

Q5: What would make your community a better place to live?

PEOPLE CHARACTERISTICS

Values, Attitudes, Behaviors, Relationships

a more vulnerable and open place that is free of gossip and judgement

a more welcoming and inclusive vibe from some long-standing community members

A politically more open population with a stronger newspaper

Be involved & understand as one person you have to be aware of everyone around you and their needs

clean up after your dog when you walk it

Communication between neighbors

Community members taking the time to listen to everyone's view point.

Community pride, respect to all, community engagement/involvement, responsibility for own property, businesses.

cultivate optimism

diversity and democracy

Everyone working together for the greater good

Fewer guns

Getting rid of Winterset Rants and Raves (or in the least have more people involved in that site on Facebook).

I think we need to broaden attitudes and embrace different points of view to move into the future. Too many old attitudes and closed minds.

If everyone did their job

Inclusiveness

increasing % of people who vote & take an active interest in city government

Less fighting amongst citizens and elected officials; everyone needs to be more kind and grow up...and stop putting all their opinions in the newspaper.

Less negativity

more accepting of people moving into the community

More conversations of any on-going problems, instead of just complaining.

more Democrats

More diversity and inclusiveness

more nice people

More respect, openness, and compassion.

More tolerance for minorities.

More welcoming of outsiders who choose to live here. The town people are very welcoming if you are just visiting.

More welcoming to outsiders that are wanting to move here, not just visit.

Open minds!!! People need to remember there are two sides to every story. Don't judge, just help.

Our community would be a better place to live if we could rid ourselves of that despicable "Rants and Raves" Facebook page. It's a coward's platform and I despise it!

People

People need to just be nice

People who hold others accountable for breaking laws and norms such as littering, running stop signs, speeding, and just plain being rude and disrespectful to other people and their property. If it isn't yours, look but don't touch!

Spirit of cooperation, People talking to each other. End of arguments over solar, turbines. Wind is nothing more than sunshine coupled with the rotation of the earth. Getting younger folks to pay attention.

Teaching kids how to work hard and not having their parents do it for them.

COMMERCE, BUSINESSES, JOBS

A better selection of food/bar venues with outside option.

A coffee shop open after 4:00pm

A community kitchen to provide rentable cooking space for entrepreneurs.

A couple of chain restaurants like a steakhouse,

a decent restaurant or two with regular hours

A farm store and a ShopKo replacement store.

A few more clothing stores.

A good Italian restaurant! This is the number one reason we drive to Des Moines.

A good restaurant.

a meeting space at the Chamber of Commerce office for members to use

A nice restaurant for those special 1-2 times a year outings

A Panera!

a really good car wash!

a retail clothing store

A store similar to Shopko would be helpful for purchasing family clothing and home goods.

a Walmart store

a Walmart store for convenience shopping

A&W restaurant with drive up service, where young people can hang out with friends,

affordable day care options

Also, a really stand-out restaurant that would bring people in from other places.

also, the car wash I want!

an ag store

and more restaurants.

Another full menu restaurant.

Another thing that Winterset could use is a bookstore.

automatic car wash

Banks could take turns offering financial help nights

Be open to a few more businesses coming in. (Some people seem close minded about larger businesses coming in.)

Better fine dining

Better place to get clothing. Shopko was a great loss.

Better restaurants.

Better restaurant options

Better restaurants

Better Restaurants to eat at.

Better restaurants

Brewery in town -More sports bars near bike path

Bringing back the quality stores that have closed (not going to happen)

Children's stores

Clothing stores

coffee shop

continue to bring in businesses and activities to encourage others to move here,

different restaurants

economics, so people didn't have to leave town to work

Encouragement to live, work & play in Winterset.

factory/industry opportunities

Farmer market laws to allow for home processed food sales.

Focus on revitalizing downtown and bring in a diversity of stores. Winterset hasn't had a clothing or hardware store in decades. Even a small grocery store. Too many antique stores.

food establishments

Good jobs. Quality of life that encourages young entrepreneurs to live here.

grocery stores could offer healthy meal ideas...

Having a larger department store to fit everyone's needs.

High paying jobs of young people.

I think the potential of becoming a feeder airport is exciting.

