Syracuse Hometown Chat
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Syracuse, Indiana

Magic Wand Ideas
1. Every Student Graduates
2. Eliminate the Opioid Issue
3. Drop Free & Reduced lunch b/c there is no need
4. Get people to know each other- connect people
5. Benchmark Best Practice Communities, Inter-City Visits
6. Focus on Planning
7. Engaged Leadership and expand civic engagement
8. Make everyone responsible Citizens
9. Identify one entity to be the glue to bring everything together and eliminate the silos
10. Find Passionate people to lead on important issues and spike more passion

What do you like best about Syracuse and Kosciusko County?
1. Family Friendly
2. Welcoming & Open Friendly People
3. Safe Community
4. Great Place to raise children, lake community
5. Emotional attachment to the community
6. Diverse population, lake residents (high income), middle class have strong community bond and low-mod income residents are enfranchised. Good mix of people
7. Great schools
8. Close knit community
9. Lakes and activities maximized by communities
10. Civic Engagement, easy to get involved
11. Environmental Awareness
12. People know the community, Wagon Wheel etc
13. Appreciate and have Natural Resources
14. Library
15. Strong History and Community Pride

What's Missing?
1. Student inclusiveness, racial, social economic and LGBTQ tensions
2. Community Foundation could do more than offer scholarship like support public art and community investment
3. Need more cooperation among organizations and less of an isolationist attitude
4. Need more people to live here
5. More Childcare Choices for Infants up, Staff and Affordable
6. Public Art
7. Community Collaboration, Chamber, LEDO, Library, KCCF, all
8. Seems like we are 2 communities, a summer community and a winter community not cohesive
9. School Athletic Programs, Activities and organized programming.
10. Workforce Development, Training, Retraining and Livable Wages
11. More Healthcare choices
12. More Businesses around the lake, the Culver Model
13. Affordable Housing, Rentals, 1st time home buyers
14. Need strong town leadership from Town Council

15. Need Glue for our community of people and servant leaders
16. Public Transportation or some form of transportation

Primary Focus Bucket Needs Identified

Workforce Development - Total Votes = 5 Votes
1. Childcare staffing   **1 Vote**
2. More school focus on skill and college preparation.   **4 Votes**
3. Engage Home Schooler's Assn.

Childcare* - Total Votes = 13 Votes
1. More offerings Infant Plus **2 Votes**
2. Costs
3. Trained and available staff **4 Votes**
4. Affordable Childcare **4 Votes**
5. Childcare for k-12 **1 Vote**

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

Housing* - Total Votes = 9 Votes
1. Focus on affordable and 1st time buyers **2 Votes**
2. Rental Options **4 Votes**
3. Focus on "Enchanted Hills" **1 Vote**
4. Identify Services and Educate Residents **1 Vote**
5. Code Enforcement

* General Votes for Housing = **1 Vote**

Planning & Vision - Total Votes = 10 Votes
1. Focus on Diversity and Inclusion of all people   **1 Vote**
2. Infrastructure Plan, Parks etc.   **1 Vote**
3. Town Council Leadership   **3 Votes**
4. Future Vision Planning Parks, Library, Town Council   **5 Votes**