



EL DORADO

THE FINE ART OF LIVING WELL

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TO: City Commission
FROM: Kristina Traina, Administrative Assistant
SUBJ: Special Session Meeting Agenda
DATE: October 27, 2020

A Special Session is scheduled for October 27, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 220 E. First Avenue. The following items will be presented:

I. ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Community Branding
- b. Citizen Survey Results

II. November 2, 2020 REGULAR AGENDA REVIEW (Subject to Change)

- a. Consent Agenda
 - i. City Commission Minutes
- b. Old Business
 - i. None
- c. New Business
 - i. Land Bank Ordinance
 - ii. Spec Building Policy
 - iii. Evergreen Contract
 - iv. Prairie Trails Contract
- d. Items for Discussion
 - i. None

III. REPORTS

- a. City Commission Reports
- b. City Manager's Report

Memo

To: The City of El Dorado
From: Lindsay Lebahn, Bajillion
Re: El Dorado Community Forum Recap
Date: September 29, 2020

Overview

A community forum was conducted in an effort to translate the objectives of the community branding effort through the authentic voice of the city's residents. The questions and discussion were focused on identifying the elements that are unmistakably El Dorado as well as identifying areas for improvement in the community image. The findings from this forum will serve as the basis for constructing key messaging and visual elements of the brand. In attendance were 19 residents, 9 male and 10 female, elected and city officials, as well as 10 members of the Bajillion team. Below is a summary of the findings.

What are the most iconic features of El Dorado?

Top answers included:

- Historic Downtown (4)
- Outdoor Activities (4)
- Refining/ Oil (3)
- Small Town (3)

Who or what is El Dorado Missing?

Top answers included:

- Young Professionals (4)
- Housing (4)

What are El Dorado's Values?

Top answers included:

- Generosity (5)
- Economic Development (3)

Top 5 Values based on Attendees Votes

- Passionate - Sense of Community (19)
- Generosity (18)
- Fun (14)
- Economic Diversity (12)
- Family (12)

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EL DORADO COMMUNITY FORUM FINDINGS



**WHAT ARE THE MOST ICONIC
FEATURES OF EL DORADO?**



What are the most iconic features of El Dorado?	
Downtown (4)	
	Downtown/mainstreet
	Legacy businesses on mainstreet
	Historic downtown/heart of community
	Downtown hallmark feel
Outdoor Activities (4)	
	Outdoor activities
	Outdoor recreation / stadium
	Local parks / trails / tennis / disc golf / golf / YMCA
	The sun rises/sets on the flint hills
Refining (3)	
	Refining
	Oil/ Holly Frontier
	Energy Town/ Past Present Future/ Holtt Frontier
Small Town (3)	
	Small Town- midsize amenities / everything you need / convenient
	Room to breathe
	Work in Wichita and play in El Dorado
Butler (2)	
	Butler Community College
	BG Stadium
Accessability (2)	
	All roads lead to El Dorado
	highways
Other Mentions	
	Arts
	Medical
	Volunteers
	History rooted in Kansas Territory / Well established



**WHO / WHAT IS EL DORADO
MISSING?**



Who/What is El Dorado Missing	
Young Professionals (4)	
	Young professional families/jobs
	Young professionals / families
	Young people because they follow their degree or want to live anywhere but home
	Young college grads
Housing (4)	
	Upper level mgmt living in Andover because housing
	New home buyers can buy entry level cheaper in Wichita
	People work in El Dorado but not live here
	Moving else where with better housing
Other Mentions	
	Fine Dining
	More Variety of Family Entertainment
	More highly rated schools
	Media Professionals
	Tech job workers for industry
	Retirees
	Entrepreneurial spirit to create higher income jobs
	People who want authentic community and are willing to commute to jobs



WHAT ARE THE VALUES OF EL DORADO?



What are El Dorado's Values		El Dorado's Values Ranked by Attendee votes
Generosity (5)		Passionate - Sense of Community (19)
	Generosity	Generosity (18)
	Giving back	Fun (14)
	Philanthropic generosity	Economic Diversity (12)
	Service/Volunteerism	Family (12)
	Giving back	Pride (10)
Economic Diversity (3)		Safety and Security (7)
	Economic Diversity	Friendship (4)
	Melting pot of jobs/opportunities	
	Job security	
Other		
	Passionate - Sense of community	
	Family	
	Friendship	
	Safety and security	
	Fun	
	Pride	

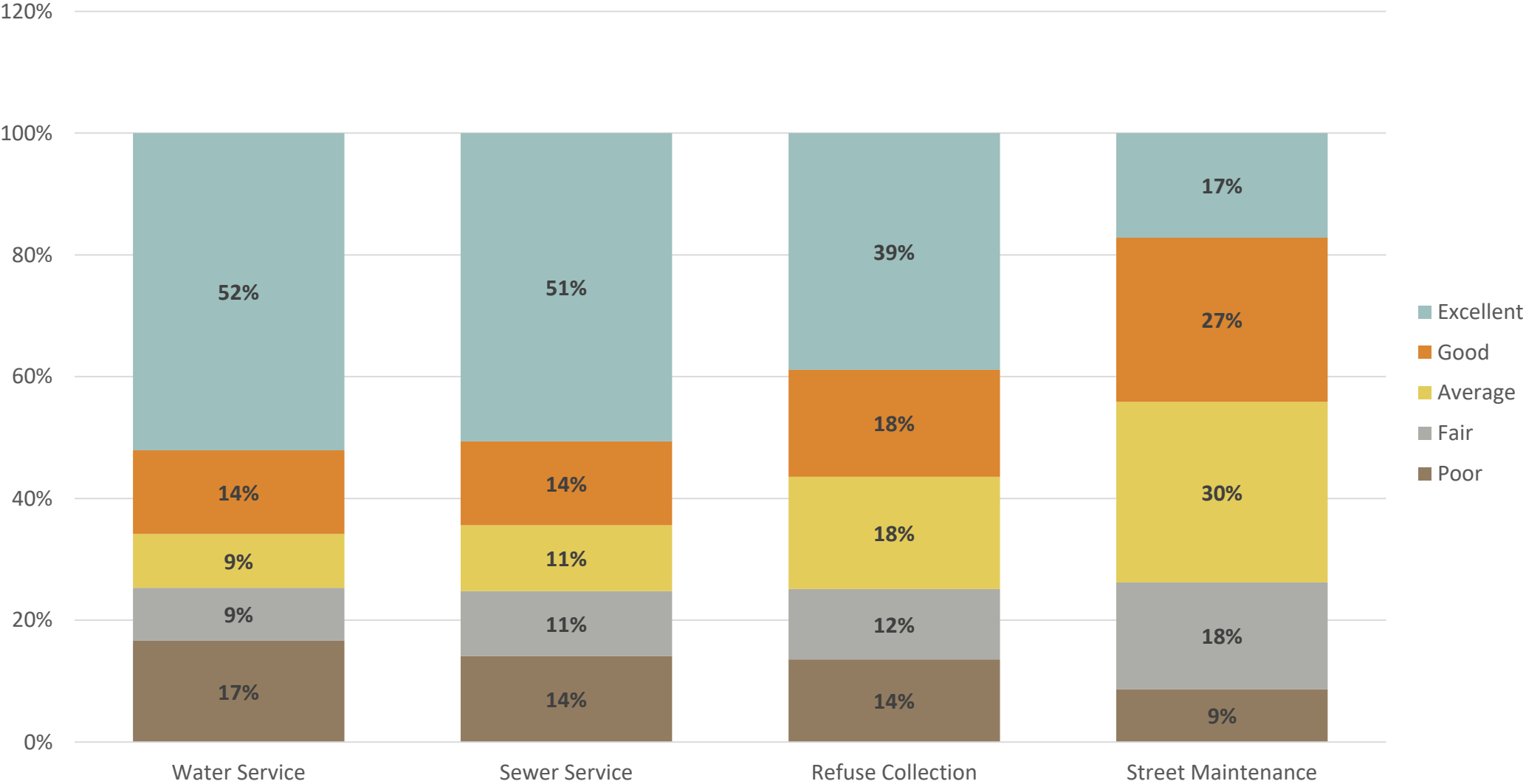
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Citizen Survey Results

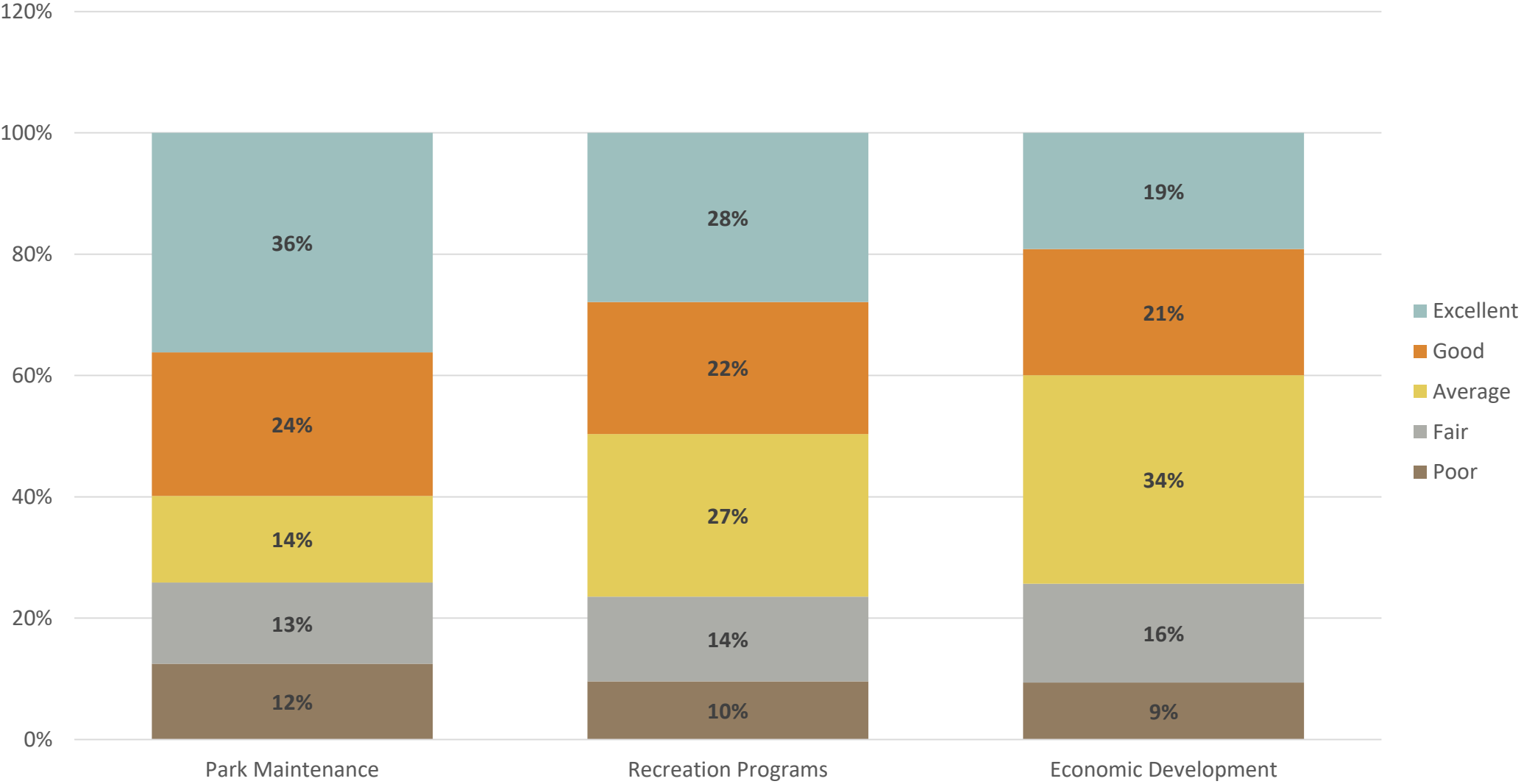
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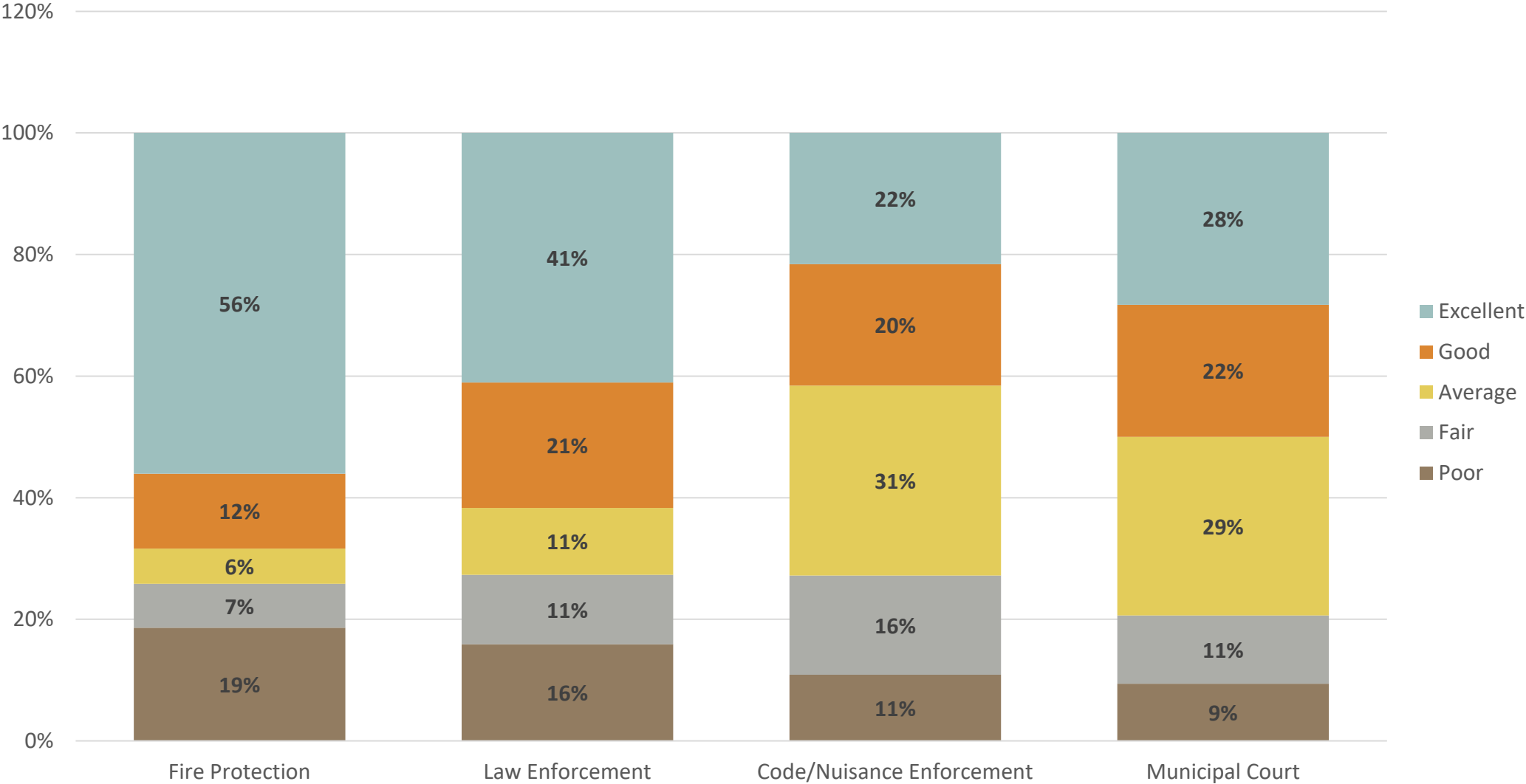
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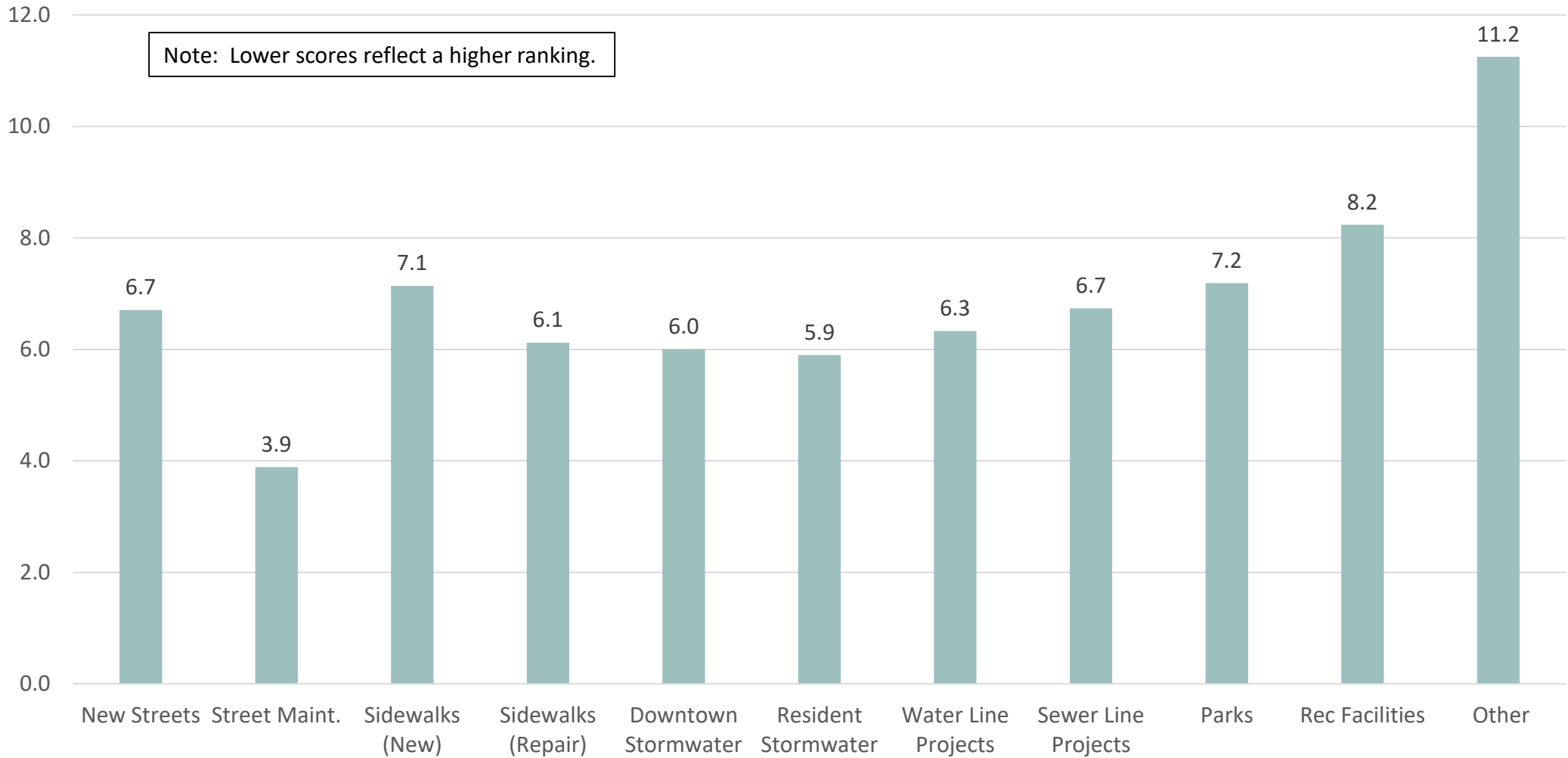


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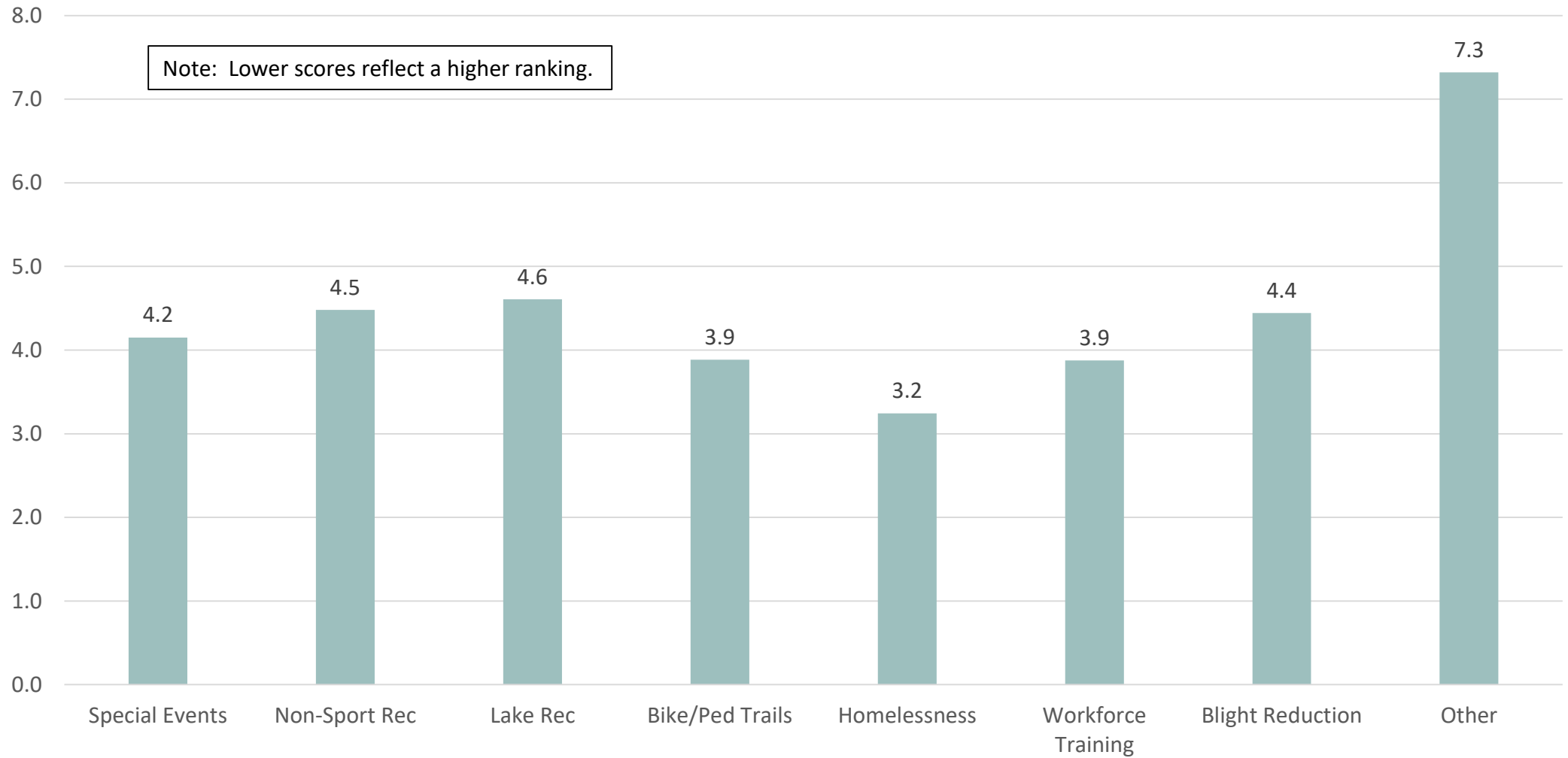
Infrastructure (Average Ranking)

Note: Lower scores reflect a higher ranking.

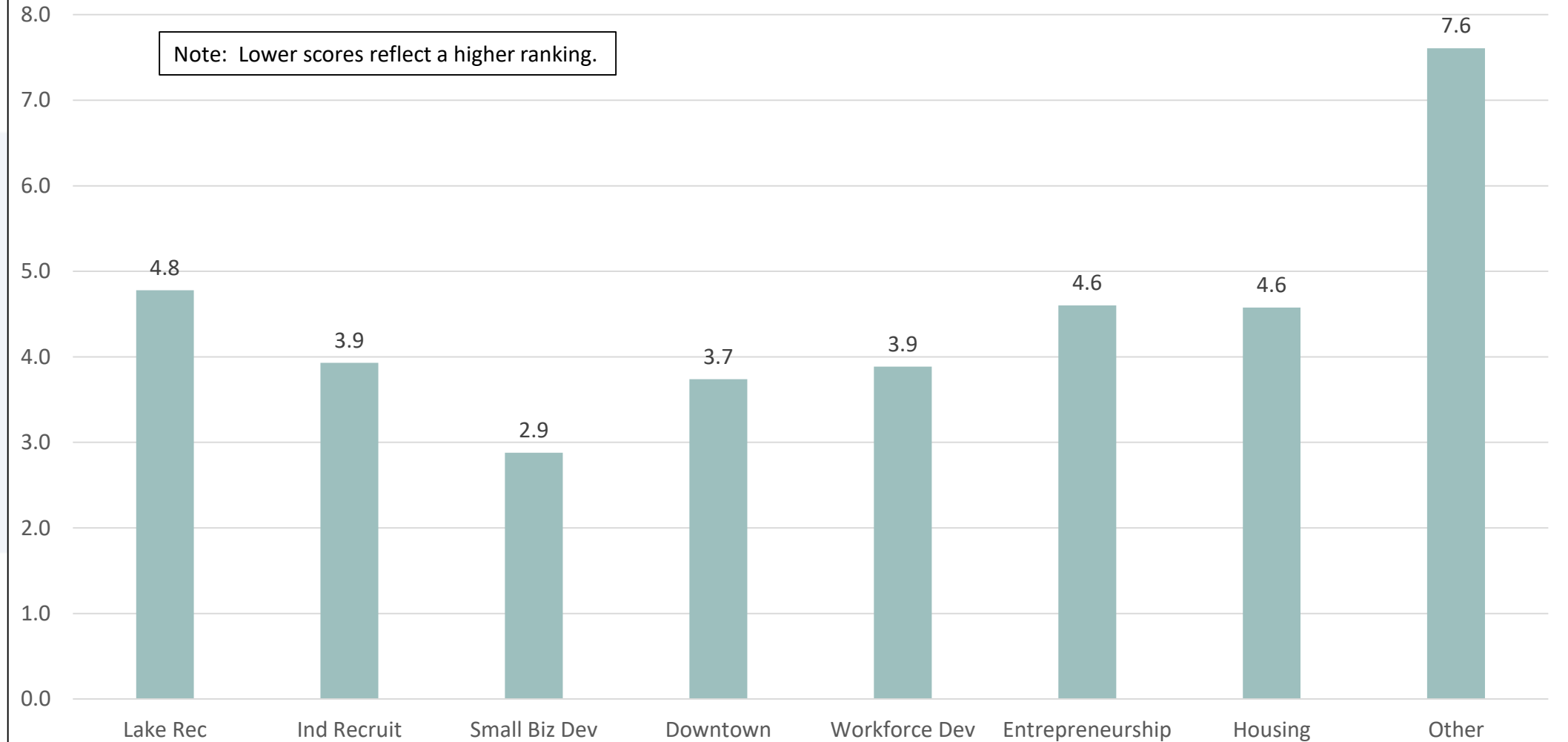


Quality of Life (Average Ranking)

Note: Lower scores reflect a higher ranking.



Types of Businesses to Attract to El Dorado (Average Ranking)



Comments received for question concerning the types of businesses survey participants believe are most important to attract to El Dorado.

Support for local businesses. They do not last long.

Homeless and drug abuse!

Golf course

Health & physical fitness.

Nice sit down restaurant.

More restaurants

Another water park

Recycling

Competing breweries.

Popular restaurant - Wendy's or a Village Inn.

Education

Restaurants - sit down kind.

Food, Fine Dining

Support local businesses

Restaurants

Business and airport

Need more family restaurants.

Family restaurants

Promote public schools

Distribution

Rehabbing/upkeep of public properties and infrastructure.

Sit down family restaurants like Chili's, olive garden, outback, etc.

Attract some restaurants

Upscale restaurants / dining

Restaurants

Events

Need businesses centered on children.

Offer new business incentives (tax breaks, etc.) to open in the down town area

Low-income housing.

Signature restaurant

More city jobs

Youth outreach

Lower taxes

Restaurants

Creating small/large business incentives and attract new business.

Lower rent on Main Street

Support existing businesses

Redoing forsaken homes or level off lot

If the city would curb and gutter the streets in riverside addition, the area would develop quickly. We just built a house at 1116 Oak Street and there are other empty lots close by Oak Street is bad because of the trucks from the asphalt plant and the railroad. Other streets in the area are just as bad or worse

Do we really want to be known as a community that provides all services to the homeless? Will this bring young families to El Dorado to live? Let's provide them help to improve themselves, not just a place to sleep and eat. The homeless are populating our neighborhoods, our public library, our parks and hanging out at our church properties.

Allow more franchised businesses

Grants for BCCC to expand programs

Better parking some businesses can come back down town

Homeless shelter

Encourage growth of older areas. Rid El Dorado of blight. Project ideas of growth.

Retirement housing

Large corporations

Drive in movie theater

Rethink our function as a community and opportunities for small businesses.

Restaurants.

Remove price-gouging landlords

Continued outdoor activity park development

Rebuild or build new baseball stadium

Taxes are too high.

Wendy's

Software development.

Limit expansion to the west.

Improve medical availabilities and trust

Performances at the PAC besides school functions. Something that is cultural that the community could attend.

We attract many golfers! Let's focus on our golf course and country club!

Better Parking for all business downtown.

See my responses above regarding how I define "Workforce Development" - once again, this language is too ambiguous to interpret what people mean in their responses. This survey needs a Glossary.

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What should El Dorado do to promote and encourage redevelopment in the downtown business district?

(possibly) convert older/empty buildings into apartments/condominiums

Business banners.

More advertising about the area.

Continue to support the construction projects that have given downtown a nice face-lift.

Events

Concerts

Community

See #1 on question 5. The history of a lot of the local business's reflect lower initial leases to be followed by ever increasing rent hikes. Cooperative tenant owner lease rates could result in longer tenure of small business if they were protected from aggressive lease hikes while they are getting started. Three-year program?

Small business development.

Better break on taxes.

Have more business, open late.

Small business incentives.