If stores and restaurants had expanded hours, I'd stay more local

In addition, we are going to need another hotel as Winterset grows and Des Moines gets closer...we don't want to lose that income to Des Moines.

Increase eating/drinking establishments,

job opportunities,

job training; more affordable child care

keep things local, not chains

Less "junk" stores.

Maybe a nicer restaurant

More choices in restaurants...currently no Fine Dining.

more dining options

More dining options.

more diverse restaurants and shops.

More diversity in restaurants.

More eating places

More high paying jobs

More job opportunities

More job opportunities for people who want to live and work here.

More job opportunities.

more jobs

More jobs that pay a better hourly rate

more local food vendors and restaurants using local food.

more local jobs - help jobs –

More opportunities for employment

more options to live

More parking at Frosty's!

More places for adults to have fun and be entertained. More restaurants/bars. More outdoor options at said restaurants.

more places to buy clothing without having to drive to Des Moines

more places to dine, steak place would be nice

more places to shop to bring more income

More quality restaurants, a coffee shop on the square, a bookstore.

More quality restaurants, better roads

More restaurant options

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More restaurants

More restaurants and food options would be great!

More restaurants, a small Walmart,

More restaurants, restaurants that are actually open

More restaurants

More restaurant choices in fast food and sit down menus. Upscale bar/restaurant venues. Apple bee's or Legends type restaurants.

more retail stores.

more shopping

more stores for purchasing clothing and housewares

more stores to shop

More support for locally owned businesses. More local retail shops and restaurants

More variety of restaurants.

New industry, so people don't have to drive to DSM.

New laundromat

Nicer restaurants and social establishments

One nice restaurant to draw people from out of town for dinner in one of our old buildings that was fixed up. Like Primrose in Corning

Places for locals to shop for everyday items. Not just worrying about what a Tourist will think.

Places where folks can gather in a casual way - a pleasant sit down restaurant ala bistro or cafe style. An inviting, nicely appointed bar - ala a wine/cocktail bar and/or microbrewery.

Quality restaurants

reincarnated Gold Star

Restaurants!! We do not have a very good variety. We NEED a nice place to eat with a varied menu!!

restaurants

restaurants

Shopping availability for everyone's needs. It's sad we don't have any stores left like we used to have around our square. Now Shopko is closing. What next!

Spend \$ here.

store to shop for clothes

stores - shopping - sorry Shopko closed

taxi

Walmart

Walmart

We need more restaurants and fast food eateries....it helps make a destination trip enjoyable.... Restaurants are more important I feel...We are limited on nice places to eat at... Fast food are important to families who are in time aware and have cost conscious with families....

Winterset needs more businesses. A farm store is a must. Winterset is a great community. The only thing holding it back is the lack of retailers such as Target or Dicks Sporting Goods.

Winterset. We need more businesses that can provide a wage/living for families in Winterset without the need to commute for work in the larger communities;

With Shopco closing I would hope Walmart might open a small store like Osceola has.

with the loss of Shopko, we need a store with clothing

Would help everyone if there were a better pay scale throughout the county. That would help all the businesses.

Would hope that more retail businesses would come into the area specifically eating establishments.

THE SQUARE

better parking so people can access stores in the square.

improving more businesses on square

More parking around the courthouse shopping district.

RECREATION / ENTERTAINMENT / ACTIIVTIES

A better location to workout such as a YMCA.

A big fitness center

A bike path would be amazing.

A bike trail between the Great Western Trail and the Raccoon River Valley Trail

a bike trail connecting to the Des Moines Metro

A center with an exercise and therapy pool year around (well, I guess a center with all the opportunities and activities of a YMCA.)

A Christmas parade with lots of community made floats!

A community activities center like YMCA.

A community center/ gym/ indoor pool.

a connection to the bicycle trail system

a few more things for kids to do

a lake to boat on

A mid-scale sized rec center. Recently visited Audubon and saw a combination bowling alley, gym, racquetball court, and community room.

A nice bike trail

a permanent location where people can ice skate with their families

A real golf course and country club. Associated with attractive housing or lake.

a rec center/indoor swimming pool, quality

A recreation center with indoor swimming pool

A recreational center, like YMCA, or even our own rec center to use or rent

a Y in Winterset

A YMCA

a YMCA for all people in the community to use to live happier/healthier lives

A YMCA or Rec Center for sure!

