



Question #3. List three things that you would like to see added to the Molalla area to improve quality of life.

The things that rose to the top of what people would like to see added to the Molalla area are:

- Community events
- Walking/biking/running trails
- Revitalized/beautiful downtown.
- Parks

As a group, choose a table captain and a scribe.

Discuss and record responses to these questions about the four items above on the tablet available at your table.

Each table will share their findings.

1. What surprises you?
2. What encourages you?
3. What are these results saying to us?
4. What should we do with this information?

Responses on the survey are listed in full on the next pages for you to review at your convenience.

A cohesive sense of *community*, business and property owners in the downtown core that take *pride* in their downtown.

More *family friendly activities/opportunities*.

A fresh produce weekend market

Restored downtown

Better communication between everyone who lives in Molalla would be good, we will unite more in the future

A *park system* that is attractive and usable by people of all ages.

Better *pedestrian and bike facilities*.

An *inviting downtown area* for visitors - while the new sidewalks, lighting and trees are great, the buildings themselves need much help

A consistent and *community-aligned* identity that represents Molalla and is reflected in all aspects of the town's infrastructure and character.

Attractive downtown

Family friendly activities - summer movies in the park, swimming pool

More local attractions year-round, and better advertising of the ones we have (Shady Dell trains for instance, most never hear of)

A better skatepark. More city involving of the rodeo.

Better *sense of pride* in the community

Bike trails, sidewalks and security

A large baseball/softball complex. Like Centennial park in Woodburn.

Bring back a *vital Main Street* to the heart of town -- a bustling 'old-town,' busy with hometown business, like it once was. It can be done, with good planning and enthusiastic *community* effort.

More large-scale *community events*

Create a *positive*, vital link between the town of Molalla and the fabulous Molalla River Corridor -- tourism opportunities are going to waste here -- the corridor is only a few short miles away.

A *community center* for kids after school and the summers

Create more *cultural opportunities* -- art, music, cultural events. (Bring it downtown!)

Clean up a lot of the properties that are just an eyesore and detract from the natural beauty that surrounds our community.

Cleaned up, *thriving downtown*

Cleaner and more *pleasant downtown area*, including more murals, more trees, and fewer empty stores,

Community Center for families with indoor activities such as rock climbing wall, sports court, kiddie pool and sports field complex.

Complete the already laid out *walking trails*.

Develop *more trails, sidewalks, etc.* For recreation (walking, running, etc.) as well as access to services (food, parks, library, store fronts).

Downtown buildings refreshed and brightened.

More community activities.

Better parks and recreational areas for families and kids.

United vision for growth.

Entertainment and things to do for our teens.

Community Center

Entertainment for youth

Develop a *beautiful historic downtown* area with thriving small businesses.

Fun parks for families

I'd like to see a local tradition that is unrelated to the rodeo get a foot hold.

Improved communication regarding events. A venue for people to have parties year round

Indoor activities for kids.

More activities

More arts and community activities

Continued *beautification of downtown*

More Bike Paths/trails.

I would love to see more safe places for kids and teens to hangout. (A new skate park or an open public pool or additional parks/basketball courts.)I would love to see more community events in the local parks (live bands, BBQs, etc.)

More community events

I think we need to keep putting up the flowers in town and banners and flags for holidays.

More community events like the shop hops, and farmers market, flea market, craft bazaars.

More events and use of the Buckeroo Grounds. (Swap meets, concerts, activities that will bring in revenue for the city, etc.).

More functional *parks*

Dog park

More civic engagement

More *parks* would be nice

More pedestrian friendly both by more sidewalks and more courtesy by drivers.

Connection between Big Meadows and downtown. Now they are different entities

More road/sidewalk/lighting improvements similar to what was just completed through downtown along Molalla Ave.

More walking / running / biking paths.

More shopping and food, and for the downtown area to really be cleaned up so that we can feel proud to bring visitors down there.

Public spaces designed for gatherings (i.e. concerts in the park or something similar) A place to play and place to gather/entertain = family fun

More trash cans in public places

Revitalize streets and businesses.

More *walk around traffic* so there is a more social atmosphere to the city.

Running path along old train tracks

Sidewalks with street lights

More *walking trails and sidewalks*

Pedestrian and bike friendly travel ways

Outdoor recreation areas for volleyball and tennis play

Better park system

Network of walking/running/biking trails.

More *summer activities* around town.

Police expansion for added safety and protection.

Sidewalk connectivity.

Possibly another *Park*

Sidewalks

Community events

Spruce up the middle of town

Transportation; More grocery stores; something to entertain the youth

Updated streetscape.