Tax incentives?

Pop business's in empty buildings.

Promote tourism. Historical downtown stores.

A tax incentive if they redevelop within a short amount of time like six months. the longer the remodel their is the possibility that other business

Acknowledge the lower income residents and local homeless. A majority of the homeless population in our community are locals, born and raised here. If we support this population, that's more income and profits for downtown. Ignoring the population will not make them go away, it only further perpetuates the issues that come with the population without proper supports/resources.

Actively pursue - get people interested - build pride.

Actively recruit businesses.

Address the butler college tax problem. Families are not moving here.

ADVERTISE

Advertise closer to town to attract area residents.

Advertise local businesses and hold special events that take place downtown to draw traffic to the area.

Advertise pro's of El Dorado nationally. Improve infrastructure within City Limits. Clean up blight.

Advertise, advertise, advertise.

Advertise. Plan one might participate. Attract new population.

Advertising - events - sidewalk sales - city/county/eldorado inc/el dorado chamber - cross promote

Affordable business. Mens/kids.

Affordable enticements to small businesses.

Affordable rent

Affordable rent, and continuing to hold events downtown to show it off. Keep snowing that all the business owners downtown is who what to be with. (been great so far!)

all north Main has is Taco Bell for drive thru dining.

allow for new business to have a tax break

Am not familiar with city requirements for new businesses.

Amen, you said it. Need more stores, all we got is Walmart and 2nd hand stores.

Any

Ask businesses

Ask for volunteers to get donations. Bake sales, car washed, painters.

Ask the small businesses what they need to move forward and ask those who shut down why.

assist small business development

Assistance for those restoring historical buildings.

Assistance with renovation of old buildings and structures.

At the moment, promote virtual business

At this point, nothing.

"Attract small businesses

More special events - parades/art shows/community events"

Bars, bars, and bars. It is a college town where students go to Wichita to have fun and that is a huge loss of income.

Bars, restaurants, dance and clubs.

Be more flexible in the codes concerning historical buildings, changing or added structures.

"Better lighting and parking downtown

Property rebates, say for 3-5 years"

"better parking - downtown flooding

mostly services downtown need stores"

Better parking.

Better parking. Free entertainment a couple of evenings a month.

"Better parking.

Encourage new small businesses in vacant buildings."

Better sidewalks and businesses.

BETTER STREET CROSSING

Bring back sidewalk bazaars, weekly evening shopping and raffle. Make it fun again.

Bring back some type of festival downtown.

Bring back things like Fall Festival, Discount Days, More Parades.

Bring in businesses like it used to. No one "shops" downtown anymore. We need a shoe store (used to have 3)

Bring in kid friendly/family areas

Bring in local businesses like restaurants, arcades, clothing stores, shoe stores, and book stores. All locally owned and supported.

Bring in more factories.

Bring in more food options.

"bring in unique businesses

shoe store

advertising"

Bring more shop/business in.

Bring new businesses in to support the community.

Build a playground similar to new playground in Augusta.

Buildings seem full but not with businesses that drive people to spend time there. We have small businesses that we didn't even know existed.

Build a 6 block square area with Central and Main being the center point and re-build the downtown totally upgraded with everything (just kidding).

Business open-house events?

Check out other cities of this size globally to see what's happening around the world, looking for inspiration that could bring new growth and opportunities to El Dorado.

Check to see if tax rates are competitive and visit existing businesses to get ideas.

City should buy and develop empty buildings. Sell and interest loans or assisted rent/lease for small businesses. Make it a destination place for residents.

Clean it up! Promote all small businesses.

Clean up around main street and businesses

Clean up downtown. Too many empty buildings that owners won't make look nice.

"Clean up old, derelict buildings.

Continue the beautiful landscaping - flowers, etc.

Set up a proper ""farmers market"" place during warm months where farmers, artist, crafts could be sold."

Clean, refurbished buildings.

Collaborate with nonprofit organizations, churches, workforce and BCCC to form a program to promote development and education to students and unemployed.

Community events that put people before profit.

Community support and presence with business owners. Incentives to help businesses get started.

"Concentrate on vacant buildings downtown, use them for City events until they can be occupied.

Create unique opportunities like a community garden or other outlets that bring the community together."

Consider tearing down old buildings or remodeling them to live/work or residential. Get more people living downtown, offices not retail

Continue banishing the facades... :) Downtown needs a better aesthetic look to tie it all together.

Continue to apply for historical grants and encourage small business development. Improve parking on North Main. Research Madisonville, KY - their main street was practically a ghost town and they turned it around. Look into advertising and promoting El Dorado like Wellington and Newton did several years ago.

Continue to come up with activities like Thankful Thursdays.

Continue to keep blighted buildings from becoming eyesores - keep main/central beautiful.

Continue to provide investment opportunities to develop abandon and run down buildings.

Continue to support Main street organization and El Dorado Inc.

Continue to working to bring in new businesses.

Continue what already is being done. Keep it affordable.

Continue with incentives

Continued tax and utility breaks / assistance. Work with building owners to keep rent / leases affordable. Continue to support and promote activities like Thursday night out.

Continuing improvements

Create more housing in the old buildings.

"Cut lease rates and give tax breaks.

Help promote new businesses.

Help in making repairs to existing buildings."

Cut taxes on downtown real estate.

Cut taxes. More parking.

Demolish empty buildings and put in parking lots and seating areas with raised gardens and electrical outlets to recharge batteries on electric scooters, etc. for the handicap.

Develop much better parking to accommodate customers for all business in the entire downtown area. Better parking means better access; means more traffic; means better business.

Dissolve Main Street organization. They have no clear plan and only want to focus on what happened in the late 80's and early 90's. Build a grass roots group of downtown investors that can develop a unified plan for redevelopment.

Do something about street flooding.

Does the Chamber of Commerce give out "Welcome Package" to residents promoting our business?

"Don't know, parking is a problem - Almost impossible for handicapped to gain access to Main St. without wheelchair ramp.

Lower rent of downtown spaces so people can have a business."

Don't need to do anything. Downtown is very nice. Light poles with hanging baskets of flowers are very pretty and so nice.

"Don't understand what you mean by ""redevelopment"" - another question too ambiguous for a thoughtful response.

Also an example of ""insider"" language that often is used with such arrogance and paternalism that it doesn't even occur to the City that it is not using customer-friendly language. Makes me feel you are only going through the motions of doing this survey without intending to doing anything different from what you have already decided. "

Downtown businesses are not preferred. Giving away to shopping centers

downtown has become more of an office complex area. recruit more retail stores

Downtown needs to modernize a little bit.

Downtown renovations. Downtown grocery store.

Downtown seasonal events such as oktoberfest, ice skating rink, Halloween events, etc.

Drainage and more stores that interest the public.

Economic development that actually does something. Events that get locals to shop downtown., Some sort of kick back to shoppers that shop downtown.

El Dorado Dollars. Used only in downtown area discounted to purchase.

Eliminate downtown street clutter so attractive business fronts are more visible. We have: flower planters; some are falling apart, Benches; some need painted, Banners, hanging baskets, directional signs; some not straight, informational signs; some are not straight, bike racks, waste depositories, bronze statues, light poles, trees.

"eliminate parallel parking

move highway to bypass

encourage businesses not non profits"

encourage and assist small businesses examples: gift shop, book store, bakery, tea/coffee house

Encourage branded chain companies (not food) to occupy downtown space. Clothing, shoes, housewares, home decor.

"Encourage businesses.

Food trucks are becoming very popular and increasing those would attract customers."

Encourage lower rents

Encourage more small business owners-boutiques, shopping.

Encourage new business with tax breaks.

Encourage property owners to lower rent in an effort to entice businesses to start up.

Encourage small business to locate there.

Encourage small business.

encourage small businesses

Encourage small businesses to come downtown.

Encourage small niche businesses

Encourage the opening of new businesses.

encouragement of the building owners to reduced rent allowing smaller businesses to set up locations in the downtown and other commercial districts.

End monopolization, Remove price gouging abilities, place a rent cap for businesses under 2000 a month, promote unity.

Enforce 2 hour parking.

Establishing a downtown El Dorado Redevelopment Incentive Grant program, similar to Topeka call 785-234-2644 for details.

Everything looks good downtown. The flowers are beautiful.

Expand or build out - there is no buildings. Same businesses for 10 years.

Facelift, clean it up.

Family oriented restaurants. (Denny's or IHOP style) affordable shopping.

Family restaurant

Fill empty areas, more downtown events

financial incentives for renovation and development of business in downtown

Find new and interesting things

Find ways to highlight what we have and "spin" what we don't. Offer tax incentives.

First need to fix up the buildings that are "eye sores" make it look more inviting.

Fix flooding issues and less restrictive on new business that go in the downtown area.

Fix the storm water drainage downtown

Fix top lights for cross walk.

"Fix up buildings/sales events/drawings

inexpensive rent

Advertisement and fix up cabins/bathhouses/restrooms at lake. Make more appealing."

Fix/upgrade parking

Flooding should be addressed for businesses.

Focus on the financial benefits of the historic district (Tax credits). Enforce 2 hour parking (lots of spots are taken by upper floor renters. Commerce bank building - help owner find developer to do housing. We own a business downtown and love it.

Follow cities like Newton to entice ideas for business

Get more businesses into community, give rent and tax rebates.

"get more input from different people, local people

encourage more downtown events (outdoor events)"

Get occupants for the vacant buildings.

Get out and try to get more businesses to our town.

Get people together to draw new businesses. Butler Community College to have a presence on Main Street.

Get rid of main street director.

Get rid of parallel parking

Get rid of the homeless.

Get rid of Walmart

Get the opinion of the teens and kids in town bc they have a voice too.

Give downtown business owners a program to renovate their buildings (ie reduced or no taxes)

Give incentives for small businesses to relocate to downtown, make sure that there are a wide cross-section of businesses, for example, not all restaurants, and more shoe and clothing stores, pet-supplies, etc...so people can do all their shopping in one area.

Give incentives, tax breaks, money, parking - easy access.

give loans to small businesses

Give more tx advantage. And less hassle!

Give rental discount - support the business maybe encourage them to set-up business.

Give small businesses grant money and lower taxes.

Give tax incentives. Educate the work force. Help the homeless instead of trying to hide them.

Give them a tax break

Given the present Coronavirus situation - don't prioritize it. I think the lake is way under promoted and that if you advertised it more to bring in "out of towners", then the business will follow. You need more advertising on the highway & interstate & throughout town.

Good customer service. Welcoming vendor attitude. Receptive and inviting to new businesses.

Good question. People drive to Wichita.

Grant money

Grant money, lower taxes

Grants

Grants - tax support - small business

Grants and loans for older buildings being used.

half the buildings are empty, so lower property taxes, support smaller businesses, and keep it clean.

Have disabled van / bus provide services on Sat

Have more activities for families and teens. More second-hand shopping stores (like Great Beginnings)

Have more activities that are fun and interesting.

Have more sponsored activities to help drum up business development.

Have regular "community nights" or events to encourage small biz support. Other small businesses outside of downtown area need support, too.

"Have sales.

Giveaways on Thursday

New Businesses."

Have the small business encourage other small business to be apart of business district.

Help fund rebuilding of buildings.

Help new business instead of making restriction. Find a way to promote in joint effort. Look for win and win solution.

Help renovate the crumbling buildings downtown.

Help support downtown businesses and organizations by hosting special public events downtown. Bring back Prairie Port festival.

help the business owners to remodel the outside of their buildings and promote other businesses to come in.

Help with promoting their business.

Historic promotions

Hold a downtown function, close down roads and families walk around all the businesses. Have food, music stands for businesses.

"Hold more events downtown.

More advertising.

Encourage senior discounts"

Host local job fairs

I believe we are well on our way with this but I hate seeing empty downtown buildings.

I honestly do not know, except to keep in mind the covid 19 virus in mind. As existing and new businesses will be developing business models trying to survive this.

I like the thankful Thursday events. Maybe more things like that.

i love how you maintain the downtown area and the flowers are beautiful.

I think it is okay how it is!

I think more restaurants in downtown would help. So maybe encourage business in that area.,

I think thankful Thursdays was a great idea and should continue.

I think the downtown activities on the first of the month are great, maybe get food trucks or other organizations to sponsor games or family activities

I'd like to see a health food store. Going to Wichita can be stressful.

If we could recruit some retail businesses to drive traffic, maybe more people would be interesting in setting up businesses in the downtown.

I'm not sure there is a reason to invest a lot in the redevelopment of the downtown business district without finding a way to bring people to town to frequent/spend money in downtown businesses. I do think the development of N. Main as per W. Central would greatly aide community development.

Improve downtown parking.

Improve parking availability

"Improve parking.

Invest in the building that tried to be an indoor mall. Add restaurant variety."

Improve problem with flooding when we have a heavy rain downtown.

Improve the appearance of some of the downtown buildings, especially on the south side. Light the windows of vacant buildings and add holiday decorations or art to make it more attractive to visitors and potential entrepreneurs. Have street trees wrapped in string lights at night.

improve the stop lights and parking.

"Improve walk ability.

Endorse small new business.

Weed removal."

Improve water drainage.

Improved parking & back of business access which is attractive and obvious.

Improvement breaks on buildings.

incentive programs

Incentive small business to establish a "main street" feel so that people will want to go downtown and walk from shop to shop.

Incentive to small business to relocate.

Incentives building restoration. Offer financial advantages to businesses willing to open there. Develop more public events like trick or treat street, to draw people there.

Incentives for small business

Incentives help with grant information. Help business owners meet the needs and making exceptions where their business doesn't fit into your guidelines.

"Incentives to new business.

Encourage citizens to shop locally.

Bring in business (small) to compete with Walmart."

Incentives.

Incentives? Downtown festivals?

Info for owners on where and how to obtain grants. Assist with bringing old buildings up to the proper code requirements.

Information on ideas

Involve community, young, older no matter race income etc.

is rent too high?

It just seems stagnant. There is nothing new or engaging several places you would never visit regularly.

It needs it but not sure how to accomplish it.

It's hard these days on downtown agency to find a recruit small business that would thrive here and that people would want to shop at and not drive to Wichita to find.

Keep businesses open.

Keep doing projects-like the one at the Old Farrell's store - have the paper do more coverage.

Keep doing the beautiful flowers. No empty buildings.

Keep downtown clean. Keep downtown in repair.

Keep it clean.

Keep locally owned businesses in town. Look for entrepreneurial endeavors.

Keep mailing information packets as well as following through.

"Keep promoting small businesses

Give incentives to people for opening local business. "

Keep trying to fill the vacant buildings.

Landlords get off their high horses - downtown buildings aren't gold

"Less taxes or tax breaks.

Thursday nights is a good start."

Look into a re-vitalization program similar to what Wichita did with old town.

Lots more thankful Thursday events.

Low rent and taxed for a short period.

Lower building rent so its affordable to start and open small businesses to build up downtown businesses. I would have a boutique and salon if rent was affordable.

"Lower downtown property taxes

Change parking"

Lower fast food companies and put more healthy food places.

Lower property taxes

Lower rent.

Lower rental/leasing costs. A financial break or incentive for new business to start up downtown.

Lower rents.

Lower tax rate & expand work force development.

Lower taxes

Lower taxes

Lower taxes and lease costs

"Lower taxes for small business first 5 years.

Lower utilities for small business first 5 years.

No utilities and lower tax for business for industrial park 10 years. "

Lower taxes.

Lower taxes.

Lower taxes.

Lower taxes. Maybe lower rent.

Lower the rent.

Lower the tax

Lower/waive taxes for new businesses improving down town. Bring in franchise businesses/restaurants. Nice and clean businesses with patios for lounging. Lower taxes.

"Make building ownership/rent affordable for small businesses

Parking improvements

Better lighting to brighten lots - sidewalks - LED"

make buildings affordable and not raise rent so much the businesses can't afford to stay.

Make costs cheaper to develop.

MAKE EL DORADO LAKE ACCESSABLE TO HOUSING AND SMALL BUSINESS. MAKE EL DORADO INTO ANOTHER LAKE OF THE OZARKS. HUGE TOURIST ATTRACTION.

Make grants more accessible to small businesses.

Make it affordable for business to rent/work from downtown.

Make it feel more secure, appeal to the middle class people.

Make it more affordable to locate downtown.

Make it more of a touristy town.

Make it so businesses want to come! Offer tax break incentives.

Make it so that shops and restaurants can open up down there. Downtown has a lot of potential but if it's not easy to open a business you'll ever re-build it.

Make it tax rate user friendly.

Make parking available.

Make stores into multi businesses, longer hours, have a mall type business in one or two stores.

Make sure all signs of old businesses not open any longer are removed by those who close business.
Diverse businesses and continuity in facades.

Mall business education/loans

Maybe add something that will draw people downtown. Hold a concert, rodeo something to get people out and downtown again.

Maybe sell or ask for donations of recycled reusable building supplies.

Monetary assistance for startup that can be paid back over time. Tax break 1st 5 years.

More activities held downtown

More advertisement

more advertisements and special tax rates

More businesses.

More clothing stores. Recreation for the kids.

More events to bring people there!

More festivals downtown, encourage business to move downtown ore restaurants downtown.

More food options and outdoor festivals.

More frontage improvements.

More mainstream newer different restaurants, same old stuff (tacos and pizza)

More options for public transportation

More parades, more social functions to encourage people to come and spend money.

More parking

More parking.

More parking. People won't walk long way to their cars.

More restaurants.

More retail stores.

More sales, sidewalk bazars (like in the past)

More shopping/restaurants

More shops downtown would improve the community and give Walmart some competition.

More small events

More small/local businesses events. Connect us.

More stores.

More unique businesses.

More vents.

Move in available rental for business at very reason rate. Wi-Fi (free) Specialty shops.

MUSIC ON SHOPPING DAYS CHRISTMAS/MAY JUST IN GENERAL, OUTDOOR ICE CREAM PARLOR/DANCES
AT CIVIC CENTER

Need more stores and events that bring people downtown

Need to sell ourselves better.

New and different kinds of shops downtown would give Wal-Mart some competition. Ads in the newspaper. Marketing.

New business to be more appealing to draw them in.

New business.

New Businesses, more shopping

"New stores for shopping.

Restaurants other than fast food."

Nightlife, need an arcade, Chicken N Pickle, or "The Alley"

No taxes for purchasing property with us

No taxes on businesses. and lower taxes on existing buildings so owners can change less on leasing.

Not let the building owners rape them! I've heard no one can keep a business open because they can't pay the prices they want for rent and once open they only get support for a few months. It's awful no one supports local.

Not only offer more incentives but make it easier to get.

Nothing its great. Thankful Thursdays are a great addition.

Nothing let it go.

Offer affordable leading in empty spaces, small business grants

Offer an incentive for updating and improving downtown

Offer grant money. Incentives. Support Thankful Thursday.

Offer grants

Offer grants for businesses, facade improvements, tax benefits for small businesses

Offer grants to buy and renovate property for business use.

"Offer grants to owners of downtown buildings.

Make old walnut valley state building into office space.

Encourage more restaurants."

Offer help to build houses.

"Offer huge tax incentives.

Waive stupid and unnecessary requirements.

Help existing businesses any way possible."

Offer incentives for business owners (tax reductions, grants, etc.), make downtown more attractive

Offer incentives for unique shopping experiences - utilizing what buildings we have - dining, crafts and fun shops/arcades

Offer incentives to business owners, tax rebates, etc.

Offer incentives to fill vacant storefronts.

Offer incentives.

Offer more small business events.

Offer reduced rent of space. Hi-lite small businesses on FB page-city news. Offer revitalization programs to low income homeowners.

Offer some free specials.

Open up more stores downtown.

Owners of buildings need to take the lead.

Parking - sales - business discounts.

Parking can be hard to find so that hinders some people going down there or new businesses choosing to set up shop there.

Parking is a big problem.

Parking

Parking

Pay breaks for small businesses

Perhaps the city could help encourage downtown property owners to either use their property for business or community purposes instead of garage.

Place for family activities.

Please keep and maintain our beautiful old buildings. Fine dining restaurants.

Possibly have a business fair to support our local small businesses!

Possibly tax breaks and grants to subsidize downtown businesses could be used to encourage downtown business development.

Probably needs to promote what we have so citizens know what is here and shop local. If a business succeeds, more will come.

"Promote and support the main street program.

Support small business.

Hold events."

Promote boutique shops.

Promote lake and golf course. Bring in more business for local shopping.

Promote small business and make startup costs less. Building rental or shop front rental cheaper. Have classes available for such.

Promote small business.

Promote those businesses that are downtown. Incentivize shopping local.

Promote through entrepreneurial conferences / fairs advantages of ELD location (near to Wichita w/ own identity), especially for web businesses.

Property Tax credits and incentives to renovate dilapidated structures or build new

Provide a united effort on the part of our City to charge "fair" and "unbiased" regarding development/re-development. It should NEVER be about who you know and your/their pocket book!

Provide help to property owners in finding additional property improvements grants. Clean up and beautify all windows of all buildings facing the streets.

Provide incentives to businesses that locate downtown and loans or grants to revitalize present buildings.

Provide incentives to the businesses who move there, give grants to help redo the buildings.

Provide retail stores.

Provide tax benefits and additional funding (This probably already happens).

Provide tax incentive to attract more small businesses.

Provide tax incentives for them.

Pull down unsafe buildings (if any), bring the old buildings up to code (if needed) and offer incentives to get small business in them. Perhaps we could have committee that meets with some of the other small towns who have a booming downtown to discuss what they do to encourage small business growth?

Put in a big name coffee shop (starbucks). put out signs about downtown. do not cancel trick or treat down the street.

Put signs up along Central - fast food area - to encourage exploring downtown.

"Quality housing in neighborhoods never downtown.

Collaboration among downtown business owners.

Treat downtown like a park. Show some pride. Remove the weeds. Get behind and promote our schools and college."

Radio ads, handouts. Beautiful homes and neighborhoods. But you can't get there safely on the sidewalk.

Reasonable rent/lease rates for at least the first three years.

Recruit businesses to come to the downtown.

"Recruit craft stores.

Recruit outdoor stores.

Offer more sidewalk sales.

Offer more street sales/events (close off traffic for) (car shows, parades, fairs)"

Recruit more interesting and diverse stores, which sell merchandise at reasonable prices. Maybe a nice sit down restaurant such as a reasonable priced steak house similar to Texas Roadhouse or Logan's Roadhouse.

Recruit new businesses.

Recruit small businesses, shops

Recruited more business & industrial companies. Be more helpful to the business industry we all ready have.

Reduce business taxes for businesses in all of El Dorado.

"Reduce cost associated with being downtown.

Better maintenance of buildings, something to attract buyers. "

"Reduce tax base for current businesses.

No tax for a period of time for new consumers."

Reduce taxes and overhead charges,

Relax building codes.

Relax codes.

Remodel Buildings.

Renovate more of the older buildings.

Rent control.

Repair buildings and the apartments above to encourage small business development.

Replace ugly facades.

Restaurants! Good restaurants!

Restore buildings to original appearance.

"Restore some of the old crumbling eyesore buildings to attract new businesses.

More restaurants/bars etc. to attract people to stay in town vs. travel to Wichita."

Retain and educate the community on the history of downtown.

Safety & cleanliness

Satisfied with what is being done. El Dorado Main Street promotes many activities.

See what businesses are needed and recruit support new business owners.

Seems like the City is doing all it can.

Sewer lines, sidewalks.

Share the success stories! Hampton's often has a long line. Many people, myself included, would prefer to shop local and the town is lacking in the variety of local options.

Shopping Retail

Should come up with a very good incentive.

"Sidewalk sales

Social events in downtown

Advertise"

Slow down expansion on west Central and 6th Street. Dedicated parking lots. Tax incentives to locate business in downtown.

Small business development and incentives

Small business financial help

Small business grants. Benches and sitting areas.

Small business incentives for them to hire local people.

Small business loans and perhaps advertise regionally on TV - maybe like Hutchinson and Salina

Small business tax breaks.

"Small business

What can you do?

Historical buildings"

Small festivals- seasonal or holiday related. get small businesses involved and bring in vendors. 4-6 times per year.

Social media posts

Sorry-not that educated on business

SPEAK WITH THE COUNTY AND TRY TO COME UP WITH A REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (USED FOR TAX BREAKS ON PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN UPDATED OR REMODELED PER THE PROGRAMS GUIDELINES)

Stimulate whole city growth population.

Stop charging so much for rent.

"Storm water drainage.

Promote downtown businesses."

Study smaller town that do have a busy booming thriving downtown. Use that plan to jump start El Dorado. What are we doing wrong?! Are our city codes, inspections, policies driving new business away??

suitable rent for businesses

Support all businesses in this city. And put homeless to work and get them a place to live indoors.

Support current businesses better to start, free promotion, better financial assistance.

Support entrepreneurial and small businesses.

Support entrepreneurial development with 0% interest loans or low interest. Support infrastructure needs within downtown.

Support existing businesses, solid support. It'll encourage more businesses to open. Ask existing businesses what they need.

Support local business.

Support local businesses! None of them last very long.

"Support Main Street.

Support El Dorado Inc.

Ask business people who and what they need!"

Support small businesses

Tax breaks

Support the existing businesses, and promote a good atmosphere for newcomers who may want to start their ideas in this town.

Survey local businesses to determine needs and priorities. Provide tax incentives for redevelopment and expansion.

Take advantage of the empty buildings by either filling with a business or tearing down for extra parking

"Talk to owners of vacant buildings.

Rent is entirely too high to encourage new businesses"

Tax abatement and matching funds

Tax abatement.

Tax abatements

Tax abatements

"Tax abatements to small business.

Quit giving to large entities (Walmart) - no tax breaks"

Tax abatements, assistance with marketing downtown businesses, reduce truck traffic, put up the "largest" signage they have been asking for for many years.

Tax breaks

Tax breaks

Tax breaks

TAX BREAKS

Tax breaks

tax breaks

"Tax breaks and incentives for new businesses.

Specialty stores such as in Kechi.

Downtown park for evening leisure."

Tax breaks and incentives.

Tax breaks and to promote new stores to start in El Dorado

Tax breaks for businesses.

Tax breaks for new businesses to help draw boutique type business which would give the downtown area a unique feel.

Tax breaks, actively recruit businesses

Tax breaks, small business support

Tax breaks.

Tax breaks.

Tax breaks. Work closer with small business.

"Tax breaks.

Marketing

Events"

"Tax breaks.

Restaurant - not fast food.

Festival."

Tax breaks? Ask Augusta, they have a thriving downtown.

Tax credits to new business

Tax credits.

Tax cuts for new and current small business owners who are proving that they are investing in their business and providing service for the community.

"Tax district benefit.

Community events downtown.

Marketing to call interest to area."

"Tax free (property tax) for a few years.

Festivals, traditions to attract people downtown."

Tax incentives

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Tax incentives, low cost rent/leases.

Tax incentives.

Tax incentives.

Tax incentives.

Tax incentives.

Tax incentives.

Tax incentives. Hold Special Events to drive customer traffic

Tax incentives. Code waivers.

Tax incentives. Grants. Better parking.

Tax Incentives/ revitalize old buildings downtown

Tax rebates for 1st year business owners and advertising recruiting within our own community for people to open their own businesses based on what our city is needing/wanting.

"Tax relief for new business.

Fill in empty lots."

Tax support for small business

Taxes for building owners downtown need to be addressed. Becoming unaffordable.

The biggest concern with opening a business downtown is the traffic. The main street is shut down way too much and this concerns business owners.

the city as a whole needs positive promotions and encouragement. the city focuses more on down town than any other part of town.

The flowers are beautiful but the benches and trash receptacles need help. Special funding and grants for downtown development. Reduce taxes.

The large statue structures on some corners block viewing of drivers. Loved the flag photos of past vets, how about historical figures and follow up with stories in newspapers to correlate. Pick a bare wall in El Dorado and do a mural (by BCC art students) of El Dorado history.

The only thing that I can come up with, is encouraging shopping in town before leaving for bigger towns.

The people that own downtown property need to lower the rent so it's affordable for the small guy to rent.

then bring in businesses that would attract people to the downtown area.

There is currently very little draw to shop or be present downtown. Too many empty buildings and too many business's that aren't attractive to get people downtown.

They're hard to get to with limited parking. Carious empty or run down buildings make other businesses unattractive.

This close to Wichita this isn't going to happen. Times are hard right now and it won't work.

Too late. Walmart and good access to Wichita has all but eliminated needs.

Try getting more citizens involved. Instead of meetings downtown, try doing them in sections with neighborhoods.

Try to attract an anchor store.

Try to get a real business downtown.

Try to get more family style restaurants (comfort food, less fast food).

UNSURE, MAYBE VISIT WITH OTHER TOWNS, LIKE WINFIELD, THAT HAVE THRIVING DOWNTOWNS AND FIND OUT HOW THEY ARE DOING IT

update revitalize

Upgrade facilities and modernize area. Draw younger people to have innovative ideas that help town promote small businesses in local college - Butler CC

Use all sales tax funds to promote and subsidize downtown area and businesses. Spend the money now!

Use grants to develop.

Very little.

"Water drainage fix.

Apply for grants programs to help

More parking for south main buildings."

Water drainage improvement.

We need a local newspaper that provides downtown ads. We need a combination of history and modern buildings.

We need to modernize it and still keep that small city feel. Get rid of all vacant buildings. More lights leading out of town/into town. More landscaping it needs to look better!

We really like the planters (hanging) and flowers planted in the downtown area. Some work needs to be done on some of the buildings on south main.

Website. Tax waived 5 years. Lower lease payments (owners)

Whatever it takes downing is pretty slim

Work on taxes to lower impact.

Work with building owners to upgrade the appearance of their buildings - inside and out.

Work with business leaders on main and central

Work with business to promote better in

Work with Chamber, Main St. & Eldo Inc to update and renovate downtown infrastructure. Provide assistance and incentives to help property owners with renovation projects.

Work with people interested in starting businesses in the downtown area.

Work with the business owners to get their ideas accomplished. Codes shouldn't be so strict that the business potential is discouraged.