A YMCA or similar

A YMCA or YWCA or just a large indoor pool area for senior citizens or people with disabilities who need to exercise or do rehabilitation in pools. This could improve the health or well-being of some. Plus, it would present a chance for our youth to join swim teams, without driving to Indianola.

A YMCA,

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activities offered

activities

an indoor pool

an indoor pool; outdoor skating rink

An indoor swimming pool

An indoor swimming pool

An outdoor band-shell in a park

Bike path

Bike path and Breweries

Bike paths connecting to other paths and the metro.

bike trail connected to the rest of the world

bike trail that links up with the one in Martensdale

bike trail to town and beyond. a bike/pedestrian trail around cedar lake

Bike trails.

Bowling alley

bowling alley; plan growth

bowling facility

Community center/YMCA

Completion of a walking/biking trail.

Continued development of outdoor recreation (i.e. trails, etc.).

Dance lessons for adults

Drive-in movie theater

entertainment venues for the 18-30 year olds

Expand trail system from high school to hospital to historical society to city park to Middle River Park,

Expansion of recreational facilities

fitness

Getting a YMCA in Winterset!!

having more fun things to do for kids and adults

having more things to do

Hiking & biking trails.

if we got together more

Indoor pool

Indoor pool,

indoor recreation (like a YMCA, similar to Perry's rec center) Community Center, similar to Harlan's (which I know has a benefactor that built it and helps keep it going)

indoor swimming pool

Indoor swimming pool

It would be ideal to see Winterset take pride in its name "winter" and do more in the winter by recreational means. Sledding, tubing, skiing and snowboarding.

Larger/better roller skating rink for the kids and adults.

Longer yearly access to a pool.

Maybe more places for kids.

Maybe more restaurant options!

More activities for kids, including things for tween/teens that aren't sports, & support for that

More activities for the teen to young adult sector.

More activities for winter in the parks and rec department - pickle ball, cross country skiing, etc.

more activities for young people

More activities in the evening hours and weekends

More amenities for younger children and younger adults.

More children's activities

More community events not just targeting the older generations

more dog parks/recreational parks

More emphasis on improving recreational opportunities.

More entertainment options for couples and families

more entertainment,

More family friendly places/activities to do year-round.

more hiking and biking trails

more live music

More options for inside and outside activities for families- updated parks and playgrounds, splash park

More parades

More places for kids to attend, such as the Sk8 rink. Especially in winter time.

more places for kids to go hang out at

more places for the kids

More recreation, entertainment and

More recreational services for residents of all ages year round....rec center, etc.

more social events

more social gathering to include all age

More things for families to do

More things for kids and family to do

More things for kids to do in the winter. I am glad the theater reopened. I miss the bowling alley.

more things to do

More things to do in town for younger kids so we don't have to travel to DSM

More/better things for older residents.

Need more activities for teens and young adults.

Offer more so residents do not need to leave for anything.

One thing that would make my community a better place to live is having designated places for youth to hang out instead of just wandering around town and getting into trouble.

Outdoor stage in the green space where the old swimming pool use to be for outdoor concerts...by bands people under the age of 65 would enjoy.

pleasant indoor place to walk in the winter time

Recreational facility,

shooting range that is open to the public

some growth ... people being more interested in things going on. joining service clubs to help those continue to exist and help our community

The addition of a Frisbee Park and a splash park

The bike lanes in town are a good idea and should be refreshed.

The younger generation doesn't appear to want to volunteer much. Economy??

Trail system that connects to the current trail system in and around Des Moines.

Walking trail, bike trails. More public art. Handicapped accessible playground.

Walking trail.

Walking/bike trails.

Walking/Biking trails.

YMCA

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YMCA with indoor pool so swim teams don't have to drive so far to swim for the schools,

YMCA,

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Groups, Churches, Volunteering

A single youth activity in at least one of the churches. A place for young singles to meet.

As I said, a way for newcomers and especially young couples and families to meet, maybe with provided child care.

Back home (Hannibal MO) during parades - community service people would push grocery carts during parades to fill food pantries (parade watchers would donate goods).

