

APPENDIX B(a): PLACEMAKING SURVEY RAW DATA

What makes Bay Minette unique like no other community? Open-Ended Response

- Bay Minette has mostly everything including a college, elementary through high school, hospital, court house square, wellness center, and most importantly friendly people.
- The "hometown," Mayberry type of atmosphere makes Bay Minette unique. We are also unique in that we are one of the last true "cities" in Baldwin County that have not overgrown. We are centrally located to several big cities, including Pensacola, Fla. and Mobile, Ala.
- A large percentage of residents have lived here all or most of their lives which creates a strong sense of community.
- We are the county seat.
- Involvement
- Friendly home town community.
- It still have the small town lifestyle yet close enough to major cities and services.
- Small town close knit community.
- I think it is a nice small town feel.
- Good: There are some incredible people that are positive and try to help Bay Minette grow. Bad: Those people that don't like growth unless it benefits them or people will be on board with projects and only a few will follow thru.
- Its ability to pull together to help people.
- Community-small town friendly environment
- Small town atmosphere.
- The small-town atmosphere & sense of community. And our beautiful town square.
- Great location to surrounding areas
- It's location to outdoor activities and proximity to Pensacola and Mobile.
- Everyone knows everyone
- Friendliness and personal service.
- Its history
- It is a very charming city! The community really comes together in times of need. It is also a wonderful place to raise children! I am not originally from here but I love our city and its residents! I also love the addition of all the flowers and city signs! The City has really done a wonderful job on beautifying this community!
- The people and community activities.
- Community caring
- small city
- Mayor's involvement in our community.
- The spiritual close knit family feeling of our community. People are friendly and helpful. We have a beautiful city and I love living here.
- Small town feel downtown
- Everyone knows their neighbors. It's a friendly city.
- small, friendly
- Small town.
- Family feel, safe, and the unity shown by local government, business, Chamber, and residents
- When someone needs help, everyone pulls together to make sure that help is provided.
- Relationships
- The sense of community, the kind people, and the atmosphere make Bay Minette unique.i
- very little
- Convenient location to beaches and interstates
- Nothing here to draw people in. Too high on their rent. Shopping ctrs a disgrace.
- Family oriented, "Mayberry" feel, great location
- small town charm, county seat
- location
- Small town!!!
- Nothing
- Not a bunch of traffic and a slower lifestyle. I love the town backing the school sports.
- Small family atmosphere
- For me, it's home
- The children of Wandolyn Cumbie
- Nothing
- Seems to be safer than other towns.
- Bay Minette is a very family-friendly place. Overall, everyone is nice and always on board to help someone in need. We are also unique because of our location. We're the county seat, have a beautiful downtown area, sit right near the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and only 20-30 or so minutes away from both Mobile & Spanish Fort.
- Small and simple
- Decreasing Population
- The people and the community spirit.
- Everyone know everyone, it's friendly, small and

quaint.

- Small town on the interstate. You drive through it to get to better towns.
- Small town and still close to the action.
- The people and just the atmosphere around our city
- Great parks, sports facilities
- WE ARE NOT UNIQUE
- Bay Minette, is a small town that has a very welcoming feeling and atmosphere. The residents value what they have and strive to make it better.
- The people, the community, the family oriented atmosphere, the kindness, the town square, the community events, etc.
- It's a small town. Everybody knows everybody. It's so welcoming and homie.Q
- Small, family feel
- We still have that small town feel. The sidewalks throughout the town are great for running and walking. Plus, we host Ride Yellow.
- My husband.
- Family oriented community
- We stole the court house.
- Small community
- Small & together
- Good question... to be honest, it is probably like other small towns in that it is friendly and family oriented. We are welcoming to newcomers, looking to grow but at the same time still keeping the small town values of working together to help out other community members in their time of need. Bay Minette is a special place.
- It is small town, but close to shopping, the beach, Mobile, and Pensacola without the traffic and congestion.
- We do stick together when things get hard
- The people are nice and helpful
- The nice and caring people that live here.
- I think it's pretty cool we still have the railroad
- Small and close.nit
- Bay Minette is so supportive of our schools and teams within the schools. The city is very involved.
- The sense of community
- People
- Community support/involvement is raising money to help people in need.
- Small town atmosphere, court house and downtown area that could be revitalized
- People – so friendly & community oriented!
- Love the small town feel
- There is still a hometown feel here without all of the commercialism you find in other growing cities in Baldwin County.
- Retirement community
- its dependence on the government, banks, and lawyers
- Small, slow pace, family oriented
- This town really pulls together in a time of need.
- Bay Minette is unique because people who live there actually cares about the community and the schools that surround it
- Great place to raise children low crime rate
- The true small town feel where everyone knows everyone. Our community supports each other and is inclusive of everyone!
- For it's small size it has so many larger city amenities that are not appreciated and taken for granted by the general population. Great hospital, Fitness center, airport, streets, great local government support, police and fire protection. Local folks don't realize how fortunate we are and should be proud of what we have.
- Near fresh & salt water
- Beautiful small town feel and large amount of support from community on school functions and activities
- People
- The fact that time has stood still here. Absolutely nothing changes. There is still nothing to do.
- Hometown feel
- The large lots the houses are on. What I noticed the most when moving here is the love shown between people when we attended our daughter's basketball games.
- Community Involvement
- The closeness of the community
- It thinks it is more important than it really is.
- Small town atmosphere
- Surrounding environmental resources
- Not having any new fast food places and not changing and growing exponentially like other cities in our county.
- The spirit is unreal. You can definitely tell that it's a family oriented community.
- Small town. Slow pace. Family community. Conservative values.
- Caring people

