



OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY SURVEY 2017

The following information was derived from the 300+ results from the Oakridge Community Survey. Each response was placed in a category that it fit best, the numbers were tallied using an excel sheet. For example, question #1 ranking #1, Improve business and jobs was the response 57 times, clean up / Code enforcement was the response 52 times and Road repairs / improvements was the response 32 times and so on.

Q1 - Rank your top 3 priorities for improvements to our community.

Ranking #1

Number of responses what they are related to

57 - Improve business and Jobs

52 - Clean up / Code enforcement

32 - Road repairs / improvements

24 - Public Safety

16 - Amtrak

10 - Schools

- Community Center

9 - Negative comments towards Administration

7 - Medical Care

- Infrastructure

5 - Housing

- Public transportation

- Parks

4 - Deal with drug abuse

3 - Trails - exercise opportunities

- More crosswalks

- Better grocery prices

2 - Assistance for seniors - Tourism - build trust - better internet - more entertainment - help with homeless - more opportunities for youth - dog park - bike lanes - get rid of marijuana - more restaurants.

1- Auto repair - greater good - Skate Park - flowers - Firewood program - Library - Stop train horn - saw mill - recycle bins at Greenwaters - Lack of Growth - community pool - Logging - Everything is shut down by 10 - New roof on WAC - improvements city can afford - help with water bill - Stop TV Butte excavations - Pass SxS ordinance - Bi-Mart - Listen to community members - More active with Chamber - more support - Cut back on outgoing trash - Street Lights - Music Programs - New Mayor

Q1 - Rank your top 3 priorities for improvements to our community.

Ranking #2

Number of responses what they are related to

- 42 - Improve business and Jobs
- 35 - Clean up / Code enforcement
- 20 - Road repairs / improvements
- 19 - Public Safety
- 13 - Schools
- 11 - Amtrak
- 10 - Community Center
 - More for youth / kids
- 8 - Housing
- 7 - Infrastructure
 - Trails
- 4 - Improved medical care
 - Get rid of pot grows
- 3 - More tourism
 - Restaurants
 - Dog Park
- 2- Bi-Mart - Better government - more crosswalks - improved communication - more activities - and bridge over Salmon Creek.
- 1 - Event scheduling - 25 to 40 year old singles night - save public buildings - continue chipper program - more efficient government - training for staff and councilors - Organize volunteers - Walkway over RR - Auto parts - truck stop - Taxi - get rid of lowlifes - earthquake safety - large city park - city film or music festival - better stores like Safeway/Albertsons - stop train horns - reuse empty buildings - active uptown - meal programs for kids - save TV butte - inform on TRT - Driving range - welcome all who come here - SxS parks - better passing lanes - higher use of forest - entertainment - pool - zip line - train line to OIP - Higher moral standards - living wall on hwy 58 - mechanic - forget new ventures - city campground - community members involved - no more bike people - shopping - Government community cohesion.

Q1 - Rank your top 3 priorities for improvements to our community.

Ranking #3

Number of responses what they are related to

- 35 - Clean up / Code enforcement
- 27 - Road repairs / improvements
- 25 - Improve business and Jobs
- 13 - Schools
- 11 - Public Safety
 - Tourism
- 9 - Parks
 - Drug problems
- 5 - Community Center
 - Negative comments towards Mayor & Council
- 4 - Amtrak
 - Housing
 - No pot stores
- 3- Public transportation
 - Infrastructure
 - Homelessness

2 – Negative comments towards Administration - Community exercise - Dog Park - funding for Library

1- Benches by river - seniors center - groups working together - Training for everyone involved in city - citizen involvement - bigger grocery store - bowling - debar Judge Herrera - rent or sell old restaurant on hwy 58 - bicycle lanes - curbside recycling - no more convince stores - a few more bars - youth and community services - more efficient government - to many people under the poverty level - more sports programs outside of school - stop focusing on Mtn biking - build Olympic size swimming pool - establish community pride - better working relationship with Railroad - outdoor activities - quit pandering to the marijuana industry - honor our past while looking to the future - build a sense of community - bob sled run - trails - family activities - increased library budget - higher use by Mtn bikers - activities for youth - more events uptown - WAC remodel - more support from community - grant for upgrade of wood burning stoves - individuals standing up against crime - burn down abandoned buildings - Pool - knowledge of government branches according to family needs - volunteer fair - porta potty to west end of Osprey - youth - Do not spend 3 million you cannot afford - get rid of cop 425-A - Animal Shelter - more amenities in Osprey - Discipline - Stop LRAPA and monitor by City - Greater engagements of citizens - City owned and sold utilities - telecommunications - restaurant that delivers - communication and outreach - family restaurant - no more stores - community Plan for Westfir and Oakridge - green waste at transfer site - Community events - easier safer way to get to and from Westfir - more transparency

Q2 Do you think the City should play a role in supporting our business community?