Better leadership within the community

get people to get involved with service clubs, have neighbors who get involved in the community - such as things for all ages to get involved.

Increasing in our participation opportunities

Lots of people have donated time, \$, land to make Madison County a place

More opportunities for the community to realize what the needs are in our community. We have churches that donate money to folks, but it feels a lot like enabling.

More ways to build relationships between various groups

Perhaps some type of a newcomer's club. Many of the younger generation are moving here from bigger cities to be in a smaller place but am unclear as to how much they want to be involved.

The community that I associate with is wonderful. I think we could get out and do more service projects in town. Yet with the Cub and Boy Scouts of America, we have at least 1 service project a month between the 2 groups. I don't know how much more involved we can be.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Library, Safety, Services

A leaf sucking truck, so people could just rake leaves to the curb and the truck sucks them up

a more diverse city council,

A traffic circle on the north side of Winterset.

Balanced town budgets

Better city streets.

Better enforcement of property guidelines (junk cars/unmowed lawns etc.)

better paving of streets, no parking on streets,

Better SIDEWALKS! (they're so bad throughout town!)

Better sidewalks

Better street maintenance

Better street maintenance (snow removal and pot hole repair)

better street maintenance, actually plowing the streets.

better streets

cheaper property taxes

Cheaper taxes.

city roads need fixed - bad winter fix –

city utilities NOT going up every year,

Connecting with potential volunteers on the city webpage.

Continued investment in infrastructure. Reasonable taxes...

Crack down on the drugs, Meth is out of control in the community of Winterset.

Cracking down on Meth users

Don't make the residents pay all the taxes.

Eastside not as important as Westside.

fewer 4-way stop signs at intersections in downtown area

full time fire department. As it is we pay a price to live here.

Get a handle on the drug problems in Winterset.

having more lights at corners of streets

High taxes and high local utilities!

I am sure we all want more services and to spend less for them - and that's not realistic –

I wonder why, with all the wind turbines close by, and relatively low Mid-American rates, why Winterset continues with its own Utilities.

If more individuals were chosen for various boards/committees to offer diversity. Not just those with \$\$, degrees, family connections.

If the city could purchase areas around the square and make them into green spaces. Like the area where the old Fareway grocery store was. Now it's a gas station. Also, someone purchase the old high school and make this into something usable!

Improve road and street maintenance

improve roads, improve unkempt yards/houses

Improve zoning and environmental code

Improved alleys where garages require their use.

improved city streets more restaurant options

Improvements to infrastructure

It cost me \$321 to have a city tree trimmed to protect my home from damage because city too cheap and lazy to do it! So, I will say thanks for nothing to this city. Shame on the city!

its people serves

job center; better senior center –

Less crime

Less drug activity more cop activity

Less Emergency Sirens.

Less potholes

Less taxes

Less welfare fraud and public servant that actually serve. Government workers who actually do work.

Lower bills

lower cost of living

Lower cost of living, lower utilities.

lower income - supplemental \$ Services for helping people get back on feet - temporary help - lodging, health, food, mental health

Lower living costs

Lower property and sales taxes.

lower property taxes

lower property taxes,

Lower property taxes.

Lower property taxes. Mine went up several hundred dollars on each home and parcel of land I own. Wages have remained the same.

Lower real estate taxes.

lower taxes

lower taxes

lower taxes

Lower taxes

Lower taxes

Lower taxes

Lower taxes

lower taxes and fees

Lower taxes and utilities.

Lower taxes so more industry.

lower taxes,

Lower taxes,

lower taxes, spending money wisely

lower taxes, lower utility bills,

Lower taxes.

Lower taxes.

Lowering property tax or minimizing increases

Maintaining infrastructure and roads, and schools

More assistance for the elderly who live alone.

more attention paid by the city officials to the ones that already live here instead of worrying about those that don't.

More bike designated lanes.

more choices for our utilities

More pedestrian friendly.

More pedestrian friendly.

more police

More services and better opportunities for senior citizens: meal site, recreation areas, medical and living assistance.

more services for seniors

More sidewalks on the side streets. I hate walking my kids on the street.