- Family
- It is truly a small town where you interact with people in the town all the time.
- The people
- Small town but convenient to other cities
- Nothing, and those “keeping-up-with-the-Joneses” community members walking around with thick rose-colored glasses on need to get off their high-horses, visit other same-size towns in various regions and see that BM is near the bottom in jobs, education, opportunity, income, “curb appeal,” livability.
- The small town, sense of pride community
- The generosity Bay Minette residents have to give.
- Can’t think of anything...
- Its sense of togetherness and pride.
- The people. Friendly, small-town living
- Family atmosphere, loving and giving community.
- Its a family place
- Location Location Location. We are close to everything, but far enough away to enjoy the quite life. Beaches, the river, shopping all just a short distance!
- Our location between the Gulf of Mexico and the Tensaw River.

Community Identity I - What do people outside of town think of when they think about Bay Minette, AL? (What is Bay Minette's brand?)

- Small town that hasn't grown and isn't growing.
- My friend calls it "South Dakota" when I ask her to drive up here because she thinks it is so far away from the rest of the county (I think it is just that long stretch between Loxley and Bay Minette where it is mostly rural property that makes it feel long. People I know in south Baldwin County also feel that Bay Minette has a higher population of low socioeconomic communities, thus higher rates of violence or danger. I am originally from Loxley (20 minutes south of BM) and went to Robertsdale High School. My impression when I was in high school was that Bay Minette was unsafe. I think the highway front property, especially between International Paper and the bridge over the railroad tracks, contributes to that feeling. I did not even know about downtown Bay Minette until I moved to Bay Minette in 2008. I went to the community college for two years prior to that and never even heard of "Courthouse Square," which I feel now is one of our most attractive areas. We do not promote the Delta/river lifestyle to our neighboring communities enough either.
- I have had people that have passed through say BM looks like a very nice town. Eastern shore people have mixed opinions.
- People think Bay Minette is a very friendly town
- I like it has things for children to participate in
- Small, rural and poor community.
- Backward because the old establishment is strong which is not wanting more services (restaurant, amusements, etc).
- Im always told they think of us as the unrefined country district part of Baldwin county.. I meet numerous new people daily due to work.. I am an RN. I travel around to make home visits with sick patients and their families.
- They think we are low class and trashy. People often ask why we moved here. We feel like we have to defend the town often.
- Outside input is there is not much in Bay Minette.
- Rednecks
- Not a good, growing place.
- Friendly, welcoming, all American small town.
- Lack of restaurants, grocery stores and hotels. A large portion of homes in the area with trash in the front yards and homes needing exterior work.
- County Seat
- Probably not good things.
- Not sure
- It's where the court house is
- I'm afraid Bay Minette has a negative image which is totally unfounded. I feel people outside of Bay Minette think our citizens are of a lower class.
- The step child of Baldwin county.
- The courthouse
- friendly people
- Family
- Small town feeling - safety. My family comes from Pensacola to bring the small children to parades and the splash pad.
- County Seat
- Backwoods dead town
- Small, boring, not a lot of things to do.
- boring, we need the cops to settle down too much its like a speed trap almost
- Why do you live in a town that doesn't want to grow and expand.
- Rednecks
- Tensaw Delta, some focus on this being a poorer area of Baldwin County, some see the great things being done here, but I think most see its a good place to raise a family.
- Unfortunately, anytime I talk to anyone outside of town, they have a negation view of Bay Minette.
- only poor hicks live here. they think we are so far from everything.
- Country town that is lucky to have the county seat or a drive by community when going to the beach.
- I think they believe we are rubes.
- county folks door nail dumb
- Speed trap. Just get through here. Don't stop.
- Well most people think we are a bunch of poor rednecks. That we drive tractors and horses every where.
- Old and tired looking
- I hope family atmosphere & a simpler way of life.
- unknown
- Low income red-headed step child of the county - a big reason is because our people keep moving south or putting their kids in schools outside of Bay Minette. The schools are NOT bad. They are wonderful!
- College
- It's a drive-through town. The only thing people really know of is Street's. Although the food is good, the place looks dirty. Waffle House is dirty too, and the McDonald's drive through takes too long.