You guys are doing a great job, the flowers this year were beautiful.

you'r doing great considering the pandemic.

Zoning so exterior of buildings have a common look. Get rid of crap holes on main st. (4th and main, 3rd and 4th blocks of s main)

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Comments received for question concerning things for the City to focus on to improve quality of life in El Dorado.

Fix up houses.

Riding system for seniors.

Provide more food & recreational or health care opportunities to homeless or poor children

Fix street at Sunset Lawns

Golf course maintenance.

Senior considerations.

Kid friendly safe areas.

Better public relations. Better methods to find out what is happening - website, etc.

The City needs more resources/assistance, rather than pretending they're not there or hoping it will go away.

Homeless population - provide rides to Wichita to access resources there, not here where they loiter at parks.

Continue to provide assistance and incentives to improve existing housing stock.

Recycle started again.

Summer need for children like when Jim McDonald was alive.

Homeless population - big concern, too many.

Stay animals

Refinery pollution.

Address police methods of repeatedly focusing on ticketing the same citizens while others in the same vicinity are in violation and do not get ticketed.

Homeless/Military

Street lights. Better way of getting them replaced or fixed.

Truck rental water dept.

Housing

Downtown events are fun and good.

More evening concerts at Butler College

Bring business's downtown.

Enforce laws already on book

More good eating options

Golf course

Police/ drug enforcement

Path

Need farmers market to support local farmers, not just a couple of people selling eggs or tomatoes.

Maintain Golf Course

Median grass and weed control

Property Tax Reduction

Johnson grass spraying. The city brought it in the city needs to be the ones paying to have it sprayed and killed!

Sport rec opportunities

City is doing ok but need more restaurants - not fast food

Employment opportunities i.e. business/industry recruitments and opportunities for employment.

Literacy and school support

Handicap accessible routes for electric scooters, etc.

My water tastes like mildew.

Spray for mosquitos again. It's impossible to go outside anywhere in El Dorado without being bit. I treat my yard. I bought a dynatrap. Nothing has helped.

Downtown/main street stores and feel like Emporia Main St.

Flowers and flag hung

NEED MORE THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO!!

Expand Community service options.

Bring recycling back please!

MOVE HOMELESS OUT, OR GIVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

sport tournaments

give kids/teens somewhere to hang out w/ each other

IDEAS PRESENTED FOR PARKS, EXCELLENT LIKE TO SEE THAT ICE RINK IN GORDY. SOUNDED GOOD -
ACTIVITY IN PARK OPEN TO PUBLIC (AT BUCO COMMISSION MEETING)

Hire and retain more police officers.

Economic development center/ Innovation center.

Craft fairs for small businesses.

Recreation for middle schoolers: bike trail close to river.

Motorsports activities

City pool locker rooms

Skate rink/jump park

The lake needs maintenance. such a big difference from when the honor camp was there.

Public transportation. I think the citizens of El Dorado need information about the availability of public transportation. Looking online is not available. Too many people, especially seniors.

Improve baseball fields by providing shaded bleachers and shaded dugouts

Promote small businesses

Start tearing the tagged houses down please.

I see many kids just walking around town had my storage building broken into seen vandalism in town.
What is there for them to do other than get into trouble

City parking and junk cars

Small businesses

Recycling

Schedule for city dump trucks to be placed in neighborhoods for clean up. Encourage a cleaner town.

Curfew enforcement and police action on bullying reports that are now being ignored

This town needs a new skating rink for kids.

The lake is in high need of care. Litter is beyond what I have ever seen. High grass and no repairs on bathrooms.

City officials visit schools and tout to children what a wonderful community they live in.

Roller skate arena for kids.

Bring in more business downtown. Restaurants!

Return to free trash pickup day - all items

More places for teens so less vandalism. (skating rink, after school clubs)

Rehab services for the opiate epidemic.

Sign enforcement

Number one would be to bring back recycling

After school program (support)

I rated events and lake events lowest due to the the covid 19 pandemic. We need to be careful during this time. Also roads at the lake need fixing, bad.

Code enforcement

Taxes are too high.

Seems to be a drug problem which is leading to more homeless. If that issue could be fixed then the homeless numbers would decrease (my opinion). I don't think we have as much a homeless problem as we do a drug problem.

Too many houses that look like junkyards.

Traffic laws (speeding) enforcement

Turkey Hunt in April

GOLF COURSE. We need our country club back, restaurant, pool, tennis courts. Have our community raise money by having a golf tournament to fund such things. That was a true asset that was just taken from us.

Increase incentives and pay for police officers. We are currently short six and have not been able to retain them.

Develop much better parking to accommodate customers for all business in the entire downtown area. Better parking means better access; means more traffic; means better business.

I am listing lake development at 7 and 8...that's as low as it can be. This is a waste of our hard-earned money.

Youth activities - more items for youth involvement other than sports activities

Teen Youth Center. Also, I don't know what you mean by "workforce training." Is it training for the city's workforce? (e.g., diversity training, mental health first aid, etc.) Or is it training for jobs with local businesses. If the latter, is it training for youth, young adults, or older unemployed adults needing new skills? Or other? The City might partner with a coalition, but should not be the leadership/driving force of training for people to work for local businesses. Workforce issues need to be spearheaded by local

businesses - not the taxpayer funded city. However, the city might focus on meeting the basic needs of residents that help make them employable: access to food (do we have any food deserts?), housing (affordable for lower income levels, safe housing, transportation, safe streets, and appropriately trained police and first responders (diversity training), and promoting access to services for the "homeless".

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Comments received for question concerning infrastructure areas for the City's investment.

Dips in the streets

Removing the homeless community away from our downtown & community.

North Topeka Street

I'm not sure, I think the City is doing ok.

5th & Orchard. The money that is spent on maintenance could have paved and curbed.

Fix streets at Sunset Lawns

Walking path maintenance

Residential traffic enforcement.

Community events.

Weed control

There could be change.

Removal of slums & blight properties.

Lights for walking paths as well as tach markers.

Drainage at County Club and Wedgewood.

Add Topeka Street!

New tennis courts eliminated concerns.

Tree limbs.

Stop patching and redo streets.

12th/24th Bypass?? Complete paving 500-600 blocks of N. Gordy.

Get rid of bums in storage units by Dillon's

9th Street

Increase passage visibility on Main

Truck routes.

Beautification

New houses

Keep those potholes filled and smoothed.

More veterinary classes at the college morn, evening, and online.

Traffic at school time let out

Decorations at Holiday time

Nuisance Removal

Working and new street lights on bike/running path.

Bike trails

Keep public event bathrooms clean...need to ensure safety precautions

Street lights

Stop lights on 6th street

Maintain Police and Fire

Grass and weed control along streets

What other items needed

Walking / bike paths

Water Park, New swimming pool

We were put on the list 5 years ago to have our sidewalks fixed. Never happened.

9th street from Taylor to Gordy

If g and h are in need of replacement, would score higher.

Tree care

Lighting on streets

My water tastes like mildew.

Practical parking, turns & through streets & light changes.

Repainting courts. Painted colors/backwards or reversed order.

Pet waste stations - walking path

We need things for kids to do. No more banks.

Wheelchair accessibility to crosswalk signal light buttons

Road side mowing

Paved road 12th to Cemetery. City should pay for it.

Tree Maintenance!

STREET SWEEPERS

downtown

Golf Course

Plants down town

COMMUNITY EVENTS - WE USED TO HAVE PARADES MORE, HOLIDAY SHARING

Residential speed limit signs

Keeping streets clean of trash

12th ave street repair

4H Area

City pool lockers

More streets with stop signs

Tear down abandoned houses.

Improve baseball fields, more shade

Visibility at intersections (hedges, trees, etc.)

Fix N Topeka

Thank you for fixing the flooding issue at arthur and webb.

Need more activities for youth see more walking around since homeschooling

Junk cars moved

Homeless shelter

Recycling

Maintain splash pads at two parks

Better swimming pool.

Walking path.

The water drain off Summit to High running south and east during high rain needs attention.

Strong police department/better pay

Family entertainment facilities.

Mosquito spraying

Change the downtown lights back to orange. Warmer and more inviting color.

Remove condemned houses to give opportunity to build new

Street lighting

Taxes are too high.

Replace planters downtown.

Salt and sand side streets after winter storms.

Golf course

New restaurants - Wendy's or sit down family restaurant

I would like to see some art/sculpture or some cultural pieces placed around town.

Pave/curb all residential streets

Stop Signs at every Intersection

Complete repair/replacement of most all lake roads as well as camping & picnic areas. This greatly increase the lake traffic and business brought to El Dorado. Also develop an area for motorcyclists to gather with easy access from the north turnpike exit.

I keep hearing about lake development and amphitheaters...these should be at the BOTTOM of any list.

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What types of recreational amenities would you like to see in El Dorado?

More bike trails

Keep the golf course.

Maintain the bike and walking paths. "

More activities downtown.

Walk-a-thons.

Bicycle activities.

Fall chili cook offs. "

More trails.

More clothing stores.

An old fashioned downtown with some evening hours."

Parades on Veterans Day that would include local high school bands, floats, and etc.

Park designated for seniors with appropriate equipment.

Completion of bike and walking path. "

Roller skating rink for the kids to enjoy while growing up here.

Affordable laser tag for the youth as well.

Would like to have option for 1 rooster for breeding purposes and up to 25 hens."

Skating rink.

Fishing derby."

Skating

Nerf or jump park.

Sit down restaurant such as Applebee's."

Fifteen full service RV sites in BG stadium area to attract club group visitation.

Three-foot sidewalk marking for walking a biking.

A "makers' space" for those who want to tinker, prototype, or fix who don't have a means or tools or space to utilize.

A better "crawl" activity to attract the public into downtown - on a designated day of each week.

A better pool - like derby has

A big car show. A casino.

A DANCE PROGRAM THROUGH THE REC THAT COULD PERFORM DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL GAMES OR EVEN HIGH SCHOOL ONCE IN A WHILE. SOMETHING FOR KIDS FROM AGE 4 TO 11. I'D LIKE TO SEE A COUPLE DIFFERENT DAYS (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY) THROUGH OUT THE YEAR THAT WAS LIKE A FARMERS MARKET/VENDOR/ FOOD TRUCK DAY. GET PEOPLE OUT AND ABOUT.

A decent summer fair.

A DINE IN CHAIN RESTAURANT, CLOTHING STORES, SHOE STORES, MORE GROCERY STORES. UPDATE OR REMODEL 4-H FACILITIES AND FURNITURE STORES

A drive in theater as well as an indoor skating rink (again) An indoor rec. area. Could give kids something to do during the winter.

A few well constructed lighted basketball courts at each of the parks in town that are supervised & sponsored by the recreation center. (With Leagues!)

A good named steak house to eat at.

A new miniature golf course. small state animal zoo (like river side park in Wichita).

A new/renovated city pool and amphitheater. Monitored park areas that often mistreated/vandalized.

A nice big skating rink.

A pet store.

The movie theater needs to be remodeled and upgraded. "

A plan where our youth can gather (like the Cage) for darts, pool, shuffle board, snacks, TV computer games without going to a "bar" atmosphere. More musicians and artists involvement in our schools and Coutts museum.

A public golf course not an expensive one like the country club golf course so elderly can afford to play.

A taxi service would be nice.

A teen center, a better skate park, and a mini golf course.

A theme park with a go-kart race track, we always go to the one in Wichita.

A well-lit place to play basketball. Since the middle school was remodeled, it lost its basketball hoops. Build new courts near the old middle school or at one of the various parks. Give kids another place to enjoy hoops.

Activities for kids

Activities for middle age and senior citizens.

Activities for teenagers.

Add more walking and biking trails and pathways. Family style restaurants.

ADD TO THE WALKING/BIKE PATH

Adult sports leagues and clubs organized by the City.

Adults - Volleyball, racquetball

Already have what I need.

Always like the Walnut Festival - showcase local talent.

An indoor facility like arcades, skating rink, dance hall for everyone not just for kids. A place where the community comes together. Expand the current Civic Center as there is space around the building to house the previous ideas.

An year round in door public pool, with evening available for Adults

Annual Festival (Prairie Port)

Another splash park.

Any at this point. COVID 19 sucks.

Any place my kids can go and not find drugs/needles laying around.

Anything for the youth.

Anything to keep kids off street.

Anything where social distancing can be enforced.

Arcade. Recreation center for teens. Putt putt golf for teens.

Arcades, bowling, karaoke, concerts, drive thru theaters, dancing (in conjunction with local schools)
Need more theme parks like Walter's Pumpkin Patch.

arcades, skating rink

Arts and crafts fairs, farmer's markets.

As many free activities for families and single people too. Especially since COVID-19 people I have to watch finances and some have lost a job.

ATV or UTV trails out at the lake or any other areas. Something like the bike paths but for motorized vehicles.

ATV Trails

Atv, Otv Motorcycle trails around the lake.

"Bands & other attraction at the BG stadium.

Disc golf tournaments"

Baseball Team

Basketball courts, update parks.

Be nice to have more shade corners at the ball field. Have a yearly art and crafts in the park weekend.

Better access to city compost and mulch. Provide delivery services for a small fee.

Better care of the golf course would be helpful.

Better eating options, more indoor recreation.

Better gyms (Like VASA)

Better maintenance of parks and public areas.

Better publicized rodeo and fair and also sports.

Better restaurants and businesses, fair.

better skate park, maybe move to the old tennis court location

Better utilization of stadium.

Between the YMCA & Rec Dept. these are good programs. The new tennis/pickle ball courts are a BIG plus.

Bicentennial like in past 1950's

Big name businesses for shopping and nice sit down businesses for a meal.

Bike path addition

"bike path completion

more dog parks- there are so many dogs here!"

Bike Paths & Trails

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Bike paths, walking trails, more sports "complexes" outside.

Bike paths/walking trails

Bike trails around city.

Biking and hiking events.

Arts and music concerts.

Nature events - education on wildlife.

Biking/walking nature trails with trees for shade and wind breaks.

Blocks - meet and greet, pot lucks gathering. More free concerts. More fairs.

Boat/Jet ski rental at the marina on the lake. Healthy foods restaurant incorporated into a rec similar to chicken and pickle in Wichita. Expand the Y into more rec rooms/Basketball, Track, Volleyball, etc. More kids activities for after school like boys and girls club.

Bowling, skating, indoor swimming, arcade.

Bowling. Skating. Gymnastic.

"Bring back a skating rink.

Bring back miniature golf."

"Bring back Prairie Port

Softball games between businesses (fire against PD) ect.

City wide pot luck dinner and bbq"

Bring back Prairie Port, local theater program.

Bring back prairie port. the street dance with no alcohol being served. no coolers.

Bring the dive in back, an arcade, more social events like holiday parades.

Bring the Wendy's restaurant to El Dorado. Recreation and activities are good.

Campground facilities - overnight.

Car shows more frequently - car cruises. Other food options besides Mexican and fast food.

Car shows. Airplane rides. Go-kart tracks. Places or things for young people to do.

Car shows.

"Carnival

Street dance

Mud volleyball

Carnival, festivals, craft shows, concerts,

Carnivals, outdoor concerts, wheelchair friendly events.

Children's activities

City golf tournament for men/women. Have a kid's golf state at golf course.

City has done well in recreation

City has it covered well.

City sponsored community events - youth sports/arts shows/craft shows/auto shows.

Citywide garage sales

Citywide trash pick-up twice a year.

Co-ed sports. Disc golf tournaments.

Community softball tournaments, dance.

Community sports such as baseball game with the FD vs. PD etc.

Complete projects with pride, not halfway or pieced together.

Concerts

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Concerts "in the park"

Concerts (western musical) during the day. COVID-19 has pretty much destroyed any community gatherings.

Concerts at the lake, Frontier Western/Celebration/Prairie Port celebration activities.

Concerts utilizing stadium

Concerts, festivals.

Concerts.

Concerts. More activities at parks.

"Concerts.

More young kid sports."

Continue biking trails. Improve baseball and softball parks. Spray parks. Improve pool

Continue to develop and build more bike and walking trails. Need to keep movie theater if possible.

Continue to develop walking and biking paths thru downtown area. Create more water features in park areas. Develop better venues for concerts and offer outdoor performance venues. IE Arts in the parks program throughout the Summer.

Continue to support baseball youth programs.

Corn hole tournaments, sand volleyball

Corn hole, disc golf, pickle ball tournaments

Country club, pool, country club restaurant, patio, events.

Craft fair and flea market.

Craft fairs, food trucks, a carnival for kids.

Craft shows

Craft/antique stores; reasonably prices clothing stores.

Crappie tournament like in early 1990's. North Park with tennis and pickelball is awesome. So is the park with instruments and handicap access.

"Cycling events and lanes/club.

Promote activities at the park

Promote El Dorado as a place for healthy living."

Decent sit down, full service restaurant. (not another fast food joint)

Designated "beautiful walkways" in neighborhoods with big nice historic homes. More walking activities.

Difficult to say now due to covid but more family centered activities

Dining options.

Disc golf tourney, outdoor theater at the band shell, bike path or nice sidewalks connecting south of town to north and west.

"Disk golf course in campground area.

Fencing around water park in park off of Main Street."

"Downtown festivals and events.

More dedicated bike lanes."

"Drive-in movie theater.

Skating rink

Chipotle"

Drive-in theater; Putt Putt golf course; Kayaking access

Drive-in, more for kids to do

Drum Corps International. Bring BCC performances to the PAC

During the summer, like free movies, a swim day, different activities like turtle races. Best dressed animal, bicycle contest, hat contest.

"Easy to access walking areas that are well lit.

Good sidewalks"

El Dorado has done a good job growing this. I think keeping the golf course moving forward is important and can improve as well as draw more people. The lake is important and has a lot of room for growth.

El Dorado is very kid based but not much is geared towards teenagers. teenagers can get in a lot of trouble when bored.

El Dorado pool updated. Check out Hesston City pool.

Entertainment for all ages

"Events at parks.

Things for kids."

Everything.

Expand the splash pads! Not necessarily more but upgrade the ones that exist. Especially South Arthur.

Expanded pool/water park.

Expansion of bike path

Fall craft show in the park as in early 2000's.

Family activities

Family activities- cookouts, volleyball

Family fun.

Family gaming such as mini golf

family oriented businesses like min golf, arcades, batting cages, go carts, ect.

Family type activities.

Festival, parades.

"Festivals - there used to be tons - now, nothing.

Art programs - art in the park

Dance programs."

Festivals for families.

"Festivals, we need more annual events to connect the community and draw more people in.

Drive-in theater."

Festivals. Parades. Concerts.

"Finish execution of park plan

New aquatic center

Ice Rink"

Fix broken sidewalks for people to walk.

Focus on family friendly activities. Better sidewalks for walking. Promote what we have. "Where do I find a walking path?"

Free indoor and outdoor activities for seniors and kids. Ping pong, volleyball, badminton.

Free indoor sports for kids and adults. Ping pong, cards, word games.

frisbee golf at the El Dorado Lake

Full court basketball court.

Fun family friendly activities (movie in the park).

Go cart track

Golf - boating and tennis - walking parks

Golf course.

Golf, swimming, love the bike path.

Good

Good restaurant that is not fast food.

"Group events (Check out the Lawrence, KS Zombie Walk)

Social events - get people out and about

Get more activities for all ages (movie theaters, bowling alley, drive-in, arcade)"

Gym or courts. Promote city parks. Have City night (Holiday music week)

Happy as is!

Have an outside venue for music, food, and craft vendors. Maybe another nice restaurant with a different kind of menu.

Have games and challenges at the parks or down town more often.

Have more car shows.

Have the big Christmas event again. - local merchants handed out tickets per \$20 spent, at the end of the season/Christmas time there was a large event and winners where chosen.

Hiking and biking trails

Hiking trails. BMX park.

Hiking/biking trails.

"Hopefully our movie theater can make it.

Would like to see this improved (remodeled) maybe bring back drive in since Covid happened. "

Horse stable, petting zoo, more outdoor activities

I always enjoyed Prairie Port but it would be nice to have concerts or activities for family's to do with the community.

I am too old to enjoy.

I believe a new and improved Drive in theater would be a wonderful addition to the city. Less fast food and more restaurants.

I hope the City doesn't enter into contract to privatize any City recreational properties.

I like bike paths and access to lake. The flower baskets downtown are beautiful.

i like what we have now. just been a tough year doing things due to covid. it would be nice to have the pool updated with zero entry.

I really can't think of anything that we lack.

I remember when they'd shut downtown down and do big events like Prairie Port. I also remember a DJ coming and there was a night dance in downtown! Something to bring the community together!

I think teens and young kids are drinking and getting into drugs so seeing things like laser tag or go kart racing or something that they can do to distract from the bad is needed.

I think that a fair job is being done now.

I think we are doing a pretty good jo, good parks the lake etc.

I think we have everything great.

I think we have plenty. The YMCA fills any gaps.

I think you have done a great job in this area.

I would just like to see our programs enhanced and be more competitive with Wichita. Many families take their kids to Wichita to play because of the quality of our sports program

I would like one or two large community events each year, maybe something downtown and something at the stadium. Maybe a parade and a concert downtown and a movie at the stadium. Something that doesn't have a lot of cost to the citizens, but brings them together and builds a sense of community.

I would like to have another bookstore here. More parks and open spaces for people to walk and be spaced out, more options for bike paths that connect to other towns or byways.

I would like to see a program that helps lower income family get memberships to the Y so the whole community can enjoy it.

I would like to see more non-sports activities. I love those, but we have a lot of those already.

I would like to see more things for the young people in our community to do. It will help keep them out of trouble.

I would like to see some activities for middle schoolers, maybe bike trails along river.

I would like to see special days set aside for local residents to have access to the EL Dorado Lake without charge.

I would like to see the old golf course area turned into a Central Park New York type of environment. Currently only has disc golf and is not maintained very well. Fishing ponds with Docks, picnic areas, etc.

"Ice skating

More restaurants."

Ice/roller skating, modern arcade, card and board game facility, bookstore, non-GameStop videogame store, scooters for transportation, drive in.

If the ultimate goal is to bring people to town, with the opportunity to sell the community as a place to live/a place to spend money, hosting youth sporting events, I would think bring a significant amount of traffic.

I'm biased but updated splash ground at Graham Park

IMO - we have a very nice walking path throughout most the area. More paths are always appreciated.

Improve City pool

"Improve streets and accessibility to city swimming pool and bandshell.

Large chain sit down restaurants, Applebee's, Chilis.."

Improved basketball courts for the public

Improved parks and paths.

Incorporate better older youth sports/tournaments, those have fallen by the wayside.

Increase areas available for groups to rent for events.

Increase biking/walking paths to south side. establish groups with advertised activities - bikers, kayakers, walkers, etc.

Just activities to re-start, when it's safe.

Just better communication to the community of recreational sport opportunities. I never hear of rec sports happening until after the cut-off date. Public schools aren't the only means of education and I'd like my child active.

Just keep upgrading and adding to the recent improvements

Just maintain the disc golf course like every other town in the area. The duck park is looking trashy as well.

Just newer facilities with pool and more space for families to go to.

Karaoke, concerts in the park, movies in the park, After Covid 19 vaccine of course. Plays in the park Santa and Christmas activities.

Keep good facilities for gathering in the parks - keep doing a good job with the baseball diamonds and the football field.

Keep what we have already. Try not to lose any.

Kids safe playgrounds. More programs for kids that can't afford.

Lake

LAKE AND PARKS

Larger fair and activities.

Legal gambling other than Bingo.

Less sports type events something fun anyone in the community could participate in.

Like to see some more popular restaurants like Applebee's, Olive Garden etc. I'd also like to see some way of knocking down the feral cat situation we have in this town.

Live music, events for children, "how to" classes, festivals, hiking & walking trails.

Love the parades, more downtown activities - kid friendly.

Maintain the bowling alley. Add a driving range and miniature golf course to the golf course. Create an area to have more rodeo activities.

Maintain what is here now- wait to see what happens with economy.

"Make better use of ballfields and sport facilities. Our ballfields and recreation department are under utilized. Many communities host ball tournaments in the summer. Our local businesses would benefit if we held a youth baseball, softball, golf, basketball or tennis tournament.

Our swimming pool is adequate. "

Make high level youth sports programs more available. AAU track club, AAU and MAYB basketball, etc.

Maybe a bicycle club. Pool hall. Drag strip.

Maybe just to insure people know what all is available and how to access them.

maybe more lighting for walking

Mini golf

"Mini Golf

Arts & Crafts Fair"

Mini golf, bigger pool or add another pool, some sort of gaming area for youth, more shopping!

Mini golf, drive in theater, carnivals.

Miniature golf

Miniature golf courses. We are over 70. Aren't enjoying life at all and senior citizens place isn't all its cracked up to be.

"Miniature golf

Just more things for children and families to bond.

Carnival

In and Out Burger"

Miniature golf. Bowling. Skating rink.

Miniature golf. Festivals/Carnivals. Restaurants. Farmers market.

Miniature golf. Go cart course.

Mini-golf, activities for kids and teens.

Miss the carnival and prairie port. City wide garage sales (like more organized)

More activities and City support of the junior college students. Hire the college students for City projects.

"More activities encouraged at the lake.

Downtown festivals.

More unity with downtown businesses. "

More activities for fair. Amusement rides, demolition derby, etc.

More activities for kids.

More activities for teens/children.

More activities for the younger kids. Possibly an aquarium or a smaller zoo (similar to Emporia and Salina).

More activities for youth

More activities to bring in money! The Dam music fest brings in money, but I'm not sure what else to do to bring in outsiders?

"More and better advertised seasonal festivities.

A few more sit down restaurants rather than fast food places.

Expansion of hiking/bike trails."

More and more bike/walking trails

More attention to seniors.

More baseball games. Volleyball games. Outside games for all ages.

More baseball.

More batting cages. Have baseball tourneys

more bigger dog parks. basketball courts, mini golf, help the farmers market!

more bike and walking trails.

more bike paths

More bike paths, nature trails, improve east park pond

More biking, walking, and hiking trails.

More care given to the golf course.

More celebrations, gatherings, ETC.

More choices on movies

More community activities/festivals. More concerts/performance featuring students in 375/490.

More community events like Frontier Days

More concerts not the type where Park City or Wichita attract. We would never win that money contest.

"More craft fairs.

A specified area for more (and all) produce vendors - farmer's markets (don't know if that exists or where)"

more dine in restaurants

More downtown and parks festivals! Music, crafts, art, food trucks, and food/drink. Must be able to compete with internet shopping by offering an experience.

More educational type programs

More entertainment like a roller rink. The kids really want an indoor trampoline facility.

"More evening community gatherings like bands.

A coffee house that stay open overnight.

A bookstore without cats - new books"

"More events for kids.

More support for EHS amenities. "

More events for walk/run - move events to get the community together, when health guidelines allow.

More events to promote the lake, ie equine, fishing or music. More sit down/casual dinning restaurants.
Adult and children tennis leagues.

More family activities

more farmer's markets, park events

More festivals or activities that would draw people to the city. This could showcase the area and lead to more small businesses wanting to be around for festivals and hopefully permanently.

More food options. Chick-fil-a or a Chipotle.

More for children and teens to do. Block parties.

More for families and kids to do. Teenagers need a place to meet and have fun.

More hiking and bike trails, kayaking locations

more hiking trails

More honor of Veterans be at parades or something else outdoor

More improvements around Forest Park. Taylor to Main on 9th St. That area is a real eye sore.

More indoor family - free or low cost activities for all ages.

More kid friendly social and physical development locations. Something similar to the rec on the south side for out at risk kids to utilize without driving.

More kid things. Younger activities. Really wish my kids could have been able to enjoy Prairie Port.

More kids activities or all age friendly. The old stadium track used to be available for walkers or people to exercise outside.

More kids programs - like turtle derby, bike decorate, free movie, the swimming pool to be open later for evening swim.

More live music.

More local 5K's, kid activities.

More local festivals. Such as a fall festival, spring festival, Christmas parade, Thanksgiving parade, homecoming parade, local 5k's (per season); art festival; craft fairs for local vendors.

more local free entertainment like band at parks, live entertainment at city depot, emprise bank

More music at the band shell.

More nice restaurants. Not fast food.

More parks for every neighborhood. Expand bike/walking paths.

More places for kids like the Y, but w/o the cost.

More places for kids to go

MORE RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN PARKS

"More restaurants that are NOT fast food.

A convention center, golf course, boat rentals, full service boat rentals at the lake."

More safe walking trails - easily accessible, safe., clean well-lit.

More sidewalks / walking trails / bike lanes in older neighborhoods, public shooting range.

More sidewalks and bike trails.

More social scheduled events open to public for free - flea markets, etc. Sidewalk bazaar.

More tables and benches at parks and placed so children can be monitored but not at the sun.

More things for kids and teenagers.

More things for kids to do. Re-open drive in. Help the homeless. Many empty buildings.

More things for kids.

More things for school aged kids to do.

More things other than sports for young people.

More things to do at the parks. Pickleball was a nice edition.

More toddler activities

More top of the line restaurants!!!

More tournaments - disc golf, bowling, softball, etc.

More trails - we have OZ Endurance and Timer Guys which pull in a lot of out-of-towners, so if there was more trails and such to run...

more use of football stadium

More use of the performing arts center

More walking and bike paths.

More walking and jogging areas

More walking areas spread around town.

More Walking paths

"More walking paths

Parks for children that are home schooled so they can do physical education (PE) "

More walking paths.

More walking trails and more sidewalks.

"More walking trails, utilize the disc golf course more.

I have crated a cross country course at the disc golf course."

More walking trails.

More walking trails.

More walking/biking paths, indoor/outdoor pool with year-round access (besides the YMCA), more competitive sports options (or a sports complex that can be readily accessible to competitive teams for practice.)

More walking/hiking trails toward outside of city. Bike trails or bike lanes.

more water parks

More water parks for younger kids.

More water parks.

More water parks.

More youth activities.

Motocross track out by the lake. Motorcycle "dirt bikes" at trails at the lake.

