needs of at grade and below grade level students are met, but students who are TAG or exceptional do not always get challenged enough
- Grade B – Some teachers don't have good attitudes
- Grade B – Based on students and teachers I know
- Grade B – Funding is inadequate to provide broad based education
- Grade B – Not enough funding to service high needs
- Grade B – Visits to schools; talking to students, teachers, & parents
- Grade B – Past experience with our children when they went to college
- Grade B – I believe overall it is a good place to educate a child, but you can always improve education
- Grade B – The local kids seem to graduate and stay out of trouble
- Grade B – Good teachers
- Grade B – I think teachers try – sometimes too much administrative work before working w/kids that need extra help
- Grade B – Have grandchildren attending, also 4 generations
- Grade B – Everyone seems to be well educated & well mannered
- Grade B – Mostly good things are happening at the district

- Grade B – Programs are current, staff is good, dropout rate is too high; need intramural programs
- Grade B – Always room to improve
- Grade B – Teaching is limited, kids move up regardless of their ability
- Grade B – Good, but could be better; some teachers slide by
- Grade B – I think the principal they have now is not a good leader
- Grade B – More parent involvement is needed – I work for the district
- Grade B – Not enough focus on encouraging excellence
- Grade B – Would like to see more foreign language options
- Grade B – The school provides excellent education to those who desire to learn
- Grade B – Observing educators and students
- Grade B – Not proper preparation for higher ed
- Grade B – Good but caught up in bureaucracy
- Grade B – Robert Frost is great. I have concerns with the administration of Eugene Field & Mark Twain.
- Grade B – Would like to see improvements in Eugene Field School staff
- Grade B – First child in kindergarten – we’re happy so far, but not enough time to judge yet
- Grade B – We currently have no children or grandchildren in the system so it’s hard to answer
- Grade B – I feel the English-speaking students lose in the dual-language class in kindergarten & 1st grade
- Grade B – I went through most of the Silverton schools
- Grade B – Cater too much to non-English kids – leaves less resources for majority of kids
- Grade B – Small class sizes, qualified teachers shuffling between two buildings lowered grade!
- Grade B – At some schools it is great, others I wouldn’t let our child attend
- Grade B – Excellent “A” quality in the elementary grades, but a “C” or “D” at the high school, which suffers from very weak leadership
- Grade B – Good choices
- Grade B – Too much Spanish and catering to the 5% who don’t get it
- Grade B – Great teachers, curriculum, confusing schools for high school students
- Grade B – More services were offered 7 years ago
- Grade B – Word of mouth from parents in town
- Grade B – Observing & listening to grandchildren
- Grade B – Need more money in classroom & less in administration
- Grade B – As a retired educator I feel Silverton school provide
- Grade B – My opinion is based on youngsters that live near us
- Grade B – Focus on state test scores
- Grade B – Still work to do. I wish there was a way to get parents more involved.
- Grade B – I think Silver Falls is overall a good school
- Grade B – I’m satisfied with a lot of the school programs/services, but really dislike the Bible study program & think more counseling should be available for kids
- Grade B – Poor dealing w/problematic children, but fine for “normal” children
- Grade B – Not excellent, but good (2)
- Grade B – Some time ago my son graduated after taking a math course and still cannot balance his checkbook!
- Grade B – Low dropout rate, most kids like what they are learning

- Grade B – The bilingual classes can leave the English-speaking students to teach themselves
- Grade B – Teachers are good but some students still slip through the cracks
- Grade B – Based on test scores & experience w/school system
- Grade B – Good grade
- Grade B – High level of dropouts, low level of inclusion for marginal students, overcrowded classrooms
- Grade B – 1 child in special ed 4 years, denied special aid
- Grade B – Not enough elective choices at high school
- Grade B – The quality of education depends upon the type of student. It really shouldn't. They don't reach the ones who have challenges or difficulties.
- Grade B – I have been pleased with all of my kids' teachers, though one didn't give me a good feeling
- Grade B – Both my children attended college & did very well with the education
- Grade B – Lack of access to other language instruction
- Grade B – Education at the high school is lacking. Children truly need teachers who can inspire them to excel and I feel this is lacking in the high school.
- Grade B – My children were not challenged, they just sailed thru
- Grade B – They put too much on the parents to do with the homework. We pay them to teach, not us
- Grade B – Test scores do not rate a higher grade
- Grade B – As in most Oregon schools, students are advanced regardless of learning progress
- Grade B – We can always do better educating our children.
- Grade B – Silverton schools seem to have a good reputation in the community
- Grade B – When I was a student I thought it was good. I do not have children so that's all I can go on.
- Grade B – Find the schools to be very good
- Grade B – My children received a good background education & were able to compete in college
- Grade B – We are new to the area & our experience is limited
- Grade B – Good district but others in area have better scores
- Grade B – Service to TAG students are lacking. Aging facilities can have negative effect on quality of educ.
- Grade B – Good teachers and curriculum
- Grade B – Underfunded – large class sizes
- Grade B – I think kids are getting a good education
- Grade B – I believe they do a good job educating those who want to learn. Our problem is parents, not our schools.
- Grade B – Seems as if the school district is trying really hard to challenge the students and improve conditions
- Grade B – My children & grandchildren have all received and are receiving a good education
- Grade B – Too much pre-teaching for state tests
- Grade B – Grandchildren in lower grades and parents are pleased with progress
- Grade B – Teachers seem to enjoy their work. Could be more opportunity for gifted students.
- Grade B – I think that they have pretty good academics
- Grade B – My child has received a good education for the most part
- Grade B – I'm a substitute teacher in the upper elementary & high school

- Grade B – More options for above-average students. My children were well prepared for college.
- Grade B – Adequate but could be better (2)
- Grade B – The school district has lost sight of excellent and focuses most on minimum standards
- Grade B – I give this grade because Silver Crest is a great school
- Grade B – They need to move towards restructuring to professional learning community to improve K-12 education
- Grade B – More tutors available, overcrowded classes
- Grade B – Personal experience – our children attended school (K-12) here
- Grade B – Based on information shared by a close friend with a child in Eugene Fields School
- Grade B – Not enough technical training to provide real world skills
- Grade B – I have 2 children come thru the school system. The quality of programs/educators was somewhat inconsistent. The arts programs were pitiful. The new high school bldg looks like a prison.
- Grade B – Impressions from family/friends
- Grade B – Worked for district
- Grade B – The teachers are wonderful. The access to music/languages/arts is lacking.
- Grade B – I would like to see more elective classes. We seem to continually be cutting them.
- Grade B – Based on limited knowledge as my children are grown – there is always room for improvement & they have limited \$ workwise
- Grade B – People have told me the schools are good
- Grade B – Most kids seem to do well after school going to college/getting decent jobs
- Grade B – From the actions, verbal responses, respect, and demeanor of the “average” kid
- Grade B – No school is perfect. Smaller class sizes, more extra opportunities needed (electives).
- Grade B – As we have no children, based grade on youth we meet in & around Silverton
- Grade B – I’m out of touch, but I feel that attitudes of inclusiveness, acceptance of diversity have improved since our kids were in the system
- Grade B – Lack of nurturing TAG students to reach potential
- Grade B – The young people I come in contact with seem intelligent, kind, and respectful
- Grade B – Read there was some trouble meeting state requirements
- Grade B – Always could use more teachers, overcrowded elementary schools.
- Grade B – Not enough diverse programs
- Grade B – I feel that there is an overabundance of underprivileged youth in the area & it makes it difficult to rate the quality
- Grade B – Vague opinion
- Grade B – I think it’s very good, but also there is always room for improvement
- No grade – It seems that 1 month the headline says kids are graded low, the next graded high
- Grade B – Based on conversations w/others
- Grade B – It seems to be above average
- Grade B – Kids seem motivated to continue education & I read the report given on the local schools

- Grade B – Kids seem happy & positive, and parents seem pleased
- Grade B – If your student is having problems you don't hear about it for six weeks or more
- Grade B – It's good – could be a little better
- Grade B – Feel it was avg. education
- Grade B – Children have excellent teachers but require more help to meet benchmarks. More staff requires more funding.
- Grade B – On average the young people I speak to seem to be cognizant
- Grade B – I've been fairly satisfied, but there can always be improvement to be strived for
- Grade B – I have no children in school, but my niece & nephew are doing excellent in their school
- Grade B – Our children received a good education and went on to college
- Grade B – Good education
- Grade B – What I hear and test score ratings I read about
- Grade B – The progress I see in my grandchildren
- Grade B – Because of state & federal ratings
- Grade B – No TAG programs on a consistent basis, class size way too big, administrator acct. does not happen enough
- Grade B – too high dropout rate in high school. Those who stay do well.
- Grade B – the schools are better than average, but could improve on reaction to kids with needs
- Grade B – Overall I think it's pretty good but not excellent
- Grade B – Teachers are competent
- Grade B – Based on the education my children & grandchildren have received
- Grade B – High school kids leave campus, don't abide by crosswalks, etc.
- Grade B – Don't like that the high school has 2 campuses – causes less time in class – very few schools would rate an A
- Grade B – Fairly good, use some improvement
- Grade B – Funding & regulations limit district's ability to provide a truly excellent program. Also, school board tends to follow its own agenda rather than seeking what is "the best for the students."
- Grade B – They're a little above average, but not completely good
- Grade B – Some schools have good class size and varied teaching methods – others don't
- Grade B – Schools don't have strong or excellent report cards, but they are safe schools. QUIT allowing military recruiters into schools.
- Grade B – The quality is good but there are not enough options
- Grade B – Need foreign language, more tutors, more mentors
- Grade B – My impression of how my niece & nephew grade their school
- Grade B – They are doing a new reading program that is too long for second graders
- Grade B – Need to make students meet standards instead of lowering standards
- Grade B – reputation – knowledge of teachers, comments of parents
- Grade B – Not sure if academics are above
- Grade B – Felt when my children were in school it could have been much better
- Grade B – Why wasn't high school finished a long time ago? Tighter control of teachers' abilities.
- Grade B – I think it's a good education, but could use some improving
- Grade B – Students aren't challenged enough in classes

- Grade B – Good overall education for most students – fair for our ESL students (growing #s)
- Grade B – I work in the high school & have many friends who teach in the grade schools – I feel the district works hard to accommodate to new ideas based on what is good for kids
- Grade B- – Good at younger grades, not high enough standards for high school
- Grade B – Too many fed programs, let our teachers teach
- Grade B – I think that the principal & teachers care
- Grade B – Anecdotes from friends w/kids in the system. Both academics & discipline. Could do more for non-English speakers.
- Grade B – Overall a good education but administration & management problems
- Grade B- to C – Could be better with smaller class size @ elem. Level, building are old, short-staffed.
- Grade B – Daughter did well
- Grade B – I believe it is satisfactory
- Grade B – There are good teachers committed to giving a good education, but there are less funds available than in larger districts
- Grade B – My son is in high school
- Grade B – Seems children in our area are receiving a good education
- Grade B – Some of the high school teachers didn't seem to put much effort into teaching their classes
- Grade B – Small schools don't get adequate money for P.E., art, facilities
- Grade B – I don't have kids in school now, but I have heard positive things
- Grade B – Kids seem to be more focused and involved in their community
- Grade B – School system is good for those willing to take advantage of it – always room for improvement
- Grade B? – My children are in the Mt. Angel School District
- Grade B-C – Schools seem average, but I like the K-8 option
- Grade B-C – Too many burned-out teachers, passing grades to kids who shouldn't get them, bi-lingual ed hurts all kids in the long run
- Grade C – No kids
- Grade C – average, schools teach most of the kids okay most of the time, not outstanding
- Grade C – I believe that the teachers are trying, but the classrooms have too many
- Grade C – We have mediocre teachers
- Grade C – It depends a lot on the student; they may need more encouragement from the educators
- Grade C – Lack of motivated teachers, too expensive – many additional costs after paying taxes
- Grade C – Seems overcrowded
- Grade C – Room for improvement with smaller classroom numbers
- Grade C – I graduated here, I think they can do better
- Grade C – I think that the State of Oregon is a little behind of the Midwest states
- No grade – I'm not familiar with any students of this school to be able to make a grade.
- Grade C – Need 2 new superintendents, 2nd school admin!
- Grade C – I have no students attending, only hear comments
- Grade C – Local h.s. grads don't seem to be prepared for the real world of business

- Grade C - Physical schools are bad
- Grade C - We are still falling behind in some classes
- Grade C - Because there are a lot of young adults that fell thru the crack
- Grade C - I live on McClaine St, see students coming & going all hrs of the day, attendance should be 8am-4pm.
- Grade C - Eugene Field facility is a disgrace to the town
- Grade C - My kids have been out of school for almost 20 yrs - I'm unsure of education today
- Grade C - The teachers seem to not care if the students get the info
- Grade C - Some bad teachers at Mark Twain - no response from principal
- Grade C - Staff
- Grade C - I talk to kids and I can't think they get the education they should - more discipline
- Grade C - Too many dropouts
- Grade C - The teachers need to do their job
- Grade C - I don't know, seems like they have a lot of minimum days or days closed
- Grade C - Teachers are too job secure and lazy, new high school OVER BUDGET
- Grade C - Compared to other states, Oregon schools are way behind academically. Spend too much time on the ESL & slow kids leaving advanced kids bored in the classroom
- Grade C - "Traditional" education is very limited
- Grade C - They are not known for excellence, but they are not bad either
- Grade C - The standard is too low. You are teaching to the lowest common denominator.
- Grade C - Too many kids dropping out
- Grade C - Teachers do not keep parents updated on students with missing assignments, low grades
- Grade C - It should improve with completion of the high school and, hopefully, the closing of Eugene Field School
- Grade C - As a former teacher 1) the facilities are outdated, 2) there are far too few required school days, 3) the programs are too easy
- Grade C - Two daughters & five grandkids in the school sys - seems to be less stress on basic education
- Grade C - I have had to tutor graduates in math
- Grade C - As a former teacher 1) the facilities are outdated, 2) there are far too few required school days, 3) the programs are too easy
- Grade C - Two daughters & five grandkids in the school sys - seems to be less stress on basic education
- Grade C - I have had to tutor graduates in math
- Grade C - Teachers not following through with students
- Grade C - Vocational programs are important, more opportunities for all students to keep the dropout rate down
- Grade C - Seems like other schools of comparable size
- Grade C - My children are not there yet, but they could provide all day kindergarten
- Grade C - I have only lived here for 2 months, moved from Calif. Both sons are out of high school.

- Grade C – Can do more to focus & use progressive approaches to learning – better classroom materials. All teachers should be fabulous (many are but they all should be)
- Grade C – Interaction with students indicates a mediocre system
- Grade C – Test scores
- Grade C – There are more bad teachers than good teachers
- Grade C – We have had no children in school here. I hope it is average.
- Grade C – Too much money is spent for sports
- Grade C – Class sizes are too big!
- Grade C – Hearsay
- Grade C – Personal experience (2)
- Grade C – Could be less
- Grade C – Too many administrators/not enough teachers!
- Grade C – It's just average (4)
- Grade C – Special ed. Services are not well funded, limited options
- Grade C – Not enough programs for special-ed; kids with major disabilities shouldn't be mainstreamed
- Grade C – Assume only, no children in school
- Grade C – Seems like teachers are away from the classroom too much (teacher conferences, etc.)
- Grade C – I believe children are not taught on individualized learning ability
- Grade C – School district does not give students enough homework to take home
- Grade C – Education does not stop at 18 yrs. H.S. grad. Encourage more formal
- Grade C – I think the quality of education is pretty good, but a lot of dropouts
- Grade C – Average, nothing special or troubling
- Grade C – Too many in-service days
- Grade C – Not academically oriented (crowd control). So much emphasis on sports – what about the arts, state mandates?
- Grade C – Listening to young people speak
- Grade C – Our experience w/teachers' attitudes & dedication was not favorable
- Grade C – Average. The only true excellence seems to occur for students whose parents are really interested & involved outside of school.
- Grade C – Need more basics
- Grade C – As long as teachers cannot be let go when they are not good at their job you get low-quality education
- Grade C – I feel there is not enough options & direction for classes & future
- Grade C – There is not enough consistent school time. In other words – too many days out of school
- Grade C – Good curriculum, but low graduation rates – even lower number of students pursuing higher education
- Grade C – Overall poor to fair state of the school buildings, fair parent/teacher communication, cutting programs, overall student scores, too many school days off
- Grade C – More services should be provided to college-bound students. Too much money and services are dedicated to NCIB and bi-lingual programs.
- Grade C – I have not had children go through school here
- Grade C – No Child Left Behind scores
- Grade C – My impression is that few aspire to or are encouraged to achieve higher level education/jobs/professions

- Grade C – H.S. needs good classes for the trades. Why waster 4 yrs in H.S. for no jobs?
- Grade C – Don't have school-aged children. Opinion is based on hearsay. Lack of art programs, dedicated teachers.
- Grade C – Most of what I see is just average
- Grade C – Not enough accelerated study opportunities
- Grade C – I feel the lack of discipline in the schools hurts their overall quality
- Grade C – Too many students in classroom, teachers overworked
- Grade C – Better in lower grades with weakness in high school
- Grade C – It's been awhile since I had kids in the schools. I do know some that are in high school, and the quality of education is fair. It's lower across the US than it used to be.
- Grade C – Public schools need to allow children to progress at their own individual level of readiness – it needs to promote rather than suffocate progressive thinking
- Grade C – Too many tenured teachers who seem to lack the ability to instill eagerness in students to excel, respect the privilege of attending school
- Grade C – Language program is very limited
- Grade C – Students possess only a small working knowledge of life
- Grade C – Every time my daughter went to ask for help in high school from a counselor, the counselor wasn't available
- Grade C – Eugene Field discourages parent involvement. Parents denied access to teachers and classrooms in the mornings and observation times.
- Grade C – From the report of no student left behind
- No grade – Don't know. Home school & private school children
- Grade C – Some class sizes are larger than average. Failed to keep up with city's growth.
- Grade C – Not real sure what the quality is. Not involved in this area. No children.
- Grade C – Statistics show too many dropouts plus the advent of cell phone distraction
- Grade C – Same old same ol'. Our educational system needs more innovation. SF is hardly alone.
- Grade C – I feel we need to help the students too much at home
- Grade C – We have good staff & teachers but limited space & funding
- Grade C – Better at elementary level. Not enough extracurricular activities at jt. High/high school level. Kids need broader offerings to keep all teens involved & participating.
- Grade C – Test scores are average
- Grade C – What we read in the newspaper
- Grade C – Classrooms overcrowded
- Grade C – I think the teachers could give the students more attention
- Grade C – Learning not as comprehensive as in the past, too many requirements – not enough time to explain
- Grade C – It is lacking in special services for learning differences and TAG programs. Also outlining school need music programs.
- Grade C – They need to learn better study skills – difficult transition to college
- Grade C – Going by my child's likes and dislikes
- Grade C – They seem to strive for mediocrity

- Grade C – The children around me here are nearly all home schooled or church schooled – those who are not simply do not have skills or vocabulary of same age & class group
- Grade C – Too many days off
- Grade C – My children went to Silver Falls
- Grade C – My daughter has not had great teachers for advanced classes – not enough variety in HS
- Grade C – Basic nature of public education – disconnect somewhat in between marginal students & parents of marginal students
- Grade C – Poor quality of job applicants at my business
- Grade C – Too little resources (i.e. staff, programs)
- Grade C – Not good for IEP students
- Grade C – Not enough return for the dollars spent
- Grade C – Kids are passed and graduated without ample education
- Grade C – B for good students – D for helping students with issues
- Grade C – We homeschool our kids
- Grade C – # of high school dropouts
- Grade C – I believe that the teachers push students out the door
- Grade C – Lack of specialists (art, music, etc.) and lack of AP/TAG program resources
- Grade C – Mediocre
- Grade C – Most students I’ve had contact with complain about the school district
- Grade C – Because the local people are not forward-thinking
- Grade C – Experience w/3 exchange students
- Grade C – Kids don’t know how to read by 3rd grade. They should not be passed on until they can read.
- Grade C – Not enough class space, student-teacher ratio too high
- Grade C – Not the best value for the money spent
- Grade C – There is not enough staff to work with special education/special needs
- Grade C – Last year I hired a part-time (after school) student w/3.8 GPA who couldn’t read or write basic words
- Grade C – Good for the excellent students, bad for the students who struggle
- Grade C – Like most schools, Silverton is addressing NCLB FED mandates rather than truly educating human beings
- Grade C – It is improving and does well in grade school. High school is questionable.
- Grade C – Experience w/staff
- Grade C – As a volunteer in 2 different schools I see 2 distant qualities of education. I do believe the high school does an outstanding job w/college prep kids.
- Grade C – Word of mouth
- Grade D – They seem stupid!
- Grade D – Too large of classes, not enough one-on-one time students & too many students with severe problems
- Grade D – My children and grandchildren have not received a proper education in this town
- Grade D – kids don’t seem to spend much time in class
- No grade – new to area, but youth seems to be fairly well educated

- Grade D – I don't believe Silverton hires exceptional teachers, there is too much focus on sports
- Grade D – Class sizes WAY TOO BIG! School is more a warehouse & test center for federal government.
- Grade D – Teachers seem very naïve about what is "typical" for kids
- Grade D – Results of my children's education, both are graduates of Silverton schools
- Grade D – The classroom setting, policies, and most important environment
- Grade D – Counselors don't care if kids stay in school, told child that are 16 don't have to attend schools
- Grade D – The school district is too focused on an old model of education that values fact recall over critical thinking skills – they see success as passing state tests
- Grade D – Too many dropout students – not enough interest in parent opinions
- Grade D – Not many opportunities
- Grade D – Don't think there is any control over youth to be in school
- Grade D – My experience w/and the impact of others would lead me to this conclusion
- education.
- Grade D – Diversity/sex/sports training have seemingly taken the place of the 2 Rs
- Grade D – I don't feel like I got the education I could have in Salem. My younger sister ended up going to Winema getting straight As. In Silverton she was failing.
- Grade D – Not enough preventive help for grade school students who need help but don't qualify for programs
- Grade D – I removed my son from Robert Frost not only looking for a better educational system, but also better staff
- Grade D – Baby pap – Xeroxed handouts that aren't due for weeks? What happened to 30-page term papers, 20-minute orals? Homework from every class due every day. 8-hour days instead of 7. Remove teacher in-service days.
- Grade D – There are too many in-service days & whatever days – conferences should be in the evening
- Grade D – The cost is too high and people who don't use them should not have to pay for them
- Grade D – Not good with diverse teaching styles
- Grade D – Take a look around, most kids can't even count change, don't show much respect to others, that reflects what they learn in school
- Grade D – Elementary schools are good, HS is struggling to provide good teachers, students are falling through cracks. Administration is excellent, though.
- Grade D – Most kids cannot read or do math in their heads
- Grade D – As an employer of entry level positions, we were surprised at the low level of basic skills displayed by Silverton high school graduates
- Grade D – Oregon schools in general do not do our children justice, most high schoolers cannot count change
- Grade D – the young people I meet have very little knowledge of history, civics, or literature
- Grade D – Long story!
- No grade – Have no idea since children are grown; have heard concern about quality because of dealing with so many dysfunctional situations

- Grade D – I don't like the public school system (teachers' union). It needs a complete makeover or at least vouchers.
- Grade D – Lack of quality content that is relevant. H.S. teachers more interested in "what's for them" vs. Students. Poor supervision.
- Grade F – Children in Silverton are near illiterates, they communicate by swearing, not speech. They know very little about the world around them.
- Grade F – The principal at Eugene Field should be fired, along with the counselor
- Grade F – From teachers to meals and lab rooms are not adequate
- Grade F – I hated Silverton schools. I went to Chemeketa as soon as I could. Spent way too much \$ on the new school that's falling apart that we didn't really need.
- No grade – No children in school (74)
- No grade – The schools focus on children with special needs, but don't provide for exceptional children. Classes are taught & graded to the lowest average students' ability.

Q26. If you answered YES, which types of volunteer activities are of most interest to you? (Other, please describe)

- Art projects (3)
- Arts/crafts (3)
- Coaching (4)
- Event assistance (3)
- Field trips (13)
- Fundraising (2)
- Mentoring (4)
- Assistance in scholarship applications (2)
- SMART Reading Program (15)
- Oregon Together/Silverton Together
- Presenting educational content – health field
- In our children's classrooms
- Already volunteering @ Mark Twain School
- Parties in classroom
- Class parties, reading help
- Crafts
- Sports, technology
- Help little kids read
- Wellness program & teen mom program
- Car club & car show, support for "new" dragster
- I help my children's school in any way I can
- School activities, field trips
- Already volunteer in classroom 6 hrs/wk
- Fundraiser events, i.e. sandwich making
- My involvement currently is with Silverton Christian School
- Chaperoning, special events, plays, parties, etc.
- Field trips & special events
- Library assistance
- OFDW – training
- Training for diversity/disability sensibility
- Health fair

- College counseling, career development
- I'm an artist. I've done one-day projects with kids in the past.
- Programs
- Classified sub
- Field trips/special days
- My wife is a nurse and could teach hand washing, etc – I'm volunteering her
- Assisting disabled students
- Special one-time presentations
- Helped school nurse
- Daffodil judge, cultivation, and show experience
- Whatever needed
- Health and safety education
- When I retire in two years as I am working over 50 hrs per week
- Special projects/programs
- FFA
- Assist sports & clubs

Q30. If you answered NO to Q-29, what existing programs and services for youth do you feel should take a higher priority?