- Courthouse and not much else.
- Small quiet safe family friendly atmosphere
- Small hick town
- Gateway to the gulf
- That people in Bay Minette are poor rednecks
- Nothing changing.
- Not sure
- That really depends on who you ask, I think. I've always felt that the younger generation... like 30 years and under, always has a bad taste in their mouth about Bay Minette for some reason. 30 and up tends to enjoy being here, have moved back and are raising their families here. Young people, for some reason, are a little bitter and tend to want to move away. Personally, I've always enjoyed Bay Minette and I'd brand it as a family place with TONS of potential... just needs the right people on board to make it happen.
- Walmart
- Unfortunately, they have negative thoughts and comments
- There's nothing to do in Bay Minette, such as shopping, indoor recreation.
- Small. Pass through it on the way to the beach, Eastern Shore. Not much to do. Walmart is BAD and frightening to shop as a female. Low income. Not very good schools.
- I have heard negative comments.
- Quiet and safe but not enough restaurants or shops
- Bad schools, low income, road-side yard sales
- BORING AND COUNTRY
- Small town, exit to the beach
- Outside of Bay Minette in Baldwin County we are stereotyped as small town, backwoods, rednecks with nothing to do, but we are slowly changing that reputation one visitor at a time.
- Not too much, maybe thought about Therasas BBQ, but now it's gone.
- We used to work in Bay Minette until the office was moved back down to Robertsdale. My co-workers always noted how homey and cozy Bay Minette felt to them. Being able to walk from the office to the bank or hardware store, or Stacey's for a last minute gift. My boss liked the small town feel, it reminded her of home.
- College
- Quiet area
- Rural and redneck
- Rednecks
- A way to get to the beach
- It has change in my opinion over the past 10 years or so. I fell like people from other counties have looked down on our town in the past, but are now realizing the hidden gem we are and the love we are pouring into our town to make it even better.
- Probably the courthouse
- Hahaha. That we are all the same
- that we are slow in many ways we get talked down on.
- Friendly people
- It's a old town. No one wants to come visit cause old and boring.
- Hunting and fishing recreation
- "That's where I exit to the beach, right?"
- Red neck and poor! I wish it wasn't
- Backwards, lowIQ, too far north, low income
- A place with nothing to do.
- Country town, low income, limited educational opportunities
- Small town/nothing to do.
- Redneck, country, nothing here
- Redneck, uneducated
- They think we are low class because of the motels and lack entertainment and restaurants.
- bedroom community
- Not positive
- Boring town, uneducated people
- Unfortunately, I don't hear outsiders talk good about Bay Minette.
- I think Bay Minette is a great brand! But it's lacking way behind compared to the south end of the county
- Don't know
- Unfortunately, I think people have a bad misconception of our town. We don't have the shopping or recreation that other local towns have. We don't have anything to really draw people in from other communities like the Eastern Shore and Southern Baldwin county do.
- What a redneck town this is. Has nothing to offer anyone.
- Small town
- That was a small town, nothing good to eat there
- Not very well thought of. Our schools are below par with the rest of the county. People (in general) are of a different mindset.
- Redneck