Movie theater. open air . updated version of the drive inn.

Movies for kids.

Mud volleyball

"Mud volleyball

more promotion of the fair"

"music entertainment

theater performances"

Music festivals, more restaurants, more volunteer opportunities.

Music shows, the amphitheater is a nice idea if the money could be found. More outdoor festivals in cooler months.

Musical development for community to participate in.

My family always enjoyed Prairie Port and the street dances.

Nature/walking trails, variety of community events

Need something for kids to be engaged in - maybe a rec center community block parties.

New concerts, games from schools and college.

New pool

new pool

New swimming facility.

New swimming pool complex. Batting cages, sand volleyball courts, something being done with all the condemned properties around El Dorado.

New updated baseball facilities.

"No motorized or reg bikes - will not be successful.

Organized walks?

Safety on paths in groups."

Non competitive adult activities

Normally does a good job with this.

Not a priority for me.

Not a tennis court.

Not sure...new tennis complex is wonderful and very well used!

Off road vehicle opportunities.

"Oktoberfest put on by Walnut Rive Brewing

Horseshoe tournament or advertise better. Cornhole tournaments or advertise better."

Once Covid is over parks for kids and activities for teens

"Open air music events

A place for kids and teens to go

More family directed events"

Our drive in opened back up. The city could make money off this. Could even add a miniature golf course outside of it. Could hold car shows and swap meets during the day.

outdoor downtown eating - musical events downtown, etc..

Outdoor movies on a lawn, youth golf league

Outdoor sports for all ages.

paddle boarding/rental on paddle boats, more walking trails.

Parades

Parades (with notice to community that they are planned to happen) concerts, rodeos.

Park in the village instead of using the school ground as a playground.

Perform a triathlon.

Performing groups, concerts, live entertainment...more of the fine arts!

Pickleball.

Pool at the country club, some type of youth outreach program for at risk kids.

Possibly more bike or walking paths.

Possibly more children activities

Prairie Port

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"Prairie Port festival brought back.

Craft fairs."

"Prairie square dances.

Water sports pool and lake."

Prairieport to come back

Professional softball fields - more parking for area tournaments. Concerts at Arts building.

PROMOTE CONCERTS IN THE CITY (BLOCK PARTIES), PROMOTE LAKE ACTIVITIES.

"promote our schools activities and sports

activities for older population"

Race track cars.

"Recreation activities for youth such as a skating rink, trampolines, arcades, a cooperative indoor
""park"" (playground) for kids 1 - 6. Many cities have them.

A youth center for older teens. Could be a cooperative arrangement w/ SCMH and other local nonprofits. A mini park across the street from Quail Ridge Apts. Meeting space â€” free or affordable for small nonprofits, clubs, task forces, committees, etc."

Recreational aimed at youth.

Rekindle the concerts in the park. Enhance and improve bike/walking paths. Connect with downtown. Farmers market-weekly and downtown. Annual festival, fall (not the hot days of summer).

Remember the "Cage". Dancing for young people. The food trucks are nice, maybe live bands and dancing downtown.

Rentals for the lake activities.

Restaurants for family dining.

Revitalize summer softball and baseball programs for kids 8-18. More cultural and music events.

Revivals

"Rodeo

Tournaments

Tennis Courts"

Roller skates or ice skate arena. Something for families like Arkalalah in Arkansas City (rides, parades and fair like activities).

Rollercoaster rides, car park for electric cars. Collision course.

Safe activities for children.

Sand volleyball. Farmers' Markets. Healthier food options.

Satisfied with what have - work on pot holes, roads instead.

Satisfied with what there is. Hope the golf course can be saved.

"School age related.

Pre-school age related."

See number 5 question point 3.

"Senior activities

Downtown activities"

Senior activities.

Shaded benches for parents at parks.

Skate park

"Skate rink

Large pool and river slides"

Skating , ice skating, art classes, horseback riding lessons, more walking trails or safer (trail by Dillon's is very unsafe)

Skating Rink

"Skating rink

Assistance for theater promotions

Using 490 PAC for live shows."

"Skating rink

Drive in"

SKATING RINK, JUMP PLACE FOR CHILDREN, PUBLIC TRACK TO WALK

Skating rink, waterpark.

Skating rink. Drive-in theater. Teen age center (music, dancing, games)

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"Skating rinks - ice and roller skating

Drive in movie theater.

Praise and worship non denominational events using buildings we have and outdoors"

Skating rinks, waterparks, more modern playgrounds.

Skating/skate park improvements/outdoor movies/drive in theater

Small restaurants and coffee shops downtown. Would like to see car shows or activities to bring people downtown more often as El Dorado is a beautiful city.

Social/musical gatherings with vendors available

Softball / Hiking/walking trails

Softball for active adults and just more activities in general for active aging.

Softball/baseball complex

Some adult activities for people without children or grown children.

Some things geared to teens, and some things for adults only!! restaurants in the nw area

Something for children 12-18 be able to do.

"Something for kids to do.

Go Kart track"

Something for the kids other than a park. A skating rink or arcade.

Something for young people. Miniature golf.

Something fun for the teenage kids to do that's free or affordable

Splash pads for summer activities.

Splash Park

Sports

Sports tournaments. El Dorado has several basketball and softball fields. They should look at more opportunities to get tournaments started.

Sports, nice clean parks, volleyball courts, etc.

Spring/fall festival

Start Prairie Port again.

Steak House

"Street parties.

Special events - business opportunity "

"Support the arts.

City and schools work together to help children.

Learn and grow to be proud of our town."

"Support the arts.

Continue to grow youth activities.

Support teens - to keep on the right path. "

Take better care of what we have.

tennis tournaments

Tennis/MMA/more basketball courts updated with new courts. Football field in town.

tennis/pickleball courts were A++

The City has extra ordinary recreational activities for a city our size. The concerts at the Art center are missed but not supported well enough to succeed.

The Dam music festival was going on when I moved to town. Seemed it attracted a pretty large crowd which should help those businesses geared towards the lake.

The festivals like Prairie Port. Crafts in the park, downtown street sales and games. Water dunks or pie throw to some public officials.

The frontier rodeo should have a more professional venue, there are parks in the city that could be repurposed for type of activity that would be an asset and far less hassle and expense to set up and tear down. For example the park east of the creek east of north park no one uses it for anything.

the new north main park needs lights, extend the walking/ bike path

The parks are lovely. Continue doing a good job maintaining these lovely spaces. Provide more arts in the community, stage shows, concerts.

The types of activities and spaces we have are great. What we need is new leadership. Stop running it like a charity/volunteer program. Charge more and get a real budget and provide a service.

The water parks are excellent. I also appreciate the flower baskets hanging downtown. Never enough flowers.

There are a number of recreational activities available. Publicize what is here already to broaden audience. Add pet waste stations along walking paths to encourage owners to clean up after their pets during walks.

Things are fine now.

Things for kids.

Things for our kids and grandkids to do. There is nothing for them to do.

Things geared for children/young people.

Truck stop.

Types like tennis court projects - related to healthy lifestyle for all ages.

"Uber to limit drinking and driving

Nice hotels

Improve shopping choices"

unsure at this time due to Covid - perhaps more festivals/concerts once we can

Update playground equipment at Gordy Park and tornado park and summit like at N. Main. Augusta has great outdoor playground. Have parking lots at these places.

"Update pool.

Extend linear trail."

Upgrades or new pool. Put money being spent on ball fields, etc. on lake facilities and continue to upgrade MAC stadium and field east and softball facilities.

Use the lake more.

Utilize the lake more for our youth especially.

utilize the performing arts building

Volleyball (sand/indoor and outdoor)

Volleyball nets, and some updates on current ones. Like the horse shoe pits at East Park. Some could be put in at Graham Park; there's room.

walking and bike trails

Walking and biking trails

Walking/Running Club. Encourage health competitions.

Water Park

Water park

"Water park (more than just splash pads)

Concerts"

Water park and pool, cornhole tournaments. Pickleball tournaments.

water park instead of spray park and or update city pool

"Water Park

Prep for lake

Annual tournaments in recreational activities."

"Waterpark

Entertainment center.

Concerts."

We always want more things for kids to do. Our parks are outstanding. Look for grants to help bring batting cages, go carts, mini golf and other activities to town

We are headed in good direction already.

We are in good shape.

We are in pretty good shape.

we have a nice selection

We have enough if not too much.

We have enough! Get more businesses!

"We have exceptional parks!

Summer see - golf lessons and other events for children."

"We have great parks already.

Skating rink would be great.

Improved swimming beach."

We have numerous activities; public and private.

We have plenty for now.

We have plenty of recreational activities

We have the lake which is a huge drawing point in our community. More activities to draw visitors to the area to shop, camp and/or spend the day hiking, fishing, biking or boating.

We need a nice restaurant. We do have a nice selection of fast food, but need a place that isn't fast food.

We need different fast food places. Coffee places, new places to shop. El Dorado has nothing to offer. Open an arcade, new shops, offer us something new so we don't always have to go to Wichita!

We need four baseball and four softball diamonds for tournaments. Keep the golf course public. More swimming pool to ad more central location. Build a new band shell.

We no have no festivals.

we really would have liked the drive- in theater to stay. community sharing- loan borrow type of situation.

We truly need something for teens. There is bowling, but they can't afford that all the time.

We would enjoy a sit down type restaurant that is open supper hours.

Well there are plenty of tennis courts.

Wendy's

We're satisfied with the upgrades to our parks. Provide opportunities for use of small meeting rooms in Civic Center at a cost that clubs or organizations may afford.

West side park with splash pad.

With this pandemic, hold off for now.

Work closely with churches to provide wholesome activities for youth.

Would like to see a bike trail and walking path along the river so people could use without going to the lake.

Youth center open year round. More walking / biking paths.

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What types of recreational activities and amenities would you like to see at El Dorado Lake?

a nice restaurant/bar down by marina, kayaking (rentals), water yoga

I like it the way it is.

It could have more hiking trails. "

Community picnics.

Free pass day for citizens of ElDorado.

Boat races."

A boat festival.

A drive-thru light display below the dam at Christmas time.

A floating park like the new park in Wichita, boat/jetski racing, theme park, concerts

A gentleman's club.

A golf course, convention center, boat rentals, horseback riding (rentals), concert

A good food place which is affordable for families.

A hiking/biking trail that is concrete and an area to paddle boat.

A jogging trail.

A large beach. Nice restaurant on the water. Hot dog stand on the beach.

A large concert venue/performance area.

A large inflatable island to play and swim, a really nice swim beach

a lot of stuff for the kids.

A park that is accessible without paying to get there.

Activities that attract visitors and generate revenue for the city.

additional hiking trails

Additional music events in outdoor areas at the lake.

Adventure activities - rock climbing, zip lining, etc.

All facilities must be in the city, annex the lake.

All, doing a good job

Allowing to bring your pet (dog) to cabins, provided owners are responsible.

Any

Any at this point. COVID 19 sucks.

Anything for the youth.

ANYTHING THAT WOULD PROMOTE TOURISM. OPEN THE LAKE UP TO BUSINESS.

Archery lessons. Gun safety courses. Canoeing.

"Archery range & lessons.

Wedding venue."

AT LEAST 4 OPEN RESTROOMS DURING WINTER QUARTER

"ATV and off road park. Bike park.

Skeet and trap club. Sporting clays.

I would also like to see more businesses at the lake."

ATV trails

ATV Trails

ATV/UTV trails, sporting clay range.

Baseball / fishing

"Baseball and softball diamonds.

Fishing tournaments."

"Batting cages at the lake diamonds.

Smaller size fields at the lake diamonds.

Portable mounds at lake diamonds."

BBQ cook off between big businesses especially oil coupons. Carnival, fair, circus or advertise better.
Mores street dances and sidewalk sales.

Beginners instructors to help with outdoor activities.

Better access to locations for fishing from shore. Better trash facilities to help with littering.

Better beaches, re-sand the beach.

Better hiking trails

Better rental options.

Better shore fishing. Kayak, canoe, paddle boat rental. Improved hiking trails.

"Better signage to lake area.

Better way to get lake people to come to El Dorado.

More advertising to come to lake"

better swim beach

Better swim beaches. Maintained volleyball courts (soft sand) would love to see houses being built on certain lake property.

"Better upkeep.

Less rocks everywhere that prohibit bank fishing."

"Better walking path

More electric sites at Boulder Bluff"

Better/cleaner beaches

Bicycle races.

Big name concerts.

bike paths, nature trails, city sponsored fishing programs.

Bike races. Golf 4 kids. Statewide golf tourney here. Take a kid fishing.

bike rentals, scooter rentals

Bike trails expanded.

Boat & jet ski rentals

boat and jet ski rentals, cabins that don't look like mobile homes, restaurant on the lake, bass and fishing tournaments, concerts and events to attract more people

"Boat cruise, possibly with meal.

Holiday light sail to start the Christmas Holiday."

Boat races

Boat races as we had many years ago.

Boat races or water events. Ski events kite surfing.

Boat races, bigger marina.

Boat races. Area for concessions if they have races. Have premium camp sites fixed.

Boat races. Concerts. Tournaments.

Boat races. Fishing tournaments.

Boat races. Fishing tournaments.

Boat races. Public family style restaurant.

"Boat races.

Clean up camping / picnicking areas / repairs.

The city could do a better job of promoting lake."

Boat rentals

Boat rentals that are affordable for a family to go out and fish a swim.

Boat rides with a driver.

Boat rides.

Boat, ski, fishing contests.

Boat/Jet ski /kayak / paddle board rental. Restaurant at marina. Lake activities - fish tournaments, lake party held by the city, lake garage sales or carnivals.

Boat/jetski rental options

Boat/jetski rentals, tube rentals.

"Boating contest : wakeboard, ski, kneeboard, sailing.

More kids activities -horse camps, hiking, how to camp"

BOATING, WALKING TRAILS, UPKEEP AND FANTASTIC CAMPING WE HAVE

Branch out from country music feasts. Water ski competitions. Fishing derby's. Love the lake, it has a lot of potential!

Bring back the boat races.

"bring back the concerts

bring back the independence day fireworks display

a community picnic area"

bring back the prairie port activities from back in the 90's.

Build a restaurant that looks out at the lake. A store with it selling: t-shirts etc., items with El Dorado flag, Kansas items, etc.

"Cabins on the actual lake -upgrade camping spots with cement covered picnic tables (look at Council Grove for example) improve swim areas.

Cost is high for camping - used to be very affordable."

Campground facilities - overnight.

Camping / Fishing areas

camping cabins

Canoe and Kayak rentals.

Canoeing/boating, special fishing events.

Can't partake because of age and RA.

Casino, shoreline property development, boat races.

Cheap boat rentals.

Clean it up - keep it mowed.

Clean it up - poorly kept facilities now.

Clean it up! Lots of homeless out there and druggies, too. Offer a "Water Park" with a slide or a make shift blob, floaties, etc.

Clean restrooms and shower houses.

cleaner camping/fishing areas. The honor camp when in operation did a fantastic job of this since that program ended the upkeep of the lake definitely has suffered.

Cleaner restrooms and more locations, not dirty outhouses.

Co-ed adult softball

Community and family - events (hiking, fishing, derby, etc.)

Concert - like what prairie port was like. Not Dam Festival. I wish we could have Prairie Port back. Who cares about bull riding.

Concert venue built

Concerts

Concerts are good, but why does everything have to be county music?

Concerts mostly, Maybe celebrations for holidays (ie, Easter egg hunts fireworks, etc)

Concerts that aren't a drunk fest. We like to drink, but Dam Music Fest was too much for us. Activities that only require a park pass and not additional \$40 ticket (Lantern Fest). Golf course!

"concerts

craft shows"

"Concerts

Fishing derbys & contests

Boat Races

Family Events"

Concerts, cornhole competition, mud runs.

Concerts, lantern fest, music festival, food fest.

Concerts, sporting events, fishing tournaments.

Concerts.

Concerts.

Concerts. Improved beach area. More hiking trails.

"Concerts.

Water competitions."

Continual care of trash (working well currently)

Convenience stores. Santa at the lake, Easter egg hunt at the lake with food trucks.

Corporate sponsored BBQ, concerts, etc. Again, these could be open to anyone so they should be advertised whenever possible.

Cottage development.

Dam Fest again. West Side Bait/convenience store

demo derby, rodeo, outdoor activities

"Develop an area that could grow into a Mid-West Branson style recreation area with shows and restaurants etc.

Develop the unused/wasted honor farm facility and area into a useful space for the homeless. Turn it into a high class Training & medical facility that also provides shelter for the underprivileged and homeless. "

Develop more family friendly & handicap accessible fishing facilities - picnic areas - day use areas.

Dirt bike and 4 wheeler - trails and tracks. More maintenance at lake - like clearing places to fish from shore - clean-up trash and bathrooms

Dirt bike trails or track.

Disc golf courses.

Do not visit the lake.

Docks for disabled person can use.

"Doggie days. A day where people take and spend a day with their dogs, etc. Dog show, costume contest etc.

Free fishing with kids, Boat rides, water sports."

Don't go to the lake very often, so no real concern there.

Don't go to the lake.

Don't know.

Don't know.

don't really go to the lake

Don't use lake.

During the good weather months, it would be nice to have movie nights at one of the parks with food trucks and the like. I experienced this in a town in Colorado a couple of years ago and it was quite fun. They had a big blow up screen with food trucks and a couple of bounce houses for children. Families brought picnics, blankets, and pillows and set up in the grass. They showed older movies like Hook and it was free. There would be laughter and joy. Once a week?

Easy access to better fishing areas with docks.

El Dorado lake is top-notch IMO.

Enforce alcohol/drug activities.

Entertainment at band shell. Canoes, paddle boat, kayaks.

Equipment rentals, kayaks, etc.

Everything.

Expand marina and have kayak rentals or paddleboard rentals.

Expand or add fishing activities. Partner with an entity to have a music festival continue or add more running/bike races.

Expanded bike path. The beach fixed

Expanded hook ups for campers to use.

Expanded rentals of boats, add cabin rentals, water attractions @ swimming area

family activities

Family activities, no alcohol beverages. No cussing, etc.

Family activities.

Family adventure

Family events. Fishing competitions. Walking clubs.

Festivals

Festivals, concerts.

Fireworks

Fishing

Fishing derbies for kids.

"Fishing derby

Fireworks display on July 4"

"Fishing Derby

Rental Cabins"

Fishing for disabled

Fishing tournament and BBQ for adults or families

"Fishing tournament

Boat racing"

fishing tournaments, kids activities, mud runs

Fishing tournaments, scavenger hunts, would like to see the old jail facility utilized to bring money to develop the lake.

Fishing tournaments, shoot out at range, weekend festivals.

Fishing tournaments.

Fishing, the swim beach really needs cleaned up - add sand? In general the lake area is often filled with trash, not often cleaned.

float pads or recreational blow up activities on the lake

Floating park.

Food and gas stations closer to the lake. Rental places for toys to use on lake.

Food courts at lake and free swimming.

Food truck events. Everyone loved the east park festival. Not everyone likes goat roping!

food trucks

Food trucks, restaurants, gas/conveyance store.

food vendors, craft shows, and other events like the veterans reunion

Free activities for seniors. Walking paths for seniors. Badmitten, ping pong, volleyball.

Free admission to the lake.

Free fishing days. Festivals that are free.

Free fishing for residents of El Dorado

"Fun days with activities

Concerts at the lake"

Gain control of the honor camp to make into a homeless shelter / training facility.

Golf course around the lake.

Handicap fishing dock heated year round. Festivals at lake maybe Boulder Bluff KWPT would waive permit.

Happy as is!

"Hiking and nature events. Hunting.

Baseball and soccer games.

Camping safety and archery."

Hiking trails.

Honestly, I've never been to the lake. I wouldn't even know how to get there.

Horse table, kayak rentals

Hotel lodges, more cabins, more rentals; boats, jet skis, paddle boats maybe food trucks.

I am not a lake goer - things are fine there.

I am not really sure why it stopped, but Prairie Port Festival always seemed like it was a big draw for the community. I don't think we've seen anything since that has been as good.

I do not see the lake as place my tax dollars would be spent.

I don't use the lake much, so unsure

I don't go there.

I don't go to the lake.

I don't recreate at the lakes - not in my budget.

I don't use the lake area.

I don't use the lake much but I do feel its' something the city can promote more.

I don't use the lake.

i like what is out there now.

I love the gun range its a good thing.

I miss Prairie Port and a band each year.

I think it is a well-rounded lake, however I use the lake much.

I think it would be nice if something would be set up where there's games and music by the beach with the stage!

I think upgraded picnic/family structures, more hiking and biking trails. Sponsored events such as races, competitions, etc. that would make the lake a recreational destination for people outside the area.

I think you have done a great job in this area.

I thought the concert thing was cool and the lantern fest, things like that.

I thought the Dam Music Fest was a great hit. Fireworks on July 4th.

"I would like to see more vents like the DAM music festival.

Swimming course - to help prevent drowning.

Activities/classes - hunting, sewing, horseback riding."

If Commissioner Guthrie is able to build an amphitheater, that would be fine, but I don't believe the citizens of El Dorado should pay for it. We have too much that needs to be done with streets and sidewalks and cleaning up the city.

I'm comfortable with what the lake has to offer the public.

I'm not sure what activities are out there but I do know many out of town people use our lake. Maybe take a survey of our guests?

I'm not very familiar with what is available.

"Improve roads

Fox restrooms

Fix picnic tables"

improve swimming area

improve the softball fields into a destination facility

Improved marina and boat docks. Restaurants. Concrete RV pads at campsites.

Improved swimming beach.

Improved walking and biking trails. Add to marina.

Improvement of docking locations (docks that are fished from), Picnic table areas repaired. Tournaments added fishing & sports.

Improvement of the state lake campgrounds open the honor camp back up.

It has plenty

It's fine but maybe a city sponsored concert with local acts like Dam Music fest only not a complete sham,

its not the cities lake

I've been here 7 yrs and haven't been to the lake so I can't really speak on this subject.

I've only been to the lake a few times. For day use. So, I really don't know or have suggestions.

jet ski and boat races, ski jumpers, gun and bow classes.

Jet ski rental or camp out.

Kayak rentals, fireworks at the lake.

Kayak rentals. Additional cabins to rent.

Kayaking.

Keep beaches and fix up facilities with maintenance and cleaning. Used to have boat races that were fun. Concerts (both vocal and orchestra)

Keep what we have already. Try not to lose any.

kyak rentals, fishing tournaments

Lake not part of city.

Lake safety and camping events.

larger rental cabins

Leave it as it is.

Less trash

Letting fireworks being used at open area. Community BBQ. Some free times to visit people.

Little interest.

Local bands, craft fairs, youth fishing/hunting.

Local fish tournaments, bike paths inside the campgrounds, play equip for kids in camp grounds, gunny sack races.

Mainly just more marketing and events to draw more people to the lake.

Maintain lake grounds, etc.

Maintain what is here now- wait to see what happens with economy.

"Manning restaurant

Boat rentals"

Maybe a bar/drink place on the lake not just the Marina.

Maybe a nice golf course.

Maybe a nice restaurant.

Maybe a play area for children and kids around some of the beach area possible playground.

Maybe a water park for the young kids and teenager.

Maybe kids fishing tournament, boating & water vehicle seminars and safety.

Maybe some lazy river canoeing trips. Maybe some guided fishing.

Maybe something like a resort/destination hotel. Something that brings more tax dollars to the city.

Miniature golf, better hiking trails, amenities similar to Santa Fe Lake.

Modern cabins to rent on the waters edge, more music festivals (more low key than dam music, allow byob)

More accessible dog walking without leash.

More accommodation for people visiting without campers or boats such as rental equipment, more lodging and food availability.

More activities-archery range, frisbee golf, more amphi-theatre concerts.

More advertisement of events held at the lake. Friends of El Dorado lake could use more members to support its events. (I am the secretary)

More bike and walking paths, water park.

"more biking and hiking trails

do something with the honor camp"

more boat rentals and swimming beach

More boat/cabin rental options

More boating and ski boat rentals. Better fishing more options.

more cabins

More cabins for people w/o campers - the cabins fill up pretty fast.

"More cabins in more areas

Dine in restaurants

Boat Rentals"

More cabins, rentals for jet skis, paddle boats, boat races, fishing derby's for kids, development of an amusement park.

More cabins. Different concerts. Running events.

More camp sites and a special reduced rate for El Dorado Citizens! We attract enough out of town people...let's give our own citizens some savings when they go camping!

More camp sites with utilities.

More camping sites with sewage drains.

"More campsites

Camping cabins.

Food - restaurants"

More community events for families

More concerts

More concerts and rodeo

more concerts with local musicitions.

More concerts, more boat rentals

More concerts.

More concerts.

More concerts.

More concerts.

More concerts. Boat and jet ski rentals

More concerts. Fishing club.

"More concerts.

More camping lots"

More concession businesses.

More day use sites and designated fishing.

More electric spots at Boulder Bluff and Shady Creek

More equine events. There is a great arena but it is never used. Longer and more complex horse trails.
Better music festivals. The Dam music fest was over priced + not enough booze = fail each year.

More family events

More family fun activities.

more fishing docks- handi- cap. heated/covered fishing docks.

More golf tournaments, perhaps a local semi-pro am tournament.

More kid encouraged activitites.

More lake events, kayak, boat, or canoe rental. Cleaner beaches.

More like OK days held at the state gun range.

More mud runs. Open honor camp - help with lake clean up., BMX tracks for kids. Family activities - that are not sports related.

"More non primitive camping sites on Shady Creek area.

Clean beaches. "

More options for boat rentals.

More options for boat rentals. Additional walking paths.

More outdoor concerts, community events that encourage fellowship, family days, picnics, tournaments, races, etc.

More picnic areas. Games for kids.

More picnic pavilions in camp areas.

More promotion of food vendors out at the lake. Send invitation to Wichita rec. dept.

more races

More rental cabins at the lake.

More rental opportunities...jet skis', boats, campers.

More runs, concerts, anything to get people from Wichita to come here.

More scheduled activities like OK kids day and Prairie Port when it started and was mostly out at the lake.

More swimming beaches and handicapable fishing areas

More things @ the swimming beaches.

More trailer sites with both water and sewer hook-ups. Plant more trees!

More walking areas.

More walking paths, better beaches, more concerts.

More youth activities

Move the Veteran camp site to one that has all utilities.

"Mud racing!

Jet skit or boat racing."

MUD VOLLEY BALL TOURNEMENTS, FISHING TOURNEMENTS, THE BATHROOMS NEED REPAIRS AND TO BE CLEANED AND STOCKED MORE AND SPRAYED FOR BUGS LIKE WASPS AND SPIDERS. COUPLE CONCERTS IN THE SUMMER OR FALL OF DIFFERENT GENRES FOR EVERYONE.

music under the stars

"Music

Car shows

Picnics

(sadie hawkins day maybe?)"

"MUSIC/ARTS ACTIVITIES

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

CHRISTMAS LIGHT DRIVE THRU"

Musicals

None - Do not go there or care. (suggestion use honor camp for homeless)

None too expensive for local economic baseline.

None, because don't use.

None. The lake isn't our issue, focus efforts in town. Do NOT spend our tax dollars on lake development.

Not a fan of the lake.

Not an attraction for me.

Not everyone cares about the lake.

Not in the city limits

Not sure but more community barbques etc. Camping, fishing.

not sure i have any ideas, you all are doing great. maybe more support for wildfire.

Not sure what to have come to the lake. But if serious about new entertainment at the lake, then partner with the state to rebuild or resurface many of its roads.

ORV trails - (off road vehicles)

Outdoor classes of some sort - fishing, yoga, exercise, etc. Other music options besides Dam Fest & all country.

Paddle board rentals.

Paddle boarding rentals, paddle boat rentals, a decent dog park; the one by East Park is sad, and no one cleans up after their dogs.

Paddle boarding, concerts, horseback riding, kayaking

Paddle boarding. Improved beaches. They are very dirty!

paddle boards and kayak rentals

Paddle boat rentals. Water sports for fun or competition. Updated parks.

Paddleboard, kayak, restaurant

Paddleboard, pedal boat rentals; also kayak rentals. More "off road" well kept trails. Some sort of trendy cabin or Air BNB.

Picnic areas that are access free.

Places to stay at the lake? More paths.

Possible golf course.

Prairie Port festival to come back or something similar. The western days festival is not good. Boat races, mud runs, regular concert series started.

"Promote cycling/trails.

Music events.

Wildlife watching and photography."

Promote lake safety precaution, free events, life jacket tutorial, free swim lesson, canoe lesson, boat driving lesson, kayak lesson.

Public events, more cabins for rent. Maybe timeshare cabins? It's a beautiful lake that draws thousands to the area and I'm wondering how if there are options to build more private/public properties around the lake.

Put on a picnic (BQBBQ), for the town that won't cost an arm and a leg

Races? Easter egg hunts? Halloweeny type things?

reasonable concerts

recreational and educational activities for kids

Rentable cabins for special events/family reunions & meeting hall. Playground for children. Updated restrooms/shower areas, paddleboat rentals, and/or life-jacket check-out.

rentals on small boat activities

Renting motorized and non motorized water equipment would be fun.

Renting of water/equipment/convenience stores, water sports facilities that can be rented at lake, fishing tournaments, biology research (conjunctions with schools)

Restaurant. Heated fishing deck.

Restaurants and resorts like Grand Lake in Oklahoma.

"Restaurants by the water.

More mowed bike trails/hiking trails

Outdoor celebrations - concerts, races, parades."

"Restaurants

Lodging

Special events"

Riverboat like excursion opportunity. (graduation, wedding, reunions)

Running trails ie sidewalks

Safe, secure walking and bike paths

"safer areas for sr. people

special events "

"Sail boat races.

Speed boat races."

Sailboat racing.

"Same as #7 - Disk golf course

Better trail maps for guests."

Same as above

Same as above

Shower/bathrooms updated and actually taking care of them.

Ski lessons. Boat rentals.

Skiing or fishing competitions

small boat/kayak rental

smooth roads for cyclists. floating docks at the beaches. again, more sand on the beaches.