- After-school programs (7)
- Skate park! (7)
- Good skateboard park. Bike trails. (2)
- Sports – girls need more opportunities
- Unaware of available programs
- The kids need a supervised place to hang out
- We need a skateboard park in town
- Child care services for working single parents
- There needs to be more for the 12-18 age range. Skate park, more places like the bowling alley where they can hang out, play pool, ping pong, etc.
- The teachers should spend more time with the children
- Access to playing fields for all sports whether school related or not; someplace to go to hang out – get homework help
- All sports
- More activities for 13-18 year olds
- I lived in Beaverton when the kids were young. Hard to compare Silverton to Tualatin Hills Park & Rec.
- More programs to prevent boredom; that would perhaps keep some young people out of trouble.
- Crime prevention (drug use)
- Teaching in schools – programs against drugs in a more shock manner & against porno on internet leads to all kinds of sex crimes. Drugs & sex go hand in hand.
- I don't know, but the kids need to be kept busy
- More after-school activities. Should have more programs during summer.
- The teens need more
- Missing ages 13-18!
- More after-school activities for children with working parents
- Skate park/athletic fields
- More activities for teens
- More opportunities for learning skills of games and activities without emphasis on winning, but on fun

- All of them, too many kids hanging around town
- Football for younger children
- I'm not sure, but it seems a lot of them hang out at the bowling alley because there is nothing for them to do!
- More indoor centers, esp during the winter months, for them to hang out at – enc. businesses that cater to the youth – stay open later (i.e. coffee shops)
- Need to provide a skate park so kids are not riding on sidewalks
- Skate park, community center – more teen activities
- Teenager programs
- Counseling, ball & soccer fields, neighborhood parks
- High school age children are left out
- More activities for teens are needed
- Need a skate park
- Activity choices for teens like a boy/girl club or homework help
- After-school “hangouts” for youth
- Have a central skate park
- Activities for teens (ages ranging from 13-18) to help keep them out of trouble
- Places for them to hang out
- Programs for teens should take as high a priority as for children. A skate/bike park is necessary – activities for weekends, holidays, vacation need to give positive alternative for teens
- All I hear is programs & services. Can't parents keep them busy? Are all parents gone working & drinking?
- Our youth need a skateboard park, open gym & adult supervision
- Education/educators and preparing students to go to college
- A skate park would be nice. A place where kids could go & just be. Silverton promotes putting children first, but in reality does nothing to back up that statement.
- Youth should have a place to congregate and things they can participate in
- More support for skateboards, motocross bikes, teen center
- There should be a place for teens to hang out to stay out of trouble and be safe that doesn't cost
- A skateboard park gives them something physical to do – not everyone plays sports
- After-school activities
- There are minimal programs for kids age 10-14
- Activity involvement
- Perhaps have sports (soccer) in the fall, spring, and summer
- Kids need places to skateboard, parks to play in, community tennis, intramural sports. And give Sunday athletic practices & games a miss – churches need kids attending church on Sundays.
- Places for kids to go for skateboarding – get them off the streets
- More to do than bowling & movies on Fri. nights
- When programs exist, advertise them and make them free or low-cost “fun” activities
- Middle school after-school programs
- Key word existing! What about open gyms, skate park, bike park (in town). There is nothing for after-school enjoyment for youth, unless sign-ups are done, fees paid, & then only@ set times for team sports.
- Higher ed is better for the kids
- Keeping kids in supervised activities – too many punk kids on the streets

- There needs to be more out-of-school time activities and “places to go” for the youth
- Need more programs for kids. They are our most important resource.
- I don’t think there are enough programs period. When I was in school I felt there was nothing for non-sports enthusiasts.
- I think parenting classes are very important. This seems a high priority for Silverton
- Maybe work involved programs that promote life skills. Some kids need involvement other than academic related.
- Skate park – supervised places for kids to hang out to socialize and help them create programs for themselves
- Less “multi-cultural” fairs, more programs targeted toward high-risk children (ages 10-18). Less “giveaways” – teach children and families independence, assimilation into American culture.
- Recreation
- Equal priority towards those with bikes & skateboards. They seem to hang out at the bike shop a lot – do we have appropriate activities for those kids?
- More support/education to avoid teen pregnancy and childhood obesity
- Programs and extra curricular classes (for fun, e.g. dance) need to be developed for teens. Have good programs for young kids.
- Not sure, I only wish that something could be done
- We feel that a park should be designed to accommodate skateboards, bikes, & skating. Many communities have these features in their park systems.
- Keep the youth busy, at school or volunteering or go home
- More priority to non-sport program
- Balance out sports with academic clubs & some mindless stuff like video arcades
- Place for skateboarders, dirt bikes. After-school programs. Ask the youth for their input.
- I don’t have teenagers anymore, but it seems the kids are out late at night and not supervised
- Not sure. Need more places for teens to gather that are supervised
- Family oriented recreational activities
- More after-school/weekend activities – less emphasis on parenting
- Need more services for older age kids – teens
- Tutoring to help kids graduate from high school and be able to go to a 4-year college instead of a 2-year college. More attention needs to be given to kids who need extra help.
- Courtesy, awareness of legal behavior
- More needed for younger (pre-k) children
- Something for the teens of Silverton that don’t cast a lot
- Services need to be for older children also. Get them off the streets.
- A place is needed for teenagers w/appropriate activities available, low cost, even a skate park or bike park. Many teenagers are w/out a place to just play sports or have organized activity.
- After-school programs with more adequate supervision
- After-school programs both for physical activities and tutor for academics when parents work and are not involved with their child’s education
- We are not aware of any services – I would pay more attention to getting the word out
- Normal kids fun – sports, chess groups, clean parties on Fri/Sat

- Educating them on drug dangers, teaching them nutrition, teach them trades/skills
- Skateboard and bicycle park
- Mental health for teens
- Skate park, after-school activities, mentoring
- Community center
- Programs for teens – career information & college counseling
- More for the kids
- Having a good, say maybe even cool place for youth to hang out; more independent, the better
- We need a good skate park for the kids
- Sports, better pool maintenance, more advertising what is available for kids
- Education
- I think there should be more programs for our high schools and things for them to do
- Other than sports, I think Silverton teens are lacking in programs
- There doesn't seem to be enough for kids to do in Silverton, so after-school programs would be good
- Skate park, a designated meeting place – maybe a youth soft drink bar, juke box, etc.
- Need more activities for when lads are out of school during summer & holidays
- Should be more open to new ideas and people types
- Have not looked into all the programs – seems tho, every week many “doings” are advertised
- Skateboard park, make school athletic fields & facilities available to youths after school hours if supervisor available
- EGADS! Put them to work if they have nothing else to do!
- Arts & crafts, activities that encourage physical activity
- Higher emphasis on all soccer programs and ages
- Not enough programs offered frequently enough
- After-school activities are reasonable costs
- More for kids to do – skate park, neighborhood parks
- Any or all
- Provide more vocational skills programs
- There is nothing to do for teens in Silverton. There are no acceptable “hangouts” for their free time. Youth are pigeon-holed here & frustrated as a result. No jobs for the amount of young people who need them. A public transportation to Salem should be made available.
- Rec center (large one) next to pool
- The need a skateboarding park
- Get them a skate park and rec facility
- Sports for youth
- There is a focus on sports; there should be great focus on the arts and music as well
- Educational
- Some place/thing for teenage students to be/do
- Entertainment, gathering places with safety
- There is no way to get information. More newspaper reporting would help a lot.
- Skate park, things for kids to do
- Skate park? What happened to it?

- Summer programs for inside activities – need to keep them moving – exercise and ask the children what they would like to do, such as swimming pool, park, etc. My son went last year and there were several bullies.
- Take the students off the streets in the evening and give them something to do like on Fri. or Sat. nights.
- Too many teens, too little to do
- Year-round swimming geared & scheduled around school/community
- Teenage/community employment/apprenticeship type of programs, bike paths & tracks & less punitive, more constructive intervention for drug/alcohol & crime issues
- More for teens
- More and newer programs to bring together parents with young children – like indoor park
- More recreational/educational programs
- After-school non-sport programs, homework clubs (assistance)
- Middle school 6-9 grades
- Things for younger kids to do & places for kids to board & hang out without getting in trouble
- Seems to be a high incidence of break-ins, curfew issues, etc. Perhaps a late afternoon or weekend recreation center would help. I see a lot of teens out wandering at night.
- Sports, cycling, group participation

Q31. What programs and services for youth would you like to see offered that currently are not being offered?

- Bike park, skateboarding, etc.(2)
- Boys & Girls Club (4)
- Gymnastics (4)
- Intramural sports (2)
- A good skateboard park! (43)
- More after-school activities (2)
- Tutoring (2)
- EGADS! Put them to work if they have nothing else to do!
- The programs and services are fine. There's no substitute for good parenting.
- Girls softball at younger ages
- Supervised skate park, more for uninvolved at-risk kids, parents who use drugs & aren't there for them
- Skating ring
- Youth pool club
- Citywide soccer league for youth and adults
- Sports are great!! Maybe some intellectual things.
- Child program that involves youth caring for our creek banks – native restoration
- After-scare services
- There needs to be more for the 12-18 age range. Skate park, more places like the bowling alley where they can hang out, play pool, ping pong, etc.
- Youth involvement in the City government
- Reading, writing, & math
- Programs that would reach the skater youth
- More structured activities could be given by the parents so no taxes required

- Skate park, more intramural sports, rock climbing, summer camps
- Unsure what is available at this point, but must keep youth involved with many choices, baby to teen
- Drug prevention
- Bike roads & skateboard park a must for youth to release their stress & not turn to drugs.
- I'm too old - ask the teens
- Prayer reinstated in classrooms
- Recreational for 13-18 yrs old/educational as well (cultural)
- More parenting classes for youth & teens
- More library events for older kids
- Skate park/athletic field
- I think most areas are covered by schools, YMCA, local businesses, library, churches, etc.
- Evening programs - something fun & supervised
- Skate park, youth center open after school & evenings, weekends, youth mentoring in conjunction with center
- Summer baseball, softball separate from Little League, Majors tennis clinics
- Any kind of program
- Football for younger children
- Computer classes
- Arcade, skating
- City organized work programs for local projects
- Indoor youth activity center
- Latchkey
- More sports - basketball courts & skate park
- More mental health & counseling for families & children
- After-school activities for middle/high school
- Recovery from drugs
- Safe places for teens to hang out
- What is already offered should suffice
- No new programs needed
- Recreational activities, social and real-life awareness of others - and preparing for adulthood is needed for teens
- Skateboard park. I support Jason Franz' ideas for our youth.
- Skate park, tutoring center for after school help
- Skate park so they can all be concentrated in one hangout place
- Day care for student
- A place for K-8th grade kids to go with activities and volunteer opportunities - lessen burden of child care need on working parents and give daily opportunity for youth
- After-school programs
- Skateboarding area, supervised boy & girl club
- More development of local skate park, after-school options for youth "hangout"
- After-school activities other than sports
- Debating, politics, dialogue, model making
- Indoor/outdoor skate park would be good
- I think Silverton does a great job already in this area
- Not sure there are a lot of programs & services for youth at Silverton
- Someplace for the youth to hang out so they will not be on the streets
- Skate & bike park, boys & girls club

- They already cover a lot, I like the Christmas bazaar for the kids
- After-school high interest activities
- Skate/bike park, youth center
- After-school activities
- Not sure of, but after-school program for older children & programs that teach & deal with life skills, coping skills, & environment awareness
- Don't know what is currently offered
- The city needs to make a greater effort to build a skateboard park!
- Gymnastics, exercise classes
- Skateboard park, open gym & supervision
- There is a need for a parent support group for parents w/troubled youth. Also we need more drug rehab opportunities.
- I have heard that we need more programs for teens
- Possibly a variety of service-oriented programs for youth (blood bank, community outreach, etc.)
- More programs geared to getting kids to college
Apprenticeship for vocational, agricultural, technology, healthcare, sports, finance, culinary
- Boys & Girls Club, gaming center for teens
- That swimming would be required in schools
- Drug ed.
- More toddler programs
- Free to low-income pre-school
- Low-cost programs to education youth on exercise and health. Enrichment programs, not inclusive to specific schools.
- 1) Motivational programs to want to learn. 2) Financial teaching for future. 3) Future marriage relationships.
- Better pool availability & more activities
- Better family parks & dog park
- Drama, arts
- Cheaper sports
- More places/activities
- More support for skateboards, motocross bikes, teen center
- More affordable sports programs for young children
- After-school activities
- More programs & activities other than organized after-school sports
- Skateboarding, year-round sports; more art, music programs; special programs - reading
- Youth activity, volunteer programs, & helping younger students learn
- Soccer more than 2 times a year
- Skateboard park, Boys & Girls Clubs
- Diet & exercise programs - teaching to eat right, etc. Open gym w/organized games.
- Kids need places to skateboard, parks to play in, community tennis, intramural sports. And give Sunday athletic practices & games a miss - churches need kids attending church on Sundays.
- More after-school & summer programs
- Skateboard area, skill building through an arts & crafts program
- Concerts, skating rink
- Mentoring programs - having youth take more pride in community - hands-on programs in building & involvement with seniors

- Advertise clubs, bowling, mini golf, dance lessons, boy scouts
- Middle school after-school programs
- Community centered after-school activities
- Youth rec center
- Youth programs here are excellent
- Improved parks and additional parks, including skate rink
- Longer pool hours of operation & library hours of operation throughout the year
- Geography lessons.
- Chess club, tournaments
- Ones offered now are enough
- Skateboard park, more summer programs – art classes, sports, etc.
- Summer programs for younger children
- More activities! Music.
- I have no knowledge of youth services or the school system
- Family oriented activities. Develop Perris Reservoir for fishing – need access.
- Youth center, Boys Club, Girls Club, YMCA
- There should be more after-school clubs and groups
- Diversity barriers exclude many Spanish-speaking community members
- Ages 12 on up – there currently are not enough programs to encourage participants
- More help for working parents for after-school programs
- Music, career planning, field trips
- Headstart programs for Pre-K – not church based. After-school programs (latchkey) with tutoring, recreation or mentors.
- Good skate park – is there a summer youth work program?
- More open swimming at local pool
- More after-school & weekends
- After-school programs
- Sports activities
- Programs that attract kids between ages 10-18. Skate park, trips for skiing, snowboarding, BMX, paintball – things to keep them busy, having fun.
- Outdoor skills
- Current services seem appropriate
- Very pleased w/ services offered
- Boys & Girls Club type facility – a place to go
- Sports for younger children
- Skate park, dog park, community garden, counseling programs to promote physical fitness
- Teen programs
- Extreme sport park
- Services to deal w/ delinquent teens. MH for teens.
- A teen center
- Skateboard park, bike trails, youth club for just hanging out, getting supervised help w/ homework but all kids welcome
- More things for older kids (high school age)
- 1) Local business (professional) offering mentoring. 2) A skate park.
- Youth entertainment
- Art classes, music classes
- Advanced youth music & arts programs?
- Bike/skateboard park

- How's about programs for adults?
- More hockey
- More attention to teens and keeping them busy.
- More youth sports programs
- Skateboarding park – a lot of kids in our neighborhood seem to have little home-made ramps
- Non-smoking/non-alcoholic weekend dance club, roller skating rink/skate park, arcade. A hangout restaurant for teens only.
- Something akin to the boys & girls club (when I was a child) & challenging activities – woodworking, metal shop, etc.
- More programs and services for teens that will want them and sign up
- My children have done well with the available services
- Skate park, new pool, Girls & Boys Club
- More supervised places for teens to gather, example = a teen club
- Youth employment, recreation programs
- Leadership programs. Art/music/etc. classes for teens.
- More music
- More teams for younger youth, i.e. volleyball for 4th grade, not just a few hrs on Sat.
- More after-school programs, and more not involving sports
- Skydiving
- I do not know if ethics in daily life and business is offered in school, but it should be, and etiquette can open doors that even wealth can't. Powerful tools for life.
- After-hours open gyms with supervision
- More team sports for younger kids throughout the school year, not just during the summer
- More activities for teens (skate park, etc.)
- Library open on Sunday. I realize City does not operate library, but wanted to express this opinion.
- Behavior/social interactions for kids beyond sports
- More activities for kids to do like an arcade or something for kids to do so they don't get bored
- Summer activities for 3 and 4 year olds
- Afternoon youth offering activities, especially for latchkey children
- Anything that would interest older kids. Maybe work skills classes.
- Other than school sports & bowling there is a lack of activities for Silverton's young teens
- Just more things for youths to do, activities that they can do indoors while it's raining
- After-school activities including drug awareness classes, help w/applying for & advising high school seniors about what scholarships are available, babysitting classes, CPR, etc.
- Recreational, city-wide leagues for teens 16-21
- An appropriate community center for youths. Also a skateboard arena.
- Skateboard and bicycle park
- Low cost mental health
- Mental health for teens
- Skate park, after-school activities, mentoring
- More after-school programs of a diverse nature – e.g. theater, arts, computer, science programs

- More activities for ages 5-8
- Yoga classes for teenage girls; community garden – teaching kids how to grow food
- A more competitive sports development program, YMCA is very recreational
- Music classes, drama, more sports
- After-school & summer programs other than sports – sports are great, but there is more to life than sports
- Youth center with directed activities
- A roller rink
- Skate park to get them off the street
- More programs not just related to sports!
- Art, drawing classes, drum circle, music, language, dancing, computer geek stuff, chess, social games, exercise – stuff they crave
- Science classes, singing & acting classes
- Tutoring
- Free drama, free music lessons, different clubs such as sports, poker, video gaming, etc.
- Youth work program
- Just more activities that get kids off the streets
- Skateboarding facilities, music programs, affordable art programs, better playground, walking & hiking trails
- Helping paint, clean up, yard work done for seniors who need help
- Skate park & sports facility
- More for high school age kids
- No – you just have to be willing to join groups, go to council meetings, watch SCAN TV
- Skate park, a designated meeting place – maybe a youth soft drink bar, juke box, etc.
- On-the-job training for teens
- More mental health services for private ins. As well as OHP. Child psychologist/psychiatrist/ psychiatric nurse practitioner.
- Better sports facility, skate park, indoor activities
- Orientation to small town life
- More after-school clubs & organizations
- After-school programs for latchkey children & teens
- Volunteer work projects
- Skate park, clubs for teenagers
- EGADS! Put them to work if they have nothing else to do!
- Various arts/crafts, music & alternative & non-competitive forms of physical activity
- Youth & club soccer programs & teams
- Academic clubs (i.e. chess)
- More sports
- Skate park, arcade
- Low-cost music classes, drop-in daycare for part-timers, skateboarding facilities
- Need to have more affordable options – non-YMCA members have to pay much more
- Music & art
- Activities for Tweens – keeping pool open more
- Youth center – a place youth can hang out and be involved in activities

- Drafting, woodworking, mechanics, metal shop, focus more on math, civics, history
- Fun things to do in a clean & sober environment. Young people like to just hang.
- Skate program, indoor courts, etc. SQUARE DEAL
- Arts & crafts, basketball – air hockey, ping pong, chess, checkers!
- Continue offering the very informative training classes. Perhaps add more drug (meth) awareness courses if not already offered. Also, consider career fairs for kids. Solicit area professionals to sponsor/mentor.
- Skate park, transportation/bike lanes out to the bike park, covered basketball courts, more tennis courts
- Skate park, karate class, etc. Something that would get kids interested in doing rather than them roaming the streets looking for trouble.
- Indoor skateboarding
- More parks, places that are safe for skateboards, bike paths, music
- There is always a need for more after-school activities such as clubs, music, art, & intramural sports. There needs to be a coordinated effort when currently the efforts are piecemeal at best.
- Evening daycare
- Private or semi-private orgs – only Boy Scouts, YMCA, Girl Scouts, etc.
- A full-size youth center (recondition Square Deal Lumber Yard)
- Recreational activities that are NOT competitive
- The ability for youth to work for compensation
- After-school programs – co-op programs; programs that don't require parents be home @ 3:30pm (in between school & activity) not really feasible for child or parent.
- Stranger danger
- Skateboard park, non-sport related school activities, dances, socials ...
- More no-cost activities
- Recreation. There is nothing to do. There are a lot of disenfranchised kids here.
- Hunting & fishing classes, no tree hugger junk
- Skate park, rec for kids, help keep kids busy
- Safer bike & hiking, skateboarding, climbing wall
- If not offered, would love to teach children daffodil culture!
- Card games – tournament, Pokemon, Yu Gi Oh, etc.
- A place where youths could go on weekends for games, dance, pool
- Ice skate rink
- Educational ... start foreign language programs earlier than high school
- More bilingual outreach
- Skate park & boarding, music & arts
- It is not the job of government to provide entertainment for youth
- Skate park, teen center meeting place, dance hall facility, computer port center besides library
- Program to teach kids to respect the family STRUCTURE, father, mother!!! And to listen and behave properly and respectfully.
- Skate park, youth arts/music programs
- Toddler swim classes
- Teen Tai Chi classes, yoga, anger management, art, dance, counseling, community service with Habitat for Humanity or similar causes. Teens need jobs!
- How about a park for the board heads. Ping pong, B-ball or place to just hang out

- Non-profit, grand funded resource center for youth at risk
- More and newer programs to bring together parents with young children – like indoor park
- Teen/youth programs
- Homework clubs and assistance for middle and high school, regular drama programs
- More arts & music programs. After-school study groups/clubs. Language classes.
- I am not sure. That is part of my problem. Sometimes the programs are cost-prohibitive.
- Peer services, Boys & Girls Club, “a place to go”
- Dance classes for adults
- Music activities
- A skating rink
- Bicycle racing, team sports, fishing/hunting/hiking, environmental awareness/activities/research
- Skate park & summer activities
- Fall & winter swim lessons
- Better organized sports, community living history, outdoor programs, team building activities, career prep, college prep
- Activities for the smart kids – computers, games, chess, etc.
- Track and theatrical

Q32. Do you believe there are barriers to being involved in the Silverton community? If yes, please list them.

- Yes (5)
- Parents working too much.
- Yes – long-time and native residents are inhospitable and non-inclusive to newcomers
- Having to work out of town & not being able to make it in time for meetings, etc.
- Prejudice
- Yes, no one seems to own the problem
- Yes – if you’re not one of the in crowd then you’re out
- Police pick on some youths for there dress & give them low self-esteem like they’re trashy & accuse them too much
- Sometimes it seems groups are closed to new members
- Old networks
- No matter where or what, barriers are bound to exist. Therefore, I prefer a neutral position.
- Some organizations are not welcoming to newcomers, seem cliquish & closed to outsiders
- People, by nature, tend to “clique” and that can make it uncomfortable to join
- Cliques – seems to be an exclusive club at times. “Good ol’ boys” run the show.
- Language, culture
- Yes, handicapped barriers
- Unfriendly community – clique oriented
- A busy schedule of my own!
- Public transportation (2)
- Yes – the old guard rules – new blood isn’t welcome

- Yes, if you are a person of color. No, if you are Caucasian.
- The barrier is trying to get city gov't to prioritize with citizen input
- Not for most of us – but there are other cultures here that don't easily join in – need to focus on a diverse society
- Small town mentality
- Yes – info lacking on how to be involved & what's needed & what's available
- Lack of information about what is going on in town; C of C or city should post a calendar & have lists of clubs/groups/organizations people can join
- Wonder if ethnic & poverty issues impact some of our Hispanic residents
- Time, money, transportation, publicity of options
- Facility
- Barriers in the sense of not being made aware of involvement opportunities
- Being aware of/or finding info on them
- I work too far away
- Yes. Non-English speaking families are at a disadvantage due to language barriers in accessing programs (indoor park, etc.). We are working to remedy this, though.
- This community is run by “name” people who hold their self-interests above the community's
- Social snobs/inadequate communication of programs
- Yes – community is “good ol' boy” mentality and newcomers/ideas are not fostered openly or only appear to be welcome for appearance
- Need to know people before
- The times of some meetings conflict with work schedule
- A lack of diverse events that would invite a more diverse population
- Citizens too judgmental
- It seems that if you don't know someone that is already involved, it is hard to get started
- Christianity is pervasive – community programs should be secular, leave religion in church
- Language/cultural barriers
- Lack of advertising
- Mayor has too much power – citizens hesitate to challenge him. Is the council listening to the will of the people?
- Time availability for young families
- It's very expensive to live here, and there are not many job opportunities
- Feel like too many public things are dominated by people's religious beliefs in this town
- A lot of programs are scheduled at times we cannot attend
- Yes, the activities offered are costly and not interesting for diverse crowds
- Current administration (mayor) temper problems, you're listening to new people who haven't lived here and changing things too fast, too much – and they're Silverton in “not” Silverton. Stop!!
- Cultural barriers exist. Silverton needs more Hispanic signage, churches who welcome. Hispanics/Russians, etc.
- Non-paying positions
- Ethnic group involvement in city planning
- Money – everything a youth could be involved in costs \$. Poor or underprivileged youth cannot participate.
- I work a swing shift M-F. Seems like all the meetings I would want to be a part of are in the evenings M-F.

- Costs
- Yes – if you didn’t grow up here, you aren’t involved or counted
- Yes – small cliques control everything. If you don’t fit, there is no say.
- Being rich and white helps greatly
- Yes, there is not enough publicity in local paper
- When you are new it can be hard to fit in or be accepted by long-time Silverton residents
- I’m not sure that kids feel like they have a voice in the community
- We work 40-50 hours per week, our kids are grown
- Somewhat – Silverton is a very liberal town, would like to see more conservative & get back to Christian morals!
- Some accessibility for handicapped – wheelchair-bound people
- Yes – logistics. It’s difficult for people who live outside the city limits who don’t drive
- Too much politics involved in sports programs
- Too high of standards
- Information of what kinds of programs that are available
- I work in Salem so time is a factor for me
- Too much of an “old boys club.” If you’re not Orville Roth, you’d probably have a much harder time getting your projects approved.
- Class distinction, prejudices
- Yes – economic class & occupation
- Letting people know all kinds available
- My own lack of time & motivation. Maybe my lack of knowledge of what’s available, too.
- I think that we don’t need any more housing like on the railroad tracks & it does depend on who you are
- The cronyism here in Silverton causes community involvement to often be distasteful rather than rewarding
- “Social circles,” income levels
- I haven’t had time here to find out yet.
- Certain parts of the community are non-inclusion to those of us who were not raised here.
- Race – even though I am not a minority I have heard about others
- The barrier is 8-5 work M-F & weekends to do catch-up at home. We’re busy & tired at the end of the day.
- Yes! Age – we’re in the middle & have no kids – we are not teenagers & we are not retired
- Yes, it’s becoming too urban, too large. Too sprawling too much.
- We have willing staff & volunteers. Unfortunately, the funding is not available, i.e. federal, state assistance/involvement
- Yes. It seems to take a long time to be “accepted” in Silverton.
- Avenues are present to get involved
- All I have to say is that there is a real problem with “racism” against Latin people
- I am very active in my church and am unable at this time to be involved in Silverton community activities
- I work in Salem and gone long hours, and am not involved much with the community
- Very limited in inviting all levels of community to participate. “Cliques!”