Number of responses what they are related to

261 Yes answers -

36 – Attract new business

29 – Tax Breaks

28 – Left blank

25 – Resources

- Information and assistance

24 – Advertising

23 – Improve appearance on buildings

17 – Financial Assistance

13 – Buying local

11 – Simplify/stream line permits

9 – Employ locally

5 – Police presence

4 – Improve infrastructure

3 – Diversity

2 – Open to new ideas

1 - Train staff to welcome new people & ideas - farmers market - bring old west flavor - only if funds are available - Put in the Amtrak station to attract more visitors to Oakridge - we need a good laundromat - quit catering to bikers, homeless, hippies, etc - amenities - as long as the community center doesn't suffer - more open to new ideas - don't know - parking - more friendly - in every way, as long as it isn't specifically benefiting a council members business - look beyond mtn biking - don't work against them - enforce codes - obviously there has been no interest in the industrial park - I don't want a residential property tax increase on my home to subsidize Oakridge business - help them retain their location - Supporting the mtb community - healthy food - selling property in industrial park not leasing them - in what way - more opportunities - listen to the locals - just basic encouragement/niceness - We won't be such a sleepy town - more people would travel here - city sport teams - make city more accommodating - stop business shut downs on hwy 58 - theme for city - needs to grow - helping them stay open - anything only to the extent that it fits within the budget - A classical choral or big band, western music festival - turn away pot and porn - cultured events - attract Retirees by supporting businesses that cater to retirees - be more aware - they need one support for all times - internet - DO NOT PUT THAT QUARRY IN ITS A DISASTER IN WAITING - Only if the City is willing to support all businesses, not just the ones owned by council members - by hiring a OIP general manager - The council should be ethical and welcoming of all - Limited support but not financial - yes they should go hand in hand - to support the community and also bring in money - only if the business community supports the city - Tree & Sidewalk Maintenance.

Number of responses what they are related to

42 No answers -

29 left with no comment.

1 - The city is inherently self-destructive - No they will need to make it on their own as incentives always run out - just means more taxes - businesses are not supposed to be supported by local government - no money from city and he's out of business - City should not be in the real estate business - Support the community, business will take care of itself - That is a chamber duty! - taxes should not go to businesses - Give none of the city's cash to business - It is the business owners responsibility - Keep government and business separate

Q3 What amenities would you like to see on City owned Property;