"SNACK BAR AT LAKE

MORE BENCHES TO SIT ON"

So many possibilities for the private sector. But needs to be coupled with public transportation to get there and back - provided by the City.

Softball, concerts, fishing for young people.

"Some festivals centered around sailing, boating, canoeing, etc.

Educational events for school children similar to those offered at Milford Lake.

A care show held out at the lake."

Some type of fast food - A Wendy's would be great!

Some type of water sports for Kids and middle age people that don't have boats or jet-skis

Sorry, I'm not a "lake" person. I do enjoy drums out and finding a nice spot to sit and enjoy the water, maybe take a real along, It's very peaceful!

Special events such as concerts - "The Dam Music Festival"

Speed boat races.

Sponsoring yoga classes and nature walks.

Sports and ball games.

"Sunshade area over sand at beaches.

Moped rentals

An eating establishment"

Swimming

Team events; water workout classes

Teatherball; improved day-use areas (campfire rings, sitting areas)

Thanks for the gun range.

The boat races of the 70's were a hit.

The buildings and camping sites need help.

The golf course needs to be upgraded and better maintained.

The lake is a nice as is, but it would be nice if we could get some sort of convenience store out there besides the little place on the north side.

The lake is functioning well. Concentrate on El Dorado the rest of the county.

The lake seems to have everything covered. Good boating, fishing, camping, etc.

The shooting range, walking and bicycle paths are appreciated. The walking and bicycle paths need to be maintained in good condition.

The state to allow development of limited housing projects around the lake.

The swimming beach at the lake is a cesspool. My family quit going there approx. 10 years ago because it was so filthy. We actually saw feces floating around.

The trails around the lake are very rough and used very little. Partnering with the State to make these more accessible and upkeep would be relatively inexpensive. A lakeview restaurant would also attract much business understanding inherent issues with private business on state property etc.

There are plenty of things to do at the lake.

Things are fine now.

"Thunderboat races.

Concerts

Outdoor stadium."

Too packed already.

"Tour

Concerts

Contests"

Trail races, road races, triathlon races.

Trails & beaches

"Trap skeet and sporting clay competitions.

Water safety programs

More venues like Dam Fest or similar. "

Trees at campgrounds & picnic tables.

Try to improve facilities.

unsure at this time due to Covid - perhaps more festivals/concerts held there once we can

Up keep of trails

Update and maintain the restrooms. Improve the camp sites. Add more trees.

Update playgrounds. Have boat, paddleboat rentals.

UPDATE RENOVATE THE BEACHES SAND REPLACED, SHOWER HOUSE REMODELED. ADD BEACH VOLLEYBALL ADD A SNACK STAND MAKE IT INVITING, REPLACE BRIDGES ONE THATS BY TEH BEACH, OTHER TO CONNECT BIKE PATHS

Update restrooms/showers and clean

"Upkeep and maintenance.

More cabins."

Upkeep on the mowing in the camp sites, More cabins.

Use to have boat races.

"Very nice. Continue to keep walking trails in good shape. Gun range may detract from area

Volleyball court.

Volleyball, free admission to seniors with activities, like cookouts, exercise activities such as walking.

Volleyball, horse riding, park to play on.

Walking and bike trails connected to the city.

Walking and biking trails

Walking Trails

walking trails that are lit.

Walking trails. Lake development has been discussed for years and nothing seems to get done. Time to move on. We do not use the lake.

Walking/hiking

Water inflatable area.

Water racing.

We are ok!

We do not use the lake at all.

We don't go there!

We don't own the lake property. Quit wasting time and \$ on something we cannot control.

We don't use the lake.

we have a nice selection

We have a wonderful lake. The areas don't get taken care of as they use to. Restrooms in bad condition.

We rarely go there.

Well kept camping sites.

What happened to the stocking of "trout" Nov-Apr? We have purchased trout stamps here in El Dorado, but find repairs haven't been done for two years.

Whatever rec activities and amenities will attract visitors (Our family has never taken part in lake activities/amenities, so I don't have enough experience to give an educated answer.)

Wilderness programs for kids.

With this pandemic, hold off for now.

Would like recreation on west side which are private owned. A restaurant on the water or near would be great. Keep golf course. (I don't golf, but City should keep it. Don't give it away)

"Yard games, more non-country music concerts

Community BBQ and events"

Years ago we had boat races! I enjoyed the small concerts that came with Prairie Port.

Youth Fishing activities, More nature trails, Sunday religious services for Campers

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What is your perception of the community?

"Nothing to do" for adults, especially college students.

1. I've only lived since here since 2001, 1st impression was the # of parks. (loved it). 2nd impression little traffic. 3rd its growing slowly but surely. 4th Enjoy the Grizzly football.

"1. Unimproved streets with blighted housing is unattractive.

2. There is a disconnect between city ""leaders"" and citizenry.

3. Police do a good job, but need bigger presence. "

A friendly place.

A good overall community that has concerns about homelessness population getting too high and nobody doing much about it.

A good place to live.

A good place to raise kids, always has been.

A great little City - on the move!

A great place to live!

A great small town. Good community spirit. Waterpark, beautiful bridges and flowers much appreciated.

A kind, caring, and hard working community that cares. They take pride in their city.

A lot of crime goes on for a small town. Need more shops and business downtown.

A lot of potential.

A lot of poverty and drug addiction

A nice city improving always and updated. One heck of nice rec. parks and ball parks. 1st class.

A nice place to live and raise a family.

A nice place to live with too much income disparity.

A nice quiet place to live.

A nice quiet town that has a bit of a drug problem.

A nice small town which has become shabby - that can be turned around.

A pretty good place to live, free from any negatives of larger cities.

A safe, clean place to live with good educational and employment opportunities. We have a good police and fire departments.

A small town trying.

A very good place to live and raise children. Safe. Friendly.

Above average, sometimes we seem to be stuck in neutral.

After living here for 60 some years, I love the place. Plus great pride in my schools.

Alright to me

Although there is some growth, it could be improved by community effort to increase employment.,

Always room for improvement but needing to feel more community driven with activities.

As a senior citizen I appreciate delivery to my door. Some merchants have that service. I enjoy living in a small community near a large city. The new schools are a plus.

Average

Average

Average. Stuck in the past.

Basic small community.

Beautiful downtown! Flowers & statutes are amazing! If you venture to far away from there, you start seeing homeless & other riff raff. (in every town). With them comes CRIME!

Becoming more of a community - working and playing else where.

Bed an Breakfast to Wichita

Bedroom community.

BLUE COLLAR FAMILY ORIENTED COMMUNITY

Born and raised and will retire here. Love it.

Businesses seem to not last long.

Can do more.

certain people still stuck on the past and still think they can get away with anything, different rules for different people, lack of communication in some areas, no events for certain age brackets, no support of schools

City has changed the last 10-15 years. More of a dying community. Need to clean up, remove homes and structures that are condemned, falling down. Need pride through the entire community and bring back the EL Dorado we remember!

Clean & Friendly.

Clean downtown, too much fast food.

Clean, generally peaceful and quiet.

Clean, people friendly, hospital, churches. It is growing, keeping up with people working.

"Clean. Close-knit.

Need to clean up drug houses and homeless squatters."

Close knit, help each other out.

Closed minded - clickish, not solution oriented.

Comfortable - safe.

community is good just don't forget the businesses that are here.

Community's that work together are strongest to survive. Time like what we are going through, providing help to the ones that need it.

Could be a little better in some areas such as putting homeless to work for their needs.

Covid has most on "lock down". So people not interacting like we use to.

Dead, Non receptive, unfriendly

Decent hometown community, with a few problems but nothing that is major head turner.

"declining but still a good place to live

essentially safe environment

good churches "

Declining.

Declining/deteriorating/aging.

Depressed

Dillner doing an ok job.

Dirty. We have lived here for 35 years and it has been on a constant decline. Not downtown or central. The neighborhoods are filled with empty or nasty homes now.

Disappearing middle class.

Downtown dying. The rest is growing.

Drug enforcement needs to get a better hold on things, and non-protected 4 ways should not be a thing.

Drug problem. Homeless problem. No job opportunities/limited jobs.

Dull, slow, boring. Good health care options of all types.

Dull.

Dying.

Dying.

Dying. Overrun with drugs and homeless.

Dynamic. Supportive of changes.

Easy to get around because of well taken care of main streets. Great school buildings.

El Dorado has a bad image of not working for the people, only for itself.

El Dorado has a lot going for it - flowers everywhere, improving streets and neighborhoods. caring citizens, nice restaurants and good museums. We are a patriotic community. Not everyone can afford the Kiwanis flag, but I would be willing to sponsor some flags for those who can't afford. I'm sure others would too. Would be great to fly flags in everyone's yard on the day Kiwanis folks do it. I think it would put us on the map at least in Kansas.

El Dorado has great potential. There seems to be some great community involvement and some things that kind of fall flat for some reason. Community is good and we love being here.

El Dorado has much to offer, the downtown area with the flower pots are very welcoming. We've had out-of-town customers comment on their beauty and want to know where they can be purchased :)

El Dorado is a beautiful city and would thrive if the drugs and homelessness were taken care of.

El Dorado is a clean town. It's beautiful with the flowers downtown. It feels like a safe place to live.

El Dorado is a good town. I like the amenities here and the close proximity to Wichita is great too. The people are hardworking and nice.

El Dorado is a nice town. It needs to grow and have more support for the non-profit agencies.

El Dorado is a progressive, friendly community with people that are willing to pitch in to get things done.

El Dorado is a sleepy town. We do not sell our own town. A community with lots of potential.

El Dorado is a wonderful place to live. It has a lot to offer with the lake, nice downtown area, and proximity to Wichita. I'm increasingly concerned about the homeless population in our small town and how it effects our community.

El Dorado is an excellent community! I brought three children up here!

El Dorado is slowly fading into irrelevance. Homelessness is growing poverty is growing and wealth and prosperity are leaving.

Everyone is lazy and nobody wants to do anything or get involved.

Everything a person needs is here; no need to go to Wichita but it is kind of boring.

Everything has moved west, leaving a void on North main and downtown.

Except for the activities I mentioned in Question #5, I've found El Dorado and its residents to be an inviting and friendly city with a lot to offer.

Fair

Fair

fair

Fair to good.

Fair.

Fair. Like smaller community atmosphere.

Fair. Taxes too high. Except why do refinery, BG Product and superintendent of schools not live here?

Fairly good - quiet neighborhood. I am elderly so a lot of things listed are not of importance to me.

family focused, grounded community that understands the importance and impact of providing opportunities - education for kids, families as well as outdoor and play opportunities

Family orientated due to the abundance of park.

Fine

For lack of a better word; "Trashy". There are condemned houses everywhere, people living in houses that should be condemned. And there's a lot of leniency on how people can leave their property overflown with debris/broken down vehicles.

For the most part we have a pretty great community.

"For the most part welcoming, but not entirely. Unfortunate lack of diversity â€" a community that does not encourage or welcome diversity â€" not even aware of how lacking it is in diversity (ethnic, racial, etc.). Hesitant to embrace new ideas and ways of doing things. Stuck in old ways of thinking.

City Administration: Some employees not open to innovation and change; arrogance among city employees, unrealistic communication methods, long-term city employees who are stuck with in-the-box thinking, and protecting their tenure."

Friendly

Friendly but busy - hard to get to know your neighbors.

Friendly but definitely closed off - who do you know

Friendly people

Friendly small town feeling, neighbor helping neighbor.

Friendly, but rundown.

Friendly, caring, good schools

Friendly, warm, racially diverse and accepting of the diversity.

Friendly, welcoming.

Generally good.

Good

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Good - However when people move here they are shocked at our property tax rates and I agree - They are painful to pay.

Good community as a whole - Drugs becoming a major issue along with theft - homelessness

Good community but way too many rundown houses.

Good community just lots of trouble with teens, homeless and theft.

"Good community to live in.

Attractive downtown. (Beautiful flowers, etc.)"

Good community to raise families

"Good community to raise family.

But, taxes too high when you retire."

Good community, mostly friendly people. There does seem to be some issues with the crime, drug abuse and homelessness that makes me nervous having such small children.

Good community, tight unit.

Good community.

Good number of local parks in neighborhoods. New businesses are not encouraged.

Good ole boy system. The City hasn't seen any sustained growth for what? 60 years? We need someone highly skilled in municipal improvement and growth. People seem to think small; not on a grand scale.

Good overall but we are stepping away from the "everyone helping our neighbor" mentality. The further we get the more we lose the small town feel.

Good overall. Could use more activities geared toward 55+ crowd.

Good people, most residential neighborhoods are a mix of good, well kept homes and neglected rundown homes.

Good place to live and raise children. Good schools.

Good place to live, we need to do more to combat meth problem in El Dorado.

Good place to live.

Good place to raise a family - good schools, good school activities - all American City feeling.

Good place to raise kids, Quiet and low crime for the most part. Education opportunities with Butler are great. Definitely could invest more in the kids and give them more to do. I think a great deal of the vandalizing and just mischief from teens is because there is not a lot to do.

Good residential wide. Poor in downtown area (too many empty stores).

Good small community with philanthropy. Slowly being over run by homeless population. Too much blight opportunity for housing development and industrial growth.

Good town, good people, but drugs and homeless situation are affecting everyone's good life here.

Good until you get to drug problems.

Good!

Good, but again maybe just be more active letting people know more about what all El Dorado has to offer.

Good, but could be great.

Good, mostly clean, friendly. Haven't lived here long enough to comment on most of this.

Good.

Good.

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Good.

Good.

Good. Always wanting it to grow

Good. Have lots of things to do. Lake, golf, ballfields, college sports.

Great

Great

Great City with no restaurants.

Great community to raise kids and have a business. Downside, it does seem to be a community of the haves and have nots.

Great community, beautiful, downtown area but drugs and homelessness are definitely a problem.

Great community.

Great community.

great community.

great people

Great people. City development money goes to too few people. Planning is first to say no to most everything. Try, and I don't know. Let's see if we can make it work!

Great place to be educated, work and play.

Great place to live

Great place to live and raise a family.

Great place to live and raise a family.

Great place to live and raise your kids.

Great place to live and work. Need more housing (places to rent are hard to find at times/needs to be affordable)

Great Place to LIVE!

Great place to live! Less expensive and nice people.

Great place to live.

Great place to live.

Great place to live. Feel safe.

Great, but needs more help with drugs and homeless situations. Theft and vandalism is getting out of control.

Great.

Growing in the right direction

Growing, vital

Hard to be informed on City information. But, most of the info that trickles down through word of mouth generally stays positive.

Has a nice small town rhythm. But, the city is making a mistake by allowing pit bulls in the city limits.

Helpful, friendly and supportive

Highly.

homeless population out of control due to homeless initiative- why encourage?

Hometown/small town vibe

Hot tight-knit, a strong lack of community I suppose.

I am afraid that ElDorado is developing into a gatekeeper community. Keeping the status quo vs. vision setting and goal setting. Although this is an extraordinary time in local and national governance. There has never been a time more ripe to try new initiatives and be proactive instead of can't do it; why not try it?

I am very disappointed in the level of compassion our city manager gives towards homeless. The parks are great but what about people?!

I believe is a LOT going on behind the scenes that shouldn't be.

I believe it is a good community but could work to clean up some areas and build better roads.

I believe most of our community does drugs.

I can remember when El Dorado had a bustling downtown. It would be nice if there were more businesses. Seeing some of the old buildings being restored is great.

I enjoy El Dorado. It's large enough for options of entertainment but small enough so traffic and crowds aren't an issue.

I enjoy living here, however there seems to be a lot of obviously drug influenced young people on the streets.

I enjoy living here. It is a nice community, we need to get the drugs out of our community and get rid of the homeless initiative.

I enjoy our neighborhood

I enjoy the community, and believe that the police genuinely care for the public. I feel that a homeless shelter and resources would cut down on a lot of the thefts and damage done in the community.

I feel like it is an aging community that is missing some middle class. There appears to be haves and have nots. There needs to be some destination places and new businesses to draw in more middle class residents.

I feel people here judge others too quickly and if others don't have money or dress the way they do, they are not accepted.

I feel the amount of rental property has made some areas look not as kept up as they used to look. I am proud to be from El Dorado.

I have lived here for decades. Both my wife and I believe the community is clean, still growing. Feel our local tax money is put to good use. People are kind and caring.

I have always liked El Dorado.

I have chosen to stay here for 24 years. It is a small town but offers many opportunities.

I have lived here for 37 years. I think it is fine.

I have tried to get involved in City functions and various boards. Seems my applications were misplaced.

I honestly don't see much of a "community". It doesn't have a lot of "events" that get people together.

I like El Dorado it is not as friendly as could be.

I like El Dorado, but there is a serious meth problem.

I like El Dorado. I do feel that the City does a good job keeping things clean. I wish it didn't smell like a refinery. I also wish we had better drinking water.

I like El Dorado. Most everyone is friendly. I'm hoping new management at SBA will bring more positive results.

I like El Dorado. Quite a few meth heads though.

I like it here but south central part of town is run down.

I like it.

I like it. Great place to have raised our children.

I like living here - don't care of big cities.

I like living here and there are a lot of people who like to help out people.

I like our community and feel safe here.

I like the overall atmosphere.

I like the small town atmosphere, the town is just the right size and location to larger cities people are friendly.

I like the walking paths and parks. See too much drug usage in community.

I liked El Dorado. I was born here, but town has a bad element with drugs and crime far beyond a city our size. there is a lack of good sit-down restaurants.

I love El Dorado I was born and raised here and love everything about it. One downfall is the drug population. It can get iffy at times throughout the middle part of town.

i love el dorado

I love EL Dorado! I have a very positive image of our city and have enjoyed watching it develop over the last several years.

I love El Dorado, nice community.

I love El Dorado.

i love el dorado. i grew up in this town. things have changed though. still nice small town, but friends that visit talk about the condemned houses and homeless people walking around.

i love it

I love it here!

I love it very caring

i love it! we could position if for the future when coasts are flooded because we have great water and land.

I love it, but I'm very grateful I live on the side of town I do.

I love our community! Have raised my family here and now grandkids.

I love our community, but like any other we have areas of improvement, especially our downtown. We need more businesses to meet our needs and wants and not have to go elsewhere.

I love our community.

I love our community. There is so much positive. Our landscape and parks are beautiful, Main Street is beautiful with the flowers and historical buildings. But, when you drive through the neighborhood and see houses that are falling down, grass that is overgrown, homes that have been red-tagged for too long, it's discouraging.

I love our community. It is clean and safe

I LOVE OUR COMMUNITY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

I love this town. Im proud to live in EL Dorado.

I moved back here in 1996, still living and paying taxes here on my house!

I only live here because I was born/raised here. I hate what has happened to our town. Main street was full of businesses.

I own a home in town.

I really like it - good place to live.

I really like the city, but it needs more sit down comfortable restaurants other than fast foods or pizza. Finding choices for breakfast is tough overall the community has good helping people.

I recently moved here from Wichita. I love El Dorado and am impressed with the friendliness of this community.

I see the drugs getting out of control. A lot of squatters a lot of drugs in the streets. Nothing seems to be getting done about the drug infestation.

I think for the most part its good, need more old park maintenance, we should work on our homeless population somehow.

I THINK FOR THE MOST PART WE HAVE A GOOD GROUP OF PEOPLE, MINUS THE TWEAKERS YOU SEE RIDING SPRAYPAINTED STOLEN BIKES AND BACKPACKS.

I think good overall, I feel safe with good opportunities

I think it appears to be a dying community in some ways with business/downtown/empty buildings, etc. I know many are working to help the community thrive. I do notice hopelessness that new ideas just wont work in ElDorado.

I think it is caring and need improvement but wiling to work to be better.

I think our community looks nice and we are going in the right direction but it doesn't totally impress you when you drive into town. When you go downtown in a place like Derby, all of their buildings, signage and decorations look so nice. Makes a good first impression.

I think the community is greatly divided by Socio-economic status. There is also a big difference between people who live in the older part of town and those who live "on the hill."

I think there has been a definite effort to improve quality of life, park improvements, older home improvements or replacement - going in right direction.

I think we are a good little community, but it seems to get over ran by meth and opioids and perhaps that has led to the up tick in homelessness and vandalism.

I would like to see more support from and to El Dorado PD. I know they've been asked to monitor stop signs near schools and thefts and nothing is done. I'm very much in support of law enforcement but I feel more could be done on PD's part.

Improving but maintenance a problem. Downtown vandalism with youth. they need something to do.

In decline.

"In general an attractive and well-run small city

City landscaping is very well maintained.

Except for an occasional run-down house, this is a neat and clean looking city."

In the 20 years we've lived here, much improved with variety of restaurants, improved west entrance to town, new housing. Stark improvement.

It can be a very nice place to live.

It depends on the side of town you are in. We have many faces and many stories. We have a reputation as being a drug town with a prison, but since living here I know there are good people here who want to do the right thing. I don't always agree with the ways things are done, but it is a good and decent place to live.

It has changed through the years. As with the rest of the world, the middle has been gutted - only a town of haves and have nots now.

It has great potential. Graduating from Pitt State showed me what community involvement meant. Now, moving back 4 years later I see the improvements that have been made, but we have more to make,

It has so much potential, but has declined recently.

It is a community with a strong historical past but is looking for the same longevity in the future.

It is a good community - but I also remember when every store downtown was full. All buildings were occupied.

it is a good community with good people

It is a good community. Housing seems higher other close communities have 0 down programs & El Dorado does not.

It is a good community. We just could use a few things rather than having to drive out of town for them.

It is a good place to live, work, and raise a family.

It is a much older population

It is a nice community that could be considered a bedroom community to Wichita. Also, there are lots of people who live outside of El Dorado who work in the City.

It is a nice community. We just need the streets fixed and restaurant.

it is a nice safe place that i am proud to call home

It is a nice town that makes a terrible first impression. North South East or West, no matter how you enter the first things you'll see is weeds and empty strip malls.

IT IS A PRETTY GOOD COMMUNITY

it is a pretty quiet community.

It is a small community trying to act as a large community.

It is a welcoming community.

It is actually food - but still room for improvement.

It is being over ran with drugs and vandalism.

It is dying. The young have few reasons to stay here.

It is good to see older housing being updated and or being torn down and replaced.

It is good, but unmotivated.

It is my home. I have no relatives left here and I am almost 60 years old. It is a good place to live and feel pretty safe. Needs a better downtown. Keep the swimming pool open. The hospital.

It is nice but as a lot of drivers go way too fast on 3rd street and down Jones. Some barely stop at the stop sign

It is not always the friendliest and I see a lot of drug users or homeless people who live in parks and around town making it unsafe for kids.

It is not as nice as when I was growing up here.

It is not what it used to be. I feel like I can "See" the drug issue more than I ever have.

It is okay, but taxes are too high and get higher every year.

It is run by people who have the "right last name"

It is very nice.

It was the dedication of caring people who had good standards for all ages of people. Many churches with family involvement in our schools and community. Support teacher needs.

It's nice, quiet. It's just really sad that the city officials ignore the growing homeless population. Like they're sweeping them under the rug. Clearly those who oppose homeless resources at every turn have not faced the possibility of homelessness or suffered a loss of some security. Empathy and compassion are not bad traits to possess.

It's a dying community - when people tell me they are thinking of moving to El Dorado, I advise them against it - Advise them there is nothing for a single person to do here or activities.

it's a good community to raise a family in. raising 4 sons, we have all enjoyed el dorado.

It's a great community

It's a great community needs more things for young people and community based activity.

its a nice community

It's a nice community, but we need more activities for all ages.

It's a nice little town but there are areas that are rougher than others, larger homeless population than expected with very little services, overall a good community

Its a nice place.

It's a nice small town

It's aging and it needs more youth and to address housing for seniors. The main issue - livability for all ages.

It's filled with naysayers and a couple of elected officials that act poorly and aren't committed to the challenges ahead. They have personal agendas written while wearing rose colored glasses.

Its full of uneducated and unemployed riff-raff. Shopping at Wal-Mart is gross sometimes when you see so many underdressed and dirty people.

It's good, the city tries its best to provide nice things for the community.

It's just ok.

It's nice, I feel safe.

It's nice. People are polite. Too Many homeless.

It's ok. Better jobs.

It's ok. There is a lot of suicide attempts and drug overdoses. I do not like the prison being so close.

I've lived in El Dorado since I was in my 50's. I am now 83. All the people in business have all been truly nice.

Just care about the rich areas of town.

Just moved here but great community.

L;OVE THE FRIENDLINESS BUT THE RESIDENTAL HOUSING HAS BECOME RUN DOWN. YOU DRIVE AROUND THE TOWN SEEING DILAPIDATED HOUSES THEY WHOULD BE TORN DOWN OR FORCED TO MAKE DIRE REPAIRS

Lack of attendance at school events. We have a good town but lack parent involvement.

Lack of entertainment. Lack of activities.

Lack of enthusiastic young people. The people who kept this community alive, are all in their 70's. The community spirit is dead.

Lacking events and activities for all of our teenagers.

Large division in economic status/housing. High rental housing %.

Lazy, crackheads, ran down, nothing to do.

Leaders are doing good job using funds first for basic services. Police and fire protection. Maintenance of street and utilities.

Little on the trashy side.

Lived here 17 years - feels like we're making progress away from an old oil town run by a good ole boy club. But, a ways to go. Good investment in schools, etc.

Look at the free or reduce lunches at schools. we need to help families with lower taxes.

Look to be like low income community with very little job opportunities.

Lots of crime w/ drugs and homeless people. Litter on streets and lake.

lots of issues with low income households, meth and homelessness. the rich areas get catered to and the rest of town is an after thought. downtown has really grown and i love the small businesses working together.

lots of potential

Love El Dorado, just needs more businesses, restaurants, and street work in the residential areas.

Love El Dorado.

Love El Dorado.

Love El Dorado.

Love it

Love it here. Hate the homeless rate and crime that is with it. Don't like living in town as much as we used to because of it.

Love it!

Love it.

Love our community.

Love the community but it's slowly turning to drugs, the homeless and empty buildings/condemned houses.

Love the flower baskets downtown. Too many run down old houses. Too many yards that look junky.

"Love the flowers. They are GREAT!

Like all the fast food. It is still alive!"

love this town and charm

Low income

"Low social economy.

Efforts have been made to improve parks and biking/ walking path as well as residential areas."

Mediocre. Drugs.

Mediocre. Taxes too high. Ex's do not live here.

Mehh

Mid level at best

"Middle class to below poverty line.

It's nice to see people out playing golf, walking, riding bikes, enjoying the outdoors."

Miss not having drive-in theatre and Food 4 Less store. Want a Wendy's restaurant.

More business in industry.

More eating places come to our town.

More industry.

Most businesses don't have what you need or use. Most restaurants are fast food and the others aren't clean. No entertainment in El Dorado. (to be fair, Beijing Bistro and Fiesta Mexicana are clean)

most people are great, most like their home life more than finding something to do.

mostly friendly but not very open-minded. crime seems high some people are seriously sketchy

Mostly good.

Mostly nice, but during the pandemic more people masked

Mostly positive, but we need more activities for our children, more regulations against monopolies and more help for the poor, addicts and disabled.

Mostly very good. There are some iffy neighborhoods but you will have those anywhere, just as long as the don't grow and get out of control.

Moved here one year ago from North Dakota, where I was born and raised. I loved it here so much that I convinced my folks (like long ND residents) to move here last month. And they love it just as much as I do!

Much undeveloped potential.

My children have grown and left me behind. My perception has changed over time. Today, the entire world is a sad and lonely place.

My heart says - home, welcoming, loving great place to live, great people, has everything hometown. Looking driving through, ok place, run down, stinks, could use some cleaning up, could drive on through.

My perception of the community is being proud to call it home. I brag about our City every chance I get.

My wife, 3 boys and I moved to this wonderful town in May and are constantly impressed. We fall in love with El Dorado each day with every new "discovery" while out and about.

Need better city and county performance, more vision.

need more teen based activities

Need to improve in downtown. Continue safely patrolling neighborhoods. Love flowers/beautification projects. (not as safe as years past)

Needs cleaned up

Needs lots of TLC.

Needs more community pride! Welcome new residence someday!

Needs more community spirit, block parties and get to know neighbors better.

Needs to be cleaned up. It seems to be going more downhill instead of improving.

Neighbors still look out for each other.

new business tends to struggle (adequate staffing concerns, etc.)

nice

Nice

Nice clean town

Nice community if you have a last name that means something in this town. I think the powers that be really try!

Nice community.

Nice community.

Nice community. Easy access to larger cities

Nice laid back community.

Nice little block that I live on with good neighbors.

Nice place to live.

Nice quiet place to live except for the drug houses and the homeless population. too many Fast Food places.

Nice quiet town that lacks many fundamental businesses.

Nice small community.

Nice small town

Nice small town

Nice small town - friendly people.

Nice small town, but not enough job opportunities that pay a living wage.

Nice town, parts of it are crap hole ghetto.

Nice, clean

Nice, peaceful.

Nice, quiet place---not a lot of criminal activity

No answer

No answer

No answer.

"No attractions.

Very little senior living."

No one in the community wants to be involved but they would like more activities. It is a great community the only issue would be the drug use that is happening within the community.

No one seems to care about the trash on the streets. If the residents don't pick it up, it just blows away.

No strong identity, but good people.

Not a lot to offer besides small town living

Not bad.

Not enough attention to the poor people. Needs and wants. The walking and bike trails are not kept clean. Too easy to step on stuff and twist ankle or fall especially at the lake.

Not enough communication - need local newspaper/a local radio station

not friendly, no restaurants with established popularity unless fast foods

Not growing but right size. Streets are so much better than a lot of other communities. Great City staff who truly care.

Not progressive.

Not very connected. Everyone does their own thing coming from Emporia, that is different.

Ok

ok

Ok! I like it fine.

Ok. I have grown children and grandchildren are not involved in El Dorado activities. Can't find what they want here.

Okay but very clicky.

old and tired

Older crowd and people are only here for the refinery.