- Latino community ignored. Long-time residents exclude newcomers. Difficult for people who work to volunteer.
- Yes, if you are Spanish speaking
- Town has its cliques. Police force discriminates & allows certain officers to take advantage of their power
- Young children's sports are financially difficult for some people
- Yes, city government
- The rich do not mix well with the middle class and the YMCA programs are limited for kids and parents to help
- Silverton is a clique (2)
- City website could be more informational
- More activities geared to older, more affluent residents than to teens, young families & children
- Yes. This is a town that does not readily accept newcomers. Many organizations are reluctant to allow newcomers roles in their programs/activities (i.e., Silverton Hospital Auxiliary, Zenith Women).
- Yes. I go to school ¾ time. I really don't have the time I would like to be involved.
- Knowledge of what is happening, more ways to community to the public
- Seems to be an overabundance of hippie, long hair artists, etc.
- Silverton Together needs additional staffing to properly organize agendas
- Sidewalks broken in places so difficult for wheelchairs, no good place for truck/bus turnaround on S. Water St.
- Being Hispanic or other nationality. Too hard or afraid to communicate or ask for help.
- No welcoming newsletter of sorts to let you know in which way the city needs you. Could be mailed out for example when you sign up for light, electric, etc.
- The main barrier is lack of time
- Yes - some events are very expensive
- Yes - single adults without kids. I would like to be more involved in youth programs & community in general, but people seem to think there is something wrong with a 30-yr-old unmarried woman without kids!
- Very snobby attitudes
- Some, because I have a disabled child
- Yes - no social status, no involvement
- Not enough diversity - existing volunteer group appear difficult to join
- Likely so as with any community when it comes to income and race
- Often oriented towards parents & children. Would be nice to include/appeal to single folks, elders, etc.
- Certain programs are "clicky" and some ethnic
- Yes, there are too many liberals who speak for everyone else
- People not aware of opportunities to get involved
- If you're not born here or in Oregon, you're out
- They just don't care
- The mayor can be difficult to work with
- Don't know - other than disconnect due to people working elsewhere & participating in Salem & Portland social activities
- Sometimes things are not advertised
- We do not experience it, but I am sure other people do
- Income

- Monetary – anything held at Oregon Gardens – Mayor’s Ball, 1st Citizen Banquet, etc. – unaffordable to many.
- Yes – old boys network
- Getting notice of events! Sometimes we don’t hear about fun stuff!
- Of course – it’s always difficult to allocate time between personal and public activities
- Silverton “old timers” are sometimes reluctant to accept new ideas – especially from new arrivals
- Newcomers not always welcomed
- The mayor has an ego problem and the city manager thinks his ---- doesn’t stink!
- I just believe if we had more to offer kids who are bored there would be less problems
- No – you just have to go to the mtgs
- Volunteers are scared off by overload, “insiders” club limits membership
- Lack of available information
- Welcome new citizens into community; packet of community resources would be good
- The Council
- Yes, I have seen citizens & City Council agree on some things & then certain individuals are allowed to do the opposite
- Yes – finances: Silverton requires either an upward income (60,000+) or low income (20,000); people in between are left out
- The Hispanic population is ignored. Our complaints about 2nd St traffic are ignored.
- Very conservative – not very open to new people, friendly but only to a point
- Elitism
- Yes – there are no Mothers Day Out in churches or schools
- Communication via newspapers as to where there are needs
- Yes – language, Spanish-speaking families excluded
- Hispanics are slow to get involved, need more encouragement
- There is still a bias here in this community
- Somewhat, but very little. Newcomers may have a little harder time being completely accepted.
- The “good old boy” network rules. Caters more to business owners, people with money, realtors/ developers. City brushes off and shows no enthusiasm for the rest. Condescending – arrogant attitudes from city.
- Language/culture (2)
- An aversion to teenagers – an assumption that they are bad. They are targeted by police.
- Some – don’t know what the opportunities are, need better information
- Communication to families without children, regular community meetings and forums
- Could use a central organization/event to inform people interested in volunteering with needs. Silverton Together’s efforts seem limited to Silverton Together programs. How about a yearly volunteer fair with everyone from youth sports to food bank to YMCA, school district, churches, etc.
- City is on bankers’ hours
- Yes, because the people who have lived here the longest feel pushed out by all the new people who have no idea what Silverton “was” like, not that it’s better now

- Small towns get easily in a “rut” – same people heading up comm.. Same activities – hard to join sometimes.
- Currently entrenched budgets & administrators
- Follow thru – I went thru training for NET teams but there is no program for practice or advanced training
- Still too much of a “good old boys” club. They do not welcome “outside of the box” thinking.
- Yes. You have to be some sort of business owner or someone of importance. Others are looked down upon (I have a lot of tattoos).
- No (72)
- No – excellent community!
- No – except for nationality and color
- If you want to be involved and work to benefit the group/organization, you are welcomed we’ve found.
- No barriers
- Not if you are willing to investigate by yourself
- I don’t think so – besides housing costs and low job to population ratio
- No, plenty of opportunity
- We haven’t faced any yet
- No, getting involved is a personal choice
- So far I haven’t come across any
- People get lost in their homes – real outreach to all not just civic minded seekers.
- No. There is a good sense of community in Silverton and I believe this is because the town is small. The larger the city the more difficult it can be to establish a sense of community.
- No – there are many, many choices if you want to be involved. You have only yourself to blame if you are not.
- No – easy to get involved
- I have found Silverton to be a helpful and friendly community
- No, community is very friendly
- None – Anyone can find what everyone wants from arts to gardening to hikes to bikes, water sports to fishing spots!!!
- No, I have lived here 3 months & have found Silverton to be a very warm, welcoming community
- Can’t think of any – maybe if a newcomer is non-white, it might be hard to feel “at home”
- No – it is very open

Q33. The Silverton Hospital offers a variety of medical and community services locally. From the services listed below, please check the services, if any, you have used in the past year. (Other, specify)

- Birthing center (3)
- Cafeteria (2)
- Flu shot clinic (2)
- Foot clinic (3)
- Kaiser Permanente (2)
- Physical therapy (2)
- STEPS (5)
- We go to Salem (2)
- Flu vaccine

- Wellsprings Nutrition counseling – excellent!
- Air transport – to Portland
- Cafeteria (soup/Thursdays)
- Would like to have a dialysis center
- Member of hospital aux. – meet for various events
- Dietician
- A few friends had babies
- I work at the hospital and am very pleased. I'm a nurse.
- Silverton Hospital auxiliary member
- Flu shots clinic for public (free)
- Lunch in cafeteria – good food
- Community aid physicians (volunteers)
- Blood work & blood lab
- Birth classes
- Visited others hospitalized only
- I have HMO services in Salem
- Have Kaiser Permanente for all my care
- Baby delivery – birthing center
- Have Kaisers Ins. Silverton Hospital is one of the best!
- Shingles, vaccines
- Foot clinic
- STEPS – excellent
- Colonoscopy
- Friend did, wonderful care and a massive bill
- Nutrition counseling
- Illness treatment/birthing center
- Maternity
- McClain St. Clinic
- Sleep study & hearing tests; ears, nose, & throat specialists
- Volunteer services
- Cafeteria – open to public, great food – what a good idea!
- Fun run
- I volunteer when well enough
- I didn't know except there seems to be a real shortage of doctors, eye, dentist, MD, etc.
- Babies clinic
- Attend Toastmasters meetings held at hospital
- 2 years ago I went in with a massive emergency heart attack; service was terrific; everything you'd want in an ultimately stressful situation
- Lunch/learn
- Food clinic and "Lunch & Learn"
- Auxilliary member 23 yrs – active
- Lunch-time visiting
- Cardiac care
- Try medical ins.- does not cover Silverton Hosp. or Drs. – I volunteer at the hospital so am aware of the excellent service there
- Toastmasters & café
- Chronic disease class (6 weeks)
- Health resources very good
- I don't use this hospital

Q34. Generally speaking, how satisfied are you with your local medical care?

Other, please specify)

- Prenatal/birthing services (4)
- No pediatricians in town!!
- Home health - Providence
- Psychiatric services
- Hospital is outstanding
- Integrative medicine
- Location
- Seek care in Salem
- More in Spanish
- Health newsletter
- Never personally used, only took in-laws
- Costs to cash patients (very unsatisfied)
- We're in an HMO in Salem
- Still go to Salem
- Good
- We need an urgent care facility so you don't have to go to E.R. always
- Available yes, cost no
- Free clinic
- They are great!
- Overall very satisfied
- Need telephone operator, registrars too busy
- Health occupations class w/high school
- Care for visiting family
- Silverton Hospital is a great resource and one to build other community services around
- Need more parking
- Care Van
- Distance to specialized care - i.e. Wellspring in Woodburn
- The COC is wonderful!
- Cost is too high compared to other hospitals
- Services - Toastmasters
- Affordable dental care
- Hospital, staff, clinics
- Silverton Hospital treats its housekeeping staff like dirt. Poor pay - no benefits - no loyalty to staff
- Mammogram & chest x-ray

Q36. If you answered YES to Q-35, what specialized service did you use? (Other, please specify)

- 5-way bypass
- A checkup
- A free health plan for all indigent children incl. dental
- Acupuncture, naturopath, physical therapy
- All services
- Allergist - OHSU medicine specialties (Rheumatology), physical therapy
- Allergist (5)
- Allergy tests were not available here, so we did not get them

- Baby care
- Back surgery
- Birth of child
- Bone scan
- Cardiac surgery
- Cardiology (2)
- Casey Eye OHSU
- CAT scan (2)
- Chiropractic (2)
- Chiropractic, physical therapy
- CT diagnostics
- Dental (6)
- Dentistry, allergist
- Diabetes
- Emergency care
- Endodontics
- Fertility (2)
- Foot doctor, primary care, integrated medicine
- General care
- General practice
- Geriatric
- Gynecology (9)
- Gynecology and women's issues
- Gynecology, annual checkups
- Hand surgery
- Have Kaiser Permanente health care
- Hematology, audiology
- Hepatology
- Hereditary Disease Foundation
- Hormone replacement therapy
- I go to the VA for cancer & Parkinsons
- Immunology
- Infectious disease specialist
- Internal medicine (2)
- Internist
- Just routine visit
- Kaiser in Salem (5)
- Kaiser Permanente Neurology
- Kidney care - surgery
- Knee surgery & replacement
- Lungs
- Macular degeneration
- Mammogram
- Mammography (2)
- MRI
- MRI on knee
- MRI test, eye care
- Multiple Sclerosis treatments
- Naturopath
- Naturopathic physician (2)
- Naturopathic physician at hospital

- Naturopathic, alternative care
- Naturopathic, chiropractor, treatment of athletic injuries
- Nephrology (2)
- OB/Gyn (2)
- Oncology (2)
- Ophthalmology (14)
- Optician = surgery
- Optometrist (3)
- Ostomey bag
- Pain management clinic (2)
- Pediatric nephrology, naturopaths
- Pediatrics & urgent care
- Pediatrics (9)
- Pediatrics → psychiatry
- Physical therapy (2)
- Podiatrist, bone scan
- Podiatry (3)
- Premature birth & ICU care
- Primary physician (4)
- Psychiatry (3)
- Psychological
- Rheumatologist (6)
- Rheumatologist, chiropractor, massage
- Rheumatology, eye physician & surgeon
- Rheumatology, pediatrics (for visiting family members)
- Silverton does not accept our insurance
- Some tests
- Specialty ultrasound
- Spinal surgery
- Surgery (2)
- Ultrasound & back surgery
- VA in Salem
- Vision & glasses, holistic MDs
- Women's health issues & primary care
- Woodburn Diagnostic
- X-ray
- Yearly checkup

Q37. What type of medical insurance do you have?

- AARP (2)
- Aetna (9)
- Alaska Care
- AmeriBen
- APWU
- Assurant (8)
- BCBS Med Advantage (8)
- Blue Cross (151)
- Choice 65
- Cigna (8)

- Coremark
- EFO
- Employer health plan
- Federal BCBS
- FHIAP Regence
- GEHA
- Great West (11)
- HCD/First Choice
- Health Net (20)
- HAS (2)
- HMA (2)
- Lifewise BCBS (19)
- Med Advantage (6)
- Med Life & Health
- Medicare Prime
- Megalife (3)
- Met Life
- MVIPA (2)
- NWPS
- ODS (25)
- OEA Choice (5)
- OMIP (2)
- OPET
- Pacific Source (6)
- Pacificare (4)
- PEBB BCBS
- PPO
- Providence (54)
- Providence Choice
- Providence Medicare Extra
- Regence Blue Cross (14)
- Secure Horizons (4)
- TFL (2)
- Tri-care (19)
- Triwest
- United American
- United Health Care (19)
- VA (4)
- Western Oregon
- Employer self-insured
- Cobra

Q38. What other medical/health services would you like in your community?

- Cardiology (2)
- Good dentist (2)
- Dermatology (6)
- More alternative health services, more holistic (4)
- Kaiser clinic (6)
- Mental health services (8)

- More naturopathic doctors (2)
- More OB-GYN doctors & pediatricians (2)
- Oncology (2)
- Ophthalmologist (2)
- Orthodontics (3)
- Pediatricians!!! (13)
- Better services for uninsured & needy (2)
- Urgent care!!! (7)
- Veteran clinic (2)
- Wellness clinic like Wellspring in Woodburn (2)
- Pulmonologist, pediatrician, endocrinologist
- Pediatricians & urgent care
- Hearing services – vision services
- Outreach to families with drug/alcohol use
- Mobile location specialty that will do home visits
- Pediatricians! We really need them. Our family practice docs in this town are not sufficient for sick kids!
- We have very good service
- Psychiatrist, psychologist
- Community well covered, including alternative medicine
- No medical services for uninsured for mental depressive people who are scared to go to doctors, then go and are rejected like my daughter was
- We have adequate care with Salem only 15 miles away & Senior Plus van
- All services in all health care
- Free immunizations for children, free flu shots
- Urgent care (not bad enough cases to require E.R.)
- I would just like knowledge to affordable health service/ins.
- More mental health services for kids
- Reasonable prices for uninsured
- Pediatrics services – pediatricians
- How could we have any more?
- Blue Cross dentists – Salem is the closest allowed by B.C.
- Health & nutrition in Silverton
- Integrative medicine/de-tox spa/clinic
- Free dental clinic, naturopathic/Asian medicine clinic
- More counselors who accept OHP
- Pediatrics, intensive care
- None needed
- More dentists open on Friday!
- Rheumatologist
- Optometrist
- Free dental for children
- More doctors w/naturopathic ideas (but actual MDs), more pediatricians
- Allergy workshops thru hospital
- Dental offices for OHP patients
- Retinal & cataract surgeon(s)
- Integrative health care services with an emphasis on prevention of disease processes
- None – costs too much
- Oncologists
- Adequate services exist

- Psychiatrist
- More integrated, holistic approaches to health care (naturopath). Also mental health services are strongly needed!
- More doctors
- Holistic eastern where dis-ease is understood
- Have hospital at Kaiser work together so patients can use both facilities
- Pediatrics
- Urology
- Cardiology/cath lab in hospital
- More preventative options
- Prevention & maintenance!
- CT scan
- Wellness/recreational, exercise facility
- Would be nice to have Kaiser doctor(s) in Silverton
- Our understanding is that Silverton Hosp is topnotch
- We go to Salem; don't care
- Endocrinologist
- More doctors
- Free health screenings
- Osteopath treatment
- Doctors trained in nutrition as well/beyond one required class
- Dental are for underserved
- Maybe some support groups - rape group
- EMT/paramedics
- More terminal care doctors that take United Health Care
- Adequate at this time
- More internal medicine physicians
- A free emergency room would be nice
- Gynecology
- MRI-CAT scan, expanded physical therapy
- Pulmonologist - help to expand ICU in Silverton
- Back surgery specialists
- More primary care - most PCPs are not accepting new patients or hard to get appts. with
- Natural, women's health care
- MRI - open imaging
- Low-cost Medicare
- Female internist
- Last time I check I couldn't get a PCP in Silverton unless I used OHP, so I have to go to Salem. Would do all my medical needs in Silverton if I could.
- An expansion of Outreach
- Promote healthy lifestyle
- Urgent care 0 when we can't get to a Dr. but don't quite need E.R. care - bad cuts, minor breaks, infection, etc.
- Preventive classes, fitness classes that are reasonably priced
- Alternative health care, exercise
- Expanded in-hospital care
- Physical training & rehabilitation recreation
- Schools that train in the medical field
- So far, so good
- Pediatrics are a must for a healthy community

- Cardiac rehabilitation clinic
- Pediatrician that accepts Tricare (right now I drive 45 minutes)
- Primary care for Medicare recipients
- Nothing that the fed gov't shouldn't solve
- Holistic prevention center/alternative exercise (Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi)
- Kaiser, Blue Cross
- Pediatricians, psychiatrists & other mental health professionals
- Better dental, more classes
- Pediatrician, psychiatry, cardiology-heart center
- Cheaper MRIs please
- A new type mammogram machine
- Have to travel to Salem for pain clinic/back care. No pool available for therapy or handicap access.
- More Optometrists to pick from
- Dental care based on your income
- Dermatology and plastic surgery
- As a rule we have access to all specialists now
- Dermatology, ophthalmology
- Psychiatric, chemotherapy
- Oncology; wish there were primaries for adults only
- More specialty care + gastroenterologist, cardiologist, maybe neurology
- Naturopathic clinic
- Programs for caregivers, i.e. Alshaimers, Parkinsons, aging parents
- We NEED more primary care providers! We NEED pediatric specialists (pediatricians).
- University health care; regulated insurance/drug industry
- Local physician would not take Medicare
- More preventive and natural medicine
- It would be great for Silverton Hospital to partner with Kaiser Permanente
- Clinic for uninsured
- Expanded outreach clinic
- Walk-in affordable clinics
- Wellspring should have been here!
- Through the Silverton Appeal
- Midwife, naturopath/alternative medicine
- More help for people with no insurance
- Mental health clinic for children/OHP & reg insurance families
- Ophthalmology
- Dental care for community outreach clinic
- Prevention issues/MRI diagnostic/free prescription & doctors
- Better dental for those without insurance
- Lots of physical exercise opportunities/facilities
- Cath lab, stroke center
- Natural health
- Urgent care fee-based on income opened longer hours & days
- Women's clinics
- Strong program in health maintenance & prevention
- Services available to legal citizens only
- Socialized medicine
- It feels as if Silverton Hospital is trying to do too much - be everything to all!
- Pediatric, cardiology, oncology

- Clinic for low-income, non-insured, underinsured
- More yoga
- It's great to have the variety we have and have stayed up with medical changes, thanks to Silverton Hospital
- PCP that accepts new patients with tri-care
- More alternative medicine, especially for children
- Preventive for drugs & youth - meth
- It seems that we have good free services
- A local urgent care; specialists available here more days
- Drug & alcohol treatment for young persons
- Affordable for Seniors & low income
- Pediatric clinic & dental
- Outreach dental
- Health food store - like "Life Source" in Salem
- Chemo
- FREE medical services for all
- Audiological
- Health care for all regardless of ability to pay
- Women's health clinics, education on aging for boomers
- Urgent care center - opportunity for acute care (non-emergency) on weekends or after hours
- I would like for the hospital to be affordable for people who work hard & are citizens instead of accommodating others w/no job or insurance
- Low cost health clinic (walk-ins), mental health
- It is very difficult to find a primary physician who accepts Medicare. Need more!
- Dental, back docs

Q39. Where do you get *most* of your local news? (Other, specify)

- BBC
- Local television
- TV Portland
- Chamber newsletter
- Local TV station
- Alumni newsletter
- Our Town (19)
- NPR, OPB (3)
- KXL 750
- TV news (11)
- City meetings & personnel
- Membership of grange - Our Town newspaper
- CBS Channel 6 - Portland
- People at work (2)
- OPB radio (2)
- Neighbors, Elks
- Portland TV stations
- KEXT Ch 2-6-8
- OPB (2)
- Radio (2)

- Street banners
- Fox news on TV
- Make better use of SCAN TV
- A monthly newsletter
- Our Town paper, it's the best
- KGW Channel 8 (2)
- NPR
- AM 750
- Coffee shops
- Local & national TV news
- Word of mouth, rumor mill
- KEX Portland
- Local news on SCAN TV
- TV Channel 8 (2)
- Chamber newsletter
- Other radio
- Gossip (2)
- Getting out & about
- Friends, neighbors (2)
- The Silverton Appeal needs to be greatly improved!
- KVOB radio
- Good Day Oregon
- Expand website, more frequent pieces in newspapers
- Our Town - not overly interested in local news, but it is available online
- Evening news on TV/NPR
- Mt. Angel Shopper
- Church
- Silverton Together & Chamber of Commerce
- Council
- Subdivision newsletter
- Coffee houses!!! What a resource!
- The "Our Town" paper
- Satellite television (2)
- 2, 6, or 8 news
- School newsletters
- Brief newsletter fine
- Channel 12
- Sign on Water St & Main St
- Regular Our Town articles
- Channel 2 news
- City radio station would be fun
- There is no good news in this country due to a handful or persons that own it all and they print what they want!
- Local TV and Fox news channel
- OPB radio, NPR, BBC at 912.5 FM, 550 AM
- Granny

Q40. Do you have a suggestion for how the City could provide better information to citizens?

- Quarterly newsletter by mail (2)

- Better newspaper (2)
- Make SCAN TV better (3)
- More town hall meetings (2)
- Put on TV (2)
- Keep the website updated (2)
- Website
- Explain the scan TV & how we can watch it/get it @ home
- Continue to use regular mail. Not everyone has a computer.
- Our Town is the most trusted paper, city rep to merchant mtgs, direct mail, use of K108 outside city hall
- More news about upcoming improvements, i.e., new signal lights, improvements, etc.
- Cut out gobbledegook verbiage and tell us straight. Stop kowtowing to the hospital. Give Gene Pfeiffer a break.
- Community website
- Better reporters for Silverton Appeal. I get more info from the Statesman about happenings in Silverton than the Appeal.
- Print important stuff on water bill
- Town hall meetings, occasional newspaper columns by dept. heads
- A lot better Silverton Appeal, that covers more topics about locals & their life here. "Boring newspaper"
- I live in critical flood zone. The need of updated alert information on Silver Creel & dam.
- By changing scheduling so services would be available ½ day on Saturdays. People who work full-time don't have much access.
- City does a very good job
- Get the Silverton Appeal on the ball
- More "Both sides" coverage in the local paper
- Put out a newsletter on what the City government is doing
- Probably wouldn't get it anyway
- They do very well
- Silverton Appeal should be on top of local activities
- Put in the local newspaper
- The citizens need to take responsibility to learn to ask good questions and how to involve themselves
- Get local paper handled by local citizens who live here & know what's going on locally
- The "Our Town" is good & could contain more local news
- A new website for local news of all kinds
- A monthly newsletter explaining to the community what is being done to improve the Silverton quality of life
- Send important news on water bill
- Flyers w/details of emergency situation procedures
- Send some info home via the school w/kids
- Mailing. I wasn't aware the city had a website.
- I think the city does a good job providing information
- Fliers in bags at grocery stores
- Online newsletter
- Put more news in the local paper
- Use Silverton Appeal to print budget information; income and expenditures and projections - at least three times each year

- Silverton Appeal is accurate!!!
- Website
- Maybe mail newsletters
- Let "Appeal" writers seek info
- More local coverage in Silverton Appeal
- Mail postcards
- Create an email listserv
- Publish weekly city county meetings online, postal, flyer in Our Town
- Movie ratings – foods that are in season & new ways to cook them
- Well for starters the Appeal is terrible. Journalists need more writing education.
- I think the city does a good job communicating with the public
- Let people know of events before, not the day of, like in Sil. Paper! In "Our Town" let "the man" update us more often!!
- Encourage library use
- Need better reporting of City Council business
- No, I believe you do a good job
- Provide City Council agendas in newspaper. Live internet broadcasts of City Council & Planning Commission meetings.
- Quarterly newsletter; info in local paper; info in grocery sacks
- Update your website
- Our Town is great!
- Letters to citizens – home owners – who can't (don't have) cable.
- The Appeal is notorious for not printing information or for errors. Improve their weekly updates; make them more timely. The banner on Main St. is great~!
- Start a blog on major issues
- Make better use of the Silverton Appeal. Articles could be written about City Council mtgs; concerns; appeals, etc. Also "Our Town." I read more about Mt. Angel than Silverton.
- Mailings, a telephone directory with free listings of local businesses
- More Silverton area info in Statesman Journal
- I would like more information on City Council meetings in local paper
- No, doing a great job already
- Town hall meetings on weekends
- Improve local paper. Silverton Appeal is just an "ad rag" these days.
- Bulletins over the city hall siren
- More through the Appeal
- Flyers for special events
- Fire The Appeal people and bring back the Our Town people
- More advertising of upcoming events
- City newsletter
- Keep the Appeal better informed
- Directory for services provided by Silverton
- Direct mail or print on water bill
- Need better access to Council meeting tapes. Monthly/bi-monthly newsletter. Publish Council minutes. Publish report of how Council responded by suggestions/answers in previous surveys. Accountability!!!
- Email
- Mailings to each home
- Good reporting in Silverton Appeal, not so many ads
- Excellent now
- Local radio station

- Fliers on special subjects of interest
- Beef up Silverton website, link to city leaders and businesses, classifieds, scheduled events, etc.
- Have the Appeal write more stories and less ads
- More informative, interactive website
- More forums to educate on local government process
- We are especially happy with “Our Town”
- Most people don’t have time to read (paper, signs, etc.) and if you don’t have cable – SCAN TV is a bust. The Appeal is a joke so Our Town is best bet for events! Whis is what we want to be aware of to participate in and have some fun!
- Email
- Is the information provided accessible to the Spanish-speaking community?
- Permitting through website, more council & planning com. Info, links to area resources
- Monthly fliers
- Improve the local paper – Silverton Appeal
- Distribute City of Silverton newsletter as stand-alone item at Roth’s Safeway, Rite Aid, Ace, Hischool, pharmacy, etc. Consider Silverton news kiosk at those locations.
- Our Town seems good
- Improve Silverton Appeal
- More newsletters from City of Silverton inserted in Appeal & Our Town
- Fliers or questionnaires like this are great!
- Marketing campaign to direct people to website, town hall info meetings
- Really like “Our Town” paper
- Expanded information on city website
- Timely news releases and letters
- They have their bases covered, newspaper – website
- Better reporters for the Appeal
- Hot line
- Weekly newsletters on activities and services
- Allow citizens to sign up for email distribution list of City Council & city planning agendas & minutes
- Continue to improve website & fliers in local papers
- More interactive website
- A monthly column in “Our Town” advising of important issues
- No, maybe just repetition
- Town hall meetings – like a press release with give & take, open questions, answers – open mike
- What happened to Channel 10?
- Have a weekly info section in local papers
- Like signs across street – like one for “OK Day” for long-serving local doctor
- More advertising in different places other than papers
- Expanded police report in S. Appeal, I saw 2 accidents at Hobart & Mt. A. Hiway unreported
- Informal “meet and greets” geared to average citizens, besides the ones for businesses
- Reach out to all residents, not just property owners (i.e., renters)

- More local in Appeal – local reporters NOT depending on public contacting them – not having to pay for local news items – more social news – fun items, I like school news & sports
- Info flier sent w/utility bills
- Better coverage and writing in the Silverton Appeal
- Add column to paper telling information of city happenings & question and answer column
- Is there a place to see how \$ will be spent on which projects, e.g. City Council mtg. mentioned a street improvement, but we cannot find anything about it.
- Email w/new info/changes, etc as they occur or a webpage which highlights such as they occur – regardless of development → each dept. submits to this weekly
- Newsletter from city advising what projects are being contemplated and progress of existing ones
- All city council agendas should be in the Silverton Appeal paper. People are not informed.
- They do a great job with SCAN TV
- Single-sheet newsletter, easily readable and on a frequent basis so entries are broad
- Better city website, easier to navigate & keep all department information and updates current
- A more active, updated website
- Put more news about events and classes starting
- Give more notice
- Since the Statesman Journal owns the Appeal there is a credibility and accuracy issue
- A regular weekly column in the Silverton Appeal that lists City Council, Planning Committee, construction, maintenance – public works, anything really that is being discussed or done (other than required public notices)
- The local paper should be local. More than half the news is about Mt. Angel, and now even Stayton! Way too many supplemental ads!
- Use a town cryer
- Open bull sessions considering development and future changes possible for city – outside of legal proceedings
- Library & newspaper
- Public community meetings – the city needs to receive more input from citizens. City Council meetings are not always appropriate.
- Be more conservative
- Cut down on the rude attitude toward citizens at council meetings
- The Silverton Appeal does a poor job – and advertising is expensive
- Staff need to be honest with media
- Weekly column in Silverton Appeal
- Publish City Council agenda prior (at least a week) to the meeting
- The Appeal needs to focus more on events in the community
- Resource packets for new citizens; independent radio station 9i.e. music) can get news out
- No, like the newsletter “Our Town”
- Put out the agenda of the City Council meetings in advance
- Have Appeal print City Council news – better “Letters to the Editor” newspaper coverage
- More city events in the papers

- No, but the Reverse 911 system is asinine
- Maybe have a local channel through DIRECTV, that's our TV source of choice!
- In special info mailings to residents, Appeal (not everyone has computers or cable TV)
- Better delivery of the Appeal – I stopped my subscription due to missed papers – often
- Less gossip (the man), more facts
- Some sort of city newsletter or something on a biweekly basis
- Better, more info in Appeal
- Be honest, especially the mayor – he is Roth's puppet
- City radio station would be fun
- Regular City Council minutes/reporting in Silverton Appeal
- Get a new editor at the Appeal!!!
- Is there a calendar of community events anywhere?
- We need a local newspaper, not clone of the Statesman. We used to have a Silverton paper that was really independent.
- Don't rely on Silverton Appeal. Put out a quarterly newsletter.