NO MORE TAX ABATEMENTS or TIFF MONEY TO DEVELOPERS. Stop taxing people who are trying to make older homes look good by painting or siding. Refuse tax abatements to big corps like Hy-Vee and Fareway

Obey & enforce the rules and laws that are in place. Better police enforcement! Especially on the 10th St and Court St and Eastside.

Preparation and implementation of a city development plan.

property taxes too high

public Wi-Fi in all city and county buildings

Reasonable assessments and taxes

reduce property taxes

Reduction in cost of residential electricity and water

reduction in our high property taxes

Removal of houses falling down

Safety

secure all weather benches around the city in the city right of way for people to sit and talk with one another.

sidewalks are hard to use with a wheelchair

Small public bus routes

Some of these homes are unsafe to live in and for the sake of the residents should be condemned until improvements are made.

Stop raising taxes – they're too high for retired persons & young people & commercial.

Strong leadership from the city council

Tax abatement for working families who live here.

taxes are too high

Think outside the box to lower taxes

traffic circles

Traffic issues - however unavoidable with the growth

Treat ALL areas EQUALLY. Too much discrimination by city and police!

Utilities are too high for residential & commercial properties.

Utilities reduced price.

we have some rough spots that are in high traffic areas

We need an updated senior meal site/Meals on Wheels center; Would be wonderful to have one location / facility that would house our ambulance services/fire department services/police department services and jail;

We need better street cleaning in winter. Streets are not well maintained.

Winterset city officials need to be very focused on the water quality and quantity of cedar lake. Access to clean water will be vital as Winterset grows.

Winterset City Park Board

With the recent demand of housing and infrastructure costs, it would be great to see our property taxes remain relatively low.

PLANNING / GROWTH / HOUSING

A more visionary process for planned development.

Affordable housing

affordable housing and building lots.

Affordable housing for all residents

Also, affordable housing. There really aren't any median places

balance growth with historical heritage

Be aware of making changes to grow for the coming future

Be visionary carefully - grow on outskirts carefully.

Being able to support renewable energy.

Better communication between city, schools, churches, and businesses to provide spaces and opportunities for community growth.

better community planning,

Better internet service

Better town planning *e.g. paved streets, thru streets

Bring competition to Century Link- perhaps Mediacom

Build a great community and it will advertise itself.

Bus transit - pre-day scheduling sucks. Wish transit would be on a predictable schedule & route with real bus stops.

Contemporary lifestyle living environments for aging citizens, not just nursing homes.

Continued grassroots efforts of growing the community.

Do not attract low income people, I'm sorry, but if we start our community will be overridden with people who don't work, don't care about the community and don't raise children properly, which starts the circle all over again.

fewer cars

Finding that happy medium between growth and maintaining the atmosphere of a wonderful little community.

For the residents to embrace the growth and change which will happen. The old guard is not yet keen on change

Grants for people who want to fix up old historic homes to keep the charm of the town.

Great Wi-Fi (it's incredibly difficult for people to work from home without Wi-Fi).

Grouped mailboxes so each resident has their own key. This is the future of the USPS,

housing for low income families

I also don't like the fact that we are building so many businesses on the north side of the bypass. Now we don't have a walkable community. Many people walk to dollar general and Fareway and it is very dangerous crossing the highway. The city has set up barriers to many of its citizens by building in this location.

I fully support low cost housing. Unfortunately, SOME of those living there and throughout Winterset, need to set better examples for their children such as getting up on time to make the bus; great attendance, etc. We have a whole next generation of kids who will likely grow up without the skills needed to move forward and better their lives.

I hope we will find a way to build more (both cost wise but also numbers) affordable housing. Codes may need to be changed to allow smaller homes to be built on city lots or find property that will allow this. Right now, the code stipulates a pretty large house for families who are of low income. That has to change.

increase units of affordable housing

LESS HOUSES AND PEOPLE COMING FROM DES MOINES

Look at Jefferson, Iowa - planned growth in jobs - rural development

lower-priced homes,

manage growth

more affordable housing

more affordable housing choices

More affordable housing.

More affordable housing. There is a real need for economical housing for those with lower income.

