

Milford Hometown Chat
August 8, 2019
Milford, Indiana

Magic Wand Ideas

1. Generational change, healthy, mentally and physically
2. Not entitled, change
3. Stem drug abuse and the effects on the small community **4 Votes**
4. Central point of connection for communities to connect with resources **2 Votes**
5. Child services and support for foster families
6. Non-profit program expansion **8 Votes**

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

1. Friendly people
2. Small town, easy to know everyone
3. Great place to raise a family
4. Convenient
5. Good schools, safe
6. Progressive city services and school system
7. Fishing
8. Grew up here, engaged citizens
9. Large support system
10. People, service organizations and library
11. Schools offer good information on jobs and voc. education
12. Generous community
13. Medical services
14. Community is compassionate
15. Services and volunteers
16. Small town, safe
17. Everyone goes above and beyond
18. Well-kept town, good streets
19. Lots of opportunity to build relationships.
20. Spirit, legacy generation to generation
21. School corp
22. Support for small business
23. Awesome community
24. People make the community
25. Nice beach
26. Library, schools
27. Nice town, nice people
28. Fire Department and its leadership, plus strong volunteer fire dept.
29. Community support for the fire dept.
30. Nice paper
31. Sidewalks, infrastructure is good
32. Street Dept. services
33. Patriotism, love community
34. Safe streets, safe town
35. Raising our family
36. Great police/fire departments
37. Traffic does not fly through town
38. Quiet, safe and clean

39. There is a culture of responsibility to the community
40. Library programs, classes
41. Affordable
42. Food pantry offers community support
43. Know everyone
44. Engaged citizens all generations
45. Service clubs and generosity of citizens
46. Community service mindset
47. Community connections, small town charm
48. Family, feels like family living here
49. Caring, welcoming community
50. Camp attracts kids from all round
51. Helpful, kind, people are invested
52. Low property taxes
53. Support for small business

What is missing?

1. Need more activities in the community building **2 Votes**
2. Need senior activities, services especially for walking **1 Vote**
3. Nutrition Program in Milford no longer available
4. Vacant Nursing home-what's next, we need a senior care facility
5. Need qualified childcare applicants
6. Need programs for children
7. Need to keep our school resource officer
8. Our RR closing is a problem
9. Need a gym facility for kids' sports
10. Need to engage others from other cultures
11. Need a Harvest coffee, Harvest w/ a Heart facility
12. Need housing rentals and senior housing **1 Vote**
13. Need a walking/running indoor park, trails and playground **4 Votes**
14. Affordable daycare
15. Affordable elementary age childcare
16. City park and splash pad
17. Need to engage underserved citizens who are disengaged due to addictions, poverty, sub-standard housing
18. Trail to beach playground
19. Centrally located playground
20. Is there a town study to deal with town facilities?
21. Need for mental health services
22. Milford is in a food desert. We need a grocery **6 Votes**
23. Transportation

Primary Focus Buckets Needs Identified

Workforce Prep - Total Votes = 5 Votes

1. Training for childcare providers **1 Vote**
2. Living wages **4 Votes**

Childcare* - Total Votes = 24 Votes

1. Need qualified staff **1 Vote**
2. Pay **4 Votes**

3. Providers for early start 1st shift workers **1 Vote**
 4. Affordable and accessible childcare **3 Votes**
- * General Votes for Childcare = **15 Votes**

Housing - Total Votes = 31 Votes (See “What is Missing” above)

1. Town council ordinance to limit the age use of mobile homes
2. Safe senior and affordable family housing **13 Votes**
3. Stronger code enforcement **1 Vote**
4. Available housing to purchase and rentals **6 Votes**
5. Land for housing development **9 Votes**
6. No Inventory **1 Vote**

Planning & Vision - Total Votes = 14 Votes

1. Long range planning **11 Votes**
2. Planning Re: infrastructure with citizen input **1 Vote**
3. Stronger code enforcement action **2 Votes**