Q41. What additional services or information would you like to see provided on the City of Silverton website?

- Phone numbers to different departments
- Never look at it!
- Links to all local services and groups
- Good grocery buys
- I've not been aware of this website!
- Need a city animal shelter maintained & upkeep on a regular basis
- Obits & crime log
- We don't "go there" – maybe lots of citizens don't??
- Better access to merchant info
- Info on city transportation
- A place for local news of all kinds
- There should be a local calendar with a way citizens can post events; also lists of clubs/groups w/meeting dates & contact information
- Would like to see access roads built before more houses added to Water St. development. Single family houses are gobbling up available land. Would be better to see better land use efforts.
- Citizen volunteer opportunities besides schools, i.e. law enforcement, fire dept., emer. Response team(s), Red Cross
- 1 page w/all the service type companies, water/sewer/phone/cable TV – small town generally only have one of each
- None – costs too much
- Upgrade of website. More pictures & explanations of excellent quality of tourist options.
- Would like a detailed public accounting of how school bond funds are being used, including the bids on individual projects
- Tax assessment, plans vision of urban planning/renewal/ordinance public hearings
- Banner. Info in grocery store!
- It's really slowly & poorly organized
- You have a website?

- Allowing local businesses to belong to, be listed by, the Chamber of Commerce for free, and in a local telephone book for free to help owners survive & customers to find them
- Updates – it's the same ol', same ol'
- Local area attractions, current events, and a “relocating to Silverton” section with info for newcomers
- More of what they do, but more of it & sooner!!
- Provide more illustration of downtown businesses beside the Hartman Bldg. A web page link to blog – Cosgrove
- Upcoming agendas of Council mtgs.
- Need better access to Council meeting tapes. Monthly/bi-monthly newsletter. Publish Council minutes. Publish report of how Council responded by suggestions/answers in previous surveys. Accountability!!!
- Better flow
- Keep minutes of meetings updated – that would be a start
- Names/addresses for specific concerns under “contact us”
- Regular programs & info on leaf removal & household hazardous waste disposal
- Employment opportunities within Silverton
- More of what is going on
- Is the information provided in Spanish as well as English?
- More in-depth police training on Oregon statutes
- Do a better job of making crosswalks
- Police log information
- Don't visit it, not user friendly
- City emergency plan
- 1) More community events info. 2) More timely staff reports for P.C. and C.C. meetings. 3) Community discussion forum on issues.
- Upcoming events calendar, activity calendar, info on community involvement opportunities, youth program resources, future developments info
- Cosgrove's Quote of the Day
- Transportation to other places options & community services/groups
- Medical opportunities
- Pool hours
- Weekly entertainment guide including Silverton movie theater
- More frequent updating of information!
- Nothing – all information we needed was provided on this website
- Link to Silverton pool hours
- Pay my water bill online
- Seems fairly complete; a couple of links didn't work – what does “enter comments” mean on resident & visitor pages?
- Community calendar/events – with RSS feed. Start a blog!
- Keep info very current; public events listed or linked
- A 24/7 “suggestion box” on the website
- Better recycling information
- I didn't know there was a website. Maybe it could be advertised more.
- City Council agenda, voting records of public officials
- Well, I don't have a computer so newsletter is best
- Development related property data
- More zoning & Planning Commission information about decisions that affect growth. Growth is occurring much too fast, less than 2% is acceptable.

- Better filming of City Council meetings
- Earlier heads up on development issues
- Updated info on recreational trails and local restaurants
- Why water/sewer bill so high – how revenues used. Why no community input?
- Forum
- Easier access to council agendas
- Resident feedback interaction
- No up-to-date info
- The truth about how unsafe the reservoir really is
- MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers, moms’ club
- Accurate police info
- Stricter rules on outside burn barrels, stricter rules on cutting down large yard & street trees
- Bulletin board
- Police log – sexual predator locations
- Where to stay – where to eat – where to sleep
- FAQ or information for new residents
- Anything pertinent
- Where the dollars are spent, open the budget
- Employment, transportation assistance

Q44. If you moved to Silverton, why? (Other, specify)

- Affordable housing at the time (2)
- Beautiful area (3)
- Established a business here (2)
- Friendly people (3)
- Friends live here (2)
- Grew up here (4)
- My husband grew up here (3)
- Job opportunity (13)
- Location (2)
- Married (3)
- Silver Creek (2)
- Proximity to Silver Falls State Park (2)
- Loved the arts & liberal community
- Fairly conservative town
- Proximity to Silver Falls Park & Portland
- Lower taxes
- Clean, quiet & remote area
- Close to our church (Quaker)
- Just landed here
- To open my own office (originally)
- Town presents a classy impression, everyone envies for living here
- Moved from Los Angeles, California
- Had to move with Mom
- Closed to Silver Falls Park, Salem
- Moved here from Wisc.
- Moved back to my hometown after children grown
- Made a mistake by moving here

- Very quiet and peaceful
- 49 years in Ca. bay area – had enough!
- Got married 9/11/65 – husband from Silverton
- Came with parents in 1930
- My wife’s job
- Came as a teenager w/family
- Purchased business
- Liked (past tense) small town
- Beautiful, natural environment
- Close to Silver Falls
- Got a good deal on a home
- My friend lived here – when I retired I joined her
- When we came it was convenient to our work
- Wife was born here
- Housing cost
- Cost of living
- Love this area
- My husband already had a home here when we married
- Parks, people, reputation, all the community programs
- Family-centered community
- The beauty in nature, trees, farmland, fresh air – hard to find these days
- Business opportunity
- Beauty of area, weather
- Wife’s job
- We work in Tigard & Wilsonville – we moved here due to proximity to day care & schools & small town atmosphere
- Strong sense of community
- Safe to try new business
- My family moved here when I was 5
- My husband got transferred
- My husband was born & raised here
- Upscale community, nicer than Salem
- Mother’s relatives were here
- More convenient when I worked
- Low/zero crime, safe, local activities, small town, Victorian homes, large yards, homes were then lower
- A progressive, intelligent, liberal community
- Return to roots
- Raised here and returned to retire
- Proximity to Portland, etc., etc., etc.
- Hometown
- Purchased our parent’s home
- Property value/cost
- It’s a beautiful town
- I married a Silvertonian in 1966
- Needed to locate between Portland and Salem
- Came with parents
- Close to Salem
- Prefer being closer to Salem than Portland
- Closer to Salem, but didn’t want to actually live in Salem
- Earthquake took down my house

- City has lots of potential, needs to improve sidewalks downtown & better residential standards on urban dev.
- Transfer
- Easy to get around on foot, don't need to drive anywhere
- Bought acreage in 1962
- We have been disappointed & hope to move next year if the housing market heads up
- The layout of the city, the art influence
- Beauty of area
- Family here!
- Silverton is friendly, intelligent, artistic, open-minded, and unique as well as beautiful and entertaining. Yeah!
- Married husband who lived here
- Personal and away from busy cities
- It was close to Mt. Angel where my husband was employed
- Oregon Garden, local beautiful, delightful rural qualities
- Proximity to outdoor recreation
- Came with husband to his hometown
- Housing assistance rescued my family!!
- God led me here due to request prayer of wanting to raise my 4 small children in a safe community
- Future potential as upscale community
- Adequate medical resources
- Was visiting here for several years before moving here and always enjoyed our visits
- Just moved here in Sept to take care of a friend's home
- Good place to raise kids
- Son was in Silverton High School at the time
- Relocation due to work
- Healthcare worker
- Family opened business
- Good library system
- Quietness
- Liked weather, farming community, churches, Roth's, Oregon Garden, Silver Creek, & reservoir
- Attractive downtown
- Proximity to the mtns/ocean (I like outdoor activities)
- Heard good things about the schools and hospital
- Good art community, good urban planning
- Born 2 miles west of town on farm where my father was born
- Healthy downtown, well maintained, clean
- Health
- Looked nice
- A beautiful small town & good weather, good neighbors
- Separation from husband, grew up in Mt. Angel
- Nice people
- Low income/handicapped living facility
- Great people
- Good "green" builder
- Bought a farm in 1959
- 2 couples who are old friends live here – got a killer deal on a fix-up house

- Work in Salem – better community than Salem
- Close to PDX, coast, mountains
- Supposed to have good road biking
- Small, but close to “the big cities” for big city elements
- Felt like “home”
- Love the arts
- Close to friends, wonderful grocery store – Roth’s
- Good investment in real estate
- Want to raise children here
- Job change/friendly church/had friends here
- My parents moved here
- Quiet & clean town
- Alternative to Salem
- Change of scene
- My father always talked highly of Silverton. He was from Washington & only knew/heard good things about the community.
- Moved with family
- Random
- One of the best horse stables in valley is located here
- Community atmosphere that Silverton has
- Many activities for kids
- I LOVE Silverton – it is a coastal town without the coast
- All of the above except retirement
- Worked in Mt. Angel
- It was smaller then!!!!
- Had been visiting area since 1953

Q51. Where do you work? (Other, specify)

- Albany (3)
- Albany/Corvallis area
- Aumsville (4)
- Aurora (2)
- Aurora/Wilsonville
- Canby (6)
- Donald (2)
- East coast
- Gervais (2)
- Hubbard (2)
- Lebanon
- Molalla (9)
- Molalla, Scotts Mills
- Monmouth
- Mt. Angel (20)
- Mt. Angel & surrounding area
- Oregon City
- Polk County
- Portland Metro (2)
- Salem (2)
- Scio

- Scotts Mills
- Self-employed (6)
- Sheridan
- Silver Falls
- Silverton area (2)
- Silverton and Woodburn
- Stayton, Aumsville
- Stayton, Sublimity, Mid-Valley area
- Stayton, Wilsonville
- Sublimity area
- The Dalles
- Tigard, Portland, Salem
- Tualatin (2)
- Various communities
- Washington
- Wilsonville (3)
- Woodburn
- 100% veterans disability
- Out of state (Iowa)
- Workman's comp
- Volunteer in Silverton (murals)
- One is retired, one at Western Oregon Monmouth, Oregon
- Oregon coast, Monitor, OR, etc.
- Polk County
- Willamette Valley area
- Self-employed, Willamette Valley
- I am a union carpenter, wife is school bus driver
- Disabled - don't work (2)
- Have worked in Woodey, Silverton, & Salem
- Occasional freelance work
- I'm not employed - husband still working in Calif for now
- All Marion County
- Travel throughout OR, WA, ID
- Semi-retired
- Stay-at-home mom
- Homemaker (6)
- Unemployed home day care operator, no available jobs
- I travel
- Disabled (4)
- I do construction work so 2 hours from Salem in all directions
- Travel out of town & state - construction
- Over-the-road truck driver
- Gladstone/Oregon City area
- Brooks/Gervais area
- Unemployed (2)
- Raising grandchild
- Looking
- Statewide - construction
- Self-employed - various areas
- Travel, self-employed
- My job takes me throughout the valley

- On the road
- Local community area
- All over the world

Appendix C

Comment Responses

Each respondent to the Silverton Community Survey was given the opportunity to share any additional comments. A total of 379 people provided comments.

- 1) There needs to be streetlights (traffic control). 2) Eugene Field School is in very poor shape, maybe move kids to old high school? 3) Downtown buildings need facelift. 4) Police need to patrol "Danger Hill", they speed down the hill.
- The City needs a fenced dog park - Wilsonville has one. Not much upkeep - it works great!
- My biggest complaint is the intense traffic congestion in the area around Washington Mutual, U.S. Post Office, and all adjoining streets during rush hours. The flagman on North Water does a great job, but a traffic light or change in traffic flow is badly needed.
- Silverton like Brigadoon, comes alive every 100 yrs!! This is it right now. Hopefully, we can keep it together so we don't fall asleep and lose another 100 yrs. Generally the City is thoughtful and courageous moving towards economic and not allowing crazy expansion or toxic growth. Toxic in the sense of short-term positive, long-term negative impact to people and land.
- I would appreciate sidewalks and road maintenance in the North side neighborhoods. We would have fewer children playing in the streets.
- 1) Q-5, growth is too fast. Population will more than double in one generation. 2) Q-5, this question would be easier to answer if percentages of total city budget for each item were provided. 3) Q-6, Our family is highly in favor of encouraging local, independent business and discouraging chains.
- 4) Q-10, limited infilling -0 infill in rental areas or on rental lots. Infill in unused areas.
- Pool: full time pool manager on duty during peak hours; water temperature adequate for all age groups; punch cards that don't expire on specific dates; more aerobics classes or therapy sessions; warmer air temp in winter. This survey is a very effective tool in my viewpoint. I look forward to the questions and the opportunity to respond.
- Too many police, too little work, too high taxes, too much city bureaucracy (carpet baggers), too many greedy developers
- I want to see no more annexation for home subdivisions @ this time. I was frustrated to read the planning commission added mult. Acres - we need no more now - too much new already - no room in schools, no water, no ease of movement in town. The people out east on south Water will want a Walmart or something that will DESTROY the feel of Silverton. Please stop adding & adding to outskirts, we have so many homes for sale - I walk to see sometimes 4 homes in 1 sq. block for sale!!
- I hope the City will reconsider reverting to two-way traffic.
- I feel that there are way too many police officers for this size of town. At night when I come home from work (after 12 am) I have never not seen a cop parked waiting for someone or currently pulling someone over. At times portions of the downtown appear all lit up w/their lights. It comes across to me as a very unfriendly town where you can't let yourself relax. In Salem, I can go miles without seeing a police officer where here they are all over the place.
- Silverton is a very unique town and offers some really unique places to visit and buy things. We hope to see the Oregon Gardens become a "very high visibility" in the near future! What an asset to the Silverton community! We feel one of our major drawbacks is the backup of traffic during peak areas & times. Hopefully the planned signal lights on "C" Street will help!
- Silverton should not annex any more land for building living quarters until the city addresses and meets the needs, handling the heavy load of road traffic the added growth demands.

Silverton is already like the Boston Tunnel. Boston Tunnel does not provide enough lanes of traffic to be efficient. A few years back (I was there) 8 lanes of traffic were herded into a "holding pen" to ether two lanes of tunnel traffic! Only through common courtesy of fellow drivers could one finally enter the tunnel. Silverton is already experiencing the same situation. One shouldn't criticize offering a solution. Only solution I can offer would be a monorail. The taxpayer pays??? Or a toll road!! It will be cheaper and more efficient to invent a personal flying backpack so people can lift off from their driveway and flit to their destination. I dream that will happen!!

- Not a word about gardens – they should shape our commercial area from her on out, for once Silverton has the power to shape its own destiny. Good luck to us!!!
- I realize Silverton must grow (naturally); however, I hope we can maintain the small town atmosphere and appeal. Continue to support Silverton schools as a City government.
- The road system, traffic patterns, parking are at the breaking point due to the "rapid" (out of control) development taking place in our community. Developers typically who have no investment in our community – are "developing" land with reckless abandon. It seems our city planners are of the same mindset. Profit-mindedness is okay, but not at the expense of our look, feel, and function of our beautiful town. City planners would do well to require so-called developers to leave old growth trees (oaks, firs, etc.) and to plant trees as a requirement for the privilege of profiting off of our community. Keep our community beautiful (with services that keep up the increased population). Keep our community pedestrian friendly; don't make our town another Beaverton. Think of Sisters instead.
- I am very disappointed that a local reporter was transferred to another area at the request of the City Manager! That is not how it should work. City employees/government should not be able to dictate to the media what/when to report. This incident leads me to believe that there are things the City government wants to hide from residents – and that is not okay! Otherwise, I am very pleased with Silverton as a whole, and am very sad that we may have to leave.
- I love Silverton for the small community that it is. We don't need to become another Keizer full of strip malls and traffic. People who live here are willing to commute to jobs so the quality of life can stay so high here. We need more open spaces, trails, bike paths, make this town sustainable and small. Bring in activities and businesses that promote our small town, family values. We need a skate park + a dog park. We need businesses who are green so we can keep our clean air and water.
- Do not feel qualified to give answers in some areas.
- We thank all of the people who work so hard and do so much for so many of us. Thank you.
- Silverton is growing too fast. Ask anyone and they will tell you they moved here for the small town feel, but Silverton is not a small town anymore. The City of Silverton has done a very poor job in protecting the Silver Creek from pollution from new developments.
- This town builds & builds homes here for greed, because they didn't care to put in roads & stop lights to accommodate all the cars going in & out. Rush hour is a big headache for a town that was so good & quiet for us who were here forever. Now it's all getting shot to hell for contractors. They wouldn't let Walmart come here or Bi-Mart to create jobs so everyone has to go out of town to work & we can't even buy a pair of shoes or underwear here. Have to go out of town to shop & they say shop in Silverton – where, in the Goodwill? Even the Goodwill store is moving out to Woodburn in the Spring. What then for the poor here? They have to leave town to buy clothes (with the high cost of gasoline) and to go get things we really need & not antiques & art from town here. Stupid City Council!
- I recently moved to Silverton upon accepting a position at the Oregon Garden. I like the small-town atmosphere, which might be compromised if Silverton becomes too "upscale." However, I would like to see an increase in affordable, clean, well-maintained housing options – rental properties perhaps built in a style that would fit the historical context of the town without being "retro" in the pricey sense.

- Silverton is a nice place to live.
- We love the open space of the beautiful farmland around our small town. We moved here to live in a quaint, small town and our desire is that Silverton will remain a small town. We love the downtown area with hanging flowers in summer and Christmas music in the winter. We moved here to get away from the gang and drug problems of Salem. Please keep Silverton safe and clean. The frequent police presence is comforting! We love small town Silverton!! Thanks for asking our opinions!
- The sidewalks are really bad and need to be repaired. People need to trim their trees and shrubs so you can walk down the sidewalks. We love living back in Silverton again.
- I would like Silverton to keep going in the direction they are going, but I think we need to slow residential growth. I would like Silverton to not ever get a Walmart type store. The small businesses are what gives Silverton the appeal it has.
- We moved here one year ago from Portland. Silverton seriously lacks public spaces. There is only one park, and it is dark and cold most of the year (and the playground equipment is rotting and dangerous). Walking in town is unpleasant, as sidewalks randomly appear and disappear. There are large residential developments on the edge of town (Pioneer Village, Welds Lake, the east side of Steelhammer Rd.) with no connection to downtown (no sidewalks) and no access to parks. Every new development should include a park. There is nothing to do in Silverton that doesn't require purchasing something, and one can only spend so much time in the bakery or coffee shop. We need more parks/plazas, more sidewalks, bike lanes, and places to shop. I can't even buy a pair of shoes or a book without driving to Salem or Portland. This is less a town and more of a suburb. Living in Silverton means being dependent on one's car. Can we at least get a Fred Meyer??!
- We live in a wonderful neighborhood that has one "bad apple" homeowner. The street is only 20 feet wide with parking on one side only. The "bad apple" household has 5 vehicles - 1 with an out-of-state, out-of-date license plate - & two licensed drivers. Sometimes the cars - at least three at a time - don't move for weeks. All of the surrounding neighbors have called the police often through these last dozen years & never once have they been cited or towed. Not once. If this family was financially culpable they would do something about their vehicles. But they tell some story & the police shrug it off & maybe a car gets moved a car length & that's that ... flat tires, dead batteries, & misc. car parts ensure that the street on that side rare, if ever, gets swept by the street cleaner. If the police won't uphold the simple laws I have little faith in their abilities period.
- I do not particularly care for requiring rental property in residential neighborhoods. It has been my experience that these are the homes that are not kept up and bring down the overall value of adjacent homes. This also applies to duplexes and apartments.
- Although I have waded in the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans, I am totally rooted here. I got in my car, drove to the hospital where I was born, and drove to every house I had ever lived in, and back home. I had driven 2 ¾ miles!! (5 houses in 76 years.)
- Poor planning for new homes, preparation. Taxes are too high.
- I recently got a letter from the City of Silverton requiring me to get a backflow valve inspection for a new irrigation system installed this past May. Altho a similar report was filed by installers of the system just a few months ago, the city still required me to get a new report by one of their certified installers. This is a stupid waste of my time & money, as new systems rarely have compliance problems. I was upset to learn if I didn't comply the City would shut off my water. The threatening tone of the letter was unnecessary, as of course we would willingly comply with any safety ordinance. Also, why do this at tax time? Wouldn't a Spring inspection be more appropriate?
- I like living in Silverton. Most of the goods & services here are adequate. The schools have been the biggest frustration. The high school staff is not very accommodating in conferences or registration for working families/parents. Last year there were several bomb threats at the Pine St. campus. No doors are locked at Robert Frost & I have never been asked why I was in

the school when I volunteered although no one there knew me. Are our schools safe for students? On the upside, there are a lot of wonderful community events, i.e. pet parade, Oregon Garden, Homer Davenport Days, 1st Friday. There is a small town feel without being too small.

- Not knowing who is responsible for the frequency of the co-mingled bins (papers, cardboard, etc.) but I should think once or maybe twice a month would be adequate for residential pickup. Why not add these bins to rural areas where older garbage routes are in place? More recycling would be done and less just “garbage.” Having been a patient at Silverton Hospital several times 3 or 5 years ago I was pleasantly surprised at all the service offered. Excellent care – great staff in all departments. However, the stores and sterile product distribution center – lacking in space and proper handling of both sterile and non-sterile items.
- In my husband’s and my opinion during the past year we have watched several “Gestapo tactic” episodes take place here in Silverton. 1) Our daughter, who is a recent non-profit “business owner” was subjected to harassment over license, signs, and “safety” when she’d done everything the by-laws instructed. She’s not the only one to be treated with rude hostility. 2) NO PARKING signs by the Oregon Garden (4th of July) & during the Art Fair & Homer Development Days – surely there’s a less hostile way?? 3) The EXTREME over-reaction to Pfeiffer building geologic chemicals that had been in place for over 30 years. The interpretation we gave it was that some “power” wanted revenge for imagined transgressions in other areas. 4) Parking meters are showing up in laughable places – and, no, they aren’t just “those cute old fashioned nickel meters.” Really “unfriendly.”
- Cannot answer many questions because of short residence – others are qualified based on incomplete knowledge or experience.
- Thanks for asking my opinion!
- I believe there is plenty of housing in Silverton. There should be more youth activities. We need a community center. Modern boys and girls club. Bike area. Please fix the streets & sidewalks. They are hazardous!
- Sidewalk accessibility needs to continue to improve. Ramps need to be consistent all the way north on First St to McDonald’s for example. Other sidewalks are in disrepair, dangerous for me as a senior walker, and impassable for my daughter in her wheelchair. She has to “drive” in the street. A harrowing experience for her and for drivers. While seeing stores occupied is preferable to empty spaces, it is discouraging to witness a business open without adequate research and/or funding. Many provide no goods or services we locals want. Sometimes location doesn’t match – such as a sweet shop too far from theater and events. I think too much is banked on tourism overflow from The Oregon Garden. As we’ve seen, much of that has been “pie in the sky” thinking from the get-go. The Garden needs to mature – then THEY might come.
- Appreciate City of Silverton’s work with Moonstone Properties. Mayor busts his rear for Silverton. City Manager is knowledgeable and approachable.
- I live on McClaine Street. I complain to the City that the hospital doesn’t care for their property, like tree limbs, blackberry vines, etc. I keep my hillside mowed 304 times per year. The city mows Phelps St once a year. The hospital keeps the part that shows very nice, but the section of their property between me & the hospital isn’t very well kept.
- We are approaching the point where the small town feel is changing. Too many multiple housing units. Slow growth down.
- Concerned about drug use. Concerned about some local kids who have no respect for others; those I’ve run into downtown. Concerned about houses too close together in new developments. Not so desirable as larger lots in some areas. Basics needed in schools. Not enough emphasis on 3 Rs, geography, etc. I’ve seen A high school students who lack this basic knowledge.
- Unfriendly community – clique oriented.