Older population with not much to keep younger people. Low income with lots of struggling.

Older/poor/not looking to the future.

Other than high property taxes and quiet town to live in.

Our children and their education needs to be more important. Higher quality education with a real desire for each child to excel.

Our community is a great place to live.

our community is growing and thriving too many politics within the county officials and it trickles down to the city

Over all it is a great place to live.

Over taxed and over regulated - discouraging new business opening downtown.

Overall - very pleasant

Overall a nice community filled w / active citizens. Some conflicts among community activity groups.

Overall average but room for improvement.

Overall good - great water, good streets, easy access highways, good public service.

Overall good but would like to see property taxes lowered.

Overall good in some areas, but poor streets and sidewalks.

Overall good.

Overall good. Need more for the youth to do.

Overall good. The Chamber, Main St. & Inc. organizations need to stress the importance of friendly, customer service orientation to all businesses. El Dorado has fallen behind in that area as compared to our nearby big-city competitor., This is important.

Overall good. We have ben here just over a year and I like it.

Overall great place to live. A crackdown on drugs could make it better.

Overall I like it. I would just like to see more support of small businesses to bring our downtown back.

Overall I think its good! I've grown up here and know a lot of people. Everyone is always super nice.

Overall is great. Have some bad issues but most places doe. Believe community comes together when major issues arrise.

Overall positive

Overall pretty good with some areas that could stand improvement.

Overall really good. The parks are maintained fairly well. We have lived here 6 months and have had 2 bikes stolen and more issues with homeless than I expected.

Overall safe but have issues with areas that can easily get out of control if we don't change soon.

Overall satisfied and happy to be here.

Overall very good.

Overall very good.

Overall welcoming. Our downtown is not very vibrant.

Overall, good.

Overall, I feel safe here and it's a good place to live. I want it to keep going in that direction. Some neighborhoods need a lot of work. (run-down and abandoned houses do not make it safe neighborhood.)

Owner/landlords need to fix their properties up. Help the elderly. Otherwise, awesome.

People are friendly. Some of the residential areas are rundown and look trashy.

People love El Dorado

Perception - good overall.

Pleasant, private, friendly

plenty of events for people to attend

Poor and ran by a few wealthy families. Large disparity between the haves and the have nots.

Poor hospital

Poor on a lot of things in listening to people.

Poor, needs more children friendly activities

Positive

Positive

Positive, good place to live. However for someone passing through there are several falling down / rundown structures and homes.

"Positives - just the right distance from Wichita to have its own identity, great schools, great water, proximity to largest state park, friendly, great infrastructure, history of community pride with various festivals.

Negatives - Above average blight, trashy run-down housing, crime and drug problems. Refinery smell better than 30 years ago, but still has occasional issues."

Pretty good place to live!

Pretty good.

"Projects doing well.

Would like to see more retail

Great school"

Public schools are inferior. It is not the premier small town city it was in 50s and 60s. Lack of involvement on City Commission and school board of business owners and professionals. Town covers 4 times the area it did in 1960 without much population growth.

Quaint, and charming in certain parts, but does have many rough areas. Does not attract young couples/people- not much nightlife besides people getting their drugs. Lots of abandon and nasty houses. People call it smell Dorado.

Quiet and respectful

Quiet not much for teen kids to do.

"Quiet, but getting a little crowded

Too many stop lights (Namely Gordy and Central)

Need more and better placed disabled parking spots"

Quiet, peaceful, protected, family oriented.

quiet, small, friendly

Quiet, yet homey.

Rate a 3 1/2 out of 5

Really like the flowers and plants during the summer that are downtown. City does a good job with physical image compared to other small towns. Seems like citizens need more pride in the community and in personal homes. Seems like city purchases way to many new vehicles (never mind if they lease vehicles)Seem to have a well equipped fire dept.

Red-necked, cliquish government. No vision.

Rich stay rich and the poor get poorer and the topic is ignored about homelessness/addiction.

Right now there are areas that need cleared up! There is an abandoned house on 4th street that is gross. Trash out all over. It stinks, it would be nice if areas that were condemned would get cleaned up.

Safe

Safe, clean.

Safe, friendly, affordable.

"Safe.

Convenient shopping and driving. "

Same people run city, part of a clique.

Seems like homeless population is increasing which hurts community. Generally safe. Too much litter in certain areas, but most areas are pleasant. Our neighborhood looks after one another. Helpful and charitable.

Seems like they have a lot that goes on for the kids and I like that.

Slow to address issues that affect the community residents. uneven enforcement of codes.

small hometown feel

Small town feel, clickish, everyone knows everyone,

Small town feel.

Small town that is dying due to lack of community support.

Small town w/some opportunity. A couple improvements would make it better, but definitely has more positives than negatives.

Small town with a lot of potential. Need to work on homeless situation.

Small town. Friendly town. Always looking forward.

SMALL, HOMELY, AND WARM

Snobs, and cliques

So much space not utilized.

Some areas great, others need a lot of improvement. I love this little town!

Some bad parts of town, but easy to avoid.

Somewhat diverse, but need more things to do.

Stagnant

"stagnant- no change in population

poor- increasing free and reduced lunches"

"Stagnant.

Missing out on people wanting to move out of Wichita."

Stagnant. Very little growth. Aging population. School enrollment is on the decline. Young adults with children want amenities for their young children. They want soccer and baseball lessons They want dance lessons. They recycle., They believe in renewable energy. They want clean air and water. The perception at a prison town is not healthy. They want nice neighborhoods. We have too much neighborhood blight. They do not want to drive down streets or live on streets and see disabled cars in driveways and yards. They do not want to see garages falling over and houses that need major repair. They do not want to see houses with boarded up windows and doors.

Strives for success for those who are already successful.

Strong activities, bright and vibrant . wish younger generation taking ownership.

Struggling to remain vibrant commercially attractive.

Struggling to survive as all small towns are. Main streets are well maintained, flower baskets add a lot. N Main park is exceptional.

Taxes and water, are too high & NO social events that affect ALL citizens. (all charges - total bill TOO HIGH)

Taxes are too high compared to surrounding communities.

Taxes too high. No enforcement of semi truck traffic downtown. Financial corruption in business and government.

That in general we all want what is best for our city and its citizens.

That it is relatively quiet, small town with everything needed for daily living close by.

The community has some pretty run down areas, people are very friendly. The downtown has potential.

The community has very little middle class. There are rich and economically disadvantaged. The schools have a somewhat negative perception, but this isn't accurate.

The community is a friendly and stable community.

the community relations seems to be decaying. the leadership seems to be unfriendly to its citizens.

"The ElDorado community is nice but its on the decline.

Housing is on the decline. Rental property is increasing and making nice neighborhoods not so nice. No pride in owning property."

The parks here help beautify the city.

The people are your best asset. Friendly, kind, approachable not like Wichita. Help schools so more people want to move here.

The people do not have as much pride and support for the community as they did 25 years ago. Quality of life / people is decreasing.

The poor stay in their area and the rich stays in theirs. It would be nice to close that gap. Think about that if you want to revitalize the downtown area.

The smalls town community attitude, friendly and quiet.

There are a lot of run down properties with junk and trash on their porches and yards which is bad for neighborhoods and attracts more people.

There are many good people here who care about each other and the community.

there are too many drugs! i know someone who is doing and possibly dealing and nothing has been done to him. make dead beats be more accountable for non payment of child support.

There doesn't seem to be any opportunity for school age children to help keep them occupied during non-school times.

There is a huge disparity between upper class and lower class and no real in between,. Housing is difficult to find in the middle range.

There is no where I would rather live.

there needs to be more activity to stop drugs in the city. part that will help with the younger generation would be give them more to do in the city.

There seems to be an issue with drugs, alcohol and suicide. Would love to see more involvement in reducing this. Not a terrible town, but a strange place also.

"There's no town pride.

As a whole, the city is pretty junky and ugly."

They seem nice but favoritism. Nice small town close to Wichita. Notice homelessness in community with little resources. Needs more community involvement with economic strategies.

They try

Things have gone down - in everything.

This community is very diverse. It includes elderly, middle class, upper class and poverty/drug inhabited areas. The community seems very sorted into those groups instead of united as a whole.

This is a dying town. Growth is lowest of all towns near Wichita.

This is a great place to live! The parks are improving and so is the town.

"This is a lovely community with a nice small town feel.

However, that is overshadowed by run down, shabby buildings throughout the town. "

Those who want to be involved will be, but also more advertising for those who aren't already "big wigs" in the community would be nice so that more of us could be involved.

Tired and boring.

To be clean and crime low

To be honest it hasn't made much improvement. We need to keep up with Andover. Even Augusta is cleaning up the mess.

Too high taxes.

Too many crappy buildings & homes

Too many drug addicts

too many homeless and drug addictions

Too many property owners that don't take care of their property!

Too many vandals, homeless & druggies. We need to provide activities and resources and get these people off the streets. We need more affordable housing & job opportunities.

Tries but is stagnant.

Troubling

"Trying to revitalize.

Trying to decide if we are focused on continuing past traditions or looking for new."

t's a drug ridden, homeless running community. Very poor community, with nothing being done to help revive it. You don't offer help to get people off the system and we offer nothing to our homeless. Poor community all the way around.

Typical community - some good / some bad

Typically friendly and helpful.

Unique. Lots of poverty, home owners who rent property are slum lords and don't care about its residents. Community, elders, leaders are afraid of growth and want to keep El Dorado a small controlled rural community.

Used to be proud to live here. We now have a lot of run down areas downtown. Drugs seem to be prevalent. High Taxes.

Very closed minded, skews older.

Very divided in terms of races.

Very family oriented - yet closed to outsiders. Not very friendly, even before the pandemic.

Very friendly people.

very good

very good

Very good except develop downtown

Very good overall. Enjoy the flowers every year!

Very good schools.

Very good.

Very good.

Very good.

Very good.

Very good.

Very good.

Very good.

Very Good.

Very good.

very insular and unfriendly

Very lively with lots of potential. Would be nice to have activities for low income families and to have Walnut River Festival back at East Park.

Very old school even though we have a community college.

Very outdated community. Lots of older conservative people with one way thinking.

Very positive - very homey - very safe.

Very positive, great place to live. Need to stay on things to make sure we don't turn into a "dumpy" little town.

Very positive. Hanging baskets very impressive to visitors and local people.

Very segmented those who have been here a long time. Don't welcome newcomers very well. Lot of poor in the community.

we all for the most part work hard to make our community a nice place, but we pay dearly in taxes and other fees for it. The city wastes way too much money on non necessary things.

We are not a bedroom community, but we're also not vibrant like a city where people go to work. We need to do something to build pride and encourage people to participate in our daily activities, serve on boards, volunteer, etc... Unfortunately I don't have a good idea on how to do that.

"we are so close to Wichita people go there to shop

Don't have stores other than Wal-Mart

we are not a sports/activities community

finding things for youth to do reduce thefts and vandalism"

We enjoy living here. Like the small town feeling.

We enjoy this community, It has everything we need on a daily basis. Drs, groceries, professional services, etc.

We have a good support system, programs to take care of each other. Before COVID all sports activities were well attended. Good support from fans of all ages.

We have a great community,

We have a lot of people who want to help El Dorado grow w/business - but then we also have people who don't want it to grow. Our population is very diverse financially and socioeconomically.

We have a very good City Manager & Commission. It is still a good place to live, raise children.

We have been overcome by blight, drug abuse, crime and cultural decline.

We have done a poor job of planning for the needs of people who are here. Hard to draw more people to move here or stay.

We like having a hospital here and stores we can get needed supplies! We like seeing old buildings downtown being refurbished and new ones built.

We love our town and everything here.

We love the flowers downtown and good condition the parks are in. Keeping the flowers on West central are nice also.

We moved here in 1999. We seemed to have avoided the "big city" messes and retain the small city charm. We love El Dorado and couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

We need better leaders for the city commission! More successful business people. The kind that sign checks on the front not on the back!

We need community housing better ones.

We need more businesses to compete with WalMart. Would like to see more family type restaurants. Our police force is awesome!

We need to increase our tax base. Businesses and more residential development in USD 490 area.

We really like El Dorado, it is the right size town for us.

"Wealthy vs. poor problem.

Wonderful hospital, jobs, YMCA, baseball stadium, aging care facilities - all need City continued support!"

Welcoming - positive -caring - engaging - we've lived here tow months.

WELCOMING/CLEAN/MIDDLE CLASS, LOTS OF BEDROOM - WORK IN WICHITA, COLLEGE KIDS - BUCO JUCO/ ODOR PROBLEM REFINERY

Well run/safe.

Well, I just moved here so i'm not sure.

What little bit of community we have is very close know, but the city as a whole is a mess. We have a class discrepancy and it shows in the way the city takes care of certain parts of town, North, South and Country Club.

When I first moved here, it was a good City but our drug population has increase. Also, the homeless especially at the north main bridge.

Wide diversity.

Wonderful. I would never move back to Wichita. City workers and court house are always nice.

Would like to learn more.

You cannot force people to be "good people". You can have all the programs in the world created to help people. But if they don't want to help themselves it does no good.

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Why do you choose to live in El Dorado?

(Business) Nice small town, nice people, close to Wichita

Amenities - easy living.

Because I like EL Dorado, and the small town part of it.

Because of family.

Because of the small town perception.

Been good to me.

Been our home for 60+ years.

Born and raised here. Close to Wichita without living in a bigger city.

Born and raised here. Lots of my family lives here.

Born and raised here. Wanted to raise children here.

Born here never wanted to move to large town.

Born here since 2006 buying a house because I love my quiet neighborhood.

Born here.

Born here. Never had reason to relocate to better myself

Cassoday was my home until I retired from the US Air Force.

Clean small community close to bigger City.

Close to ailing in-laws during final years. When they are gone, we are gone.

Close to work.

College

Convenience - great hospital and doctors.

Crime rate low.

Employment.

Everyone is family here. Downtown looks good with those lovely flowers.

Family

Family

Family and the lake.

Family is local, very good place to raise young children.

Family.

Family.

Family.

Family.

For the most part, it's a quiet little town. Friendly people.

Friendly town. Police should be highly praised.

Great place.

Grew up here and want the same for my kids.

Grew up in the area.

Grew up, born in El Dorado.

Have been here since 1970. All my children were raised here and my grandchildren.

Have family here - purchased home in quiet community with I am happy with.

Housing, value, neighborhood feel

Husbands work - best move we ever had.

I don't like big cities.

I enjoy smaller community living, I was born and raised in Wichita.

I have been here in the same house almost 30 years. It was better when I came here.

I have been in El Dorado for 89 years. Best place to live!

I have lived here for 59 years and would not wish to live elsewhere!

I have lived in several towns and El Dorado is the friendliest.

I like it is easy to get around. I have lived here since 1948.

I like to live in a smaller city. Tried Houston, hated it. Moved back to El Dorado as soon as I could.

I love El Dorado!

I love that it's a good small town and schools are good.

I love the community feel and being close to work.. College and my church.

I love the small town feel. The beautiful parks.

I moved here 3 years ago and I wouldn't change it because its better than where I used to live.

I moved here for my job.

I moved here in 1991 and feel it is a safe community to live in.

I own my house here, I grew up here.

I was born here.

I was raised here. It was a great place to raise our children. But, now I wouldn't want my grandchildren to stay here as its been sad watching it go down.

I worked at the prison, but retired now and my kids were born, raised and live here.

It is a good place to live, born here.

It is a small town, and our children live close.

It's a good place to raise our children and is close to a big city and far enough to still enjoy the peace and quiet.

It's a nice place to live.

It's home.

Its' small enough to feel comfortable.

Job location.

Job sent us here in 1960.

jobs.

Less traffic. Affordable housing.

Lifer

Like small town business and services.

Like the community. Close to family members.

Like the size. Like being able to contribute our opinion which is considered.

Lived here all my life.

Lived here all my life. Great place to be from.

Lived here since 1947. I'm too old to move and wouldn't want to if I could. I was born in Trenton, MO.

Lived in D.C. for 40 years. Husband wanted to live in small town.

Love the people and the country side of living. But 20 max from Wichita.

Lower utilities and beauty of the area. I lived out of state many years. Came back due to family.

My father lives here.

My job first and the community.

My job was here.

My job. Good place to raise family.

My wife grew up here! Chose to live here to care for her parents. We just like living here.

Nice town good people.

No choice at present time. - El Dorado is a great community.

Not a big city but close enough to travel to ne and right off of the turnpike.

Not too small and not too big. Most of the people in town are very nice and helpful.

Only because family lives near. Not my choice.

Our house is here and we're too old to move.

Parents

Raised here.

Safe! Quality of life - even with the prison location and plus being county seat.

Schools - the reason I moved here.

Size and safety.

Small but close to Wichita; family here.

Small but has hospital, grocery, Wal-Mart, hardware, plumbers and electrical repair. Internet

Small city with less crime, drugs and great schools.

Small community - lived here 50 years. Close to large city.

Small town 20-30 years ago.

Small town feel and close to everything.

Small town good people.

Small town living.

Small town living.

Small town services.

Small town.

Smaller, quieter, easy going community.

Smallish, friendly, safe, it's home. Big cities suck.

Stuck here.

To be near my employment.

Trying to find a way out.

Very nice town.

Was born here and have kids and grandkids here.

Was born here.

We came to El Dorado to be close to drs. And the hospital.

We moved here to be near family. I was born & raised here but lived away for 50 years.

We're both born here it's home. In our 8th decade.

Wife.

Work.

It's where we've lived since 1964. Chose to retire and stay like the services available.

Family connections.

Started job here. Liked the closeness to Wichita.

Small community - found affordable house to buy. Can grow a small garden, has "bus" service a "y" - Covid has destroyed the sense of "belonging to a community. Here for drs. Hospital. Nice parks!

Utilities.

Most of family lives here.

Family.

We have children here.

Just moved here in town from the country 12-2019. We like a small town and the people. El Dorado has been out shopping destination for years.

Small town.

Quiet small town living. Not much crime.

Central location - easy access to KTA and Wichita. Good school, hospital.

I love the peacefulness and friendliness of this community.

I attend church and work.

Would rather live elsewhere but age and family keep me here. There is NOTHING to do in El Dorado.

Like it! Local for 25 years.

Still best small town in KS. Family here.

Family & friends, job.

Where I grew up. No other town seems better to me. Clean, friendly, active.

My wife and I have spent our entire professional lives in El Dorado and have made it our home. We also have our oldest children's family working in and living in El Dorado.

It's home and I enjoy the community

Small town

It is a very comfortable friendly place to live. Lots of good food, eating establishments.

Both from here, still here.

For work and the people.

Good town. Friendly people. Great medical facility!

Doctors

Small town, some what quiet.

People & businesses nice

Close to family, small town feel, which I want to get involved in and I born here.

Business opportunity.

Was born and raised here.

We have children living here an we are retired.

It has always been "home" to me.

Parents moved here when I was a kid, my job is here an I know the town pretty well.

Born & raised - like smaller community but close to Wichita

It's my home.

home

Own my home here.

Happy with school district for my children.

The refinery.

Family and friends. I would love to see the City improve. Create something for the kids to do all year. Keep them active.

A good place to raise a family

Nice folks.

I was born & raised here in EL Dorado, 1943.

I love the small town feel and proximity to large town amenities!

I've seen other towns with more blight, bad streets, more crime, older school buildings. El Dorado is ahead of many other communities,.

Husband works at a school here and we like the size of the town.

Family first.

Proximity to lake, golf course, walking path.

Family

Spouse works in Andover Owill relocate in next few years.

I own my home, People are friendly.

I like that is has what I need in town, close to work in Wichita, but still small enough.

I like the small community and have made several friends since moving here in 1994.

Great place.

I moved here in 1970. It has everything I need, good doctors, nice hospital, people who care, good churches.

Employment.

We like the small town atmosphere and the convenience of getting to businesses easily.

Not a bad commute to Wichita, but my kids are safe here.

Better than Augusta!!

Was born and raised here.

Born and raised - my home!

Lived here all my life, husband, growing business here.

Schooling

The people - most are hard workers and family orientated. Friendly and will help a neighbor in need!

Grew up here.

Family

I like being in a small town. I enjoy the friendly people.

It's home!

The smalls town community attitude, friendly and quiet.

I've lived here for over 40 years. I enjoy and appreciate the quality of life that I work hard for.

I like small town. Easy to get around.

Recruited for job.

Our jobs are here for now.

It is a quiet town with a lot of potential and a fairly low crime rate with good schools.

It's home.

We have a lot of people here.

Born here, never left. Like small town atmosphere but it is fading.

I do love this town - just remember what it was in the past - no one not too proud of it.

It's not too big and a good distance from Wichita. It's convenient.

My 89 year old mother in law.

My mother lives here - I help her daily.

I like the "small town" feel.

It's peaceful most of the time and fairly low cost compared to Wichita.

Great people and great place.

"Small town living.

Lower crime rate."

Small town with all the resources I need.

We would like to move out of city limits. Lots of petty ordinances in this town.

Family and work.

Grew up here and have elderly parents.

I have lived here 69 of 77 years. Don't plan to move.

Family grew up here.

Access to Wichita, good schools.

Family

Safe, small town feel with amenities of Wichita and KC nearby; good school with K-12 and BCC. My children and grandchildren are here.

Many opportunities to enjoy without having to go to Wichita.

I have lived here all my life. I like the hometown feel, a small community.

My job and I was born here. I like a small town.

Was a good place to raise children.

Moved for my husbands job.

Water quality and commercial property prices.

Schools are great, and I work at EDCF.

Been here too long to go anywhere else.

Grew up here - comfortable

Comfortable living, schools and education, lake and activities for children.

It's close to El Dorado Lake and Wichita and is a smaller community.

Medical. People. City Workforce.

Size of the population, close to Wichita but far enough away.

Grew up here - left, came back for way of life. My church and people.

Been here for 60 years.

My family lives here.

Because of business opportunities.

I was born and raised here so I stay. I'm not happy that our town has turned into a fast food community and no decent restaurants to eat at.

Small town atmosphere, with several conveniences.

Been here for years and not interested in leaving at my age.

I was born and raised here. My family

Close to Wichita - family live here.

It is husband's hometown and where our kids were raised - close to Wichita for shopping.

Great place to live and I feel safe here.

Born and raised here.

It's home! I have lived here for 43 years! Good place to raise kids! My church is here!

Good businesses, good church.

We moved to El Dorado for my job at the college.

Right now we live here because it is halfway between the jobs my husband and I drive to. My daughters like the schools.

Distance to our jobs and smaller city life.

Born here, raised here, family here, career was invested here, my heart is here.

Great place to live. Close commute to Wichita,

Quality of life is good. Safe environment for families.

Worked at the prison.

Job & wife's family.

Good friends. Close neighbors.

I work here.

It's a family community and the lake is a plus.

Live here my entire life, family here.

Just the right size but yet close to Lake and Wichita.

I enjoy being so closet to the lake. Also, El Dorado is far enough from Wichita to feel safe but still close enough to conveniently visit.

Family.

Job and family

Small town, close to work.

Employment. Good first impression.

Always have.

after 60 years, I'm used to it.

Work/Family

It's where my grandchildren and great grandsons are. Been here many years.

The people

Job opportunities.

Good town, nice place to live.

My husband loves BCCC. I have an awesome house and yard.

Love the ability to bag yard grass and take it plus limbs to compost site!

Hometown, cost of living.

Born and raised. Traveled for work and came back a retired.

Friends, job, family, not a big city, but not a small town.

Lots of room for growth.

Great neighbors.

My grandchildren live near here. The people are friendly.

Job & family.

I grew up in EL Dorado and raised my children here. I like the home town feeling, but feel it needs to grow.

Always have - family is here.

We (my family and I) only live here because we are blessed to have a job here. I wouldn't choose to live here otherwise. El Dorado doesn't have much to offer.

Small hometown, downtown improving.

Great community

Because its not Wichita.

I was born and raised here. I love being close to the lake, having so many parks, etc.

If is my lifelong home, my family mostly lives here, nice friendly people. I was employed here for many years and until recently, my family's business was here.

Safety

Hometown

Safe community, close to bigger city, but still small town.

Small town atmosphere yet close to Wichita

Work here

Where my work was and retirement is now.

We have a great district attorney who holds to the constitution and protects the rights of the people.

Friendly people when I moved here the schools were so much better than Wichita, still are.

It's where I work and it isn't Wichita.

We like the size of the community, job opportunities, and safeness of El Dorado. The educational system is good as is our healthcare/hospital.

Moved here 25yrs ago and raised children here. It's a nice quiet city with many neighbor support and helpful kind people. Just a nice town to live in.

It's the right size! Not too big or too small. The fact that we have a hospital, library, and a lake that's here and close to Wichita if you want to go to a big City.

Love the small town feel.

Born and raised in El Dorado. This is my home.

Good schools, parks, golf course, airport small.

The city provides quality small town living with the amenities of a large city near by.

A good size town with the amenities we need. Close to the HollyFrontier Refinery.

Because we work in the community and like small town living.

I love living in El Dorado because of the small home town feel but some of the big City amenities.

I like smaller town living. El Dorado size is perfect.

Kids and grandkids - medical facilities

Good schools, hospital, bus service, and water parks.

Work

Safe for the most part. Friendly city!

Affordability and proximity of family.

I love the small town with big dreams to grow and continue to keep values.

Closer to family.

My family is here.

BCCC and schools and not a large city.

Employment, family

I grew up here, moved away and came back 30 years ago to be close to parents.

Good size, close enough to bigger city. Not heavy traffic. We don't hear gun shots, sirens, neighbors arguing all the time like in a bigger city.

Grew up here, its familiar and its home. Not too big, not too small. Friendly people.

We enjoy living in El Dorado, we moved here years ago for my husbands job and have stayed for 12+ years, it feels like a nice quiet community.

Town is kept fairly neat. People here are much friendlier than they are in other towns of this size.

1st lie my ex told me "I will move you back to Phx in 2 yrs:) Now I love my town. Need MORE OPEN MINDSA... Eliminate Narrow minds by events/education.

I work here.

Convenient.

Worked here 30 plus years/ ties to community and wife likes it here

unable to afford to move.

Church, friends, these are important since retirement we are 77.

nice size town, close to wichita

charm, assess of business and beautiful homes

work

Raised here, made a good living at the refinery

Better location/ commute to work, and close areas to go shopping and eat

Moved here for my job so I could be closer to my children and grandchildren

Good doctors, low crime, small population.

family

My hometown

I live here only because of my children

I moved my family here from Leon for the kids recreation stuff. Very disappointed. Can't wait for school sports.

I saw the potential for a progressive small city that used to be lead by inspiration and innovation, where people invested their energy, time, resources and future in a city their kids would and could come back home to. I hope some of that is still alive.

The only reason is this is where the second wife was living when I met her.

Job Opportunity

Born here.

Because I can't afford to move to the country!

It is inexpensive

Family and friends

Because it is home

Family lives here

Spouse

Lived here all my life

I've grown up here and I think it has a great community!

Yes

Like living in a small town

It is where I was raised and want to raise my family.

I ask myself that question frequently. Seriously

Grandchildren - would like them to have a chance to grow up in a clean town.

I like the people.

Born and raised here. Family commitments.

God sent us for real!!!

I grew up here.

We felt God calling us to plant a church in this community in order to show love - provide families the opportunity to be equipped and serve where God has placed them.

Too broke to leave.

My job is in Wichita and I did not want to live in Wichita. El Dorado is smaller and has the cheapest house rent and necessities.

Great community to raise our children, and for the most part, great friendly people.

Relatively low crime, nice parks, good public buildings, small town country feel.

I enjoy the community and the people.

My wife is employed in El Dorado and we prefer and we prefer the school district to the Wichita school district.

Im not retired and my job is here. Why should I stay after I retire?

I choose to live and raise my family in El Dorado because it is self sufficient, sage and a holistic community.

Nice and clean and goods schools.

I simply never left. I'm not sure I would choose it given the opportunity.

Family. Good place to raise kids.

Small town feel with good access to services and conveniences; close to where I work; my family is here; good location in state of KS.

Was a good place to raise kids and good job opportunities.

We chose El Dorado to build our retirement home because it was close to our son in Wichita and good highways to get to our daughter in Kansas City.

Employed in El Dorado.

The lake!!

Born and raised here. Once kids are grown probably will relocate.

I lived here when my children were school age and returned pre-retirement

It is a fairly quiet and safe community.

my parents were here.

Born and raised here. Enjoy small town living.

i was born and raised in el dorado. i have been allowed to take an active role in my church.

I have lived here since 6th grade. I consider it my home.

slower lifestyle, has what i need, good hospital.

To be closer to medical facilities and better shopping businesses.

Family, small community, far enough away from "city".

Family

Small community

Wife has family in Butler county.

It's home.

My job is here.

Volunteer work in proximity to Wichita employment.

It's home.

Neighbors, neighborhood and family

It is a great community to live in and to work in.

More job opportunities with a small town feel.

Family and I grew up in small town in PA. Don't like living in big cities.

My job.

I've lived here all my life. I like the people and the area.

Wife and family grew up here.

I wanted to raise my boys in a small town with a lot of parks and quick access to lake.

Nice small town.

Born here. Like small town living.

For all the above, plus close to Wichita (my home for 50 years) but with small town flavor.

I like the small community. I feel safe raising my children here. I like the school district.

I have lived here since college and got a good job here after. Close to Wichita entertainment.

Quiet, safe, established in the community, friends, cost of living, close to Wichita but not too close.

Good place to live!

My husbands job was transferred here.

Family, job, grew up here.

My job and family are here.

Came here at 5yrs old and left at 18yrs old (military life). Returned as parents here. Bought my presently mortgaged home here.

Close to work for my husband and I. Close to family. He works in Wichita and I teach in Eureka. (from there as well)

Husbands job.

Proximity to my employment

Came because of work. Own home and are comfortable with it. Friends. City has what we need.

Access to medical facilities. Great variety of shopping.

Great place to live and raise a family.

Born here

Moved here because husband said ti was wonderful town.

