

**Silver Lake Hometown Chat**  
**July 30, 2019**  
**Silver Lake, Indiana**

**Magic Wand Ideas**

1. Community Center with childcare, fitness, multi-purpose facility with a storm shelter on the old elementary school property.
2. Lower property tax rate
3. More younger people moving in....
4. Southside sidewalks
5. A K-12 school in town.
6. Get more people involved
7. Nursing Home
8. A grocery store on the south side of Warsaw or south of the high school
9. Lower the speed limit at the hill on Hwy. 14

**What do you like about living in Silver Lake and Kosciusko County?**

1. Quiet community, "The Igloo"
2. Safe community- "Kids can be Kids"
3. Togetherness and helpfulness
4. Family friendly
5. QOL, strong support system
6. Affordability and rural community
7. Relationships, easy to know everyone
8. Friendly Community, relationships

**What's Missing?**

1. Community Center
2. Fitness center
3. Retail business development
4. Water system, business development and expansions
5. Nothing for 18-22, or 14-17 year olds to do
6. Community support and engaged citizens
7. Not connected to the trail system
8. Need the skating rink back
9. Since the elementary school closed many of the activities have gone away
10. Sewer around smaller lakes
11. Nothing for younger kids, just "T-ball"
12. Generally, a lack of youth programs
13. No planning or discussion of options for the closed elementary schools
14. No library
15. Pride of ownership lacking, we need a mowing ordinance that works and code enforcement
16. Downtown revitalization, more grants
17. No Downtown Plan
18. Too much truck traffic, need an alternate route
19. No grocery store
20. Need affordable internet, not much wi-fi
21. Need a storm shelter

## **Primary Focus Bucket Needs Identified**

### **Workforce Prep - Total Votes = 10 Votes**

1. No auto mechanics **3 Votes**
2. No laborers **3 Votes**
3. Internship for co-op students
4. Need for trade schools **4 Votes**

### **Childcare - Total Votes = 7 Votes**

1. Access and affordability \* **7 Votes**
- \* There are 3 or 4 home-based providers

### **Housing - Total Votes = 12 Votes**

1. Low income subsidized housing and rentals **3 Votes**
2. Senior Housing
3. Housing Rehab **6 Votes**
4. Need variance for infill housing
5. Annex property for town housing expansion **3 Votes**

### **Planning & Vision\* - Total Votes = 10 Votes**

1. Need for planning and good relationship with the County Plan Commission
2. Leverage other resources

\* General Votes for Planning & Vision = **10 Votes**