- I really like our little house here almost at the end of Jersey St (which is a dead end). Very quiet and peaceful. We don't have to worry about people hassling us like in Salem when we lived there. We only have deer and skunks, and once in awhile a possum to deal with and that is always a joy. Silverton is a wonderful place to live and I hope it stays that way. We do not need any more big stores or other businesses that take up land. Too many houses are going up already; need to slow down! Keep Silverton the small town that it is! Thank you.
- Eliminate one-way streets!
- For the amount paid monthly for water/sewer, we should have better tasting water – too much chlorine! We had to buy an in-home filtering system because it tastes awful, not to mention all of the carcinogens we are drinking every day w/fluoride @ chlorine added. What about the Silverton Reservoir? Why is this resource unused? The sewer rate increases have not made sense to us. Allegedly it's to accommodate new developments, but contractors pay to have new lines put in, etc. If that increase went to improve the water pressure in our neighborhood I might understand. There are too many new homes! We settled here because of it's size, but Silverton has grown from 5,500 residents to 9,000 in 17 years! That's huge! It is so annoying to drive across this town on my way to work – it takes about 8-9 minutes to drive less than a mile.
- I find out how little I really know about city & community services.
- Too much building in Silverton! Need sidewalks on Steelhammer & E. Main St. Need street light @ Water & Wesley St – dark & need stop sign there, too. Young people starting out can't afford houses in Silverton unless North side or Water St area. Need Ike Mooney Rd subdivision to connect to Oak St. Turn lane for Steelhammer Rd.
- Bad idea to not have the Christmas tree on Main St.
- The beautification of the entrances to the city, i.e. Silverton Rd. It's ugly now with a trailer park, storage units, & strip mall. More consideration to the look of it being a tourist attraction – building codes – historical not just business approval but a code for aesthetic looks, too. How about looking at some areas like Jacksonville for ideas – housing, too. Thanks for listening & keep Silverton unique & quaint.
- I love Silverton. It is quaint and very relaxed. The roads & streets need repair, but I can live with that. I think it's the perfect place to live. It's quiet, friendly, and cute!
- Fix East Main + Steenhammer , shoulders, sidewalks, bike lane? Traffic light Steelhammer & 213.
- I am very concerned that unrestricted growth outside of Silverton (i.e. large subdivisions) will have a catastrophic impact on our quality of life – negatively impacting water quality & availability, causing traffic congestion, fire hazards, destroying prime farmlands, overcrowding schools, raising taxes, & causing pollution. If measure 37 stands, this city is screwed & so is Oregon! S. Water Street will suffer from increased traffic – find ways to slow traffic & make crossings safer. Make a rule if you are passing thru downtown during certain peak hours vehicles cannot be under power – they will have to be pulled thru – the high school football team can do this for a small fee.
- Get rid of the one-way streets. Please continue to improve/upgrade downtown.
- The quality of living in Silverton has gone down in the recent years due to over influx without the city being able to accommodate the growth need. So if we grow then grow nicely, not just a crowded bedroom community of strangers who get up & leave daily.
- 1) City needs some serious traffic improvements. More lights? Is a new bridge on the south side feasible? "Laning" at C & McClaine is flawed. Hire more "human" traffic flaggers at peak periods? 2) Get the local police out of their "fortress" and out of their patrol cars and actually walk on the downtown streets. Right now they are faceless and nameless. 3) How about a training session for City Hall employees on what it means to be a "public servant." Teach them to think of the city operation as a "business" that needs to please "customers," that's us.

- 1) For question 13 – why do we need a new tax or bond issue to fix our city streets? Where is all the money that the new developments are paying in and our increasing tax money? 2) Police dept – Do we see a police officer walk the town streets. No, other than the meter readers. Did we see any officers helping with traffic control when the C Street bridge was closed. No. If so, I never saw anyone. The city has an over-abundance of employees per capita.
- Question 28 should be on a sliding scale of 1-5 like other questions of its type.
- 1) I wish we would be more diligent in having home owners trim back trees and business that overhang sidewalks. 2) I would like to see times at the pool for just the elderly. 3) I am very concerned about the visibility at the corner of Center and Fairview Streets by the hospital. With the cars parked along center on the south side, it is difficult to see cars driving west on Center. 4) I am very concerned about the speed of vehicles on West Main, particularly when children are walking to or from Robert Frost School and the church school. 5) Just the speed or drivers on West Main concerns me, particularly since it is a main walking approach to the Oregon Garden. 6) Since we advertise as “Oregon’s Garden City,” we could do a better job in improving the appearance of the property (weed control, mowing, limit junk, etc.).
- I am very concerned about all the development for housing in this city – I feel our water and sewer is going to be greatly overtaxed – so then the city will say hey, we need to tax you more to improve these services. We have one of the highest tax bases in this county already. Stop the annexing – mainly of bare land. Yes on 49.
- Growth rate cannot be sustained by current infrastructure. We should not promote residential growth. Silverton will lose its charm if we don’t plan carefully, restrict growth, & protect our exclusive farm use zones. Brian Cosgrove is not courteous. He promotes a disdain from city employees. I don’t work for the city, but this is my general impression from city employees, and my personal experience with Mr. Cosgrove. Police services are inconsistent. There are some great cops in Silverton! There are others who are abusive and get away with it. I have volunteered in the Silver Falls School district for 9 years. Silverton is a great place for little kids & a terrible place for teenagers. There is nothing to do & nowhere to go for a lot of older kids. Let’s protect Oregon agriculture and contain our city limits.
- Silverton has much more to offer than its current status. If Silverton wants more tourism they need to make city access easier. There are too many parking meters which dissuade visitors. Changing some street names to those more appealing. Changing B/C/D/ Streets. Changing 1st & 2nd. Maybe a Davenport Blvd. The names are too humdrum. New “Welcome to Silverton” signs (the signs with the population on them) have seen better days, especially on Pine. The older structures need to be refaced on a timely basis. Many properties need to be cleaned of extra cars & other debris. The city needs to work harder on luring upscale restaurants – grocery stores – all purpose stores. The area around the new “lowscale” furniture store needs complete renovation. There should be a walkway by the river in town. There needs to be more phone/cable competition.
- I am new to the area (7 mos.). I am still learning about Silverton. I like this town and area very much. Good air.
- It is expensive to live in Silverton – for retirees who want to support schools and services – but whose income is fixed while other costs go up. People who need the most health services can least afford it. So when a “small” town like Silverton has very inflated housing costs and bond measures and high city taxes, the ridiculous cost of water/sewer becomes important. WHY hasn’t the big numbers of new homes and entire new neighborhoods brought down the cost of water/sewer & other city services with more population paying the costs? This is a big question in my mind re: City of Silverton.
- Go ducks!
- The growth is happening too quickly for the residential. Roads – hard to get out of the library parking lot – too much traffic on Water. Another development up the valley from Ike

Mooney? Yikes!! It would be sad to see the East hill shaved of trees and houses stacked in (down from Abiqua). Housing prices in general are discouraging. No deals anymore. The Garden has added less peace to our neighborhood as summer wedding receptions are not regulated. LOUD until 11:30pm sometimes. I was a great supporter of the Garden, but this year it has changed my thinking somewhat. Parks need some decent play structures in addition to the older ones.

- I am concerned about the Webb Lake development. They have raised the level of the ground 6-8 feet above my property. I worry that when the rains begin, my property will flood. This potential was not mentioned in the initial planning – I would have protested more loudly had I known this was their plan.
- I would like to see City Council pass ordinances that require contractors/developers to contribute more money to support schools. It appears that the development in Silverton brings more people & children to town, but creates a hardship for the schools.
- I love to work in my garden, and there are two things that really bother me. One is the noise over a loud speaker from the modular home construction company nearby. The other is outdoor burning. I really wish that it would be made illegal in Silverton. I get very upset when I see apparently healthy trees being cut down. Is Silverton a Tree City USA (through Arbor Day Foundation)? If not, could we apply to become one? Where I live, sidewalks are very spotty. It would be good to have sidewalks continuously along a given street.
- We moved out here from Dallas, OR, or a few months ago and all of our bills are at least twice as high as what we were paying before including garbage, water, electricity, phone. We are using the same amounts as before so it doesn't make sense to us. This has seriously affected our family's budget and is making it very difficult for us to manage month to month. It is also making us consider not buying a home out here.
- We need to rethink some planning and create a more village-like area where people can walk more to buy things they need. Caring for ½ acre lots and huge houses is too much work for aging population. Some affordable condo units or smaller house options will become more desirable for small family size which is the norm. Hard to believe families can afford to buy some of the huge houses being constructed and then maintain them. At some point as we run out of oil we will wonder what our priorities were as we waste the last drops.
- The City of Silverton is too dictatorial and controlling, i.e. the manner in which the chemical problem at the old Square Deal Lumber yard. There was no reason for all levels of gov't to be involved – city, county, state, fed? The city should have had owner clean up as required by existing requirements. Not justifying the existence of all the gov't bureaucracy. Also, it seemed the agencies involved did not show any concern for costs and were very heavy-handed with the owners. Also the city seems to be unreasonable in some code enforcement/requirements (i.e. water tower antenna) and in some cases not enforcing codes (i.e. building codes not enforced – in my home).
- New homes off S. Water, Ike Mooney, Pioneer Dr. put too much traffic on S. Water & downtown area. C St. is also a problem. Without right infrastructure housing starts should be minimized.
- I love Silverton and am very happy to be living here!
- I like living in Silverton because of the small community, schools, and community events. Raising my children in a smaller, safer environment is important to me. And being able to live in an area where you can know many of the people in town. And living in a friendly town is also great.
- The drug use – mainly meth – is horrible, especially in Mill Town portion of Silverton. We need to fix this!
- One-way streets in town are a problem, especially for visitors. I've had visitors tell me they feel frustrated, like, "You can't get there from here." Example: a visitor parked on north side of Main St. at corner of Main and Water asks how to get to post office, which is at corner of N. Water and C Sts. I would like to be able to say, turn right, go 3 blocks, look left for post

- office. Instead, I say, there are 2 ways: stay on Main, cross bridge, turn right on McClaine, see post office on right. Or turn left on S. Water, left on Lewis, left on 1st, 7 blocks to C St, turn left, go to N. Water, turn left, then right into post office. It's crazy.
- 1) Water Street traffic is terrible. 2) We have far too many housing developments coming in. We need to remodel, not build. 3) Do something more with downtown. Why go downtown? 4) What are we doing about the illegal immigrants here? 5) Slumlords – clean up the “white trash” duplexes.
 - Great town, keep it small. Too large and it'll be like living in Salem or Portland.
 - I am an educated person, but felt silly that I honestly don't understand some of the things in this survey. How does this survey reflect the less educated or minority populations in Silverton?
 - I have not read one word about a “rainy day fund.” Why is that? Government is not at all conservative. There should be less spending on social activities & more effort on work & volunteer activities. In the long run, those who have lots of privileges end up at a disadvantage. They don't learn how to struggle (work hard) & do constructive things such as building fences, buildings, harvesting crops, making wood, etc. Let's have less waster & a large rainy day fund!
 - Should be a tourist destination like some quaint New England coastal towns. Come to Oregon Garden, shop, eat, spend a day in the country. Enhance our strengths. Tidy up the town. Leave it at that!
 - I realize I wasn't a contributing voice regarding planning & other major decisions the city is responsible for. Silverton is a very special spot, could be more so, bike paths, sidewalks encourage walking (no pollution & it's social).
 - My property tax went up \$705 this year over last year. I cannot afford to retire in this city & live on a fixed income. The City is over-building houses. We are losing water pressure. Streets & roads are not sufficient to evacuate in flood, fire, or earthquake.
 - I have wanted a long time to live here, but I find 3 things very hard to deal with. 1) Jobs – not a lot here in Silverton & not many with good wages. 2) Cost of living – the cost of living is higher than I expected for this area. I'm paying more for housing, water& sewer, cable, phone. (Yes! More than California). 3) Prejudice – while my husband is black & I am white, and both my boys are mixed, it is not prejudice of race but of the fact that more Oregon people do not like Californians. What I find very stupid about this is that most of these people are transplants from other states themselves.
 - We love Silverton and everything it has to offer. We look forward to putting our child through the wonderful school system and being more involved in the community with all the events offered as well as volunteering. Sidewalks towards the falls direction (Ike Mooney/Pioneer Village) would be nice (along Water St) and a park for the wee kids in the Pioneer Village area would be appreciated.
 - 1) Please pay more attention to the properties around town that are not meeting code. 2) Please fix S. Second Street. The water & sewer repair jobs destroyed our street & I believe cause our neighborhood to stay low value despite property owners' efforts to improve their property.
 - We enjoy living in Silverton & feel very fortunate to be able to do so. I do feel there is a significant need for additional sidewalks in the community (E. Main, Steelhammer, S. Water) in order to connect people, encourage healthy, active living & providing a sense of connectedness. Additional community (pocket) parks would also help neighbors to connect within certain areas. A community garden would be fabulous!! We are a young family & all of these would dramatically improve the quality of life for families w/small children living in Silverton. Thank you.
 - Very disappointed with the city's handling of communication in our building process.
 - The present day glut of homes for sale is due to the tax increases from the school bond – a bond that was passed by questionable means (using students to promote something they

- knew little about) with public funds. With the additional of so many new housing projects, selling existing homes at a fair price will be next to impossible. Again, this was predicted, yet ignored by those leaders who put their financial (personal) concerns far above the good of the overall community. The next step will be a road bond, which will only heighten the negative impact on hard-working or retired residents. Personal greed will only hurt what was once a fine community, but leadership is so firmly entrenched and “well-heeled” that they simply could not care less. Surveys such as these, while “feel-good” in nature are only useful if they impact those in positions of power. Regrettably for the community, these individuals who could make a difference are locked into incestuous relationships with their inner circle pals.
- The tax base is not affordable for retirees and does not show a sustainable revenue without more taxation. We need more technology like broadband services, not Verizon or Charter; these are inferior & oversold, over-utilized services. Build out in the infrastructure & business will come & utilize, plus cottage industries could thrive & attract the kind of citizens Silverton needs to sustain & build the community.
 - I have only lived in Silverton for 3 months. My biggest concern is lack of sidewalks on north end of town. Children are forced to play in street because of this. There are a lot of children in my neighborhood. I have a very large fear that something will unfortunately happen someday because of this.
 - I love living in Silverton and I am concerned that with all the Measure 37 claims in the area we are going to become much like the other small towns that have lost their charm & individuality. I don't know that much about the youth services here in town. Do you have any programs for kids about global warming/environment & getting the involved in making Silverton a greener town? Or having a sister community in another part of the world? Also, have you looked into solar heating for the pool? There could be some tax breaks. And if we are going to develop Silverton can we do it with an eye on the future & make or encourage greener building practices?
 - I think Silverton is over-building residential areas. They are razing hillsides and destroying old growth trees at a very rapid rate. Surely they must realize that the views and hillsides with trees are one of the main draws to living here. They have also allowed a quarry operation of crushing boulders and truck hauling to operate in a residential area! This is wrong. Also, all the recreational opportunities are for children or families with children. Adults need exercise, too! They need a nice walk/jog area that is not taking your life into your hands from cars speeding. This needs to be an anytime you can go as opposed to Oregon Gardens, which is restricted to time & day.
 - Our tax bill for city services was fair. Our tax bill for Silver Falls School District was not. That was almost 50% of our total property tax bill. The state publishes information that says it spends 55% of its tax dollars on education. It sounds like the education dollars may need better management.
 - Please stop growth and having the street cleaner running at 4am.
 - I think the Pioneer subdivision should be stopped! No more houses. There are so many empty lots in Silverton already. Why add more? Please leave all the beautiful trees & NOT turn them into a road that attaches w/East View Lane or Evan Valley Hwy. NO MORE subdivisions approved!
 - City seems to be developer driven. Build houses first → worry about roads, sidewalks, traffic, and infrastructure later.
 - I believe commercial growth should be aesthetically pleasing to make town attractive. Specifically, no metal buildings, no chain link fences, visible equipment in disrepair, etc. Bend, Oregon, is a good example of regulating industrial parks of town.
 - Thank you for questioning the community!
 - The Silverton pool should look at area programs (Stayton) & see how come seniors are driving there instead of attending classes in Silverton. Be more accommodating.

- It's a "small" community & hopefully will stay that way.. More houses mean more people & overcrowded schools.
- More and better animal control to include no animals in businesses.
- Silverton is unique & special – such a sense of community. Neighbors friendly & watching out for each other. The location is great – to Portland or Salem for shopping. Please don't bring Walmart or chain stores here – we want to support locally here! No more homes being built, just encouragement & help to keep up property.
- We like Silverton – it's rural smallness, but close proximity to ocean, Portland (which we use a lot for plays, symphony, dining, etc.), and mountains. We like the weather.
- The taxes in Silverton are too high. With the new school bond we pay over \$2,000 just for city & school taxes – about ½ of our total tax bill. If I owned my home I'd still have to pay \$400 per month to cover the above.
- Silverton is growing much too fast. We have lost the small town feel I moved here for. I feel that developers and builders are given priority over everyone else and additional fees should be levied on their building of hundreds of new homes that are overtaxing Silverton's resources.
- Extremely arrogant and unfriendly police department (as a whole) who give the community the impression that it's US against THEM. Separation of CHURCH and STATE: what passage from Jefferson don't you understand, Mr. Mayor? Freedom of religion also means freedom from religion. In ten years we have seen this town evolve from a quaint, friendly place to an extension of Salem. And all of this lip service wise management will not impede the holy dollar.
- 1) Need better planning of road system around Ubiqua heights and Pioneer home development – better infrastructure. 2) Streets and sidewalks near downtown need to be upgraded. 3) Downtown beautification at cross streets, street lighting, underground electrical. We love Silverton, these are suggestions to make it better.
- I promote the cultural and historical integrity of Silverton. I do not wish to see our streets jammed with commuter traffic because of overdevelopment. Water Street is already a bottleneck, as is Main and Oak. We need to stimulate growth in quality, not quantity. These surveys are a positive move in seeking fairness and equity.
- At least 8-18 Silvertonians drive to the Stayton Community Pool every other day or more. Several others go to Woodburn pool. Why? Because those pools are heated (and they also have good instructors). The Stayton pool has swim teams and other classes and they manage with a heated pool. People with arthritis and other handicaps need warm water. I resent the fact that I have to drive to Stayton 3 times a week, pay them, use gasoline, etc., just for a class that respects the importance of having a heated pool for many people. People who don't need a heated pool are not hurt by the warmth.
- 1) Small town atmosphere. How do we keep it that way? We MUST keep it that way! Look at the alternatives. 2) We have a great small town. Will a Costco, another meat packing plant, more houses, more fast foods, more cars on the road, infill, & more crowded conditions in neighborhoods & schools make it better & more livable? I KNOW IT DOES NOT! 3) Must we have the above for our town to survive? Is GROWTH A MUST? 4) Times are changing. Take a look at Antioch, Calif. A fantastic small town in the 1950s. Today, it's destroyed by "progress"! Check out St. Helena, Calif. Or even Calistoga, Calif. We could be like them if we moved in their direction. City Council & Chamber needs to take a field trip. 5) Downtown needs to clean up – every day! Traffic needs to be rerouted a bit – pedestrian-friendly streets with bike paths. 6) City should provide ways to improve the low cost housing we already have. 7) Visit (city council, planners, citizens) Roseville, Calif. & Dell Webb Sun City to see new concepts & ideas in housing, moving traffic quickly, strip malls, & good & bad of a "new" city. It would be well worth the time.
- Taxes are insidiously high - \$5,200 on less than \$300,000 assessed value.

- Both my husband and I grew up here. We love the town, but not the way it has grown in the past 10 years. The home price is unaffordable for what you can get & what a young family can afford. We are strongly considering moving up to Santiam Canyon to get away from the massive amounts of developments cropping up all over the area. I know you can't simply stop development, but I would like to see it put in check. I know there are no easy answers, but hope the city can come up with a creative solution.
- Silverton is a fabulous place to raise a family! The only complaint I have is the cost of living. I mean a two bd, 1 ba runs between \$550-\$750/mo to rent and the average price to purchase is \$100,000+ for anything the size a family like mine needs. And, I wish the YMCA activities were more affordable as well. Thank you.
- Many of us citizens are very upset about the sprawl of development on our farmland. More people = more problems. It's no longer safe for our children to play in the city park alone. 1) Newcomers complain about field-burning & our farm machinery on the road. 2) This is an old town with narrow streets + a creek in the middle, more traffic is not appropriate. 3) It's dangerous to even cross our road to go get the mail. 4) There are hundreds of houses available on the market, it's ridiculous to allow new subdivisions. 5) The songbirds have gone away, wildlife is displaced.
- I would really like to see a Target-type store in Silverton. I would also like to see more restaurants such as a brand name coffee shop, bakery, bagel shop, chain restaurants, etc. I have found myself going to the Portland area every weekend since I moved here to do basic shopping & dining. I think businesses should be strongly encouraged to be open Sundays. Most people are off of work on weekends, and I have a very difficult time finding open businesses in Silverton on Sundays. I think the advertising of Silverton as a good place to live for people who commute to Portland for work is a good idea, as well as keeping Silverton an "upscale" community with housing prices similar to the Portland area. Consider a dog park.
- New to Silverton. Love the small town atmosphere, friendly people, etc.
- We love Silverton and are particularly impressed with the police dept. - they patrol and are a visible entity. Growth is difficult at best.
- Thank you. I am not too familiar w/a lot of the things going on in Silverton, so it was difficult to answer some of the questions, but thank you for the opportunity.
- With the influx of people coming into Silverton I would like to see a department store come in so we wouldn't have to do our shopping in Salem. I had "The Friendly Florist" here in Silverton for 21 years and when Penney, Sears, & Montgomery started moving out my business started to cool down. We need those stores to keep business here and people on the streets.
- Taxes in Silverton are over the top for property owners.
- 1) The current police chief does not hold his officers accountable for poor performance and being downright deceitful. Remember, everyone is innocent until proven guilty - not the other way around. 2) The YMCA tries to do a good job, but doesn't seem to have the funding to keep the staffing stable - Susan is great - don't let her go - hire her some help. 3) This town has to find some things for kids 10-14 to do. Idle time is not good for kids this age. 4) Communicate more about the alert system for the dam or other emergency systems. 5) Don't let houses be built on top of each other - some of the neighborhoods are ridiculous. 6) The pool needs a permanent cover.
- All in all, Silverton is a fine community. There are a few changes that need to be made. For instance, the population is growing considerably & people have to travel to Salem for shopping, such as for clothes, shoes, groceries. Prices here are high & many people would love a department store or a sports store, etc. Housing is very expensive & taxes are almost highest in the state. Resources for low-income families are minimal, & teens do not have many options for activities.
- Stop the growth!! Stop the development!! Look at what you've allowed with those awful developments - too many people. My water pressure is about 1/2 what it was in 1988. Too

much traffic. All you care about is business. Quality of life & serenity used to be in Silverton. We used to describe Silverton as a beautiful little community surrounded by tree-lined hills. You've cut down all the trees, replaced with way to expensive homes. It seems you're pushing out those of us who were born and raised here - turning it into a mini-California. People used to know who their neighbors are, now seems like nothing but "new" people moving here. It's changing Silverton into a city growing way too fast!