Number of responses what they are related to

26 - Parks

20 – Restroom

- Maintenance

19 - Benches

17 - Recreation / Sports Center

16 - Pool

14 - Dog Park

11 - Don't Know

10 - Community Center

- Trails

9- Flowers

8 – Business

- Youth related

7 – Amtrak

- None

- Trash Cans

- Trees

- Water Fountain

6 - Disc Golf

- Internet

- Skate Park

5 – Garden

- Sidewalks

- Street repair

- splash Pad

4 - RV Dump

- Lights Senior Center

- Truck Stop

- Visitor Center

- Information Booth

- Art

- Campground

- Tables

- Bike Park

3 – Theater

- WAC repairs

- Crosswalks

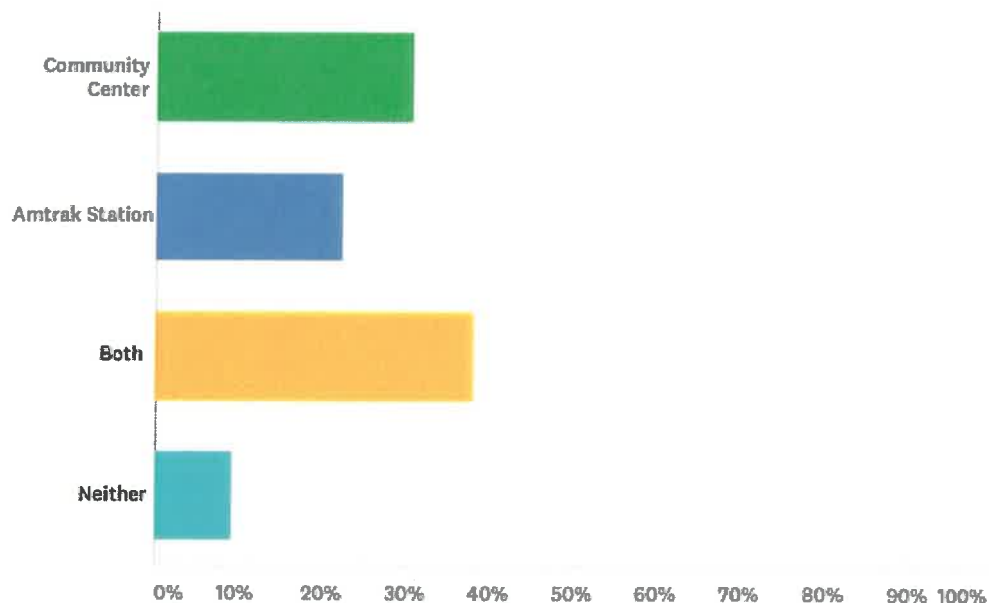
- Signage & wayfinding

- NA

- Bowling Alley

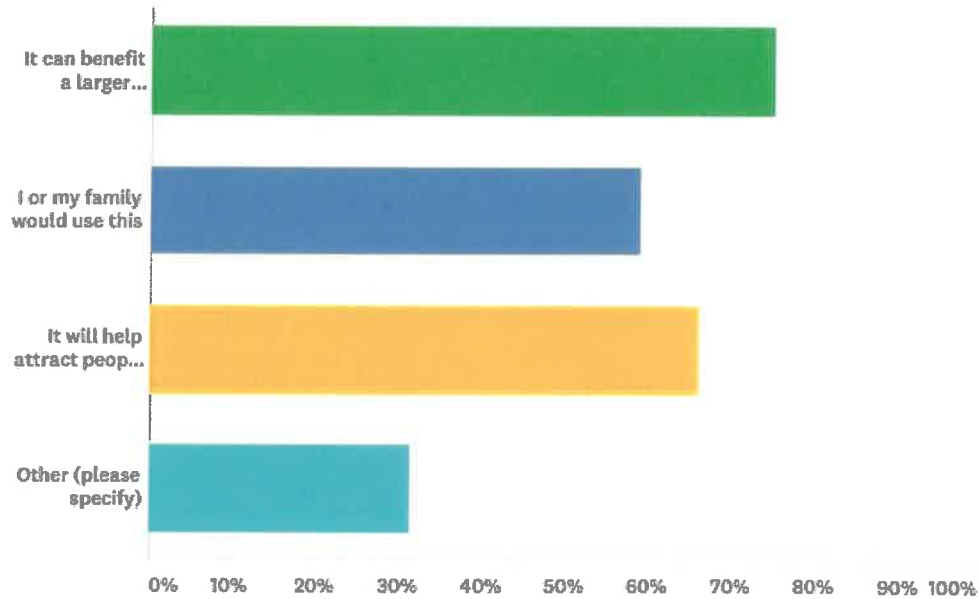
- Library Improvements
 - Showers
 - Parking
 - Green Spaces
 - Ride Center.
- 2 - Area for Chamber of Commerce - Homeless shelter - Dog waste stations - Maps - Infrastructure - Fishing - Laundry - Basketball hoops - Tennis courts - Parking - Revenue.
- 1 - Bridge across Salmon Creek - Outdoor oven - "your speed is" flashing sign - Indoor play area - Pond - whatever to attract people - Upgrade to City Hall - anything - indoors for teens - Clean up City Hall - Senior Services - Paint Water Tower - Green grass - Dirt track - Hanging Baskets - Hospital - Amusement Park - Skating rink - McDonalds - Meeting rooms - Downtown Plaza - Museum - Lumber Production - Animal Control - Driving range - Bob sled - Stables - Bike parking - ATV Park - Bus station - Sewage infrastructure - Casino - Resources - Clean up City vehicles - Thermometer - Mini shelters - Circus - Shade - Shopping food entertainment - games - shrubs - Classes - Day care - Park funding - Recycling plant - Family places - Should all be sold - Don't care - Motocross track.

Q4 Which project do you feel the City Should pursue?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community Center	30.50%	97
Amtrak Station	22.33%	71
Both	38.05%	121
Neither	9.12%	29
TOTAL		318

Q5 What did you base your decision on? (Check all that apply)