- The town where time stands still. Or that we are all drug heads.
- Small town=nothing exciting to do
- Not as good as them
- To be truthful, when we moved from Ohio, we were told to not live in Bay Minette by people in Baldwin County. But, since this is where my husband's job is, we moved here and I have never understood why we were told that.
- Courthouse
- Needs better restaurants and a chain hotel.
- A joke. Poor people. Lower class. Rednecks.
- Small Town
- Rednecks- they describe Bay Minette as low class rednecks
- Poor and bad for restaurants
- I don't hear many good qualities other than it being smaller. Mainly the fact that if we go anywhere, that we have to travel.
- Nice place to live and visit. Low crime rate. Safe community. Family oriented.
- Red Neck, poor, "arm pit" of Baldwin county
- Country town, nothing to do
- Tigers football
- There is nothing there but a Walmart.
- Courthouse/County seat
- Sadly, most people that I have heard give an opinion, think that we are a "redneck town".
- Lower incomes which results in a lower class of people in their eyes, as compared to other towns in Baldwin County.
- I've been on a few FB boards that include members from other states as well as other areas of AL. The general consensus is that it is a poverty-ridden failure to get through as quickly as possible on the way to the beach.
- Rural
- Small town with nothing to give, but they just don't know.
- Courthouse and the fact that there's not much here in the way of shopping and restaurants.
- Coming from growing up in Birmingham, all I knew was Bay Minette meant you were almost to Gulf Shores. I don't know what others see the BM brand as.
- City Pool
- Nothing to do
- Small town. A true community!
- Cute little town, but has parts that are run downed
- They make fun of us!!

Community Identity II - What do you wish people thought about Bay Minette, AL? (What do you want Bay Minette's brand to be?)

- I wish people would think of Bay Minette as an ACTIVE city.
- I wish we were seen as that small town, but hip, environment...a place you want to move a small family to so you are close enough to the boom in Baldwin County without feeling the daily effects of that boom (i.e. traffic, etc.). I also wish we were seen as the recreational destination for the area for those who do not always want to go to the beach.
- That BM is improving in a number of ways. The new plantings are very a very positive addition. The administration is doing a great job of looking for improvements for our community, there are some things that are out of their control such as abandoned buildings which are "eye sores". Eventually, the mega-site will bring a lot of positive changes.
- We are family oriented and friendly
- Safe place good education for kids
- Growing, changing, beautiful community with a home town feel that provides a safe place to live and raise a family.
- Progressive and modern in its attitude toward getting new businesses to move in.
- That we are not small minded unrefined uneducated country folks..
- I wish people thought there were things to do here.
- More business with a variety. You know what Walmart has to offer. A variety of clothes. Restaurants. Customers know when they come to Bay Minette, Ruby Tuesday is the best there is for a quieter sit down table meal to discuss business. So we're off to Daphne.
- The first impression of Baldwin county
- A community that welcomes everyone.
- I think we should highlight how much we support our childrens' athletics, art, music, etc. Our library is wonderful, we have lots of cultural events. I'd like to see us mesh our small-town appeal with all the cultural, historical & sporting events while highlighting how aesthetically beautiful our town is.
- Family oriented, good schools, beautiful fun place to live.
- Things to do.
- A nice small town. With nice people
- We are not on the wrong side of the tracks.
- More events with music and night events, more things to do at night other than a bar
- I wish people would see how amazing this city is! Everyone comes together to help out in good times and bad. There are several parks and areas for the kids to play and enjoy.
- A quaint little hidden jewel!
- Something for everyone - families, singles, childless, parents, teens, children, toddlers
- more places to eat
- Unity, Oneness! No signs of racism or division!
- Small town feel with some good sit down family dining. A lot of fun outdoor things to do.
- Small Town with great food downtown.
- That this city is for families.
- lively, up to date with close by cities, opportunity for local growth.
- a beautiful place with more variety
- It's a great place.
- Nice clean hometown community
- I wish more people would step back and truly see the beauty of Bay Minette and what it has to offer. I wish those that want something different would get involved and try to make a difference. I would love to see the MEGA site come to fruition and Bay Minette become known as a great place to work. I would like to see the tax revenue from this project do great things financially in North Baldwin.
- I wish people thought of Bay Minette as a caring community that is a wonderful place to raise a family.
- clean, cute and quaint small town.
- A close rural community that cares, provides opportunities and activities for everyone in a clean and safe environment.
- Small-town life with dreams and attainable aspirations
- a place that is safe to raise your family, good education and community support
- Quaint hometown atmosphere with good food and great shopping. Friendly, Clean and well kept town.
- That is it a family town where everyone knows everybody. A town that pulls together for anybody that needs any kind of help. That it is a beautiful place to live
- Exciting and colorful to come into
- That this is a town that is valued and is seeking to be the best it can be and grow with the times while still maintaining its values and family feel.
- beautiful buildings, great schools, fun for all ages
- The perfect place in the perfect location - some of us actually choose to live here. Some of us live here because we wanted to. Not everyone here was born here and did not leave. We are not a large town, but still a great size to have everything we need - and everything else is at our fingertips.
- That we had really good places to eat and to shop.