Walking/biking paths

When the population increases, a sports complex (soccer field, pool, basketball, racquetball court)

Large playground complex with a jogging track around it that people can use strollers on.

Walking/biking paths along roads that don't have sidewalks.

Youth Center, something like a YMCA or similar

More events being held here such as *art/wine/music festivals*

Continued beautification projects, either volunteer based projects or city funded projects



What do you like about the Molalla Area?

Community Aspects

- I like the small-town community environment. The people, country and freedom.
- Parades and community events. The way the community comes together on July 4th.
- Many home grown residents who take pride in our town and our homegrown farm products
- I like how so many people seem to know one another and I always run into someone that I know when I go out.
- It's the typical "small country town" I've dreamed of living in, coming 38 years ago from CA.
- Molalla is a very beautiful city with a lot to offer during every season of the year. From hiking to Rodeo season there is always something to do in Molalla.
- The small population. Close-knit community. Family atmosphere.
- It feels like a small, friendly town. At the same time, it's growing which shows that there is a draw to the community.
- I like the town, the community that once was, that is trying to be again.
- People's acceptance of others.
- Small town feel, but with most services that are needed; rural "can-do" mentality; NOT Portland
- I like the slow pace of Molalla, and I like that people are down to earth.
- It's small, the people are friendly, the city government encourages community members to participate in city government and affairs.
- A community where neighbors know and care for each other.
- Access to local meat, eggs and produce, farmers market
- Buckeroo Belles dance team. The Buckeroo
- Laidback community. Minimal traffic
- I like that I can still see the stars in the sky at night!
- I like seeing the recent changes that are occurring...both from the community volunteer groups and from the City leadership.
- The fact that there are hundreds of people who watch the Indians at a football game is epic.
- I love the Molalla Adult Center activities for everyone.
- Pro Agriculture, pro guns, Patriotic, Horse country, 4th of July Parade, Rodeo and celebrations. Other community events, farmers market, shop hops by local businesses. Craft Bazaars.
- We have a short ride to go golfing, or experience the river, hike trails. The way our community comes together to help one another is incredible.
- It is a tranquil town and there is work and people are humble, simple, and friendly
- There are many Christian organizations serving their neighbors -- known and unknown -- in various capacities.
- We have classes and things to do with a group of friends. It doesn't have the feel of the "rat race of the city"

Fire/Safety/Infrastructure

- Awesome fire department
- Safety of our neighborhoods
- Nice walking. Clean streets.
- Support provided for swimming pool
- Being able to ride my bike into town.
- I like that the community feels fairly safe.
- Affordable housing
- The walking path that connects Toliver to Hwy 211 is an awesome addition.
- Parks, the new lighting. I love the new updated sidewalks downtown and always loved Fox Park.
- I love how much work is being put into the town as well to make it look like it should. When you drive into Molalla it looks like a place you would want to live with all the upgrades happening.

Business

- Friendly helpful merchants.
- I like some of the stores/businesses: Bi-Mart, Safeway, Real Deal Grocery, Family Thrift Store, Molalla Public Library, Hi-School Pharmacy, Ace Hardware, etc. In some of the aforementioned places, the staff know me and my family by name.
- The opportunity we have for a very cute, historic, small business oriented downtown area.
- Although my office is located in Molalla 99% of our company's work is in not, I choose to live and have my office here to be away from the larger populations.
- The business people here are friendly and kind. Availability of needed services i.e., groceries, hardware, feed etc.
- We now have some shops we can frequent (Rustic Shed, Cowgirl, Hoffman House etc.)

Location/Natural Beauty/Recreation

- Rural, near mountains and rivers!
- Its distance from Portland, close to rivers, lots of farms to shop for berries, veggies, and Christmas trees.
- Being in the country. It is rural but within easy commute to area with necessary services not available here.
- I love the corridor, the nature trail, the ability to get out and explore.
- The setting, the foothills, the river corridor, the small community, affordable housing,
- proximity to horse facilities and trails
- Near mountains, hiking, fishing, rafting, hunting, biking, sky diving, kayaking
- The location - it is close enough to towns, beaches, the mountain, etc.
- It is central and equidistant to Woodburn, Interstate 5, Canby, Interstate 205, Oregon City, and Estacada.
- Rural beauty, clean river, mount hood view, small town feel, opportunities for outdoor adventure (sky diving, river hiking trails, kayaking etc.)

History

- The people - Folks descended from families that pioneered the area and have lived here through generations, and people who have moved here in recent years because they saw promise in this community.
- Those who grew up in this town share a vital history and feeling for the community. And those who moved here with the idea of becoming participants in Molalla-area events and efforts are now valuable members of this community.

Education

- Charter School
- Molalla River Academy is an excellent school