- 1) Lights for tennis courts. 2) Children/youth center. 3) Fix Koons St. 4) Basketball court/area park.
- I would like to see Silverton stay a small town.
- Silverton has some of the highest rates in the state for hookups to water/sewer/power. This should be expected to help finance our schools. Every new home brings in possible new students & the developers don't help shoulder the burden. Our schools are old and need updating. Our downtown core, though improved, still looks seedy & closed stores add to the poor appearance. Encourage business growth & get a uniform color & appearance code (like C.C. & Rs) for businesses. Our murals are a delight! Keep them coming! Want a quick fix to improve our looks? Offer a one-time tax break, smaller water bill (or something) if people will paint their houses & clean up litter & old vehicles around them. Make our streets 2-way again. This is a much more user friendly solution & should help businesses.
- Too many people causing too much traffic for the streets. One-way streets causing too many problems.
- Mayor is a disgrace for the City of Silverton; he gives the city a bad name the way he conducts himself at City Council meetings!! Also, he should stop being a little puppet for Orville Roth.
- The hospital has set the standard to use & treat volunteers. Maybe the City could learn from them and obtain help in their workload.
- I'm apposed to large housing developments because the traffic is terrible' at times on C St. it is backed up past Roth's.
- The City Council is much too liberal in granting annexations and adding developments in the city. With our problems of too many cars concentrated on the hills and South Water Street areas and additional developments only adds to the city's problems. Aggressive developers and real estate brokers appear to be for self-interest only. Traffic problems on South Water and in the entire downtown area helps discourage future citizens and new business. Especially now with property foreclosures, it would appear we don't need a larger inventory of houses, etc.
- We loved Silverton until our health and safety were out-voted in the water tower issue. Now, instead of an excellent neighborhood, it is "poor" and unsafe to live in. I have been continually frustrated by "easements" on my property which keep me from using my own land. The city/county need to purchase the property easements run through, or make sure they are not taxed. We loved the Strawberry Festival until refills were not only limited, but the actual cake was removed from those seconds. We consider Silverton "heaven." We have loved it, it was perfect. Now, with the water tower, we would prefer not to have to die in order to live here.
- I like what's happening in Silverton. We must recognize that the city is going to grow and plan accordingly. If we try and stop growth or ignore it, that will be a huge mistake that will cause difficulty for the future. Just look at the past to see.
- We lived in Silverton 20 yrs, children attended local schools. We moved away for 10 yrs and have returned to this lovely community for comfort, friendliness, services, etc.
- We enjoy living in Silverton. We plan to stay thru retirement. Our water/sewer bills are too high! Our property taxes are TOO HIGH!!
- Great place to live!
- I love almost everything about Silverton. If I don't mention something below then it is something I love about Silverton. I have three items of concern. 1) First transportation/traffic

- we need to get traffic signals installed. 2) Second, lot size - We need to go back to 10,000 sq ft minimum lot sizes. All new developments & additions to urban growth boundary need bigger lot sizes if they are going to get my support. 3) Third, homeowners association - I would hope that all future approved subdivisions would not be part of a home owners association.
- 1) Pub. Transportation needs to get to Canby for CAT services to PDX. 2) Growth is not about # of people, but loss of big trees, fields, & more houses. 3) Quality of life - decline due to loud volume of street sweeper echoing throughout town all night & all year. Dogs barking all the time. 4) Growth - I do not want to answer questions without much more info. I don't know what other places do or what I think a good plan would be because I don't hear the impact of the choices. I don't know what a SEDCOR is. 5) Downtown development - I'd have the city visit Chico, CA. This survey has a different take than all the others. Prefer the others - more open to vision of city. 6) Quality of life - Develop bike & walking paths along creek & other places. That will attract family & retail populations. 7) Paths - not on the side of roads, but in nature & in fields like Netherlands.
 - Extremely disappointed in the Silverton schools to the point that I have to home-school my children. Having a small elementary school and know that 11 1st grade boys were expelled in the last year. That should be a sign that someone is not doing their job correctly!!!!
 - I feel the taxes for homeowners are outrageous. So are the prices of homes compared to areas in Salem. This creates a population of middle to retirement families because they can afford the homes & taxes. Also encourages people from out of state, like California, who can afford the properties.
 - I really love Silverton and am active in the community. #1 complaint - really have problems with the police dept - I have truly seen someone brutalized by them twice with my own eyes, and I have seen them let a "local celebrity" drive intoxicated after they were notified this was occurring. They have never picked on me, though. I think City Council & Planning Commission are doing a good job, but might need a little "new blood." Please fix up our city park - it holds wonderful possibilities!
 - I would like to use more public transportation, i.e. from Silverton to Portland. CART's timing is still too limited, but much better to get to Salem than it was prior to this summer.
 - Disappointed with follow-up efforts of city staff when asked to address a problem. Never heard from them again.
 - Hospital needs to give more time for people to pay their doctor bills, and not get shafted by a lawyer - all within one month!
 - I am very concerned about annexation. The city has a traffic problem now with no plans or means of relief. Until something can be done about traffic, I think annexation for the purpose of building new homes should be stopped. On annexation, I question whether politics enters in here; some annexation requires a vote of the people and some does not. I feel it should all be one way or the other - preferably by a vote of the people
 - Silverton needs to sharpen the businesses it has, not make more. "Specialized" services like fine dining and art galleries make Silverton such a "choice" place to live to rich people - which is who you're trying to attract - right?
 - More outdoor recreation programs. Improve sidewalks - more continuous sidewalks. Love the movie theater! Love the park! Good library and pool. Get rid of drug dealers and users - no tolerance for this! Stoplight at Water and C - someone is going to get killed! High school, Ace, great store. Return nice shopping environments. Build more, better sorts fields. Oregon Garden one of the best things, but need better family concerts. No more drunken riots!
 - Silverton is a wonderful place to live. It is a wonderful size. Let's keep it that way. Schools & roads are getting crowded. People now living out S. Water (Pioneer) where new developments are show no respect to the residential area of S. Water. The speeds of cars are almost always about 30mph. I think speed limits need to be adjusted - areas expanded, and

- dropped, also a crosswalk across S. Water at Westly. Police need to patrol for speeding. If you drove in Hubbard or Mt. Angel the way you can in Silverton, you'd get nailed!
- I feel that there is still a HUGE drug problem. I know of a couple of houses where drug use is happening, and when police are notified no action is taken. Also, I feel the schools need to be updated teacher-wise. When a teacher assigns odd problems so you can "check" your answers in the back of the book and turn the 1st assignment in on the last day of school and still get an "A" that's not a teacher. When a teacher goes to "O" fest and calls in "sick" the next day when everyone SAW her drunk the night before she needs punishment.
 - With the huge tax increase for schools this year, we feel we should be able to put our child in the school we want. We pay almost \$5,000 in property taxes. We want our child to go to Evergreen, but are most likely not going to get in. So we now pay an additional \$4,000 per year for private school in Salem, plus driving to Salem every day. It is ridiculous to pay all of that because there are 2 more kids in front of us on the list. We love Silverton, but taxes will eventually force us to move elsewhere and closer to the private schools since we can't get into the school we want in Silverton.
 - Water Dept should correct problems with service in existing parts of town before extending service to new areas (such as the low pressure).
 - No low-end junk stores, buildings not occupied in downtown area not allowed, jobs for youth. I have heard the comment of putting lighting in the entire downtown area. I think the downtown area is evolving and the upgrades toward beautification are great.
 - We understand that Silverton will grow, but it needs to be slower and they need to make traffic improvements as they grow. It seems as though builders are the ones dictating growth in Silverton and not the people that live here. Also, small businesses have a difficult time here because retail space is very costly. The people that own a lot of the retail space downtown appear to have a lot of control of how businesses expand and I know several business owners complain that they pay a lot for space but don't get the "upkeep" of the buildings that they need.
 - Silverton needs a good retirement center and weekend transportation for people who do not drive - not assisted living or senior center, which we are getting. Someplace to live where there is no work involved but on your own.
 - I would like to see growth promoted, & also get back to conservative views. One of the major drawbacks living in Silverton is the liberalism & the blatant disregard for Christian values. Would like to see a real crackdown on drugs in our schools & neighborhoods.
 - I walk often in the evening - the lights at the intersection of Main and Water are bad and unsafe. The park put in new BBQs, but no place to put the spent charcoal. The waste has been dumped in many areas of the park. Why not put out small covered trash cans (metal) to take care of it? The amount of kids using the Silverton pool is limited (small). Why? When I was a kid it cost zero. I know that's not possible today. Also, the hours were set 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 so everyone knew when it was open. What's the schedule now? On a hot day in the 50s through 70s (with no heated pool) the pool was packed. I walk by it almost daily during the summer and see only a small amount of kids. Is the price too high? Or why are kids not taking advantage of the pool? I don't know, but it seems a waste of facility. Thanks for this opportunity to speak out!!
 - I was raised in Silverton and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I really enjoy the "small town" atmosphere! Unfortunately, there has been way too much growth in these past few years & still growing way too fast. People love this town for the atmosphere it has - which is now on its way out! Too many beautiful, old trees are being cut, destroying much of the natural beauty then being replaced by housing developments!! The water (creek) is being polluted - wildlife are being uprooted with nowhere to go. What a shame. We're making a beautiful environment that people travel to appreciate into a commercialized city. If I had my way, there would be a growth limit for Silverton's future. Thank you.\

- Built a house on South Water Street. Need a public park in the area, not the excuse for a small park off Pioneer Dr. – a real park for kids.
- It would be nice to have a chapter of the Boys & Girls Club here.
- As a person who lives and works in Silverton, I am well aware of life in Silverton. Also, as a family coming from out-of-state, I have experienced what it's like to not be a Silverton native. Silverton has a close-knit group of families that have been here forever. Most of them have not traveled much beyond Oregon. They feel they are the power center of the community. At the current rate of growth this will eventually change. What many of the people here do not realize is how rapidly an area can change from a nice place to live to an area ridden by crime and gang infiltration. An awareness needs to be instilled in the citizens that a balance must be maintained. A self-supportive community, providing attractive employment opportunities, must be maintained.
- Silverton is a lovely place to live. I enjoy the small town atmosphere and the proximity to Silver Falls Park. I also enjoy driving in any direction from Silverton, I thrive on the beautiful scenery. Silverton seems like a destination or a stop-off point for tourists. It is sad to see businesses go under in the winter. Maybe more commerce and more people is the answer. Still, isn't it the quaintness of our town that makes people come here? Thanks.
- I have a customer trying to locate a cabinet shop close to Roth's on 1st St. He has bent over backwards to renovate an existing building that is in terrible shape. He wants to re-roof, re-side, work on interior and overall make it a far more desirable building. The city has badgered him repeatedly about the project. Sad to see. The city is asking too much of this person. It's the kind of thing we should embrace. Give the guy a break!!
- For a lot of people who have lived here for some time, it is becoming very expensive to be a homeowner with taxes to pay.
- Am pleased that Silverton has citizens like Stu Rasmussen working to maintain its livability.
- Rock Street in Silverton is still unpaved & I think it's unfair to the residents to keep it that way. Many of the streets downtown need major attention.
- All annexations should be voted on, not decided by Council.
- Moving the Christmas tree is a mistake.
- I would like to have the speed limit on So. Water St. changed back to 30mph until you reach the city limits. Traffic is too fast in a residential area!
- Silverton could use more programs that support exercise & a healthy lifestyle. Getting people outside & moving would be my goal & not just in the traditional game sense of football & basketball. I think a community garden & a dog park could help bring people together for a healthy lifestyle.
- We are very happy here, mostly because it's a small town. However, that is changing rapidly away from why so many stayed here. Also, as stated before, I feel the McClain St. Clinic would be more useful as an urgent care for sick babies who are now being taken to the E.R. or cuts that need stitches somewhat minor for E.R. but not for Dr. office (or weekends).
- Is the rumor true that the city is going to remove the trees downtown? Don't! Trees are nice. Sidewalks are becoming dangerous – need upkeep. Accessibility for handicapped persons – again, sidewalks are dangerous, roads are not much better. Enforce NO BIKE RIDING ON SIDEWALKS. Need to make concerted effort to keep downtown vibrant. We don't need strip malls, even if Orville Roth owns the land they would be built on. On a positive note, I'm very glad you conduct the surveys. You should publish the results and how the city is going to follow through on the responses.
- I'm not pleased as to the operation of our pool – the lack of courtesy and knowledge that the people behind the counter display.
- We really enjoy this friendly community and our great neighbors. We don't want it to grow too fast. I would like to see “roundabouts” put in at problem intersections instead of traffic lights/signals. We even like the 3-4 way stops – slows you down and makes you actually look at other drivers – eye contact with someone you probably know or soon will meet.

- 1) Medical care – we prefer doctors & hospitals in the Portland area, even if we have to drive.
- 2) We are walkers – there is not enough law enforcement of crosswalks. We never see the police in the downtown area.
- 3) We have been in the police station offices & have now heard that they want a new building. They just need to take down some walls & reorganize the space that they have.
- 4) The water rates do not need to go up every year.
- As new homeowners, we feel the following items need to be addressed:
 - 1) Builders with questioned ethics are allowed to rip off multiple homeowners without appropriate city action.
 - 2) Such builders continue to receive city permits to build while ignoring the city laws.
 - 3) Lack of adequate building inspections to oversee building and land issues in the area.
 - 4) City officials' words are not consistent with their actions.
 - 5) When the city building inspector provides final approval of home & land, the city should not come back later and harass the homeowner about issues which occurred earlier.
 - 6) The words and actions of the city attorney are heavy-handed and not consistent with the views and words of city officials.
 - 7) The natural gas meter for a home should be installed according to codes.
- We need to continually be exploring positive youth activities for our community. We feel the school district is doing a great job and the city needs to pick up & support our youth as well in a positive way. The pool was a great first step. Now look at extreme sports for youth that need & deserve that activity.
- I am concerned that Silverton maintains its small town charm. I am appalled by the new housing developments (e.g. Ubiqua Hts where big houses are jammed too close together, and Pioneer Dr. and the loss of beautiful trees). Has the town considered charging for each inch of diameter of tree cut down? This is done in some other states, Massachusetts for example. Limiting the number of chain/franchise businesses is vital. Their prevalence would contribute to Silverton just being one more ho-hum community. I love the friendliness and helpfulness of people here.
- Need more downtown "free" parking. Why ticket our visitors to our town? Leave the downtown structure unchanged!
- Next survey: Allow for answers from 2 responders (spouses).
- I was totally shocked at my water-sewer bill, which was outrageously high. I paid the same in Salem, but for two months. We've found everything here to be higher. The taxes increase – well I haven't recovered from that shock yet. We moved here two months ago and knew they were already \$1,000 more than we paid in Salem, but were dealing with it because we were excited to move to this quiet-cute community. Now we went up over \$400 for some school bond. I know every year you are allowed to increase 3% and I'm sure it will. I hope we can continue to afford to stay here. We'll at least have to suck it up for two years.
- 1) Enforce law against operation of ATV on a city street. 23-year-old male at 152 Breyonna Way operated one almost nightly all last summer. Police were called 3 times, but could never catch him. Very noisy & very dangerous. 2) Change city code on front porch/front step railing from 30" to 8". Building inspector passed my house at 37" in 2003 without a railing. This is ridiculous & unsafe.
- City Council makes decisions based on popularity, not on facts. City Council does not listen to the reports (facts) of their own staff. City Council needs to make decisions based on FACTS and not defer to what is popular with a few. Look/consider the big picture – not just the one issue at the time.
- I would like to see long-range plans for the parks in Silverton. What will you be adding to North side? More for kids to do – where's the skate park? I would like to see more connectivity to the new developments. Better streets w/ street plantings. More sidewalks – the whole town more attractive. Downtown is very attractive. Can we concentrate on some other areas for awhile?
- Thanks for all the great work!
- We recently had an incident that could have ended up as a scam through Craig's list. When we went to the police they told us that no crime had been committed. When we asked where

- we should turn they offered no input. We later found out that the scam was supposed to be reported. We are very happy here in Silverton, but don't feel the police station was as helpful as they should have been. Also, the water is extremely expensive.
- This town needs to be known for something great as Ashland is for theater. We have a good start on tourism with the Gardens. We have an extra school downtown. Let's promote that property to some business or school. What if Silverton were known for music? Education? Finance?
 - I have been here long enough to raise 6 children and see many changes. I've lived in 4 completely different neighborhoods & have come full circle to the one I originally began to live in 1982. Why? Because it's safe & quiet. I believe these 2 qualities are what most people are willing to pay the price for living in Silverton. I support growth & industry, but not at the expense of our quiet & safe living.
 - Would like to see more soccer fields with lights to play on or practice at night. Also, lights on the tennis courts.
 - I don't want to see huge chunks of cookie cutter houses. We need to support downtown, but how many antiques can you have. Also, soap, candles, etc.
 - Dislike our mayor! Need to get him out of office! Not impressed with the police department!
 - I really love Silverton. Keep it artistic, friendly, clean, & open-minded. Expanding or "growing" Silverton isn't what will ruin it. It would be losing the qualities above. I look forward to the next survey! P.S. 9/11 was an inside job. Sad, but true.
 - We like the festivals. We don't have kids, so we are out of the loop w/those topics. We enjoy the Oregon Garden & Silver Falls St. Park. We would like to see the reservoir open year round (trout season is open year round).
 - A few things I would like to see in Silverton: 1) Less trash on the ground. I live by the high school and during the school months the ground is littered with trash - I assume this is from the high school students, as it does not seem to be an issue in the warmer months. Maybe some awakening by the Environmental Club in the Silverton High School and city trash cans? 2) Speed bumps - I am amazed by the lack of awareness of drivers in this small town and the speed in which they drive in neighborhoods. I am not just talking about high school students, but adults as well. Please consider this as an issue before someone gets hurt by a speeding driver! 3) Pedestrian walking & bicycling - I do not like to walk or bike in this town. I feel that there is a lack of awareness/patience for pedestrian walking across crosswalks and bicyclists on the road. How ridiculous that I feel safer in PDX on my bike than in this small town. I would love to ride my bike but just do not feel that drivers are aware & patient for bikes. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your survey!
 - I think you should maintain high standards in the development of this town. Target high end businesses, keep out low-end, otherwise you'll become Woodburn. But be active in the pursuit, otherwise the city will be made for you by outsiders that don't care about the integrity of safety, quaintness, or quality of living. Thank you.
 - We need to make what money we have with the school bond's passing, we don't need any new bonds until we pay off the ones that are out, or we will not need to worry about our senior citizens because they will have to move to a new place. So I guess we won't need to build any senior centers so we could save money that way.
 - Don't make the same horrible mistake Salem is making. Growth, even dense growth, does not solve problems, does not improve the budget, and does not add to quality of living.
 - I would like the bathrooms open year around at at least one park. I heard they are building new bathrooms at Coolidge, use old ones for shop. There is never enough bathrooms when we have events or a nice day. Keep the old ones, build a shop next door, plumb into the existing water pipes for the shop. Two garbage cans would be nice, so you do not have to carry your trash all over the park.
 - What I would like to see for Silverton is for it to stay a small, quaint town. We moved here because it is a small town that has a small town feel & a good sense of community. Please

stop trying to grow so much and fast. Do we really need more new houses? I don't think so. Let's try to encourage people to fix up the beautiful old houses in town. We also don't want to see any more chain stores or restaurants. Please don't let Silverton lose its small town charm. We don't want our beautiful town to become an annex to Salem. Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts.

- I'm worried that all the new housing is putting too much of a strain on our schools and utilities and roads. Builders should be required to provide green spaces and parks. Builders should not be allowed to wholesale cut down every tree, shrub, etc. If one person in town is given a code violation, then everyone who also has the same violation present should also receive a citation/warning. Minimum lot sizes need to be increased along with setbacks.
- The population increase from 2006-2006 was significantly higher than 3.8% thanks to development that is hugely unpopular with the majority of Silverton citizens. Since we moved here in 2000 the population has increased by 1/3. We want a small town community with unique character – not a mass-produced “anywhere in America” feel. No Starbucks – no Walmart, etc. etc. Salem is enough for all that. Industry growth will just mean we grow right out of the small town category that drew us here to begin with. We don't want expansion either commercial or residential. We've had expansion & the resulting congestion & the City Council has had plenty of feedback from citizens saying stop the unparalleled & unworkable residential developments – more is not better.
- I'd like to see the city to herd in: 1) Keep yards/property clean, junk-free, incentives for landscaping or awareness programs about such things. 2) Work to get parked cars off neighborhood streets. 3) Figure out how to repair streets and to maintain growth and ability to expand.
- We feel we have a lot to offer the town, but there is very little to few venues to meet other people our age, & honestly aren't very invested in the city of Silverton. We like that we can walk everywhere for basic essentials. Honestly, we're a bit bored living here, but it's quaint! We would like to get involved in more mentoring activities. We know the city wants to manage growth & keep a small town feel, but we are required to drive & spend \$ outside the community of Silverton because the city is not self-sustaining in all areas of basic life needs – in our opinion. We really like First Fridays! It is fun! We wish there were more opportunities as age-generic as it. Like a hiking/camping group?
- Get rid of the money-sucking Oregon Garden. Have more variety in restaurants other than oriental, Mexican, & deli. Let's tone down the barber/beauty shops & the 5 million antique stores. Don't let Roth's continue to buy up the town. Get rid of one-way streets. Keep the penny meters. Save Eugene field. Don't build MORE housing developments. Keep giant businesses out in the industrial park. Have a taxi service open past 10:00pm 'cuz bars don't close 'til 2:00am. More peace & picturesque beauty – less infighting & urban industrial ugliness. This is not the cute, little, precious place I remember from the 70s – the minute my child's grown and my mother has passed on I'm blowing this metropolis nightmare.
- Silverton is a nice community to live in. Good schools, a wonderful hospital, and many good people. No drive-by shootings, but I am sure we have drug problems. My concern is with the city street dept. There are a number of streets with potholes & broken pavement. All they do is fill the holes with gravel or some blacktop that does not last. Examples: 1) Pine & G Street in front of St. Paul Church; 2) James to Florida by the driveway; 3) James to Pine, concrete holes. I have lived on Florida Drive for 31 years. Every year when it rains the drain between 1107 & 1115 floods that part of the street. Somewhere the drain is plugged. Eventually the water drains out. I would think in 31 years we could correct the problem.
- Silverton needs to improve, main schools, sidewalks, better transportation for schools. Silverton is a beautiful town but we need sidewalks.
- I live in the older neighborhood in the downtown area. I own 2 houses next door to each other. A lot of these houses are rentals now. The landlords who rent these houses don't do anything to keep them up, don't screen the people they rent to. So the houses in the

downtown area are looking terrible. The sidewalks are dangerous. The house across the street from me had as many as 12 people living in the garage and about that many in a small 2 bedroom house converted to a three bedroom by adding a wall. They sold drugs out in the open, the teenage girls slept in the garage and the guys came and went all night long. It was noisy because of the fights that constantly happened. The girls had babies and were always pregnant. They left cars that didn't run on the street and furniture and trash stacked up in the yard, very visible. People who came to visit me constantly made comments about the city about how they could let them get away with it. This is an image I wouldn't think the city would want. I bought the house next door because I couldn't take the mess anymore. Then I had to put up with that across the street. I had trouble finding decent renters because no one wants to live next to that.

- Primary concern: The City of Silverton has grown at a more rapid pace than has been planned for, since the beginning of the present planning program. Due to this, the City has been behind, slow to respond, and inadequate in its services to its citizens. The City should bolster the Planning Department with better and more qualified professionals, even if it costs more in salaries. It will be beneficial, guaranteed! The schools should become a more active member of the planning team! Secondary: It appears that something like 35% +/- of the City revenues are spent on Public Safety (Police?!). While very important, it seems an exaggerated concern. Why, for instance, does the PD need a motorcycle?! The officers need to get out of (off of) their vehicles and begin walking around the neighborhoods! Half of police work is public relations, something greatly lacking in the current force. Tertiary: The further development of intersections with traffic light controls may have the unfortunate result of increasing traffic by giving the impression that it is better than before. This should be a community for people, not for vehicles. Please improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities and public transportation first!
- I use the pool for aqua-exercise. During the recent closure for repairs a number of us have commuted to Stayton to use their pool. What a pleasant surprise! It is warm and the instruction and variety of programs are great! Could we maybe heat our pool a bit more? I understand that it is kept at 80° for the swim team. The pool at Stayton is 88°. How about a compromise and heat to 84°? You might find more people would use the pool.
- If you provide parking downtown it would revitalize the businesses.
- I think Silverton is a wonderful place to live and am proud to be a resident. I also feel we need to do a better job of including children – particularly preteens and teens, in quality activities. There are so many rumors of keggers, drug use, etc. We are not unlike most small towns in our limitations, but improvement needs to start somewhere!
- I do not like what they have done in my neighborhood. They have divided lots and put 1 or 2 extra houses on 1 lot. They ruined beautiful back yards cramming houses in – fire hazard also. I live near industrial park. How can they mix businesses and houses? The wetland area in the industrial park – the deer have nowhere to go because of the building. The roam our neighborhood with nowhere to go. We should keep an area for our wildlife. They wee here first! Help those animals – maintain an area for them to live.
- Build a skate park!! Smaller cities have one → get the kids off the street & into a skate park. You have talked about one for over six years, but have never taken action!!
- I moved here from California and, unfortunately, I see Silverton making the same mistakes many California communities made. Silverton is growing too fast. The streets cannot handle the traffic that is already has (at certain times of the day), and further development will only aggravate traffic problems. Infrastructure should be in place before development proceeds. In addition, why build more homes when there is a glut of unsold homes on the market already? It only drives property values down. Don't let greedy developers ruin Silverton. I'd like to see Silverton improve its traffic patterns and streets before allowing anymore developments. I don't believe the one-way streets are working, and traffic lights are needed at several locations.

- Wonderful town. Want to keep it small. Keep crime down. Lots of downtown activities. Look forward to the 1st Friday of each month.
- I am a big fan of the hospital and I think future growth should move toward the Safeway industrial/comm. area. The administration could go in a nice comm.. building to be built and/or leased there. I think it is a mistake to draft into the neighborhoods near the hospital. One house at a time.
- I love this town, but feel it is pricing out the middle class. I feel lucky to have bought my house a few years back – I could not afford to buy now – I’d have to look in Salem – Yuk!
- Silverton needs to expand their urban growth boundary & promote new business through tax incentives.
- 1) The property taxes are very high this year due to the schools. 2) The teachers and counselors in high schools need to pay more attention and provide better instructions so all students understand and are not left struggling with their homework. Some students require extra help and with the amount of taxes I pay that shouldn’t be too much to ask for. 3) With such high system development fees, you would think the roads would be in better shape. Talking with some of my neighbors, we’re thinking someone at city hall is using the money for themselves or using it for something else. 4) All in all, the City of Silverton is a good place to live, otherwise we would’ve moved. Thank you.
- Let’s keep this town focus on the community – we love it here because there aren’t any chains, you know the people who run the shops, restaurants, etc. Keep chain stores and restaurants out!!
- Water/sewer rates too high. Stop publishing police logs – damages family relations, etc.
- We moved to area due to relocation to Salem/Keizer area. We searched for housing in several areas, but kept coming back to Silverton because of the friendly, open atmosphere. Although housing prices were higher than other communities, the attractive community & schools made the decision easy. Silverton is a wonderful community. Our family loves it here.
- I think Silverton is a marvelous place to live. I do, however, feel that with all the drugs, alcohol, and split families have led the wrong way for a spirit-filled life. I see that our youth are in dire need of direction in living a life that encourages peace and love between all people. I really feel that the schools need to allow Wed. night back to the churches. I see the pressure their choices between school activities as well as sports puts on our youth. I feel this is very wrong and as an older person I see the tranquility of our community being flushed you know where. I realize our whole country is in trouble, but a change has to start somewhere. Why can’t it be Silverton. God is not dead! He sees what is happening also.
- We love this city.
- I think that Silverton needs to accept change and let some larger businesses come into Silverton because when Goodwill closes after Christmas there will hardly be anywhere to shop for clothes in this town. There are a lot of elderly people that cannot or will not shop out of town.
- The area by Mark Twain School and N. Church is a portion of the curb once painted yellow, but not painted last time. When a car parks here it is very hard for the buses to go around the car and then go down Robinson. I have called the police about this area not being painted, and no one can tell me if or when it will be painted. I would like to see more parks and the main one we have better maintained. The play equipment is old and dangerous. I am sad that so many businesses and Eugene Field put up signs preventing bikes on the grounds. Where are kids that live on hills (like us) supposed to learn to ride? I love Silverton. I think that there are a lot of great things about our city. I am proud to live here.
- Silverton is one of those unique communities that make one feel like you’re living in a by-gone era. This special atmosphere should be preserved. For any city to maintain livability growth is necessary. However, it should be paced so that services, i.e. water, sewer, police,

- fire protection, traffic planning for smooth traffic movement through the city and school system. Silverton has added too much housing without sufficient taking care of services.
- We really need more affordable housing and more employment. Would like to see new city management. Would like to see a more kid-friendly town. No more antique shops. We don't need them.
 - City should focus its economic development efforts on tourism. Thank you.
 - This is a lovely community, but we have had too much rapid growth with little or no consideration given to public safety and utility services. We have heard that gas and electric utilities are stretched too thin, and city water pressure is poor in some areas due to that rapid buildup of homes without enlarging the mainlines, etc. Another concern is fire rapid response. With the houses going in on Ike Mooney and Hobart roads, it seems that if there was a bad fire our great fire department would have a hard time reaching these areas quickly. Ambulances also must be considered. It seems that a satellite station may be a consideration, and some of the system development fees should be used to cover or help cover this expense including the cost of building these sub-stations as well as land set aside for these facilities. A concern is the speed limits on South Water Street. 40 miles per hour is too fast now that the area has built up as much as it has. 30 should be a maximum until Quall Rd or wherever the city limits end. This would have to be closely monitored and strictly enforced. Children, seniors, and all other drivers are put at risk by this higher speed limit.
 - Several of my fellow citizens have expressed a need for a park dedicated to local teens. I personally have nearly seen skateboarding teens be struck by a car. Is it going to take an injury to give them a place to skateboard, bike, rollerblade, or just hang out in a safe place? Many businesses have expressed the willingness to sponsor such a park if the city was willing to partner with them in acquiring a piece of dedicated land. The owner of a local bike shop "fall line" has secured donors that would fund the entire project, start to finish. They are just waiting for the city to do their duty and step up to the plate and donate the land.
 - Silverton is a nice little town and most all people are friendly and kind.
 - There is a definite need to clarify and assign responsibility for some city facilities. The Community Center is allowed to deteriorate as no entity (the city, the YMCA) takes responsibility for management and upkeep. The worn-out rain gutters cause significant amounts of water to damage walls and floors. Cleanliness is a concern as well. The city does not have adequate staff assigned for building maintenance. (The current employee does an excellent jog, but his time is stretched extremely thin between city buildings.) The food bank garbage storage is a potential health violation. The smell and debris in the Community Center basement from garbage bins is unsanitary. It is demeaning to clients to have to walk through the mess to the food bank. Police service has improved in the last few years. The work of officers to partner with citizens to solve problems has been exemplary.
 - I strongly feel that there should be more indoor activities for kids. Also, get some heavy industries or jobs here that people who don't have a college education can work there and possibly get paid a decent amount of money, especially a little more than minimum wage - more like \$9.00-\$9.50 an hour.
 - Silverton should help the seniors more such as using one of the trolleys for short day trips. No parking on both sides of S. Water St. Teach the bike riders to obey the rules of the road, such as reading the driver's manual. Maybe even start to license them. If they are old enough to ride the bike they are old enough to read the manual. Also should have lights or reflectors.
 - Need to ask questions about transportation - when used, value to have, awareness of existing services. Also find out why for some big answers like use of pool, crime, etc.
 - The dam condition seems to be a concern to some residents. How is this being addressed? The first phase of Pioneer Village off So. Water Street is an example of very poor planning, I think, with three story apartment buildings in between single family homes resulting in a most unattractive neighborhood - not an asset to the atmosphere of Silverton.
 - You seem to have covered all the basics.