Southern Gyp is a good start, but we need more.

- A fun close nit community with kind people.
- Beautiful city close to the bay
- Cute, pleasant small town
- That it's a nice city with nice people
- New vesion!
- We would have better shopping/eating choices in our town.
- I wish people realized how much potential we have. I wish people had a mindset that anything is possible with support and hardwork. I want Bay Minette to be known as "a family place." Sure, it's the slogan already... but many people don't realize it really is.
- Place to go or to go out to eat
- I would like for Bay Minette to be respected as a cozy, friendly small town with much to offer its' citizens like quality careers and jobs, entertainment, shopping , great schools and safety for its' citizens.
- It's a great place to live and work.
- Safe, attractive community with vibrant downtown and great shops. Better grocery stores.
- Cute, quaint, but not boring.
- A place where you can make it
- Great schools, involved community. Employment opportunity that offer middle to upper class earning potential.
- GREAT FAMILY COMMUNITY-GREAT PLACES TO EAT-GREAT PLACE TO SHOP
- Beautiful town with a lot of things to do.
- A Family Place. A great place to work and play and live life. A place with numerous amenities --- outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, events, etc...
- I wish they were more aware of some things they have for the community like the pool, the play grounds, tennis courts.
- Some people still think we are backwoods country bumpkins who is behind the times since we don't have hardly any retail or restaurants.
- A place to visit and stay for a unique experience.
- A great place to live with no violence.
- Nice small town
- The beauty and diversity of our city
- Exciting town
- That they lived here with their family!
- A relaxing oasis in a county of astronomical growth
- That we are a great small town
- that we are really good people and not to think of us as a bad city
- A caring community
- I want people to be excited about coming to Bay Minette like they are going to foley. I want Bay Minette to grow and keep new and small businesses here.
- Family centered thriving community
- We are awesome! We have amazing people and wonderful schools and awesome people live here!
- Brilliant people, beautiful and safe place to live. We are not backward, we are just right.
- A place with a wide variety of activities for all ages.
- Nice place to live that can provide students with a quality education, cultural activities and events
- Family oriented/community spirit/lots to do!
- Great small town. Close community
- Wonderful small town with caring, friendly people.
- That we are individuals who are open and welcoming to NEW and future residents.
- small town honoring its heritage and culture -- would like to see the library become a center for culture -- it has the ability to become thus with some support
- Community pride
- Best little town in south Alabama
- I wish there were more things to do around town , it's a great place to live and all but I feel we are lacking way behind compared to daphne , Spanish fort..etc
- Good jobs
- I want people to see Bay Minette as the family community that it is!! We are thriving and I want to continue to see new developments brought in that attracts others to our area.
- Nice community. Glad I live here. Would like to live here.
- A great place to visit & live because of small town atmosphere but with nice shops & eateries.
- More businesses! More big brand and chain businesses!
- It is a good town especially to raise kids. It is not as bad as it may appear
- Kindness, always helping each other
- That we could actually have good things here, and be a nice town with family and community standards.
- A family hometown community that cares about the lives of its citizens and is always improving.

