

Pierceton Hometown Chat
July 17, 2019
Pierceton, Indiana

Magic Wand Ideas

Note: Time prevented us from capturing "Magic Wand" ideas

What do you like best about Pierceton and Kosciusko County

1. Safe Town, Supportive
2. Engaged Residents, willing volunteers
3. Location, Convenient to Fort Wayne and Warsaw
4. Good Schools
5. Small Town feel, Stability/Family Focus where kids can be kids
6. Caring Spirit, Friendly Branded Community, lots of Shops
7. Lots of Visitors from April thru September
8. Tomato Festival, August 24th
9. Pierceton feels like a treasure, charming community
10. People are Visible in the Community
11. Know Everyone
12. Great Library
13. Lots of Faith Choices
14. Many cultural activities close by
15. Princeton Planning and Zoning is good
16. Parks and Trails are an asset
17. Lots of support for shop local and chamber scholarship program

What is missing? (Also presented as Opportunities)

1. Reasons to engage-volunteers
2. More support for young people-kids recreation, need new playground equipment
3. Affordable Housing, 1st time purchasers and rental, not much supply, not sure what is available
4. Expand Trails and Park
5. Need more diversity of businesses
6. More programming at the Senior Center
7. Need public restrooms and staff to clean them
8. More restaurants, a grocery and drug store* hard to keep \$\$ in the community without the basics
9. Need hoteling space or shared work space for business development
10. Need meeting space
11. Need places for kids to meet
12. Need to promote the library
13. Need a Children's Clothing Bank
14. Need sidewalk repaired new sidewalks downtown
15. Need to attract a local attorney
16. More events
17. More focus on business development (chamber/LEDO)
18. Many people don't know how to get involved
19. Need Community Marketing Plan

Primary Focus Buckets Needs Identified

Workforce Preparation* - Total Votes = 4 Votes

1. Trade and Skill Training in Schools and through Builder's Assn. **1 Vote**
2. Vocational Education, retraining, more job fairs
3. Utilize Grace Internship Programs

* General Votes for Workforce Preparation = **3 Votes**

Childcare* - Total Votes = 3 Votes

1. Childcare focus on Infants to 3 years **1 Vote**
2. Need Affordable Childcare
3. Also could be midway drop off point for commuters

* General Votes for Childcare = **2 Votes**

Housing* - Total Votes = 10 Votes

1. Local Development, Home Building (Noted lots platted north of town)
2. Affordable Housing **1 Vote**
3. Rehab existing houses (possible match program with Habitat) **3 Votes**
4. Unique Apartments Downtown
5. Infill where blight exists

* General Votes for Housing = **6 Votes**

Planning and Vision* - Total Votes = 29 Votes

1. Neighborhood Redevelopment **2 Votes**
2. Programs to help with Challenges w/Leadership **4 Votes**
3. Community Planning **17 Votes**
4. Public Restroom **3 Votes**
5. Expand Park

* General Votes for Planning and Visioning = **3 Votes**