Work / crime rate

My husband owns a business in town, and with a one income family; living in town is convenient and saves money.

Reasonable cost of living, no traffic issues, we work here.

Work - Housing option that was available - people.

Born and raised here.

I didn't. I was brought to safe house to leave my son's dad.

Job location.

It's where I grew up.

Location in proximity to Wichita.

Like this size town and close to city with other services. Medical and entertainment.

I have lived in El Dorado since 1980, I have raised my family here. Great community.

Small town.

I was born here. I like most the people but I will leave if it continues.

Close to work, well maintained city for the most part.

It is clean and quiet.

it's home

Work

cost of living, small town feel but close to the big city

Lived here most of my life.

I like small town living and work in El Dorado

real estate costs

It's a hometown community with good building blocks.

It's not Augusta!! jk. I like the size of the town and there are opportunities for jobs and family stuff.

My mother in law lives here.

Work related.

I LOVE SMALL TOWNS AND KNOW THE COMMUNITY.

"good city services at reasonable costs

good roads"

Small - clean- close to Wichita., Born & raised here.

my work was here and its small town

I was born and raised here.

our home town, moved back for family and friends.

FAMILY HERE SMALL BUT NOT TOO SMALL STORES, ETC, YET NOT HIGH SPEED HIGHWAYS THRU TOWN,
CLOSE TO THE TURNPIKE ACCESS

great combination of activities and stores. good schools.

My job/employment.

Because I choose to live in a smaller town.

LOVE IT HERE

Because I accepted a job in the City.

Lived here for almost 83 years. It is fine place to raise family, shop and be safe.

Born and raised here.

BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT OF FAMILY AND I LOVE MY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The best of all worlds. Our police and fire departments are second to none. Safety, security, beauty of the city, schools are the best.

I have faith in the possibility El Dorado could turn itself around. We have much potential.

Family & Friends

We like our church and the people

Hometown. Raised here.

Semi small, semi quiet town, where my children were born and don't want them to have to switch schools.

Born and raised, my family has a history here with businesses and working for the City

I work in El Dorado and love the downtown district.

Hometown. Size and the people.

Good place to raise a family, safe community.

Born here and raised here, went through all the schools including BCC, and married here and raised our family here. It's home, 4 generations, good people good memories.

We relocated this year due to a career opportunity, natural landscape (lake and trees) close to Wichita, kid-friendly parks, and affordable homes.

Small, friendly community that has potential.

I have lived here most of my life.

Born and raised, I want to raise my kids in a smaller town. We believe in its potential and economic developments.

Husband took a job in Wichita moved from Emporia

We really love living in El Dorado, We came here for work but stay because we like that we are close to the lake, good bike paths, small town feel but close to Wichita,

Small town, friendly. Very friendly people, clean but still all the stores, movie theater/bowling of a lots of businesses for food etc.

Work brought us here to begin, but have stayed after retirement.

Born here own businesses. Small town environment.

I AM NATIVE TO EL DORADO. I LOVE SMALL TOWNS. EVERYTHING IS MORE PERSONAL IN A SMALL TOWN. GROCERY STORES AND BUSINESSES. PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY FOR THE MOST PART

I moved here to be with my fianc  and liked it more than Augusta. I came here from Manhattan

This is the only hometown my kids have known and was moved here with my job.

Because it's home, it's where my family is and always a place that's familiar.

My family lives here.

Small community

Safer to raise children. All in all a decent town.

convenience

Family grew up here, it is home

job

Convenience, until my child finishes school.

Golf course.

Family

Born here, Lived here 63 years.

I enjoy the community.

Job brought us here.

Small town living close to metropolitan area.

born and raised, this is home

Born here. Work at the refinery.

nice area, good mental health for children

small town feel

i was born here and chose to raise my family here.

close enough to wichita but live in small town. also grew up here

i grew up here. we moved away and came back only because we bought a house for cheap! i won't even let my kids go anywhere alone!

family and friends here

Been to many other places, always nice to come home.

Family and Work

peaceful

easy to get around - fairly safe - crime is not a terrible problem - help is available

"small town community friendliness, shopping available

friends and family close by"

small, quiet, low crime

i grew up in el dorado- it is home with lots of good businesses, great churches, and great people. i always shop local before going elsewhere.

i like the small town feel, but with stores close by

came here with El Dorado Correctional Facility

I loved here in 2015 from Wichita It felt homey. Housing costs were low compared to Wichita (that's why I bought here) Great community -has just enough to do but if you want bigger it's 25 minutes to downtown Wichita.

Born and raised here, like the small town feeling.

family and friends are here. nice being close to the lake.

Yes! *it is very concerning with more and more transient people seen throughout the town.

I grew up here

I moved here years ago to raise my children.

good community

Family, not Wichita

Feel safe, City services are very good and reasonably priced.

Love the small town feel and the people

I love the small city feel.

my husbands job and family live nearby

not the taxes. circumstances brought me here but its still a small town feel with amenities

Our kids attend Oil Hill and it is close to work.

Location to job

I was born here and this is where I found work,

"Husband childhood home.

Inherited the house when we retired. "

Only because of work, we will leave the first chance we get.

Work

Home

SMALL TOWN LIVING WITH CITY AMMENITIES

Closer to employment.

moved here many years ago for my job

Been here forever.

It's just home and it's near everything.

I came for work, and I love it. Been here two years.

Grew up here.

My job.

It's where my roommate lived already. I want to move south to warmer weather.

Came for job, just stayed.

Cost of living is low and taking care of parents.

Small town living

Family and job/work. Small town living (not Wichita)

Community feel, schools #1 reason (love USD 375)

Work at the college.

Grew up here, know a lot of people, its safe small town.

God called us here.

Born and raised here and family is here.

I've lived here all my life. Why would I want to leave now.

We moved here because of Flint hills Services, a wonderful asset to this city. We didn't even know about the beautiful lake. The city is a well kept secret.

It has many amenities as far as shopping and eating and is close to wichita, but not too big.

Wanted to live close to employer

Family, church.

I work at the hospital so its convenient.

Close to lake and a lot of good people. Good police force! Nice YMCA.

We grew up here.

I can't afford to leave. Taxes are way too high. I was born and raised here. As a community we need to promote Christian principles and bring people together.

Small town near larger city.

I grew up here, family here.

I love my small hometown. Friendly people. Safe. Mostly everything I need.

Was job related, I like the town but seems to be a dead end town, seems dormant.

Family. No work here, so I commute to Wichita

Great schools along with law enforcement, fire and EMS.

My husband works here. I live the small town feel.

My son lives here with his children.

I like small town, I like the pace and the population. I work in Wichita because the opportunities to make a living (besides the refinery) are limited.

Was born here and family is close.

Did have a business, but it is now closed.

A quiet community.

Have been here almost 40 years. House is paid for, still working.

Cost of living, close to work

Moved here to be near family. Medical and local businesses and services available.

Smallish town with good shopping places and good schools

"My sons friends are here.

I want to improve the place I live, not move away."

Because of our church family at First Baptist Church and extended family and friends that live here.

Family and work.

Born here

Came here for work

Little town, grew up here and lived many other places over the years but came back here.

Small, safe.

It's my hometown. I know many people here.

Close to work and family.

No traffic, happy people, great city

Because my wife won't leave her family - other wise we would be gone. We plan on moving within 5 years.

Small city close to and easy access to large metropolitan area. Quiet and easy to get around (especially if central stoplights were synced)

Like the size. been here since 1958.

All necessary services for residents exist here. Also, they Butler College remains a comprehensive 2 yr. college. Good public schools system is here.

Rural but has urban feel also

Peaceful community

Own my home. Been here 25yrs. Came from big city living (KC) know a lot of people here.

Not to big/small community, just needs some tlc and a facelift.

Business

Born here

I've lived here all my life, work here and my family is here.

My birthplace! Long time butler county resident with close ties to the community. Comfortable here. Wanted to retire here.

Work and small town schools. Proximity to Wichita.

My wife is from El Dorado. I work in El Dorado.,

Been raised here, most all of my family is here.

Schools and cost of living.

Work

Small town but close to things.

The town is still growing even if slowly at times. For a small town near Wichita still fairly affordable to live in.

It is a comfortable and inexpensive bedroom community near Wichita, where I work.

Work

Too old and tired to move

Love the community and all the town has to offer.

It is close to family.

Great place to live and raise a family.

I wanted to live in a small town.

It is home. The relationships we have. I generally feel safe. It meets our needs but not many wants.

Born here, going to die here. Don't want to live anywhere else.

Came here for a job.

job

I have lived here 25 years. It seems to be a basically friendly and safe hometown city.

Family, the most important thing!

El Dorado has been very good to my family. We own a business that we have been able to have a very comfortable life.

I love small towns. Short commute, lack of insane traffic.

Far enough from Wichita to avoid their problems. Found a house I liked and purchased.

Because moved here in 1986, have made my home town now.

Like to get from here to there in 5 minutes; a variety of hometown owned businesses; business owners are interested in satisfying their customers; great hospital. Also, this is a generous community proven by the vote for new schools and performing arts center.

Hometown and family.

Came here 30+ years ago to help with ill relative, never left, my kids and grandkids are here now.

Moved here for business.

I grow up here and it is familiar. Property taxes are too high, but overall cost of living is reasonable.

close to Wichita, family

I own property in El Dorado but trust medical facilities in Wichita more.

I have to

I live here because my family is close and I need to take care of them, but also because I was able to find a good job.

see above answer

Husbands job is located here and cheaper, but older houses in El Dorado.

took over a property from family

Husbands family

I ONLY LIVE HERE BECAUSE THE KIDS GO TO SCHOOL IN EL DORADO, I PREFER SMALLER TOWNS OR COUNTRY LIVING. THATS JUST MY PREFERENCE. I ALSO DONT LIKE MY NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE ITS ON THE SOUTH SIDE AROUND THE LOW INCOME APARTMENTS.

Close to employment

Opportunities to serve and give back to community.

My job.

Moved here recently for spouse's work. It's not too far from his job, seems more community centered than Augusta, and has everything we need. Close to Wichita if there is something we can't get here.

always have

My husband's employment is here.

School, Business

Family and Friends. Raised here

It's small and safe

great small town feel with good schools and an up and coming business environment

My job brought me to Wichita 20 years ago. I've lived in small towns my whole life and immediately knew Wichita was not for me. I chose El Dorado for the convenience of driving to Wichita. I stayed because I love the town, the beauty and the lake.

work and family/school commitments

It's small but close to a "bigger" city for good job opportunities.

This is where family lives

Where I worked and retired & it's close to Wichita.

Small town feel; SBA close by; lower taxes.

Jobs

While I am losing confidence, I still have hope for our community to come together and become great. We can do this without spending tons of money on things. We need to rally together to support growth and to support our public servants and local businesses instead of beating on them at every opportunity. The naysayers need to develop a positive attitude or move on to Augusta.

My family is near, and I just happened to be born here but my passion is helping those less fortunate than myself. I'll go wherever the work I do is utilized and appreciated once I complete my Masters degree in May.

This town offers a little bit of everything. Lost of opportunities to live a cultured lifestyle! We really enjoy the Municipal Band Concerts in the park each summer!

Close to our places of work, close to the lake, great schools, close to Wichita

It is home, always has been. Grew up here. Not to big, but close enough to Wichita.

Close proximity to Wichita & good highway access to travel.

Proximity to Wichita and amenities offered

Love the community and our neighborhood is great, great schools.

I was born here, and am happy with the size and way of life.

Love the small town family feel!!

It is a nice community and close to work.

Had family living here, lower cost of housing, smaller city, minimal traffic, central location in US, life in the slow lane.

Because of the people

My family is here and I dislike big cities. El Dorado is big enough that we have most things we need and I feel safe.

Family, location to Wichita (close for access yet small town feel)

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Top 3 projects

9th Street construction. Improve maintenance of all parks and paths.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES. SIDEWALK AND STREET REPAIR. CREATE FAMILY ACTIVITIES - PARK & RECREATION EL DORADO DOES A GREAT JOB ON ALL AREAS JUST CONTINUE :)

9th street

9th street and Topeka street

9th street from Taylor to Gordy. Pave up the ROW of RR!!)

9th Street paving - new bridge and dusty pothole road.
Tear down old houses.
Better maintained golf course.

A place for kids to go and hang out (other than YMCA).
Putting in more/better/wider sidewalks.
Host more events to get community to come together.

Add bike trail walking trail that isn't a mess.
Add sidewalk by 4th and Boyer road.
Remove trees by 4th and Boyer road because you can't see.

Add sidewalks to residential areas.
Quality affordable housing (rent or purchase)

Add yield signs on residential intersections with no right of way indication.
Bring back recycling either pick up or center.
Community anti-drug programs.

Addition low/moderate income infill housing.
More parks and recreation facilities.

Address blight.
Attract new residents.
Housing study.

Address homeless issues.
Address drug issues.
Build houses - well, encourage the building.

Address homelessness.
housing blight

Address infrastructure priorities.
Attract business and industry.
Workforce development / homeless initiatives.

Address the run down houses.
Keep the golf course up to date.
Works on the streets.

Adequate set of batting cages for kids.
Fix up, continue to revitalize downtown.
Add more or fix lights on bike/running path.

Advertise local service people - carpenter, gardener, etc. (I have a hard time finding reliable local help).
Focus on helping homeowners.

Affordable decent housing. Homeless people.

Affordable housing and rentals.
Promote our new schools and college.

Affordable housing.
Homeless solution.
Work opportunities.

Affordable housing.
Keep our small business - Help them!
Streets - Keep in good repair & upgrade Douglas Road

Allow the homeless to be sheltered.
Promote small businesses.
Recruit businesses.

Anything to get kids to be more active outdoors.

Attract and develop some night life activities (other than bars).
Get a large chain steakhouse like Applebee's to come here.
Fix the streets; potholes, surface conditions.

Attract more businesses. entertainment events

Attract more skilled industry for jobs - other than aerospace.
Continue with infrastructure maintenances.
Bike Trails

Attractive signage in town(for parks, city buildings, etc. and flags on lights.
New and more visible signs for City buildings (current ones don't stick out).
A city festival/celebration of some kind each year.

Bad streets repaired

Beautify all 3 cemeteries including their borders.
Small business downtown development.
Continue to clean up neighborhoods.

Better communication between city and community.
The newsletter with the water bill helps, but is not always current by the time residents receive it.

Better Homeless resources (such as a year round shelter).
Lower income housing developments (Not HUD/Section8).

Better substance abuse/mental health resources.

Better pool

Better response to citizens complaints.
Address homeless problem without drawing more homeless into El Dorado.
Spray for mosquitoes.

Better trash.
Better pool remodel.

Better truck route.
Move limb and grass burning away from City. Stinks!

Bike paths.
Homeless.
Infrastructure

Biking path expansion.
Recreational programs.
Recreation at the lake

Biking Paths.
Pool.
Park Improvement.

Blight reduction - residential properties.
Code violations at residences - mobile homes, RV's, autos in yard.
Continue to support Chamber and improving the keep downtown.

Blight reduction.
Homelessness.
Downtown revitalization.
Blight reduction.
Property tax reduction.
Street improvements and construction

Blight Reduction.
Recreational activities for citizens.
Economic Development

Bring back Prairie Port.

Bring back recycling.
Add more adult recreation areas.
Bring chick-fil-A or a coffee shop.

Bring back recycling.
Bring in another gym so the YMCA isn't packed 100% of the time.

Bring back recycling.
More stop signs on 4 way residential streets.
Better sidewalks in neighborhoods.

Bring businesses back downtown.
Pool/waterparks.
Restaurants.

Bring in jobs.

Bring in more businesses (BIG) to help economy.
For sure bulldoze all these nasty houses!
Our town is looking better but needs much more clean up. Keep downtown looking good!
You're doing a good job!

Bring in more businesses to support jobless.
Bring in more businesses.
Aid homeless
Blight

Bring in more non-franchise businesses.
community garden.
more outreach programs.

Bring in more opportunities for tourism at the Lake.
Rally need to get the homeless population out.
Bring back the Dam Music Fest.

Bring in new jobs.
Reduce drugs.
Reduce homeless.

Bring more business, improve traffic flow clean up town!!

Bring new business.
Cleanup junk houses.
Pave all streets.

bring recycling back
improve streets

Bring stores back downtown.
Activities for youth.
Promote our schools activities/sports programs.

Broken sidewalks.
Community gardening.
Better restaurants with healthy foods.

Build an official homeless shelter with a counseling center.
Attract more industry and business.
Attract non-sport entertainment.

build downtown business, grow our image thru events, and more for kids/families to do

Build north truck route to get semis off 6th, vine, and main if possible.
Curb and gutter south truck route and repave.
Build nice miniature golf course and pitching machines batting cages (baseball/softball).
Get stoplights on central to sync so you don't have to stop at every one.

Bus routes to hospital/grocery/schools
Improved senior services.
Control meth/drug problem.

Business development to gain travel and living in El Dorado.
Community Development,
Recreating development.

Businesses that sit empty
Stop or yield signs at every intersection - Summit and Finney
Roads - repair and building

Teardown the hotel on Main and 12th and demo. Sell the land to start new business

City should continue to own & operate golf course. Promote business on N-77 where we have three schools, etc. Open west side of Lake to commercial development.

City wide wifi.
More community Events.
Help the homeless.

Clean the trees out the sewer especially on N. Main out to High School
Share flower starters with community
Lower number of Homeless people also put them to work cleaning up after themselves.

Clean up & renewal of major street routes.
Recruit diverse business/industry.
Non-lake recreation (ie bike/hike paths)

clean up 3rd st
clean up blight south of central

Clean up and improve existing neighborhoods.
Enforce strict policies on landlords and rentals with enforcement
Purge the city of the Drug problem (METH!)

Clean up blight
Promote homeless shelter.
Fix streets.

Clean up blighted property, excessive vehicles in yard or street. Utilize arena, performance stage, civic center for big variety.

clean up boarded and abandon houses

Clean up dead trees
Clean up abandoned property

Clean up empty business properties.
Economic development.

Clean up housing areas not lived in.

Clean up junk houses and cars!
More community activities for the whole family - Prairie Port

Clean up run down empty houses.
Bring more retail stores to downtown.
Street maintenance.

Clean up the businesses on the Central corridor, complete the bike path loop and recruit a restaurant (general American food, not Mexican or pizza).

Clean up the drug problem.
Invest in new parks.
Invest in the downtown area.

Clean up the lake
Design the city better for foot transportation.
Better/more small town businesses to shop at.

Clean up the rundown houses.
Clean up the old cars and furniture around houses.
Enforce the ordinances.

Cleaning up old buildings/houses to improve neighborhoods
Modernize downtown and encourage restaurant development. (nightlife)
Improve/maintain streets

Clean-up around City pool and make pool better.
Put up cameras to catch vandals at parks.
We need a mini golf course.

Code enforcement - Get rid of abandoned houses.
Improve streets maintenance.
Offer community events.

Code enforcement.
Housing development.
Small business development.

Code nuisance enforcement.
Increase housing communities.
Improve downtown businesses or just within El Dorado.

Communications

Community activities.
Thursday night businesses open late with more businesses.
Christmas home tours.

Community events
More stop signs
Encourage senior discounts

Competent police force.
Group to help elderly and disabled (volunteer)
Information to the public about community services and things like the community garden (still there?)

Condemn homes and level them faster.
Make homeowner be more responsible maintaining their homes.
Increase park patrol - homeless and drug offenders removed.
Put cameras in parks.

Condemn unsafe houses; then demolish, then demolish them.
Assist in filling store fronts along main from 6th.
Mow more often especially along sidewalks.
Do not install metal corrugated bridges

Continue cleaning up trashy housing.
Homeless problem needs addressed.

Continue focusing dollars on our local law enforcement.
Economic Development to get more businesses in our community.
Recreational/Community Small Business support and activities.

Continue to improve downtown - recruit business.
The sports (softball & baseball) draw people from other towns.
Important that the bathrooms facilities are improved.

Continue to tear down / condemn poorly maintained houses.
New housing development opportunity.
Look for ways to enhance lake asset.

Continue to work on housing (affordable).
Put measures in place to ensure no more wind turbine.
Like debacles that have zero return and cost \$\$.

Continue with bike paths
Repair road in lake area
Continual care of lake

Continue with bike paths.
Maintain parks in excellent condition.
Continue partnering with 490 and college on projects.

Control the drug and homeless problem.
Through the use of grants bring businesses to downtown.
This town could use a diner.

Control the druggies

Control the homeless population.

Could make a center for children activities.
Get a better variety of places to eat.
Quit adding banks.

Curb and gutter the remainder of Township Village.

Cut crime

Cut down homeless population
Offer incentives for people to fix their old houses
Get rid of all the meth heads,

Decent sidewalks and wide enough to walk (2 people)

Demolish condemned houses.
Demolish condemned houses.
Update some of the equipment at Graham Park.

Derelict property clean up. Downtown revitalization.
Expand walking and biking trails.
Destination at El Dorado Lake, downtown improvement

Develop a short term incentive program that property owners can offset loses.
Develop citizen advisory group to gain input on all areas of interest.
Develop and follow through with de-incentives for locating and promoting the homeless programs that do not have measurable outcomes and rehabilitation.

Dirt roads - pave them
Schools
Parks

Do more events at the lake.
Trails.
Cleaning and fixing.

Doing good job

Don't like the outside solicitation for H2O line insurances.

Downtown activities (outside of First Thursdays); updating roads throughout city;
condemning and demolishing unkempt/vacant properties

Downtown Development
Festivals
Restaurant development near KTA exits to draw travelers

Downtown development
Street and sidewalks
Dr. Recruitment.

Downtown Development.
Recreation.
Appearance of City @ four main entrances.

Downtown development.
Special events.
Eating establishment such as Applebee's Chili's, Etc.

Downtown drainage problem.

Downtown parking.
6th Street beautification project.
Updates to swimming pool.

Downtown renovations.
Dead beat landlords.
Homeless shelters.

Downtown revitalization
Housing developments
Small business development

Downtown revitalization
Parks and rec
Potholes and street repair

Downtown revitalization
Parks
Entertainment

Downtown revitalization.

Downtown revitalization.
Some type of community event.
Homeless shelter needs solved.

Downtown revitalization.
Workforce development.
Entrepreneurial support.

Downtown revitalization.
Blight control.
General maintenance of City.

Downtown revitalization.
Blight reduction.
Do something with strip mall south of Dillon's.

Downtown Revitalized

Downtown tourism.
Nice streets.
Make Dillon's clean along the river.

Downtown/Small businesses
Filling closed businesses/cleaning up closed business.

Drainage for residential area.
Housing for poor or low income. S
treet Maint.

Drainage problems. Street repair.

Drainage to prevent street flooding (esp main streets in town)
repair streets
address the homeless problem

Drainage
Street repair
Help homeless

Drug enforcement.
Traffic.
Drug enforcement.
Small business incentives.
Enforce property clean up regulations.

Drug problem!
Food opportunities.
Tree trimming/maintenance.

Drug usage.
Theft.
Homeless.

Dusk to dawn street lights in all neighborhoods.

Education
Golf Course
Infrastructure

Eliminate homeless problem.
Small business support.
Fix roads.

Eliminate homelessness.
Support police.
Water lines.

Eliminate rundown unattractive houses.
Speed limit signs in residential areas.
Stop signs or caution in all residential areas.

Eliminate uncontrolled intersections.
Offer cost/share help for blighted area cleanup.
Reinstate recycling program.

EMPLOYMENT FOCUS ON HOMELESS.
STRENGTHEN & ENCOURAGE SMALL BUSINESS.
FOCUS ON KEEPING CITY CLEAN.

Encourage and develop more business in the Industrial Park.
Downtown is beautiful, need to improve entries into city.
Tourism.

Encourage more home ownership and not so many rental houses (affordable homes)
Provide year round shelter for the homeless population.
Try to incentivize the owners of run-down houses to fix them up.

Encourage more use of the activity center and senior center

Enforce clean up of housing / tear down lots!
Make honor camp housing for homeless.
Dog park in park area

Enforce codes.

enforce curfew
drug punishment
there isn't much for teens to do

Enforce drug codes.
Repair/replace sidewalks.
Pave city streets that lack it. WOW.

Events or kids activity center. Some kids of kids center, maybe another skating rink. Repair old parks and provide better maintenance.

Expand and improve communication avenues so more people know about activities & events (most residents aren't going to look at the City's Facebook page regularly, for sure not daily)
Consider a digital interactive kiosk. The TV screens in public buildings are almost useless because it takes so long to cycle through to what you want to know about. The City has a terrific newsletter but does a terrible job of making it accessible/available to a broader audience. To be honest, the City is really bad at communication, and naive about what to do about it. Better police/community relations - making sure all law enforcement officers and first responders have completed appropriate diversity training, including Mental Health First Aid training. If the City thinks that what has happened in larger cities couldn't possibly happen here, just another example of naive thinking. New and better swimming pool. Tired of hearing it's going to happen in a few years. Many years have passed with no observable action taken. Fundraising for a new pool is a no brainer - if you have the right people doing it (no need to pay someone to do it - a volunteer citizen's task force would suffice).

Explore the code laws on yard junk and trees.
Keep the downtown pretty.
Education and musical programs.

Extend walk/bike path to South side.
Continue to work on installing the curb and guttering throughout the city.
The drainage and street issue at Park and Arthur by Skelly school!

Family activities,
parks,
small business opportunities

Family restaurant.
Shops.
Building supply companies.
Information on handymen.

Family restaurant.
Pave 5th street between Orchard and Jones. (was supported in 2006)
Clean up old cars and trash on property.

Family style restaurant.
Get a Wendy's.
Get a good restaurant.
Get a large employee based business.

Fill cracks and potholes in streets.
Tear down dilapidated housing.
Pave unpaved streets.

Fill the empty buildings downtown.
Give a reason to shop El Dorado.
Better restaurants.

find businesses that are pointed toward kids and their families for fun
family oriented restaurants that aren't fast food
homeless problems

Finish out roads (Hunton, Simpson),
downtown development,
jobs through industry

Finish park plan.
Expand airport and hangars
Finish side walk repair plan.

Finish park projects budgeted and approved years ago.
Street repair and maintenance.
Blight.

Fix 9th from Main to Denver
New pool complex
Maintain parks and public areas

Fix 9th street between Gordy and Taylor

Fix 9th street by swimming pool. Fix north Topeka St. Fix storm drainage.

Fix 9th street.

Fix all streets

Fix all the old roads first.

Fix existing streets.
9th and Topeka s of 6th s nearly unusable.
Develop more walking and bike paths.

Fix homeless problem.
Crack down on drugs (no deals!)

Fix potholes & bad streets.
More downtown activities spring thru fall.
Promote incentives to keep homeowner taxes down.
Up keeps on paint, etc.

Fix public streets
Better maintain public areas, especially disc golf course
Additional lighting for bike trail.

Fix roads - especially north Topeka St.
Encourage more businesses to come in.
Walking or biking trails

Fix roads like 9th Ave. by the pool.
More jobs with decent pay.

Fix roads
Add more stop signs at intersections.
More special events.

Fix roads, potholes, transitions, parking, etc.
Street signs missing, improve and make more visible.

Fix roads.
Put in sidewalks.
Homelessness

Fix sidewalks/roads

Fix streets. Fix potholes.

Fix streets.
Have old cars /trucks removed from streets.
Tear down old houses.

Fix streets: 9th, Douglas, N. Topeka, N. Washington
More places for seniors on a limited income to live.
A place for youth to go to have fun
A family style restaurant.

fix the sewer

fix drainage

Fix the water pressure, some days ours is awful. Assist the homeless year round.

Fix Topeka , 8th St. to Atchison from 6th to Railroad Trucks (for us).
Help the homeless to find affordable homes and jobs.
More local business's unique to draw others to ElDorado.

Fix Topeka street and 9th street by the pools

Fix up the run down houses.
More varieties of restaurants.

Fix/get rid of rundown houses.
Attract more businesses.
More housing options.

Fixing sidewalks
More rec. activities.
More family friendly events.

Focus on abandoned and dilapidating homes to improve quality of neighborhoods.

Force trashy porches and yards to be cleaned up! We need more stores downtown, it looks like a dead town on main street.

Franchise eating (restaurants)

Get better police dept.

City leaders to listen to citizens.

Work better with main street business.

Get Main street filled up, too many empty buildings.

Bringing more industrial recruitment.

Small business development.

Get new business - shoes, jewelry store.

Good streets.

Get new business in town.

Get rid of check cashing establishments.

Get rid of condemned houses.

Fix sidewalks.

Get rid of dumpsters downtown

Get rid of rundown houses all over town.

Get rid of houses that are below standard living requirements.

Get rid of older homes that are in disrepair.

Get rid of the drugs.

More law enforcement

Open a place for the kids - skate rink?

Get the homeless situation under control.

Getting new eating establishments.

Drug force (getting rid of the problem)

Bringing in jobs.

give more opportunities for the teens

starts programs to help children be involved

get more strict on drugs in the city

Go back to recycling. Shame on us for stopping it!

Golf Course

Golf course - keep an owner, or do better upkeep

Golf course and golf cart paths

Parks

Business parks

Golf Course,
Country Club,
homeless population.

Golf course.
Upscale eating place.
Equip workers to meet needs of industrial employers.

Grow downtown area - clear homeless people.
Tear down all sub-standard housing.
Push out the slum lords.
increase anti-drug enforcement

Had repair during school. (Towanda). Community events.

Hard surface Oak Street from 12th to Railroad tracks

Have better restaurants.

Help homeless in supportive positive self-improving way.
More low income housing.
Workforce training.

Help make more affordable rentals.
Bring back recycling.
Business development.

Help our homeless community. Work to help them!
Open new shops, restaurants, coffee shops, etc.
Fix all the condemned houses. Makes the town look tacky!

Help recruit businesses to downtown. Make our town safer, free of drugs and trespassers.
Maintain infrastructure.

Help the current industries more (better streets upkeep)

Help the homeless

Help low income families and single people.
Job opportunities.