- Beautiful, small community feel that invests in their youth. A great police force that is striving hard every day to make it a safe place to live.
- Great community to live in
- A great place to live with many opportunities for jobs
- That it was equal to other cities in Baldwin County.
- Innovative- a Revitalized City with energized citizens
- Growth
- More things to do and places to eat, at night and not just lunch.
- Small, hometown community. Not greedy, not over-industrialized, not crammed apartments or hundreds of subdivisions with no space taking up beautiful open farm spaces. Don't become another Eastern Shore.
- That it was equal with all the other cities in Baldwin County.
- People are important, a lot of recreational opportunities-fishing hunting, boating
- Beautiful landscaping, less run down houses, businesses
- I actually kinda like people not knowing what Bay Minette really is. It's a nice little secret.
- Best schools in the county, progressive fastest growing city in county,
- That we are a wholesome, small town with an eye for the future.
- Not a rich but a Small town away from it all.
- A good place to raise a family away from the hustle of a bigger city...with security, morals, less meth heads everywhere, fewer kids who have no manners and are rude and disrespectful.
- Up and coming, popular but with small town charm
- I am a small business owner, so I always want people to feel welcomed when entering my store. I would like for there to be more small business owners to offer more to Bay Minette.
- I would love to see people excited to visit Bay Minette and spend the day visiting a variety of restaurants and shops.
- It would be nice for them to want to come here to shop, eat, etc.
- Family friendly small town
- A place to go like Spanish Fort or Daphne
- Charm, welcoming, a fun place to be.
- Strong community in a little town and always has something to do
- Great place to live, great school district and thriving businesses.

Arts & Culture (events, entertainment & programming) - What could be improved or brought to Bay Minette?

- Lets bolster what we have. Ride yellow draws large numbers of people and we have signs on 59 that say we are Bay Minette Home of Ride Yellow. We are a small enough town now that could build around this and say "Hey we are a biking community". This would be a near first in our county and/or state. Make dedicated bike lanes throughout Hand avenue down to the square. Create a bike loop throughout the city that is safe for riders, connect to HWY 59 road side trail. Paint medians green and make them stand out as bike lanes. Promote our town as biking central and not just a single weekend out of the year. More thought should be poured into the Rails to trails that has been recently talked about. We could spearhead the initiative and do our part to connect to the rest of the towns south of us.
- I actually think Bay Minette does a great job with events and entertainment considering the size of our community. We just need more unorganized activities, such as a family night life (i.e. pizza parlor with a green space and a bar). We need things for people to do that (1) won't break the bank and (2) that you can do any given night or weekend.
- We need a movie theater and a community theater
- Bring Mardi Gras parade back for the kids, find something all kids to be in, the less fortunate kids
- All of the above. Maybe a movie theater.
- We need more events or attractions for younger kids especially during summer time.. there is nothing for kids older than 12 to do.. we need museums, art centers, out door areas to host events, we need better restaurants instead of fast food places..
- I think we should have a farmers market in town as well as maybe a monthly art walk allowing artists to set up in areas for people to walk around and invite food trucks etc. also businesses need to be open when people aren't working. A lot of people don't bother shopping our small businesses, even if they live in town because they close when people aren't working.
- Just don't know. Bay Minette is so money restricted. I guess they are doing as good as can. Holiday Fireworks are always good when food, booths, games and activities are involved. Christmas fest is already very good. Same set up for July 4th and New Years could work. How about inside cook offs during the summer. The problem I heard with this idea is the Bay Minette Fire Department says that Bay Minette doesn't have a facility that is large enough to accommodate a large cook off inside safely. This means it would have to be another seasonal activity outside.
- More community based events. Live crawfish bowl and Christmas fest.
- Something for the children to do
- A theater and more restaurants that don't just open for the court house crowd.
- We need soccer complex!! Mobile, Fairhope, Foley & Spanish Fort are seeing so much revenue from theirs! And the opportunities for state, national & private tournaments are incredible. Also, I would love to have a small movie theater, a drama program and a wider variety of restaurants.
- movie theater, STEM camps for kids or more science related camps
- A movie theater, better shopping, activities such as Painting With a Twist.
- Overall appearance and maybe a movie theater.
- More outdoor events in the park. Music.
- Music and car shows and an art walk with discounts for local artists to display their art
- I do wish we had more places for entertainment like a movie theater, putt-putt golf, etc.
- Maybe a sounds of the summer..have local bands set up and play at the park downtown. People could bring their blankets or lawn chairs.
- Community chorus, public transportation
- Events for youths. Gospel concerts. Art competition and talent events.
- Art on the square. Maybe a day when various artists could not only show their skills but do demonstrations around the court house square. .
- Outdoor activities
- Movie theater. More nightlife especially a more upscale restaurant and nightclub.
- Painting studio, Live band in the park on weekends or through the week with beer and food trucks. Updated bowling alley, laser tag. Theatre :)
- definitely
- More residential homes and more businesses.
- Fun outdoor evening community events
- D. All of the above. There has to be some type night life that is attractive to the younger people and those moving to this area to make people want to settle here.
- I am not sure what exactly is needed in this area. In larger cities, museums come to mind, but I don't think they would survive here.
- high speed internet for outlying areas so people might be able to work from home and attract more professionals. Maybe a small museum with local history and a rotating art display from locals?
- We have been doing much better in this area over the past few years.
- Arts, more entertainment, and more sports for girls
- anything
- Entertainment and decent restaurants that are open at night. A market that people passing through