- I love Silverton. It's a wonderful community to live in, it's friendly and connected. It has growing pains and is contending with the greater issues of peak oil and global warming that the rest of the country is dealing (or not) with. The question is how do we grow? Do we wipe our natural environment out in the process? Do we learn to take less and give back more to the environment? How do we build community in a way that is not isolating – that is pedestrian friendly – that moves us from living in our cars to living in the environment again?
- Thank you for sending the survey to keep people involved with things in the community.
- One must question is there an award for density of housing? And why is it so hard for many to get solid answers to building codes?
- Residential development over the past 203 years has been too much, too fast. There should be a moratorium on development. It appears as though recent development has been primarily for the benefit of the developers with little or no concern for the wishes of current residents. I have talked to no one who favors the recent developments (Pioneer Village and along Hobart).
- I am disappointed the city has not leaned on Bill Hammer to either finally renovate his building on Main St next The Silver Grille or sell it. It is an eyesore. Thanks.
- The cost of living is higher in Silverton than other towns. We need more better-paying jobs here – 12.00-20.00 an hour or 25,000-40,000 a year. It would be nice to see some high tech jobs come in – either startup companies or large companies with good benefit policies.
- So far I have really enjoyed living here. We feel very accepted in this community despite being “different.” We are Hispanic, bilingual & educated, which I know is a rare combination to find in a small town. So far I have not experienced any overt or subtle racism, which is more than I can say for the other places I have lived.
- Thank you for asking my opinion.
- My wife and I would like to commend the City of Silverton for all the hard work and effort you put into making this town a wonderful place to live and raise our new son. I look forward to watching the town grow and to the services and businesses of the future. We love this town and are proud to say we're a part of it.
- I think development of new housing has moved way too fast. Traffic on S. Water has already been affected w/the Pioneer development not even close to fully inhabited. Traffic on C, 1st, Water, & James can be horrendous. The charm of Silverton is rapidly disappearing as nature disappears and housing developments take over. Let's preserve the surrounding farms – NO MORE housing developments.
- Great place to live and we hope the feeling of being safe continues. People are very friendly and helpful. We would like to see a little more retail business so that we do not have to make so many trips to Salem for more “affordable” merchandise for our home. The Volunteer Center and the Care Van do a wonderful job assisting people; hope they continue the good work.
- 1) If Silverton Hospital intends to remain the strong community resource it is, they are going to have to “bite the bullet” and expand beyond 49 beds. We “peaked” in quality of care last year, and if we are going to stay strong we must grow. We cannot continue to recruit specialty providers yet not allow them to grow their practices. The Silverton community needs to put pressure on the hospital to keep up with community growth while continuing to give the enormous support the community has given the hospital. Silverton Hospital is an enormous asset to the community, but there is no time to sit back and enjoy the praise – keep moving forward! 2) Emphasis on community growth & development needs to be tempered with attention to existing neighborhoods – too many neighborhoods just outside “downtown” have horrible street conditions, no sidewalks, water U sewer damage issues. My neighbors and I are tired of seeing new neighborhoods with clean streets & sidewalks while we wade out to the mailbox!!!

- The city seems to be spending money on new development when it should first take care of the existing city. Why build new streets/housing when there within the city limits are very poor? Why are there so many streets within Silverton “proper” that are not paved, with no storm run-off? Is it because Silverton is just going for the “big bucks” and to hell with the peons? PEACE!
- One-way streets are very confusing, create back-up, and are not needed. Need to go to help the flow of traffic. Will also be better for business as they will get more, different traffic past them.
- I feel that Silverton’s greatest strength is its small-town appeal – a sense of history and connection to slower, simpler times and deeper personal and public values. The civic life of Oregon’s towns was rooted in progressive political values and egalitarian democratic behavior. I grew up in Ashland and saw it develop from an enlightened, liberal, democratic small town with a strong sense of community to a ten best places to live in the US., posh, wealthy, retirement-oriented, divisive, self-concerned, enclave of privileged individuals. City government had become corrupt and autocratic and pandered to developers. I know this to be true. For too long Silverton city government has looked to Ashland as a role model; time to re-think and go our own way. Be a unique small town with slow, considered growth and deep civic values. We’re a gem. Let’s value ourselves.
- 1) Q-5 asks us to compare apples & oranges – manpower intensive items (police) vs. material items (land, sidewalks). W/o knowing current or relative costs we cannot properly allocate. Suggest Q-13 format next time. 2) Implement downtown master plan ASAP. 3) Don’t push HS for additional offsite improvements @ Pine St. & help expedite construction process. 4) Provide safe pedestrian/bicycle access to HS from north side.
- Develop and keep downtown as a ped. Friendly place. Encourage boutique style businesses. Promote special events downtown to bring regional tourists in.
- Traffic is a huge issue – City Council & City Manager are brain-dead dealing with the ongoing challenge.
- We love Silverton and can’t believe how friendly people are. It is easy to become a part of the community. There are concerns with getting too big too fast. We moved to get away from traffic problems and the troubles of larger communities. It would be a shame to see Silverton lose its charm and individuality. The City of Silverton has a big responsibility to make it all work. We applaud your efforts and the hard work that is being done.
- Like to see area around Silver Creek developed for bike riding, walking, etc. The water is a wonderful asset, let’s add it to our other great features and make this the absolute best!
- I have a couple of complaints. The mayor is first on my list. I first met and heard him speak at a town hall meeting. I was there, along with several other townspeople, to talk about our concerns over the dam above our town, which we believe is an everyday threat. I’d say the meeting went along as usual until it was time for the Dam Awareness Committee. Gene Pfeifer was the first speaker for our group and as soon as he went up before the council, the mayor’s whole attitude changed. You could feel everyone’s uneasiness. The mayor actually asked Gene, three times in a row, what his major was in college. Excuse me, but what does that have to do with the dam??? Just because they had issues in the past, doesn’t give the mayor the right to try and belittle & degrade Gene in public. There were several others who spoke about the dangers, one who lives on S. Water and does know about dam engineering. He told the council that it has been leaking from day one, it has cracks and about a six-inch gap. He asked the major, “Are you telling me this is normal?” The mayor said, “No, I’m not saying this is normal.” It is also built on a fault line. An engineer told them back in 1960 that from a geologic standpoint it was not a good site for a dam. They say it is Silverton’s backup water supply, but from what I understand, the water pump is located at the Silverton Park and nowhere near the dam. So if the dam was removed in the summer while the water was already low, our stream could take its natural course and maybe the fish population would return. Someone suggested that, after removing the dam, change it into a park-like setting

with bike & hiking trails and even a couple trout-stocked ponds, and a special area to walk your dog, and picnic areas. It could be planted with wildflowers and native plants or make a place for skateboarding or roller blading. So, instead of wasting money on a reverse 911 call, which if you think about it, is totally ridiculous. I can just imagine everyone, if they have time, getting into their cars in a panic and running into each other, trying to make it to high ground and knowing if you do make it to safety that you will have nothing to go back to. Your home and everything you own will be gone. What do you do, where do you go, how will you survive???? People, THINK before it is too late!!! Use that money to find a new water source, which I'm sure we will need because of all the building that has been allowed to go on. We all enjoyed living here because Silverton was a small town where we felt safe and at home. Now prices of homes, taxes, and our water-sewer bills have skyrocketed. I never thought I'd see traffic problems in our little town, but at times it's a real mess. A concerned resident.

- Thank goodness for Care Van through hospital – fills a big gap in public transportation. Would be great to get stoplights at C St/Water before the flagger gets hurt.
- No big box stores – let the small businesses survive.
- Silverton needs to move to front in environmental planning, and be tougher on developers to include parks and bike transportation in their planning. Pioneer Village area is a disgrace! There are no parks or bike paths, and traffic bottles up on Water Street in the mornings. We lived there for a year and children had NO PLACE to gather except in the streets – that is SHOCKING for a small town like Silverton.
- More programs for underprivileged youth, tougher punishment for drug users *& crime, safer community.
- I don't like the change in the police force. Too many young officers trying to make a name, harassing too many innocent people, when there are bigger fish to catch. They're too eager to prove you guilty when you're innocent.
- I have major concerns regarding the growth of Silverton. We moved here for the small town feeling. The large and many subdivisions going in concern me. Lot sizes are too small and you lose the country feeling because you are stacked on top of your neighbor. Silverton is a great place to live for many reasons. I would hate to see it change too much. Housing prices are very high. Thank you for asking my opinion.
- I live on Silver Loop and I see illegal parking at the time. For example: Too close to fire plugs, on the wrong side of the street, etc. I have not seen a patrol car on the loop for a long time. Dogs are running loose and there are a number of feral cats around. There should be more deer crossing signs on Eureka and Main Street. I see a herd of six or more on Edison and Eureka at night. Also, the speed limit should be lower on Eureka to avoid hitting deer.
- Would like to see the existing sidewalks get repaired since there are so many in need of repair around the high school area.
- Taxes in this area are high enough. We are not made of money. It is incumbent for all gov't entities to remain within the confines of what they presently receive, or there will be an exodus to another area.
- The city does provide good quality drinking water, but it is time to reconsider fluoridating our water. Many countries consider it a toxin and when was the last time you saw a kid drinking tap water anyway? The fish probably get more fluoride than a kid does.
- Silverton has always been a great place to live. There is respect for authority and in the schools. There is a great community spirit and people care about their neighbors. However – since the influx of all these new people, traffic has become horrible! Also, where it took 5 minutes to go somewhere downtown, now it takes 15-20 min. It is very frustrating. We also have a question about where all the money is going from all the new houses that have been built. How can the community get an accounting for all those dollars? The city also needs someone in the new building dept. that knows what they are doing. They have cost builders and homeowners thousands of dollars with their lack of knowledge and ignorance of their

- own rules. They change their minds every other day and cost valuable time and money to whoever is doing the construction. The streets are a mess – and we don't need any new taxes to fix them. It seems the more money we give the government, the more they spend, and the more they want!
- METH needs to be STAMPED OUT! Before & after pictures need to be shown to 6th grade & up, also lung photos of cig. Smokers. Also, nutritional education & better (more healthful) food provided at school lunches. Also anti-littering ed. Basketball, volleyball, tennis, etc need to be made available after school & weekends. Book + tape + DVD drives to fill library shelves (both school & public) could be held, with the class or grade bring in the most receiving a field trip or outing as a reward. Also, education about pet care + neutering/spaying importance stressed. Show them what happens to unwanted animals at the pounds. Get cars + junk out of yards. Ordinance enforcement needs some teeth! Get OR. Garden to provide leftover plants to city/citizens for local beautification.
 - We love living in Silverton. We would like a few more places to shop, however.
 - I love living in the Silverton community, after living much of my life in a large mid-west city. Particularly, I appreciate the beauty of my surroundings and the proximity to S.F. State Park and the ease of reaching both the coast & the mountains.
 - More frequent leaf-sweeping would be helpful.
 - We are residents of Marion County living on the fringe of Silverton. We feel that we are being unfairly charged for our sewer service. We are not on city water. There are two bases for our opinion. Firstly, we can see no reason we are charged 1½ times the fee for Silverton residents. It makes us feel like second-class citizens who are being taxed just because we cannot vote on municipal issues. Secondly, the rate is based on the average city resident's water use. We are not on city water. Why is it unfair? First, city residents' water use is both for household and irrigation. Our sewer use is only for the household. Second, there are only two people in our house. The water as in a household is related to the number of occupants. The average number of people in a house in Silverton is more than two. We are probably being charged at least twice what would be a fair charge. The area of the old Square Deal lumber Yard site is industrial and commercial blight. Why does the city not make efforts for some urban renewal friends to clean it up?
 - Re pool: 1) Would like info about the pool (closings, times, costs, etc) in Silv. Appeal; 2) Hooks on walls in dressing room to hang clothes. More should be known about Silver Trolley & CARTS – who may use it, how to go about its use.
 - I just have the same comment I have made in all the surveys: I don't think there should be parking meters for visitors to the downtown. And if the businesses (i.e. realtors!) monopolize the free parking spaces like they do the meters, levy fines or charge for parking permits. Why would a customer shop downtown & pay to park when they can park for free at a shopping center? The businesses have to understand this and support a meter-free downtown and then not abuse it. And definitely don't police the meters we have during events like last weekend's Christmas "kick-off," home tours, etc. Why promote downtown, then discourage people to park here, for Pete's sake! Just get rid of them! Thank you for letting me rant! Silverton is great! Let's keep it that way. No "big boxes," slow the housing development.
 - I would like Neighborhood Watch reinstated (will help with calling).
 - The Silverton pool times are not very convenient. It was open @ dinner times 5-7 or something similar, was closed for swim clubs after school, so why could it not be used for open swim? This was one reason why we did not go very often. Also, the times kept changing – it would be nice if local amenities were stated in the Appeal so everyone is aware of what's available. We are very much against the new development around Pioneer Rd. It's outrageous that all those beautiful trees are being cut down to make way for houses that no one wants or needs! There are too many properties on the market around town, existing properties that could be improved. People move to Silverton because it is such a cute little

- town, but will not be much longer as the traffic already is bad in town and that is not good for downtown businesses.
- This form was completed by only one of the two people in this household. Since each party has a different opinion, both adults should be a questionnaire. Lack of sidewalks in major transportation corridors is a problem. Police force seems to focus on traffic rather than other pressing needs (e.g. drugs, youth problems). Need a regular bus route, not just dial-a-ride. No WalMarts! Emphasize development downtown rather than sprawl. Don't harm existing business base by bring in (soliciting) competition, like big box stores. Protect visual access of Silver Creek as well as public access.
 - Only been here for one month. Think it is a good place to be. I like it. Thanks.
 - Get rid of the protestors by the Larsen Flynn. They are a distraction for drivers. They look like hippies & they are inappropriately dressed! (They don't have shirts on.) Please have Silverton police be more friendly. They appear to be looking for people to get in trouble rather than helping make Silverton a safer place. Which is what our taxes pay for them to do! They just drive around & waste our gas!
 - Before Silverton expands much more in the southeast end solutions must be found to reduce downtown traffic congestion.
 - Close traffic downtown during summer months except service trucks & deliveries. After Eugene Field is torn down this area would become a parking lot. Further transport would be by rickshaw & golf cart.
 - Silverton was designed to be a city. It is a little town. Streets are not laid out for reasonable ease for vehicular traffic. When I moved here 11/2001, there was not even a traffic signal. In six years, the town has grown so much. Traffic is congested. It is difficult to get around. I was able-bodied when I moved here. Less than a year later, I was confined to a wheelchair, where I remain today. I am virtually housebound. The library is only 4 blocks away. The sidewalks and street intersections are difficult to impossible to traverse in a manual wheelchair. If they were in better condition, I could wheel myself to the library occasionally, that is, if I could safely manage to cross the street. The Trolley service is a wonderful idea. However, it desperately needs some intervention. It is rare to see more than a single passenger at a time when I use it. It seems that the volunteers who schedule rides cannot grasp the idea that several mobile passengers and one wheelchair passenger can ride at the same time. It has to be a very inefficient and costly way to operate the service. The van will pick me up and run me across town, run back and forth around town, picking up one passenger at a time. The Trolley frequently picks up other riders here in Twilight Courts, where I live. I have had to tell the volunteers that if they are picking up someone else here, they can also pick me up at the same time, if I am the only wheelchair rider. DUH!!! I strongly disagree with expansion of Silverton. I moved here for the small town/village atmosphere. It has grown so much in six years, that I am unhappy with the loss of the country atmosphere. The traffic jams are growing more and more like the city I tried to leave behind. I am still able to drive my vehicle, but with the traffic becoming more and more congested, I am just afraid to try even a "quick" trip to the grocery store. There is no such thing as making a quick, easy trip to the store anymore. The quality of life here is rapidly going downhill. The more the population grows and the City of Silverton expands, the worse it is going to get. I simply don't want to see or hear of any more expansion around here. All summer long, I heard the heavy equipment operating from early morning to late day up on the hill just behind Twilight Courts. The noise was very annoying. It was impossible to sit outside and enjoy a nice day. Please keep Silverton the small, beautiful town it was meant to be. We do not need to be another Salem.
 - 1) Transportation = This is a joke - needed a taxi one night, no taxi after 10:30pm - I am 73 and I walked home in the rain! 2) Growth = Silverton is losing its small town image. This is not good. Also, our water systems and sewer system will not take care of much more growth!!! 3) Crime = with growth, crime follows right on its heels. We have a very big drug

problem here. 4) Employment = Employ the folks that are unemployed now before there is any new growth – there are so many unemployed in Silverton. 5) Fast food = We have one, it needs competition! A Taco Bell, an Arby's – that is a great place for the unemployed youth to find work. 6) Housing cost = It is a farce! Salem, Keizer, Stayton all cost a lot less to live in! Buying a home here is disgracefully expensive! Forget renting. 7) Antique stores = There are way too many of them for a town this size; we only need one second-hand Goodwill sort of store! This is not Sisters. It won't float here! 8) One-way streets = This has not helped the flow; it hinders it. Let's talk about water jogging onto Lewis heading into town – THAT IS A JOKE AS TRAFFIC FLOW GOES. Why! 9) The Oregon Gardens = I don't think it was the best thing to happen to Silverton. However, when they start to hire, they had better hire from Silverton only! They are on our doorstep!. 10) Shoe store = A nice "Payless Shoes" would be great and keep us at home, spending at home. A nice affordable clothing store would be great. That would round out the town. I would like Silverton to stay "Small Town" and "friendly." It's almost past that now!

- This is a great SMALL town; please do not allow the small town-ness to be destroyed by the need to profit and change. Look at Woodburn – what a miserable place to live. Don't Woodburn at Silverton!!
- Silverton is a beautiful, unique small town that by some good fortune has been spared the rampant growth that has caused many other towns to lose their charm and beauty. Silverton does not need to grow!! In fact, growth will destroy the uniqueness of our town! We do not need to create more jobs if the population does not grow! It's 15 min. to the state capital with plenty of jobs! We do not need to create more low income housing or high density housing for "workers" if we are not creating more industrial type jobs, which we don't need! Please do not encourage industry in Silverton! The Oregon Gardens & Silver Falls State Park are, and will increasingly, bring tourism to Silverton – this is our industry. We just need to work to maintain the authenticity of Silverton as "Small town America" – which is harder and harder to find – and irreplaceable!! Please – no more housing tracts! No dense townhome development! No industrial or large commercial development! Allow tourism to bring money to Silverton, but don't try to make Silverton too "cute" to attract it! Bury phone/power lines on Water St!! Remove/replace the dam!! Leave Coolidge Park alone!! (It's already perfect!)
- I do like to watch the Council work. The Silverton (ch. 10) City Council & planning meetings gives me a lot of information. Now, on the flood – much has been said. Can you have the Army engineers check it out or are they expensive? How much muck and silt is back of the dam? One honest report would go a long way to helping us know what to do about it. Then, too, we have volcanoes nearby – what is their danger? No one knows – so emergency plans are quite in order. Thank you very much for the Code Red system. I have registered with them. Feels real good that such a warning is in place – if you have a person who check codes and "agreed upon items will be done." Please have him or her check out Silver Cliff Estates on Oak St. I'm sure you know Mr. & Mrs. Perry left 30 June 2007. The park is now under the management of : NW Community Management, PO Box Tigard, OR 97281-3099. Their phone is 503-670-8111. We are account #781. They are the HOA. Perry's left – no back gate (in monitor houses, emergency gate only) – No 2nd playground. Told more than once. Any kind & height fence you like. Mr. Rasmussen is right, the Oak St. gate is a huge thing – looks like an entrance to a cemetery. A monument. Thank you for the citizens' survey.
- I would love to see a traffic light controller at the intersection of South James Street and C Street.
- We are residents (3 mos.) & enjoy the friendly small town atmosphere. We are concerned about growth without having infrastructure in place (e.g. utilities, roads). Too often developments are approved, growth occurs, & then there is no \$ for road improvements, etc. Then existing residents live in dross & danger (must have 3 deaths at intersection before a signal is installed) until the improvements can be funded. My test (after working with

planners at an engineering firm) is that one should be able to safely walk in a neighborhood with a two-year-old and/or an 80 yr old (I would now add my 93-year-old mother on a walker). There are many places in Silverton neighborhoods & downtown where this could not be done. While the state might mandate UGB expansion, the city should plan & manage how that is done & how to fund infrastructure needed. Infrastructure needs to be concurrent w/growth, not after the fact such as Pioneer Village. With an earthquake-proof area & routine fire & police protection, let alone homeland security, adequate access & egress from all areas is mandatory in growth management. As newcomers, we perceive that long-time residents had no idea of the development approvals & their implications. Light industry is good for tax base.