Homeless

Homeless - finding 365 days a year shelter
Activities at the lake
Downtown activities

Homeless - more help and housing.
Addiction help

Homeless and drug abuse!

Homeless housing
City wide WiFi
NW Bypass

Homeless initiative and also get people to stop living out at the lake, Pre-K programs for every child, Beautification project

Homeless initiative.
Sidewalk repair.
Increase patrolling near parks and playgrounds.
Eliminate condemned houses.

Homeless issue. We moved back a year ago from being gone for 4 years and couldn't believe the change.
Update the pool. Zero entry is nice at other pools.
I love to walk on main streets for safety but there are some sidewalks that need improved.
(central, 3rd, 6th, and summit)

Homeless people need somewhere to sleep.
Help homeless people with job training.
Fix streets that need repairs (Locust Ave.)

Homeless population reduction.
Workforce expansion and integration in schools.
Road work, repave streets like North Topeka instead of refilling the same potholes every few months.

Homeless problem.
Workforce training.
Affordable housing development.

Homeless provision
Street maintenance
Police

Homeless shelter

Homeless shelter with more than 10 beds.
Recycling.
Traffic light at high school

Homeless shelter
Improve and add sidewalks
Lighting on bike paths and residential areas.

Homeless shelters.
Fight against drugs.
Maintain lawn ordinance.

homeless
drugs
drugs

Homeless
Industrial recruitment
Family style restaurants
Homeless

workforce
special events

Homeless.
Workforce.
Streets.

Homelessness Population
Addiction problems in the community
Criminal activities due to homelessness and addiction problems.

Homelessness
Housing improvements.

Homelessness. More rain drainage.

Homelessness.
Family orientated activities.
Small businesses.

House the homeless.

Housing - knock down abandoned houses
Entrepreneurial support
More jobs

Housing project and work training.
Downtown businesses support BCC and internship programs.
More family activities for the lake and downtown.

Housing projects for homeless, could the honor camp be utilized for this? Would bring jobs and clean up the streets. More activities for our youth.

Housing vets / homeless.
Have disabled van / bus provide services on Sat.
Repeat 2

Housing
Law enforcement
Small business support

Implement rules for people to have cleaner properties.
Repave roads in Lawndale addition.
Spray for mosquitos.

Improve / Increase businesses in downtown.

Improve city streets.

Improve baseball fields, dugout and shade.
Enforcement of city codes.
permanently fix put holes along north side of 12th street

Improve housing.

Improve residential lighting.
Aggressive street side tree trimming.

Improve Riverside Park

Improve school district - policies.
Promote downtown development.
Encourage property owners to maintain attractive properties.

Improve streets - maintenance.
New business in abandoned buildings.
Sidewalk repair.

Improve streets.
Bring in businesses
Housing for lower income.

Improve the appearance of the city -people and businesses want attractive appearance.
Stricter code enforcement for run down properties.
Promote a family friendly place to work and live which is close to a beautiful lake.

Improve the road surface on Country Club road - too bumpy! Overhaul 9th street 0 get union tank car to help with rail crossing, Improve Washington south and Taylor north.

Improve Towanda St between Haverhill and Boyer Rd and 9th street
Enforce traffic laws, especially with semi-trucks
Pave roads at sunset lawns cemetery

Improve upkeep of city land inside city-mowing, clean up, trimming.
Street maintenance
Community policy - get more citizens involved.

Improve water drainage downtown

Improve water pressure. Replace 2" lines with 6" lines.
Keep streets smooth.
Mill and overlay to reduce surface cracks/keep subgrade dry.
Continue landscaping.
A great attraction to visitors and our community.

Incentives to bring new business into el dorado
attract cyclists from around the area and out of state
add more sand to lake beaches and add riding lanes to access the lake. Work hand in hand to repair roads around the lake for smoother rides.

Increase sidewalks in all residential areas.
Downtown revitalization / Central Ave. revitalization.
Recreational / festival facilities (new / renew)

Industrial development.
Small business development.
Downtown redevelopment.

Invest in low income neighborhoods.
Add another dog park.
Quit mandating a court appearance for every little thing! This is a working community.

Invest in workforce training.
Replacement of old sewer and water lines.
Improved access to new construction homes in the price level of 125k to 200k

Keep law enforcement strong.
Maintain streets and sidewalks

Keep roads and streets maintained.

Keep streets in good shape
Senior housing
Support businesses

Keep taxes low.
Moderate housing.
Good access 254 & turnpike.

Keep the golf course affordable and operational.
Improve west central and KTA intersections
Develop north main corridor. Expand to the north with eateries, businesses, and an attractive entrance to the city.
Eliminate junk car lots within the city. For example, 100 block of W. Olive, 100 Blk of W 5th, 600 blk of N. Star, 400 blk of N. Vine

Keep SBA Hospital operational and specialty doctors.

Keep the streets in good condition.
New shops downtown.
Pick up trash people have dumped to improve the scenery.

Keep the streets in good repair.
Tear down housing that is economically unrepairable.
Try to help businesses fill the empty places downtown.

KEEP TREES TRIMMED, KEEP UP TRASH IN STREET

Keep up the grounds at the disc golf course. Bring life to downtown. Control the homeless population staying in public places.

Keep working on cleaning up vacant homes.

Lake - more trails, dog park, better camping.

Lake amenities.

Encourage businesses to expand.

Downtown revitalization.

Large main park with pool

More funds for more police to help combat drug problem.

Less parks, more fun things for adults...mini golf, go carts, etc.

Drug enforcement.

Speed enforcement on residential streets.

Lifting tree branches away from stop sign. Over grown grass on corners.

Restaurants other than fast food.

Recycle.

Lights at the new North Main Park.

Tear down run down vacant property.

Homeless population??

Limit truck traffic near downtown.

Little League Facility Upgrades, Outdoor Arena, Industrial Park Development

Look at the results of this strategic planning survey and use the results to make these decisions. Also, I believe that improving the community should also include factors that can make the community more attractive as a location for residence. More control: employment opportunities. Community culture - sense of community. Education system - perceived quality of schools, Real estate value - affordable housing, Crime rates and statistics, Taxes, Healthcare facilities, Outdoor amenities, Food options. Little Control: climate, community size, proximity to an airport, proximity to family and friends.

Love what has happened at North Main Park

Low income affordable housing.

Low income housing for people that qualify.

Lower taxes, remove blight, street improvement

Lower taxes. Homeless - more are. Rid the town of drugs.

Lower taxes.

Assist the homeless population.

Add more trashcans at the lake.

Lower the tax rate

Get out of the American Legion lease

Stop funding Mai Street and El Dorado Inc.

Main street feel

Concrete streets and add sidewalks

Drive-in theater

Maintain parks. Put up cameras to catch the druggies.

Provide support to maintain old buildings & houses & vandals.

Provide more platforms for local artists. like on the sides of old buildings or sculptures.

Maintain streets.

Maintain trees and streets.

Community pride activities

Maintenance and rebuilding of damaged roads.

Attract businesses for the industrial park.

Help out small business (mom & pop) during this pandemic.

Showing new potential businesses that El Dorado cares honestly.

Make downtown priority. Clean up old houses or remove.

Make factories,

Do sporting events at the lake.

Offer job.

Make people improve around their outside of house.

Tear down that junk place on Ohio st. Make them clean that property up! Kids are still living there. It's dangerous plus trashy.

Make recycling a priority.

Focus on downtown development.

Downtown/community beautification projects.

Fire station built north of 12th street.

Make roadways bicycle friendly.
Enforce fence rules for front yards.
Address the homeless population.

Make the town business friendly (small business).
Spend less on policing more on rehabbing offenders.
Give incentives to small downtown businesses.

making sure every township has a park within walking distance.
keep working hard on thankful Thursdays.
work on keeping good jobs in town.

Manage homeless population.
Implement recycling again.
Lights on City side streets and walking paths.

Market/sell water.
Promote housing developments.
Healthy lifestyle infrastructure - bike paths - better connections to the largest state park in KS.

Meth task force.

Methadone/sub Oxone treatment program to stop opiate epidemic.
More non-sport recreation
End monopolization of the city

Miss recycling. Trimming and cutting down old trees on City property.

Monitored homeless shelters
Limit on homeless in El Dorado
Create job attract industry

More activities to get community together.
Repaving of 8th St. between main and Oak St.

More business development.
Community events.
Street maintenance.

More business downtown.

More business.
Lower taxes

More city wide activities.
Work on homeless around town.

More downtown activity.
Revitalization.
Build and make a better plaza area downtown not in the alley.

More fish in the no bite lake!
Street repair.
Clean up blighted houses.
Code enforcement.

More for teens to do.
Fix sewer lines.
Fix sidewalks, cameras at parks.

More industry.

More job opportunities.
Develop mid-range housing.

More jobs.
Hire more Police.
Improve homeless programs.

More newer sidewalks.
Keep local hospital - whatever is necessary to keep it open.
Improve beach at lake.

More partnership/support between city/schools/etc. (not money, but support). Good paying jobs.

More places to exercise.
Walking trails.
Improve roads.
Improve downtown.

More projects bringing whole together to get to know.
Things for children to do.
Keep it clean.

More property upkeep.
Eyesores on main roads.
Street sealing/maintenance.

more protected streets (stop signs).

more downtown events.

More recreational activities for teens - basketball courts.
Places where teens can volunteer to do community service.

More recreational activities
Tear down old trash abandoned houses.
Different mainstream restaurants

More restaurants
More shopping outlets
home depot or lowes

More restaurants.
Activities for kids like skating rink.
Rebuild drive in theatre

More sidewalks / walking path on streets.
Communicate town happenings other than through social media.
Small business / Downtown!

More sidewalks in neighborhoods.
New reduced speed in neighborhoods.

More small businesses, fewer vacant buildings/spaces, promote walking/biking with better trails

More social media post on events upcoming.
Parks seem poorly mowed lately.
New curb painting, consistent trash service. Ours gets missed often and times vary a lot.

More stop signs at intersections that only have yield signs.
Enforce curfew
Fix side walks

More street lights.

More Police presence.

Monitor school areas.

More things for families to do.
Help homeless.
Recycling for us locals.

More things to pull in people from outside Eldo. EX. Dam Music Fest, KS Shrine Bowl.

Utilize stadium more?

Maybe offer vouchers for O35 travelers so they could get off to get gas and food when traveling from Dallas/OKC to KC, but not have to pay exit? Just a thought. I wonder if that would encourage people to get off I-35 and get subway and Gas??

move water parks

improve hiking trails

improve downtown

Murals, Flowers, Beautifying. Sponsor BBQ's in the park or lost events like this.

Need a family restaurant or buffet.

Need home for homeless people.

Douglas Road.

Road going to dog park. Norris road.

Need more kids things.

New business incentives.

Property Development

New Library

New business support.

Lowering home taxes.

Handicap jobs.

New business

Street Maintenance

Refuse pickup

New business.

Support current businesses.

Promote tourism/visitors.

New city pool

New City pool in more accessible area.

Sports complex.

More paved roads to the lake that be accessed with golf carts/bikes - more walking paths.

New clothing stores (men and women).
New shoe stores.
Remove & demolish empty houses.

New home building incentives;
Continue to condemn/demolish dilapidated structures;
Incentives for more business development;

New pool

New pool.

Newspaper more often

Nice steak house.
Festivals brought back like Prairie Port.

Non-sport recreation for youth (13+), affordable housing

North side truck route.

Not sure we have just recently moved here and are still trying to get connected

NW trafficway.
Watershed district projects to control flooding on north Main. Support hospital.

Offer incentives to fill vacant store fronts.

Open Towanda St. all the way through.
Night life attractions.
Road repairs, pot holes.

Opportunities for every child

Parking

PARKS UPDATING GREAT - FINISH UP. STREET REPAIR. TRAFFIC CONTROL
(LIKE STOPSIGNS (CAN BE SEEN) - RESPECT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES BASIC
WE KNOW BUT ARE LAX ON.

Pave 9th Street - Beautiful bridge to horrible road.

Pave Topeka from 6th north.

Pave other streets so all are done.

Pave a gutter Simpson and all ground Oil Hill School.
Encourage downtown investment.
Increase police and law enforcement.

Pave all roads in city limits.

Pave all roads not paved within the city limits

Pave all streets.

Pave and gutter the remaining streets - Hunton, Simpson and Norris.
These were to have been done a few years ago. Stop letting one person keep this from happening.

Pave in town gravel roads.
Do something about empty strip malls.
Improve care of medians and right of ways.

Pave my street just 1 block in front of my house would be so nice.
Cut down on dirt blowing. I ask every year and it hasn't happened yet.

Pave Oak Street
Have Animal Control Patrol more often
We have a neighborhood who lets their dog run loose. Discouraging when he does his "job" in our yard.

Pave south Taylor x 4

Pave/curb all residential streets

Police.
Keep enforcing codes.
Senior apartments.

Pot holes fixed.
Lower taxes.
Make people keep their yard tidier. Some look like junkyards.

Potholes repaired.
More street lights.

Prepare for senior living resources and housing

Promote good work, recreation, and environment.
I would love to see it as a retirement destination.
finish the bike path to the college.

Present new fun activities
Coupon book for dining at all restaurants or to their stores.
Bring in more industry jobs.

preserve historic buildings and houses
upgrade older neighborhoods

Proactive industrial improvement.
Entrepreneurial support.
Small business development.

Program to rent downtown stores.

Programs for the youth.
Homeless population.

Programs to encourage new home builds.
Continue to upgrade substandard streets.
Set our sights on recruiting businesses that promote community and that offer fair wages and benefits along with stability.

Promote community involvement (pack meals for homeless, tutor, support animal shelters, senior citizens days)
Community cleanups

Promote local business w/sidewalk sale days a few times during the year.
We shut down the main street town for parades but very little to support shopping.

Promote cycling.
Keep small town atmosphere.

Promote main street program.

Promote lake.

Promote baseball and softball fields.

Promote golf course.

Promote more downtown business
Street repair
Small business assistance.

Promote NRP.
Property owners keep rentals clean.

Promote the area as recreation to lake.
Retirement area (we are middle of USA).
Attract growth, industrial there are 1000's of them.

Provide adequate homeless support (shelter)
Continue park maintenance and updates.

Provide elderly/low income residents with home improvement options.
Create more programs like City Wide Clean up.
Improve signage regarding truck route to help traffic flow.

Provide for the homeless.

Put a sign where schools are 20 mph ends.

Quality job creation - new and existing businesses.
Dedicate more effort and resources to improve existing housing.
Continue to implement the Parks & Rec Master plan developed a few years ago.

Really fix downtown drainage.
More bike/walking paths

Recreation at El Dorado Lake.
An outdoor water park.
Build more new parks/playgrounds.

Recreation opportunities for kids.
More, better paying jobs.

Recreations
Parks
Sidewalks

Recruit businesses
Maintain Golf Course
Promote the airport

Recycle
Special Events

Recreational areas/events

Recycling

Recycling!

Redo city pool, ours is nowhere near as nice as surrounding areas.
Redo skate park
Redo outdoor band shell

Reduce blight especially downtown.
Continue / increase maintenance of community.
Continue to keep El Dorado as a regional center for services - such as medical.

Re-enactment of historical events in July, plays, etc. American history and parades. Use the band shell @ Forest Park for things, more. Offer good work incentives for teens, repair of homes, painting, caring for and helping older people or needs of families. Our kids are growing up not knowing much about the American or Kansas history and the sacrifices made for this country.

Reestablish recycling program.
Street maintenance.
Stop light at Main St and McCollum.

Re-install siren at or near 3rd/Ohio for better coverage.
Offer more City/Community news on Ch. 7. (not everyone has a computer, etc.)
We badly need a good newspaper like it use to be.

Re-inventory downtown.
Creating more on-commercialized small businesses
Move community events; that involve all ages.

Removal of abandoned houses.
Enforce property clean up.
Traffic control lights by middle and high school.

Removal of homeless

Redeveloping downtown
Bringing in new businesses to town

Removal of slum houses.
Fire the building inspector.
Fire the planning/zoning board.

Remove condemned / abandoned homes

Remove condemned homes.
Get rid of the excessive number of traffic signs we have.
Mack the truck route so trucks can see signs. Its entrapment!

Remove damaged homes that are not habitable.
Pave all the city's streets first then make repairs later.
If sewer lines need repaired get them fixed.

Remove homeless people. Make the police do their jobs (drug/crime). Housing

Rental housing.
Dining options.
Day care options
Incentives for improving homes.

Re-open recycling center.
Better snow removal on City roads.
Better holiday events.

Reopen the recycling center.

Repair 9th street near the pool and Topeka St. with several potholes

Repair and resurface streets.

Repair broken and heaved sidewalks.
Enforce more lawn mowing and car removal.
Smooth rough roadways.

Repair old sidewalks, replace water supply pipes in older neighborhoods, and consider renovating the band shell in the park so the group can rehearse under the stage again!

Repair roads
Community events/celebrations
Tax breaks

Repair roads.
Pave roads we use a lot without curb and gutter if needed.
Homeless housing.

Repair side streets.
Replace sidewalks so seniors can walk them without tripping.

repair sidewalks

repair residential streets

Repair street 9th & 11th East. Parking for tennis courts.

Repair streets.
Expand walking trails.
Reduce homeless.

Repair the worst roadways and street repair.
Recruit major industry to our community.
Recruit smaller businesses, like a nice restaurant.

Repair/replace roads.
Paint lines and curbs.
Cut down on crime and drugs.

Repair/replace the sewer lines.
Increase community events.
Increase interaction of city employees at community events

Repave 9th street.
Get rid of homeless.

Re-pave streets.
Develop downtown.
Traffic enforcement.

Re-pave the awful streets.
Clean up the City.
Find a way to create town pride.

Replace curb/gutter on Fredrick.
Repair destroyed easement and 10" concrete wall.

Replace faded street signs.
Trim trees in front of stop signs.
Our streets look shoddy compared to 20 years ago.

Replace water lines.
Replace sewer lines.
Black top unpaved streets.

Residential and downtown drainage

Resources for the homeless community.
Side street repairs, that last longer than a month.

Reduce foot traffic in parks, near businesses and residential areas late at night.

Restaurant/Retail, Downtown, Streets

Restaurants x 3

Restaurants

Housing

Streets

Retain and attract Police officers. Increase salaries, offer housing assistance, bonus plan, etc.

Tear down red tagged houses. We have too many that need to be gone.

Add stop signs to all side roads to improve safety.

Return recycling pick up.

Clean up 6th street.

Invest in hospital

Return to recycling.

Reuse old buildings.

Downtown development.

Promote airport.

Revitalize downtown.

Clean up neighborhoods - broken-down homes / trashy yards

Support for homeless.

Revitalize the area from 8 to 12 from Main to Cemetery.

Work to clean up that area for housing options.

Recreation plays a big role in El Dorado's economy.

Revitalize worn down homes.

Revitalize downtown.

Repair streets & sidewalks.

Ridding of increased homeless population,

sidewalks,

poor looking properties

River Park area.

More attractions.

Clean up west of Turnpike.

Road by swimming pool.

Golf Course.

Improve the downtown - help businesses start.

road patching
summer and winter homeless shelters

Road repair. New roads.

Road repairs. Activity for kids. Crime.

Road work
Park maintenance
Street maintenance

Roads

Roads in the village area.
Stormwater drainage in ALL residential areas.
LESS property taxes!

Roads!
Residential roads with huge potholes!
Drainage to reduce flooding.
Homeless living in parks and thieves!
roads, sidewalks and infrastructure

Roads.
New construction.

Routine street maintenance.
Continued flushing of residential storm drains

Safe sidewalks
housing
Downtown revitalization

Safe walking trails/paths.

Sidewalk repair and placement of new sidewalks.
Get rid of abandoned/unsafe houses/property.

Safety of the community.
Hire more police.
Fix pot holes as soon as possible.

Senior citizens collaboration with youth/school systems
Establishing an "El Dorado Area Coalition for Families" EACF
Mental Health programs (awareness and access)

Sewer line replacement.
Curbs on all streets.
Code enforcement on residential property - trash/tall grass

Shelters for homeless.

Should have helped to keep skating rink
Should have helped to keep drive-in.

Side street patrol (speed patrol)
Programs for developing children
Fellowship

Sidewalk - new and repair.
More code enforcement for dogs/leash enforcement

Sidewalk repair.
Mow orders.
Blight.

Sidewalk repair.
Work to make City more walker & bicycle friendly.

Sidewalks at parks
Restrooms at parks

Sidewalks from apartments to Haverhill to college.
Make people mow and clean up areas.

Sidewalks on Country Club road. Revitalization of run down areas.

Sidewalks
Lake activities.
Homeless.

Sidewalks,
housing,
stops signs

Sidewalks, walkways.

Sit down restaurant.
Shoe store.
Clothing store.

skate park or skate bowl for teenagers
repair sidewalks for wic use

Skating rink.
Advertise what is going on.
Jump Park.

Small business development
Local newspaper
Proactive industrial recruitment

Small business incentives.
Downtown revitalization.
Entrepreneurial support.

Small business recruitment and development.
Develop industry and employment options.
Homelessness and blight reduction.

small unique businesses
better downtown packing

senior homes

Softball/Baseball complex.

Solar energy development. Invest in solar alternatives for electricity and technology development. Small own businesses, open the town to another businesses. Diversity of culinary choices in tow as well as education.

SOME KIND OF LAW INFORCEMENT WEEK TO GET THEM OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY (IF PEOPLE KNOW THEIR OFFICERS, THEY TEND TO BE MORE OPEN AND CRIMES GET TAKEN CARE OF BETTER AND FASTER) BETTER WAYS TO HAND OUT THE NEWSLETTER (MINE WOULD COME IN THE MAIL AND OVER HALF THE THINGS ON IT HAD PASSED, FEEL LIKE I'm MISSING OUT ON THINGS AROUND TOWN) AND MAYBE A COUPLE CITY RAN CONCERTS OR SOMETHING TO HELP GET THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER (COULD INVITE VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, MAYBE SOME SMALL RIDES FOR KIDS)

Something for the homeless.
Something for the children.

Something to do for entertainment.
Teenage recreation.

South Main St - the buildings.
Beautify all 3 cemeteries including their borders.
Work with SBA to help it continue as a full service hospital.

Special Events.
Road Repair.
Downtown Revitalization.
Build more housing projects.

Spend less tax pay dollar. Black top the major streets.
Spray mosquitos so we can be outside again.
Continue Thankful Thursdays.
Promote community service opportunities for our youth. Try to get them involved more in community.

Staying open downtown longer. Helping business owners open new stores. Activities for families.

Stop buying properties for pie in the sky projects (Old Home Lumber)
Stay on top of your own (the City's) mowing.
Make people clean up their properties. (3rd & Eunice)

Stop having out of state big business build buildings that community can't pay rent on to use.

Stop or yield signs at intersections.

Stop speeders. People exceed limits all the time! People run yellow lights, all the time!!
Ticket them!
Paint lines for pedestrian crossing etc.

Stop spending extra money.
Lower costs of utilities.
Lower taxes.

Storm drainage downtown and residential.
Homelessness.
Repair streets.

Storm water drainage from residential housing.
Hunter and boating education.
Fish tourney.

Storm water drainage.
Stop signs and speed signs on the streets.
Tornado shelters closer and tornado alarms.

Storm water drainage.
Street repair - potholes.

Street improvements.
Stronger drug enforcement.

Street lights. MAKE THEM WORK.
Parking.
Recycling.

STREET MAINTENANCE.
FESTIVALS

Street Maintenance.
Workforce Opportunities.
Municipal Internet Service.

Street maintenance & repairs.
Parks.
Industrial recruitments.

Street maintenance.

Street maintenance.
Air quality.
Help homeless.

Street maintenance.
Do not litter signs.
Community pride.
Street maintenance.
Low income revitalization.
Demolishing condemned buildings.

Street maintenance.
Lower taxes.
Housing

Street Maintenance.
Stop Lights at Main & McCollum & at Main & the Middle School exit.
Significant increase in surveillance cameras in both residential & downtown to help with security and law enforcement.

Street maintenance.
Storm water drainage downtown.
expanding walking/riding trails

Street maintenance.
Tornado shelters (Library) (Library was bomb shelter in the 1960's)

Street maintenance.
Downtown revitalized.
Poverty education.

Street paving residential.
Promote business downtown.
Help homeless/low income residents.
Fight drugs and gangs.

Street repair,
Oak Street and 12th Street.
Abandoned property/inhabitable property

Street repair.

Street repair.
Bike Paths & Trails.
Rec. oppo.

Street repair.
Move homeless to shelters.

Street repair.
People running stop signs - speeding through residential areas.
Children playing in streets.

Street repair.
Schools.
Work on the homeless problems

street repairs/ new streets that are dirt in town.
get rid of abandoned houses.
control the homeless

street resurfacing.
abandoned house.
traffic control (lots of speeding)

Street.
Gutters. Water runoff.

Street.
Sidewalks.
Trash.

Streets condition.
Street engineering - turns, parking, signals work. More practical manner.

Streets in specific areas.
Better zoning bi-laws.
Larger convention center.

Streets need repaved and not chip and sealed or graveled.
Find ways to host special events.
Help entrepreneurial in these hard times.

Streets.
Drainage

Streets.
Housing.
Lake Activities.

Streets.
Lights on road way (residential)
Storm drains.

Streets.
Sidewalks

Streets.
Sidewalks.

Streets.
Trash.
Parks.

Streets.
Trees overhang.
Sewer/gutter cleaning.

Stricter laws on known drug offenders.
More events downtown.
More lake events

SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR TOWN.
FUNDRAISING FOR STRUGGLING BUSINESS. CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBORHOODS,
THERE RUN DOWN

Support existing businesses.
Maintain what infrastructure we have.

Support of small Businesses,
Development and maintain of the lake as a non-commercial area
STEAM Development as a Community center

Support small business growth.
Workforce training for jobs in the area.
Provide more options for new home owners.

Support the arts.
Create a unique brand for the town.
We can't compete with Wichita - except for the small town, safe environment.

Support the college.
Improve signage (some street signs are missing).
Improve side streets.

support the hospital 100%

support the local schools more.
activities for ALL age groups.
Festivals

Swimming pools,
basketball courts,
more activities for kids and families.

Synergy of business's downtown.
Recreation at the ElDorado Lake.
Marketing towards community activities.

Take care of the homeless population. They knock on your door asking for cigarettes and
steal things off porches.
Crack down on drug use.
Not make such a big deal about pit bulls - unless something happens. Just like any other dog.

Tear down abandoned houses.
Consequences for people who destroy City property.
Consequences for people who have trash in their yard.

Tear down all of the abandoned houses.

Tear down condemned homes

Tear down derelict properties - code enforcement.

More police patrols at night to reduce theft.

Tear down drug houses.

Fix streets that are presently rock roads.

Tear down old houses that are falling down.

Get good restaurants for family.

Tear down the abandoned houses! Give these owners 30 days and tear them down!

Bigger better competing public pool - central location.

Traffic control at EHS & EMS.

Teen center.

Bigger stage at band shell.

Support Courts.

The aggressive Police Dept. makes El Dorado not friendly.

The lake, clean up campsites.

Nonsocial media communication.

Activities/events for stay at home parents.

There are many unpaved streets - pave them.

Things are fine now. Don't need to improve anything. The community is fine. Clean up the areas of slum lords. Incentives to new downtown business.

To start recycling again.

Continue street replacements in older parts of the City.

Tree trimming around stop signs.

Stop thieves that steal bikes.

Reduce stray cat population, especially at Park Ave. & Topeka

Trim obstructing trees and plants blocking signs.

Street lights timing for color change.

Cite people for pets at large

Truck route signage.

Street markings.

Blight reduction

Upscale restaurants. Make the back door entrance visible and welcoming.

Update school zones.

Decorate/improve Central's appearance.

Community festival.

Upkeep on band shell.

More outdoor community events.

Praise and worship events at Forest Park or stadium

Use Covid shut downs to offer workforce development.

Expand water park.

Walking and bicycle paths.

Restaurant for family dining.

Medical services.

Walking path.

Golf course.

Playground improvements.

Water drainage. Care for homeless.

Bring in more businesses - shoe store, at least.

Finer dining.

Water park at/by the new tennis courts, Market and find water users and industry.

Downtown blighted housing.

Policies that promote redevelopment.

Water/Sewer infrastructure

waterpark with some swim lanes

We need restaurants!

We seriously need to stop with the Mexican restaurants! We need a Popeye's, Wendy's more diners, APPLEBEES!

Making the swimming pool better, fenced (large) dog park, speed limit postings in the neighborhoods, too much speeding.

More sidewalks for pedestrians, bike paths, walking paths in the street.

What is the homeless problem here? What blight workforce training are we currently doing?

State lake is not owned by City. What are the non-sport rec. opportunities?

Work on fixing streets. More recreational activities.

More kid friendly and adult friendly activities.

Work on getting rid of feral cats in the neighborhoods that are a continuous nuisance and a deterrent to personal property.

Work on kids' sports programs.

Work opportunities.
Support businesses.

Work to bring more business/industry to the community.

Work to bring new businesses here.
Encourage new restaurants.
New recreation/park facilities.

Work with BHI homeless population.
More attention to vacant properties.
Police / community activities - support law enforcement.

Work with citizens and law enforcement to eradicate drug use and its effects.
Repair and maintain streets and more frequently.
Promote.

Work with county/BCC to bring college taxes down.
Get property taxes in line with SG.

Work with homeless and mental health issues.
Enforce mask mandate.

Workforce dev.
Enforce all mowing rules / house clean yards to all city not just the north snooty development
Encourage flower/tree planting - Holiday contests?

Workforce development.
Entrepreneurial attraction and support.
Middle income housing bond money.

Workforce Development.
Affordable Housing.
Reasonable Utility Rates

Workforce development.
Downtown revitalization.

Workforce development.
Housing development.
entrepreneurial support

Workforce development.

Sidewalks.

Sewer drainage

year around homeless initiatives

youth programs.

senior programs.

city wide de-cluttering.

youth recreational activities