would remember and want to stop at on their way to the beach and on their way back home. A good CLEAN market with GOOD produce and fruit and seafood.

- Some of the old rundown places need be torn down or remodeled to make them look better.
- More business and restaurants. Old timers need to give in to welcoming new business and department stores. Walmart getting ridiculous.
- More theatre arts, music opportunities, fine arts camps, etc for those who sports do not appeal to.
- live shows, concerts
- Something to bring people into town!
- Community theatre, Escape/game places, etc.
- Community plays would be nice.
- Outdoor entertainment
- Not sure
- There are never any events that bring people outside of Bay Minette. Even Christmas Fest has declined over the last 8 years or so.
- Don't know
- I'd like to see a small screen movie theater, more festivals put on by organizations other than the chamber and city. I'd like to turn downtown into an entertainment district so that we can have beer & bingo in the park, or bbq, beer & bands...
- Movie theater or arcade something for kids to do
- Fine arts and quality entertainment, fine dining, offered to our children and adults.
- More Events-Music
- I think the community does a great job with events. There seems to always be something going on. The Chamber seems to do a fantastic job!
- I am 200% convinced that a small Red or White in that brick building next to the courtyard, in the square (I heard it was a movie theater) would be a great addition. If Atmore can have a Gather restaurant, we should be able to do something like that as well. And we need a cool coffee shop and a cute boutique in that square.
- New Restaurants...A movie theater...New stores. We let a lot of our people's money go to Malbis and Daphne
- The community has to support these events/ programs. That is the problem with this town.....no support.
- MORE BROUGHT TO CIVIC CENTER AND NOT CHARGE SO MUCH
- A festival to get outsiders to come, more restaurant choices (fast food). Movie theater and a teen center.
- I wish the citizens would work to embrace what WE DO have instead of pointing out what WE DON'T

have. We have a lot of wonderful events, but it seems the same people are doing the work and the same people are attending and the rest of the town is complaining and talking about what we need. We do have things, we just need our people to embrace the things!

- More shopping centers and arcade/gaming places.
- Maybe an art walk type of event monthly. For local vendors to get together to sell things and people to enjoy our downtown area.
- We had a movie theater at one point, but I don't think that will go over now a days, because there isn't anything else attracting you here. We need something, unfortunately I can't think of anything specific.
- A theater and Play House.
- More shopping and retail store/entertainment.
- Tough question. There is little support for arts in Bay Minette.
- Venue for entertainment
- Steak house & whataburger & wendys
- Music usually gets lots of people together. What if we had some type of music festival for song writers, aspiring singers, including some recognizable artists, softball tournaments, to be honest I think you all do an excellent job!!
- More family activities.
- Food choices and industrial/job opportunities
- movie theater no more offices
- We could have better vendors for Christmas Fest.
- Better, nicer restaurants. Fix up the rec center and the parking lot area.
- Art days or festivals Summer jams/concerts at outdoor venues Food truck Saturdays
- Farmers Market Days Dinner en Blanc Movies in the Park
- More entertainment. Jazz bands and things like that! Special entertainment
- Places to enjoy with family besides a ball park.
- A movie theater.Children's events on the weekend. The summer library program is great for kids but working parents can't take their children and there's nothing on the weekends.
- Movie theater
- Partner with coastal to provide music events on the square like they do in Fairhope
- More street party type events on the square. Return Christmas Fest to the square.
- A movie theater would be great. It's not fun always driving to do anything fun