- Thank you for your interest.
- City is growing too fast, slow down growth! Traffic is a disaster. City Council/Planning do not listen to the people regarding growth; they just keep approving huge developments, affecting the quality of our lives and the charm of this town.
- Love this town!
- School Board is dragging their feet on charging development for impact of growth. Street utility fee is vital for correcting problems of poor quality of streets and congestion.
- There is a strong sentiment in Silverton that a cap needs to be put on growth and that the city is not following that sentiment due to the influence of realtors and developers. It is telling that the population signs on the roads into town have not been updated for some time. Yet, a turn down certain roads reveals sizeable developments that have “magically sprouted.” The traffic infrastructure is incapable of handling traffic flow now (one wants to avoid current “rush hour” in or out of Silverton). “Any more flow is certainly out of the questions. Massive revision would substantially damage the nature of Silverton. Percentage growth goals as established in the past (e.g. 10%) are no longer viable since they now would mean significant population increases & impact. We need more comprehensive mass transit. Also needed – more parks strategically scattered around.
- I am concerned about the deteriorating condition of the Silver Creek Dam.
- City is growing at an unacceptable rate (3.8%). Want to see growth rate less than 2%. City should slow down on annexations and subdivision approval until verifiable need is shown & infrastructure is already in place to accommodate growth. Need to address downtown traffic congestion and the building of the east side parkway. These issues should have specific plans and funding sources in place prior to further growth.
- Q-2 – Bicycle travel in town is good as long as the bikes use the road (not sidewalks or traveling the wrong way). Q-10 – NO MORE FLAG LOTS!! Use good judgment for a residential area. What is wrong with a nice yard and space between your neighbors. Town schools are absorbing all of the growth. Outlying schools have small class sizes, an underutilized resource. There needs to be a boundary change or transfers to lighten the load.
- I feel the cost of the pool is too expensive. I can get a gym membership for the cost it takes to go to the pool on a regular basis. Even the family pass is too expensive. For the citizens of Silverton the health and fitness options are severely limited in the winter months and limited in affordable options. I think the pool should be more affordable so the citizens can be healthy and I also think in the long run there will be more people doing business with the pool, in return making more of a profit for the City of Silverton bottom line. Make going to the city pool more affordable for the citizens of Silverton!! Please.
- When going from my home on east side of town to work in Salem on weekday mornings – often takes as long to get to Wilco from home as it does from Wilco to Silverton. Traffic congestion is ridiculous.
- 1) I feel very strongly that our school system needs to be supported. I’m glad we are finishing the high school. Eugene Field is very old & should not even be used for students anymore if it can’t be safely updated. 2) Silverton has grown a lot & the amount of traffic has greatly

- increased. Roads need to be added & improved and our schools need to be completed & updated before any new developments should be approved.
- What happened to dressing up downtown to be more appealing? Why can't we get some period light fixtures downtown? What ever happened to the architectural review committee? Please do not let big box stores come in. If WalMart comes to Silverton, I'm leaving. I've seen it destroy too many towns all across America. PLEASE don't let it happen here.
 - The city and its citizens should decide on it maximum size based on water resources. From that decision it should decide what an ideal town of that size should look like. The city should strive to realize that town.
 - I think Silverton is a great community to live in. The small feeling, though, is disappearing. Need to improve on traffic - too much before school, at lunch time, and after work.
 - I like to fill out surveys, but don't think it makes any changes for Silverton. Our library has very good children's programs, like the summer reading program & read to the dogs. Saturday Market has something fun for everyone.
 - Thanks for asking for our input!!
 - 1) Improve traffic congestion in Silverton, construct a runaround between East S1012 and Hwy 213, and Westside Hazel Green between Silverton & MT. Angel. 2) Encourage new business to locate along the area bordering the runaround. 3) Make more land available for business use between Mt. Angel & Silverton.
 - I'm very concerned for Silverton youth, ages 13-21 especially.
 - Development is increasing too fast. This must be managed considering our desirable downtown traffic flow. Let's not develop - then say too much traffic - then build more roadways to accommodate more development ... We are a bedroom community primarily with needed local services & should not outgrow our quality place to live.
 - I would hope the city planners would like to keep the "small town" appeal of Silverton and not let the growth take it to a large scope. What is appealing about Silverton will be lost with more congestion, larger stores, and higher taxes.
 - The traffic is awful. Fire the city manager - help Cosgrove load his U-Haul trailer
 - I have lived off S. Water since 1979. I think the placing the housing (Pioneer) off water was not a good decision. I have had to get out of my car to see around traffic parked on Water St. to come onto Water from Central, Cowing, Smith, etc. Add to that all the added vehicle traffic on Water from the new housing and the waiting can sometimes be long - especially if there is a bus with a line of cars behind it. I am stating this problem calmly, but sometimes the lack of foresight and planning for this situation is a real aggravation. I'll bet if all the people who built those houses (contractors) or city officials who approved it had to find their way onto Water St it never would have happened. I would like to see thoughtful people in the decision of development, not those motivated by greed. I hope more thought goes into the 20-year plan which I understand has almost been filled with houses. We can't keep on with this present plan. It does not make good sense.
 - I love Silverton and want it to stay the special town it is.
 - I would like to city to enforce homeowners to keep up their property. Homes with long grass & weeds as well as garbage bring down the value of homeowners that do care about how their home and community look.
 - Would like to have mandatory reflection devices (good bands, slip-over vests) for teenagers after dark during the months while in school (Oct thru April) or my worst fear driving in this town is not seeing someone who is crossing the street or bicycling on the street. The teens seem to wear dark clothing and they meander into the streets w/out checking for traffic - maybe some education about this in schools??
 - The city needs a vision for the future. What does it want to look like in 10-20-30 years? What kind of community - family ... retirement ... mixed (I hope). How can it keep the great atmosphere but grow appropriately? How can it grow and not drive some people away and

- also not attract too many that don't really appreciate its true identity! Silverton is very special. We need to keep it that way in a creative and visionary way.
- A lot of this was on growth of the city. I prefer living in a small town. If there are more businesses there will be more people. How about status quo? I don't like the one-way streets. The 4-way stops work well. The light at C & McLaine should not have the left hand turn lane going south. It eliminates right hand turns that could be made on the red lights after stopping. The left-only lane could be for those heading south. There are very few cars that use the left turn only.
 - 1) I would hope Silverton will work to underground utilities in the downtown area. I was disappointed to learn the City Council passed on the opportunity to do so in conjunction with a current street project. 2) I would like to see higher priority given to preserving and protecting Silver Creek, including access. The city should have a clear policy in place in this regard, and should acquire property or easements along the creek at every opportunity. 3) Silverton will continue to grow fairly rapidly. The focus should be on ensuring smart growth, including traffic management, and reduction of the need for car trips through emphasis on pedestrian & bicycle access to small commercial centers, bike paths, etc.
 - I moved here in August from Wyoming after visiting friends here for the past 15 yrs. I was born & raised east of Eugene. I chose Silverton for the following reasons: 1) Proximity to employment opportunities if I decide to return to work; 2) Within 2 hours of my family; 3) Mild climate for gardening; 4) Great grocery store – Roth's; 5) I had an established community of friends here; and 6) In my years of visiting Silverton I always found the people to be warm & friendly. The only negative was the high cost of housing.
 - Silverton is growing too fast. We suggest converting the old Square Deal Lumber Yard to a youth facility – skate park under cover, basketball courts, etc. There are very good, LARGE existing buildings. Buy the land and turn on the lights and give them a place.
 - 1) I have watched my H₂O/sewer triple in 5 yrs & no improvement in the residential area that I live in. I had to pay to upgrade my H₂O meter to the std ¾. ¾ is what is being installed in all the new subdivisions. 2) I would like to see annexation kept to a minimum. 3) It would be nice to see businesses that would act symbiotically with the Oregon Garden.
 - Property tax too high, roads will not accommodate growth.
 - City growing too fast. Many streets without sidewalks. Traffic is very bad in downtown. Slow down new development!
 - I have lived in Silverton for over 30 years and been involved in schools, business, civic organizations, city government, churches, and the Oregon Garden at various times. I believe that the accelerated growth in recent years has had a negative effect on the “sense of community” that has long been a strength of the appeal of our town. I believe we need stronger standards in our approach to community growth, both residential and commercial. Continuing on our current path, which seems random at best, will eventually damage the overall livability irreparably. Standards of new commercial development and renovation of existing commercial structures must protect the historic climate and exemptions to these standards cannot be taken lightly. Commercial enterprises that see value in coming to our town will comply if standards are in place already, and not added later (which makes it look like we haven't targeted them individually). An example: MacDonald's garish building and colors, all around the country were done away with in Sonoma, Ariz. Where the McD's is in a stucco, terra cotta covered structure with NO reader board and only a pair of small “green” arches on the side of the building. Also, our residential sprawl must be gotten under control until we can solve our “gridlock” traffic.
 - 1) The streets could use work. Need bike lanes, and potholes need fixing. 2) Pool needs more programs. 3) Arts community needs a shift – focus on 20-somethings and younger artists. Spotlight on younger folks. 4) Adult group activities/programs (for younger adults), yoga, intramural sports teams. 5) Hospital should hire within community rather than from outerlying areas, i.e. Portland/Wilsonville/Salem, etc 6) Use Portland radio to bring people

- to Silverton, i.e. tourist monies/Oregon Garden, etc. 7) Update yearly activities/traditions making them appeal to younger crowd, i.e. arts/crafts, need freshening up. 8) I ride a scooter. FIX THE POTHOLES. I don't want to die!
- The surveys seem too concerned with youth or high school programs, not enough concerning seniors, police & fire departments. Continue improving downtown, put some park benches downtown, remove parking meters; improving walkways downtown would encourage people to visit Silverton. First Fridays seem popular; it would be nice if the city would improve the lighting downtown to encourage more shoppers & safety as well. Enough about the pool & high schools. Keep the focus on downtown improvements. These surveys have been too focused on youths & the pool.
 - Silverton is a nice, friendly town. I like the eateries and those kinds of business. Since I am single and not much of a consumer, I don't patronize the art shops/antique places etc. and the trend to tourism. However, vying for the "tourist" dollar is a shaky proposition without some mfg employment to stabilize. Too bad Blazer Ind. (where I work) had to leave town due to zoning problems 15 yrs ago. Silverton is a fun community - my parents really enjoy visiting from Iowa. So the trend in making it more attractive and "Quaint" (?) is a good thing so far - and is working.
 - The employer I work for was the "best" for Silverton (local involved ownership, etc) and city basically didn't do much of anything to keep them. Aumsville benefited greatly from that mistake!
 - The issue I see with growth that is happening in Silverton is that we are not keeping up with current issues now. Our streets and sidewalks are in disrepair and traffic patterns are poor. The big issue with Silverton is the lack of parks and adequate play structures. We are supposed to be a place to come see and want to move to, but every small town around us has better parks than we do. It is embarrassing how poorly our parks look. The plan in place will take so long, I'll be lucky if my children get to play in it. We need better parks - we need a skate park and a dog park. We need to fix the things we have now as well.
 - 1) Silverton Together is an excellent program/group. 2) City sidewalks need repair, as well as some city-owned lots & foliage. 3) Residents should be required to maintain yards, homes, and surrounding areas. 4) Military recruiters shouldn't be allowed contact with students without parent approval. 5) Citizens are kind & caring - great people! Police rock, too! 6) Silverton is big enough. No more houses, especially apartments.
 - Reduced taxes for Silverton citizens not using the school system.
 - Thank you for doing the survey. My main complaint is that the city is expanding but the streets & sidewalks of the main arteries are not being upgraded as promised over and over for the past 15 years. Kids & elderly are in danger. My main content is the schools are excellent in different levels of education along with a friendly town.
 - Speeders on Second St - speed bumps? Too many near misses for children and old ladies. Just received a brochure about Silverton Together outlining their services. The only contact is a P.O. box number. There is an inadequate infrastructure to support the new population. There are very inadequate services to the very poorest population. There is great contempt for the lesser among us. There is no employment for unskilled labor. Kids are leaving high school without a plan. There is great prejudice against our Hispanic population and against welfare families. Our wonderful health clinic is under-funded & understaffed.
 - Let's keep Silverton charming and SMALL! Downtown looks better and more activity these days. Too many homes being built on South Water, street cannot handle traffic. City Council listens to the residents instead of your own agenda.
 - I would really like Silverton to develop its beauty with an environmental awareness for our peace & health. Thank you.
 - We just love living in the Silverton community! Have no desire to relocate anywhere else. Thank you for allowing us to share our thoughts.

- Could we repair the sidewalk along Silver Creek? Many festivals are held in the park area. There is a bridge from the swimming pool parking lot that leads into the park. When you look down from the bridge you see broken sidewalks. If possible place rocks in creek for a more dramatic waterfall.
- 1) Get a new code enforcement officer who does only that one job, who understands the job & codes & is able to enforce them in a timely manner. 2) Police need to stop speeders on side streets & ticket people who drive with their radios on so loud it can be heard in people's houses - the noise is very invasive & a major problem. 3) Improve the Silverton Appeal - more local news, less errors, cartoons that are funny or make a point (present & past ones don't). For those who don't have school kids there is little in Appeal to read. 4) Have a place where kids can go on weekends & eves to play games, dance, etc. to keep out of trouble - classes, crafts. 5) Hard to find an experienced primary care doctor here. Dental care too expensive & out of reach for many. 6) Need "Meals on Wheels" program for Seniors.
- What a change there has been since Mr. Salem took an interest in the preservation of our old buildings. They sparkle on the corner of Main, and Water has elevated the first impression of new visitors coming into town across the bridge. I do not think that the city should create a large employment base relying on manufactured goods. The agribusiness that surrounds us could provide all the employment and attendant services necessary to base a small town economy. The retention of farmland through the passage of 48 makes Oregon a place to visit, just as we take our travel to the countryside of Europe. I believe keeping our small town feeling, sans the big box stores and the strip malls will be an economic boon to Silverton's future. For the past 20 years Silverton's focus was on the preservation of its secure innocence. To cast this place solidly into the pressured pace of modern living would destroy its magic. In my opinion, if there are those on the city management team that want to "think big", they should move on. I have observed the close management of the city's assets as well as the services that keep the city looking affluent and well tended. It has helped both the economy and the confidence of the merchants to see the town treated with the attention and respect it deserves from its City Fathers.
- We love it here.
- Would like to see an airport for this town to open up tourism more.
- Drugs seem to be on the increase. Need more police force to work with the schools & youth. Also, quite a bit of crime - police do what they can, but don't have sufficient coverage to decrease crime. Love the small town atmosphere including "Santa." Really need other retrial businesses. Do we really need 2 Thai restaurants & 2 Chinese restaurants as well as "?" amount of antique shops? This is a great tourist draw, but I would prefer not to have to drive to Salem or Portland for shopping and gift buying.
- 1) I am very concerned that Silverton is losing beautiful big trees at an alarming rate. This includes both street trees and yard trees. There is a great deal of "topping" and "pruning" by unskilled landscape contractors. We need a good tree preservation ordinance! 2) I think the time has come to outlaw open burn barrels and bonfires within the city limits. Most other towns in the Willamette Valley seem to do this. Why do we continue to pollute our air this way?
- 1) What, if anything, is the City of Silverton doing to combat global warming - pollute less - use fewer resources? 2) What, if anything is the City doing to encourage/help residents to combat global warming, pollute less? 3) What is the City doing to protect trees - especially the mature trees? Why are developers allowed to cut all the mature trees down? Why aren't these trees replaced somewhere with many new trees? 4) What is the City doing to protect the creek and improve creek health for fish? Repair broken fish ladder - CM Park. Better yet, remove the dam at CM Park. 5) The police need to get out of their cars and walk around town and the parks at random times. 6) Adopt a city-wide tree protection ordinance. Plant more street trees. 7) Form a citizen volunteer group to make suggestions, comment on, and (possibly) assist with maintenance and repairs to parks/open green spaces. 8) Remove the

- parking meters in front of the Chamber of Commerce and museum ... inhospitable. 9) enforce "dogs must be on leash" ordinance in all parks at all times. 10) Clean the front of the library building and the sidewalk. 11) Work harder to get junk properties cleaned up – junk stored outside, vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers, etc.) parked in yards. Close down those who are buying/repairing/selling vehicles and other junk from their homes in residential areas. 12) Establish an identity – what does "Oregon's Garden City" mean? 13) Keep the penny parking meters – they can be repaired.
- Love Silverton – high caliber people, clean-cut, upright, honest, & caring. Thanks Silverton!
 - I was born here and plan to live my life out here. So, selfishly I hope we can keep a lid on crime and support good senior services. Thanks!
 - Great community!
 - 1) I am concerned with the amount of homes being built and the continued movement toward developing more farmland into homes. The high number of homes on Water Street neighborhoods has greatly impacted traffic, congestion, and bike/pedestrian access on that road. 2) There are not enough jobs here for our youth or early career residents. Our youth leave the community or commute to Portland/Salem. New industries and professional services need to be encouraged to come here. 3) Increased immigrants needs in our schools are not being met with programs that research proves works. The increased Federal money for ESL students is not being spent right.
 - Silverton is growing too fast. The number of people living here is more than the streets & traffic can accommodate. The newer subdivisions are unsightly – especially the one off of Hobart. All the houses are alike & all crammed together so it looks like an apt. complex. Taking down trees & building on the hillsides is deplorable. A lot of Silverton's charm was all the green space & natural beauty & that's being destroyed at a rapid pace. The more people you bring in, the more crime & traffic problems you have. Instead of preparing properly first, you open the floodgates first. Letting contractors build all of these tacky subdivisions & cramming houses into small lots does not add to the charm of Silverton by any means!
 - In my opinion Silverton will do best as a garden, art, forested place for tourism. Bring in more music, fine restaurants → appeal to the recreationists with bike trails, hiking trails – music festivals, etc. Don't destroy the beautiful landscape with any more large housing developments. Have strict codes regarding clearing large areas and not honoring the trees & rich meadowland that once existed and attracted me to Silverton. Concentrate on becoming known as the city of fine living and the arts. Take care of the young (adolescent) population. Make them feel connected & valued by community jobs and involvement. Recognize what is good in them! Hire them to take care of the reservoir, city security, window decorations. Have teen-only contests (how would you run the city?). We really need to address our teenagers.
 - The City Planner is taking away the small town appeal of this city. This city is taking on the feel of small town California. Please stop the open-door policy with the house builders. Our streets cannot take the traffic and our stream has only so much water. I remember running through town and being able to pet a horse on Water Street. Now there are only houses. They (the planners) are only thinking about the tax base and not the community value. We now have houses that look like they are out of place mixed with our old houses. Take a look at Jacksonville where anything that is built has to take a face that looks like their old town. How about a moratorium on the building of houses in my town and get the cart back behind the horse. Get it right the first time. Salem is doing a great job with the buildings on Oak & Water Streets. This is a cornerstone for our downtown. Please stop the Californication of my small town. PS – I sure am glad that I purchased my home on South Third Street. Is Mayberry-like. I like small businesses supported and thriving in Silverton. I would like to see that stay and big business stay away (large chains).
 - Would like to see the library open on Sundays.

- I do not like the setup between the Planning Commission & the City Council. They work too independently and don't seem to have each other's interests in mind. I think the city needs to slow growth – increase development fees to pay increased road maintenance and infrastructure. Put a ceiling on the amount of development while there are so many lots for sale. Discourage franchise business → manage local business. Keep Silverton a small, friendly community.
- Please slow the growth of housing in Silverton. Raise the system development charges for new construction to ensure better infrastructure. Have new businesses comply with building codes that enhance the small town, tourist look that attracts visitors to Silverton. Adopt new regulations if current ones do not allow this. No more goodwill buildings.
- Is there some way to do proactive recruitment & involvement of volunteers? My wife likes to volunteer, and is also very good at making friends/breaking the ice, but still finds it hard to get involved. It seems the same core of people so everything from H. Davenport to the Mayor's Ball and, at least from the outside, it seems a hard group to break into.
- Hear many comments about how difficult it is to work with City Hall (whatever that means). Would like to see the streets, sidewalks cleaned up. The pothole on Welch/W Main gets patched then reappears. Should fix for good. Also, underground spring draining onto Welch should be channeled into something other than street. Parking downtown and falling into potholes is a problem. Should be a flashing red light at Palace intersection. Too many near-death experiences. Overall, we love Silverton and have never regretted moving here.
- 1) Urgent care center in town would be great to take non-emergency pts away from ER. Also, a good, cheaper option. 2) Promote environmentally friendly practices. 3) More employment here – don't like to commute. 4) Traffic light! 5) More \$\$ for school district employees – NOT admin.
- 1) A big issue is the safety of the earth dam for Silverton Reservoir. Why no questions? a) Is the dam safe? – NO; b) Is the city doing enough to guard eventual disaster? – NO; c) Is the city concerned about citizen input about the dam? – NO. 2) Silverton has become less livable in the last few years. Exploding growth, traffic, noise, & crime. The police force alone has gone from ½ doz to 2 doz. Silverton is taking on the characteristics of a large city. Overcrowding in restaurants, grocery stores, doctors' offices, etc.
- What were the city officials thinking???? I was born and raised here in Silverton. At one time this was a quiet little town that truly did deserve the beautiful Rockwell murals that grace its historic buildings. **There was a reason that they chose them ... but they no longer fit.** This is now an over-populated, crime-ridden suburb of Portland and Salem, which is considered the back porch to the penitentiary. We used to feel safe to walk to the theater, just take a stroll or to a local restaurant to have dinner. It no longer resembles a quaint little county town. How can we stay and take care of our aging parents when we are chased out by the mass multitudes that have no respect for what was so cherished by those who founded it? We originally chose to stay here after we were married and had our first child because we believe in keeping our families close and taking care of your own. Now we are compelled to move out, leaving them and our friends due to the lack of city planning, over-population, public safety, and a poor school system in serious need of repair. 1) We need new schools and a new plan. a) Eugene Field K-3 no longer large enough to accommodate the population. b) Robert Frost 4-6 no longer large enough to accommodate the population. c) Mark Twain 7-8 no longer large enough to accommodate the population. d) Old high school should be renovated. We bus the kids to and fro with fuel prices what they are??? no longer large enough to accommodate the population. e) New high school – whose idea was that??? Doesn't make sense, no longer large enough to accommodate the population. f) Bethany – one of the best places I attended as a pre-teen, no longer large enough to accommodate the population. 2) **Property taxes** are out the roof ... for what? Where is the money going?? They need to be accountable!! 3) Safety: How can we possibly accommodate the mass multitudes drawn here by the Gardens and the publicity, no repairs done to the existing streets, no

- sidewalks to stay out of traffic, parking in the streets, halfway on the sidewalks because the streets are not wide enough to accommodate so many vehicles? 4) **Development** is out of control: Lane use has been thoroughly abused. They try to stuff houses in every empty space available. 5) **City utilities** are out the roof, our elderly cannot afford to live here and they are the ones we should be taking care of, they founded this place. The fact that our city is very well known for a huge drug problem, you would think that instead of spending so much money on the Gardens that they would beef up our police force and keep our dispatch in-house so that our police force had some good support. I find it so ridiculous that when you call to get help dispatch has no clue what you are talking about, or the location you are talking about. It seriously concerns me when you have to explain in great detail the location of one of our local schools to dispatch. Shouldn't the people we have in these positions know something about the area??? We need to start focusing on the important things like this, not how to promote the Gardens and what rules they can break and how to spend money they don't have and NO hotel for them either to bring in more people that our streets cannot handle. It has become known as Yuppy Hell.
- Being new to the area we found out about Silverton city services quite abruptly within a few months. Seems we were out of ordinance on an issue that we were unaware of. There was a dead tree on the front walk & a city employee pulled up & said, "You need to remove this now - it's a danger" We were provided zero introduction, ordinance, or explanation. I contacted the city for the appropriate statute, rule, or law as the dead tree had been there for several years. We complied with the city's request, but would have appreciated the following: 1) Explain the purpose of your visit. 2) Explain & give the new resident the ordinance or law you believe is being violated. 3) Explain options to correct the deficiency, time frames, considerations. 4) Advise (if related to tree removal) to always call their utility company 1st. (The utility company told us not to touch the tree and came out to inspect. They will limb a tree down below power lines to ensure safety for consumers.) 5) Explain any safety issues & resources. 6) SAY THANK YOU.
 - We moved from Salem to Silverton in 1959. We had purchased a Victorian fixer-upper large enough for our family at a price we could afford. We were then able to raise our family in a wonderful community which had great schools. The employment opportunities were not ample, which made some hardships. This, I feel, is the only drawback with living here.
 - If I did not keep the drain at the corner of my property cleaned off the intersection of 3rd & Lane would be completely flooded during heavy rains. There is no sewer catch basin south of my corner and all the debris comes down the hill at the end of the street. Sometimes I clean it several times a day. Also, there is a real hole at my corner that gets no attention although I've asked for it. Lane Street is a disaster in the winter.
 - With regard to Pioneer Village: We like it, and bought a home here. We have always liked Silverton. However, we do not like the way this subdivision is growing and would not have bought here had we known. Also, we voted down the expansion of Pioneer Village only to find out that the city decided to make the approval after the fact. Sorry, but I think that is wrong - why vote if the city wants to make up its own mind!?!?!)
 - Government fees, permissions, and administration hassles cause unnecessary delays & expenses. City is viewed as creating road blocks rather than assisting business. You create an adversarial position rather than being helpful & cooperative. Remodeling & building fees are extra taxes. Priority towards poor instead of youth is backwards. Exchange levels of effort & dollars between poor & youth services.
 - The city staff has become increasingly arrogant. There is an atmosphere of "We are here to govern you, not to serve you."
 - 1) I feel there should be more of an outlet for the youth that aren't involved in organized sports. I love that Wayside Park was converted into a BMX track, but what about something within Silverton. I would love to see a skate park and nicer overall parks in Silverton. 2) As a

property owner, I feel like we are paying enough taxes (school bond, pool bond, etc.). It would be nice to find other ways of funding.

- I feel very strongly that Silverton needs to focus on what keeps it special – the small town feel. Work at developing downtown suitably, keeping its flavor. We need to STOP expanding and look at upgrading our infrastructure – schools, water, sewage treatment, recycling, and streets. At this time these things cannot handle the kind of growth that is starting. I feel Silverton should not encourage industry. I don't want us to become a Woodburn or Canby. Silverton needs to promote the health of Silver Creek. If there are regulations they need to be enforced. Pesticides, fertilizers, & dumping need to be addressed. Maybe the city should look at how finances are distributed – for under 9,000 people we have 9+ police vehicles but over-worked street sweeper. One huge plus for Silverton is Silverton Together. The city needs to be sure it is supported & funded. We need more resources for the hungry, mentally ill, & teens in distress or trouble.
- Contractors working on homes in residential areas are not restricted enough. With exception to emergencies, they should only be able to work after 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM Mon thru Sat. Sundays no work. It is an issue of noise and parking. Contractors should have to pre-address neighbors' concerns over noise and parking, especially in advance for any work expected to take more than 5 days. It is the contractors' business, but it is my home. Listening to an awfully loud air compressor or table saw is getting old, and we are constantly jockeying to get around contractor vehicles.
- Would like to see parking meters removed and replaced with signs showing time limits for more friendly downtown shopping, i.e. 1 hr, 2 hr, etc – no time limit after 6pm.
- Would love to use the pool more, but the water is too cold for everyone but the school kids swim team, facilities are not being maintained well, and the staff are generally silly kids. There are numerous city personnel that should be let go! 1) City Planner – does not know her job. 2) City engineer – Basic incompetence, intentionally gives people misinformation, soooooo much more. 3) City Manager – Can't trust what he says as being truthful. City police need to spend more time controlling traffic, i.e. too many people drive too fast. Downtown is a hazard zone for pedestrians. GET RID OF THE ONE-WAY STREETS! Or at least put it up for a vote of the people.
- I am greatly concerned by the amount of residential growth & the resulting traffic problem. The traffic has gotten horrific!
- Silverton is a terrific community to live and work in. We are very happy the school district's building bond passed this time. I worked on the phone campaign and was surprised and shocked at some of the feedback reiterated by some of the newer additions to our community. When you love the place you live and think recreation opportunities are improving and that we are all so lucky to share the facilities available it's difficult to accept criticism. Hopefully newcomers will come to appreciate Silverton the way we old timers have.
- 1) City schools need to work on basic citizenship & character skills. Focus on empathy, kindness, integrity, etc. These values are as important as our 3 Rs and should start at a young age. The larger schools in Silverton need to look at what the smaller schools are doing well in this regard. 2) City should take a break at building new developments and give the city time to digest what we have created. 3) Focus on small businesses that give the city a unique small town feel. We don't need industrial in our farmlands around the city. 4) Put restrictions on what can be displayed on business windows for advertising, specifically bars. Not all things are appropriate for children to see. 5) No more Rocky Horror Pictures during Homer Davenport Days!
- 1) More community gatherings such as Sat. night outside movie at the park, admission free, etc. 2) More promotion of history of Silverton besides "Bobby the Wonder Dog." Let some old timers tell stories. 3) Fundraisers for community aid, food bank, etc. 4) Support for those who are trying to get off drugs rather than being punished and afraid to ask for help.

- I like Silverton just the way it is. I don't care to have Silverton grow so much there is a big city atmosphere, which brings more crime and drug problems.

Appendix D

Survey Instrument

The following pages present the survey instrument that was administered to Silverton residents. The survey includes percent responses for easy reference to the results.