More affordable housing

More affordable rental housing

More economic growth

More housing

more housing opportunities for people

more rentals (people coming in always complain about how hard it is to find housing)

need more housing projects/renovations

"One" Winterset approach. Often times people want to complain about our issues rather than be part of resolving the issues. We need less complainers and more doers. A movement if you will to make this town a better place to live. A list of what our top priorities are and volunteerism and City Council support to address. Expectations as a homeowner, resources where you may need them.

Organized and strategic development.

protection from development.

Reduce the sprawl like Waukee and WDM.

Resisting the push to make our county or city be like larger urban areas while actively seeking and promoting private investing of businesses who identify and align themselves with local values and the rural life.

Set aside this areas and views for low impact developments. Also set added area for commercial, industrial and higher density residential living. Built around

use empty buildings/houses; use old nursing home as low income apartments - affordable housing

We also need to slow down how decisions are made to add housing. It is unfortunate that so many people spoke up against the addition of the duplexes on the north side of town but city leaders are had their minds made up and didn't listen.

we need to make and keep it affordable and desirable to live and work and play here.

work to keep housing at the center of Winterset; not the "barrack" style apartments, etc.

CITY LAND USE / APPEARANCE/ PROPERTY

Better access to nature via trails, better outreach about how to appreciate our environment.

City needs to crackdown more on homeowners who have trashy homes and unkempt yards. Keep Winterset beautiful and clean.

Clean things up.

cleaner parks

Encouraging houses in town to clean up clutter, garbage and fix properties that are unkempt.

General push to clean up properties and "shine" as a community.

Keeping on top of nuisance property

local "tidy ups"

More care for Cedar Lake watershed

parks with more flowers and seating for picnics!

people keeping their property cleaned up, mowed, painted, etc.

Police property owners who do not take care of their property thereby lowering the value of homes in their neighborhood.

Set aside this areas and views for low impact developments

Tear down all the dilapidated, condemned looking homes that make this town look terrible

TEAR DOWN OLD HOMES AND BUSINESS, WHAT AN EMBARRASSMENT. If you want to attract decent folks, make the town presentable.

Wildflower meadows in the strips between sidewalks and streets.

HISTORY / ARTS & CULTURE

MUSEUMS, HERITAGE

Art

Art

continue renovating upper levels of historic town square to create artist studio space,

continue to support the Winterset Art Center

Funding to the Winterset art center to allow constant and low cost after school programs

RURAL LIFE / COUNTY ISSUES

Land Preservation, Wind

Again, fixing our roads and figure out this whole Wind Turbine mess, so that people can stop giving their own community (WINTERSET) a bad name on social media and the local Shopper.

Being rural, we haven't found a recycling option and would love that option.

Better high speed internet access in the rural areas. Otherwise, I can't think of a thing I would change about my community.

better maintenance of roads and bridges

better maintenance of secondary roads

Better roads

Better roads (patch on patch on patch is real!)

Better roads in the rural areas. Maintenance of the roads.

Better roads that didn't ruin my vehicle.

Better roads, bike/walking trails, conservation projects

Better roads.

Clearer roads in the winter

Do not need expense of 5 supervisors.

Do what is necessary to keep all Courthouse functions. Who wants to drive to another town to do these things?

Forward thinking with plans that actually go somewhere besides in a binder on a desk. These plans have to get pushed thru for the public to see results. Just talking about it won't get people to come & stay in Madison county. They need to see the results before that will happen.

High speed (in ground) internet in rural parts of the county. Folks work from home and children need access for school work.

I pray that we can get past the polarization that has arisen around wind turbines - eminent domain and related issues. We need to find the common ground that is "yes, and" and hear each other in dialogue.

If we continue to grow rural development, can we put policy in place for developers to follow/meet? Examples include, minimum # of acres for lots, keeping native habitat intact, requiring the developer to pay for infrastructure, etc. Some rural development could increase our tax base, which we could re-invest

Improve transportation infrastructure. For example, can we raise the level of Cumming Road at the wetland valley? Many folks rely on Cumming Road to commute to the metro for jobs. When it floods, and is not accessible, it impacts drive times. This could be a long-term budget item.