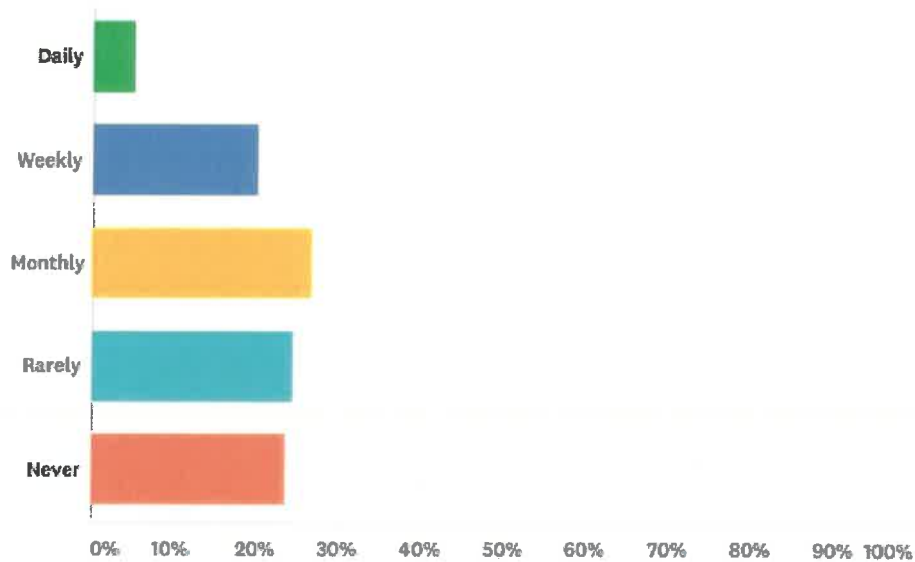


ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

It can benefit a larger portion of citizen's	75.32%	235
I or my family would use this	59.29%	185
It will help attract people to Oakridge	66.03%	206
Other (please specify)	31.41%	98
Total Respondents: 312		

Q6 If an Amtrak Station was in Oakridge, and it provided daily commuter service to and from Eugene, Portland & Seattle, how often would you ride the train?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	5.10%	16
Weekly	20.06%	63
Monthly	26.75%	84
Rarely	24.52%	77
Never	23.57%	74
TOTAL		314

Q7 What is the key opportunity you see for the City of Oakridge in the future?

Number of responses what they are related to

55 – Tourism

38 – Outdoor recreation

30 – Industry at the OIP

28 – Businesses

11 – Retirees

– Clean up/code enforcement

10 – Small town feel

9 – Living wage jobs

8 – Infrastructure

- growth

7 – None

6 – Amtrak

4 – Community Center

– medical facilities

– housing

– natural Resources

3– Cannabis

– Bedroom community

– Diversity

2 – Truck stop

1 – Image - Join with the school district to improve our school situation - One big giant homeless camp - Continued growth of the city and departments to provide services - Assistance from federal government - common goal - healthy activates - Everyone thinks Oakridge needs to be Eugene. Not even - do a town hall-televised-w/film - open minded leadership - demonstrate prosperity - new gravel source - strive for better customer service at city hall - walking paths - bus service - concentrate on the arts: music, theatre, artwork, crafts - city opens communication – grants - gambling / casino - assistance from Oregon - more and Better officer patrolling - indoor play area - collaborate with school - smaller living - planning - get more of the community together and involved. Clean up the drugs - The city must help protect the urban growth - get rid of our fake mayor – pool - Oakridge is on the verge of something special - city wide events - weekend bus - Working as a team to start & finish - the youth - They need to learn how to operate within their budget – transportation - Relax a little and let things take their own course - police support - becoming closer and getting along - small Walmart - If the city can stop being so single minded and help everyone and not just the bikers - quit spending our tax dollars like there is no bottom - Supporting our kids more – recycling - to bring in more money and activity's - safety and policing - Provide a multitude of services to people in poverty

Q8 How can the City Council best support future growth or the community in your opinion?

Number of responses what they are related to

53 – Support business

26 – Clean up / enforce codes

24 – Negative comments towards Mayor / council

13 – Listen more

8 – Recreation opportunities

- Negative comments towards Administration

- Be open to change

7 – Road and infrastructure

6 – Do the research, educate yourself

- Advertise

- Better long-term planning

5 – Support growth

- Support tourism

- medical facilities

4 – More transparency

- Amtrak

- Support school

- Entertainment

- Community center

- Not sure

3 – Keep small town feel

2 – Positive comments towards Administration

- Truck stop

1 - PLEASE be extremely careful what you ask for - some need to leave - This is not "field of dreams" no one is coming - promote health and wellness - community development - stop disrespectful bureaucratic nonsense - Get away of tunnel vision of bicycles – more public meetings - buy local, get real restaurant – communication - I like surveys - build trust - work together - eliminate good old boys clubs – parking, help homeless - get a handle on drugs - I don't have enough data-yet but will try to go to council meetings to learn and will comment then - give the community the vote - lumber production - think out of the box - celebrating the town history – housing - lead by example Quit saying mountain bikes are our future - keep term limits - buy the hill behind town - back to the basics - embrace change - they can't - think regionally or globally - allow community to be part of the decision - geothermal energy - ? - be willing to change - supporting children - Don't spend money you don't have - Build it and they will come - less weed – fundraising - information hub – unity - get rid of EPA - rebuild WAC – diversify - help with drugs and poverty - community activity - be more involved in outside community events – theater - budget training for council - just take care of regular business – innovate - management of natural resources - quality not quantity - better police - look beyond biking - Growth will come on its own accord - keep water and sewer working - Less rules and regulations - Continue to do what you are doing. (Survey) - clean air - Don't focus on one thing - supporting citizens of Oakridge - Focus less on past issues - more engaged – internet - stay out of the way - saving account - online communicating - Don't let personal issues keep the council from making fiscally beneficial decisions for the city – festivals - stay young in the heart - creative ideas - carefully consider the type of future growth - work together - less cronyism - open minded