

**Leesburg Hometown Chat**  
**August 15, 2019**  
**Leesburg, Indiana**

**Magic Wand Ideas**

1. **Affordable childcare 1 Vote**
2. Stop light **3 Votes**
3. Playground **5 Votes**
4. Library
5. Community Park, young, teens, everyone
6. Bring police back to stop speeding **3 Votes**
7. Eliminate the "Leesburg School Stigma" Not seen as a part of Warsaw school system
8. Engage School in Community
9. Affordable before and after school care. YMCA too expensive
10. Artisan Meat Market **4 Votes**
11. Mentor kids on alternatives to college
12. Develop a resource guide of Human Services and organizations
13. Never become a suburb of Warsaw

**What do you like best about living in Leesburg and Kosciusko County?**

1. Brick streets and safe community
2. Close to Warsaw but removed enough to be a small town
3. We respect the past but look forward
4. There is a high level of civic engagement
5. Clean, Quiet, Safe Town
6. Quality School
7. Friendly, lots of volunteers, and largest 4-H club in northeast Indiana
8. "K" County is convenient and close to all amenities
9. We have quaint buildings, industry and businesses that are community-oriented
10. There is lots of ag and business support for the community
11. We are the first-founded community in "K" County
12. Community is calm, has a great park and little Library
13. The school is built in Leesburg proper
14. We have a cannon Monument

**What is missing?**

1. Stoplight
2. Playground that is accessible and inclusive **1 Vote**
3. Access to school for children; it is not walkable, bike able because on the wrong side of the tracks
4. No activities for tweens and teens
5. Jonsey's is gone. No meat cutter or butcher
6. Grocery delivery
7. Sidewalks which pushed pedestrians, bikers and strollers to the roadway. Sidewalk program is not affordable for all
8. Need to preserve the Youth League
9. No place in Leesburg to market/purchase from local producers
10. No place for crafters/creatives to sell goods
11. No preschool or playground
12. "Lakers" have no connection to Leesburg
13. No Bank or ATM machines

## **Primary Focus Buckets Needs Identified**

### **Workforce Prep - Total Votes = 0 Votes**

1. Apprenticeships, alternative for college skills
2. Warsaw schools do an excellent job on trades
3. Grace/Ivy Tech offer dual credit to high schoolers
4. Need to know money basics for everyone
5. Housing is a barrier to workers
6. FFA and 4-H are best programs for alternative employment training.

### **Childcare - Total Votes = 3 Votes (see “Magic Wand Ideas” above)**

1. Special Needs care not readily available
2. Staffing is a barrier to childcare.
3. Nothing for flex schedules and or 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift workers.
4. Affordable child care lacking **2 Votes**

### **Housing - Total Votes = 6 Votes**

1. Affordable housing (Habitat for Humanity not in Leesburg) **4 Votes**
2. Senior Housing
3. No Code enforcement on rehabbed rentals downtown
4. No housing available to purchase
5. Lack of rentals **2 Votes**

### **Planning & Vision - Total Votes = 2 Votes**

1. Code
2. Need for County wide planning **2 Votes**
3. No Building code
4. Traffic issues affect safety