Improved roads

increase county government planning and zoning projections that include citizen input

Keep industrial wind development from destroying our horizons and enjoyment of rural living.

keeping the roads nice all throughout the county,

less fear of encroachment from Des Moines and less development

less gravel roads. Other places don't have an extremely high car tags cost and have all paved roads. Kids don't miss school on wet paved roads

Less people coming here from Des Moines and other large towns, looking for the "country lifestyle"---and DESTROYING the country lifestyle for those of us who actually farm and USE the land.

Limit wind turbines.

maintain roads

more agriculture

more agriculture

more, good quality rock on roads

No wind turbines

Pave the rest of Norwood Avenue. Quarry trucks come barreling down this stretch of road 50 times a day, sleeping dust everywhere! It's only about a mile from the pavement end on Norwood to reach St. Charles Road. Just pave it!

Recognition that we rural people are tax payers and county residents and deserve to be heard and receive benefits

Repaved roads

respect for the farming community

Road improvements.

Rock rural roads like they should be so there is a solid base for spring rains. It would make the roads safer and decrease damage to autos that aren't designed for off road driving.

TEAR DOWN OLD HOMES AND BUSINESS, WHAT AN EMBARRASSMENT. This goes for rural areas.

We have several roads that need attention given to them.

We would really like to see the roads managed better. We live on Cumming Road and in the winter, we feel like an afterthought.

Wildflower meadows on roadsides

SCHOOLS

a community college

better funding for school programs and staff needs

better school system

better school system

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Better school system. The outside of the community talk is Winterset schools are lacking on education, but they put on front with all the awards, yet the students are coming out subpar.

Better schools that support their teachers.

Better support of our teachers

Better support of our teachers.

Bussing for All ages to and from School.

continued attention to public schools.

counseling - suicide prevention in the school district

emphasis on schools - education for opportunities

Happier Teachers

I have wondered about figuring out more ways to get high school seniors out into the community businesses to get a "taste" of work and services that happen in our community - sort of experiential learning about wealth and values we have here - and how there is very likely a place for them to stay or return to in our community and/or Madison County

improve our relationship between the community and our school district.

Improve our school system.

Keeping people more informed on what is going on in the community and the schools. Feel that the schools since they are on the edge of town, there is not as much interaction with what is going on with each other. Only what you read in the Madisonian.

less pot in the school

Maybe more interaction between the schools and the employers.

Maybe some basic home living skills taught at the schools?

More community/school connections and events.

more strict discipline in our schools

My biggest concern is getting our schools back with discipline and higher standards with the outcome of having more students achieve to their potential without being hindered by a few.

Need to make kids in school feel they are important even if they are not jocks, or have the right last name.

our school needs to give up its politically correct policies & quit trying to raise our children rather than teaching and disciplining.

School bus routes could use revamping - can only pick up certain age kids

Strengthen the school

Strict disciplinary at the schools

Strong public school.

The schools need better leadership, facilities, and resources this is number one focus!

upgrading our school

HEALTH CARE / ELDERLY & FAMILY SERVICES

a unity point health clinic

Affordable child care

An afterschool program/aftercare at school

An assisted living facility.

Figure out how to help all the troubled kids that are in, and moving in, to the town

food pantry needs better coordination and communication

I see a need for overnight daycare OR daycare with earlier start time.

I think more opportunities for families to learn and grow and get better with raising children, being healthy, being fiscally responsible... the wellness Wednesdays are a good start, but I think we need more educational outreach opportunities. And if they are there, we need to find ways to advertise them better. They should not be seen as a place where only the "poor folks" go. It needs to appeal to all walks of life.

Improved ambulance facilities

Improved elderly services facility

increase support for youth/parents.

More benefits for seniors.

More user-friendly transportation for care center residents to make it easier for them to be part of the community - currently availability is minimal

Quality adaptive substance abuse outreach that changes with the current adversities

Quality provider of long term care services for the elderly - assisted living and nursing home level services.

services for children and families with mental problems

OTHER

Can't think of anything.

great as it is!

I enjoy the community as it is

I like it the way it is!

I like it the way it is.

I think we're doing well.

Idk.

I'm really happy with how it is now

It is pretty special as it is

Just moved here because after years of visiting we LOVE Madison County and LOVE Winterset!

Love it now.

Not much.

nothing

Nothing else.

nothing, it's perfect

There is always room for betterment. At this point we are just delighted with all that Winterset provides.