- Movie theater, more sit down restaurants that are open in the evening, clubs and groups for people to be involved in
- Upgrade the bowling alley and skating rink. I believe that it is run down and dirty. We are behind times and places such as Spanish Fort and Daphne are light years ahead of us.
- Theatre for movies -- keep young people in town on weekends. Use of BMES auditorium for everything from town plays to talent show. More grants written to obtain enrichment for the community -- Bay Minette is doing far more to redevelop itself as a community than it had for years.
- More things for kids to do
- Already have a good mix
- Movie theater. Hotels
- it would be awesome to have laser tag, a place to hangout around town or even a movie theater
- Movie theater dances for different age groups
- Christmas Fest used to be amazing. This has been our only real draw from other areas and the last few years it seems to have gone downhill. I'd love to see community concerts from people that would attract people from other towns to come see what our town is about.
- Lacking in this arena. I don't think we would get the participation needed to succeed. Community Concerts failed due to lack of attendance and interest. Many years ago we had a little theater that was very successful and many young people participated. Several good productions were well attended.
- Live performance theater, concerts
- More festivals
- Bring something. Period.
- Stuff for kids, better schools
- Any arts and culture would be good. There is almost nothing for any type of culture rich environment here.
- seems we have events for the children, but not much geared for adults
- Dramas and plays
- I think Bay Minette does a great job for events and such.
- More festivals instead of just Christmas fest
- Art festival, theatre plays, music events
- More city support to Ride Yellow. Make Christmas fest worth going to. A nice movie theater. A cheaper city pool and golf course admission and/ or membership.
- Utilizing your resources better...build programs around your environment.
- More art festivals other than the Christmas fest
- Movie theatre/drive up theatre Bowling alley where the lanes aren't slanted. Laser tag Container park
- The more you bring, the more you lose of what makes this community unique to Baldwin County.
- Any extra family events
- Bowling Alley needs to be enhanced
- Better places to eat, things for young kids to do during the summer
- Na
- Movie theater, museums, Large entertainment/ sports venue
- Better promotion of events.
- Sporting events, festivals, anything that invites people to our area. More involvement with the students at Coastal because if they like the area they'll stay it come back.
- I don't see our economy and our average poverty level being able to support much more culturally, especially anything more than a few "upper" citizens will attend or something so rap that only youth will attend. The gap is huge.
- We need a theater or destination attraction
- Movie Theater, more things for kids to do, so they don't have to leave town.
- An arts center, coffee shop with entertainment, more concerts-really anything in this category would be an improvement.
- I'd love to see a movie theater or drive-in theater in BM.
- youth theater program
- More events
- More of it all and support for the programs we do have in this genre.
- Events and entertainment after 5pm

Retail & Social Attractions (restaurants, retail stores, hotels, etc.) - What could be improved or brought to Bay Minette?

- 'Nice' Hotels are a must. There are many individuals that come to town for events at college, travel physicians that work at North Baldwin etc. and they bring their money to Spanish fort or Malbis to stay the night. Ride yellow brings many people to town that do the ride and leave afterwards. As far as restaurants and retail stores, go survey the number of kids that attend Coastal and see what they would like to have here. There should also be a way of getting college students to downtown once business has been established via transit.
- We definitely need hotels. We have a new employee at my workplace, and they are staying in Spanish Fort hotels. This occurs over and over again. Also, I think we have enough "five and dime" stores around here. I went to Wall-Mart the other day, and for the first time in 11 years, I was asked by an employee if I was finding everything ok. I was so surprised, I actually pulled my husband aside to tell him about it.
- A name brand hotel would help.
- We need more family style restaurants like golden coral or Shoney's and we need a chick-fil-a
- Yes we need jobs and new restaurants, Chick-fil-A for example
- More places for family dining. Definitely updated and new hotels for out of town guests. More retail stores for shopping.
- Street's Restaurant needs to be torn down and rebuilt with a new, clean building. Other restaurants should be encouraged to move in (ie., Ryans, Golden Corral, Zaxby's, etc.)
- Better variety of restaurants, spas, ice cream shops, movie theater, ice skating, water park, youth center, community clubs to join, better gyms that have kids in mind too, local attractions for kids 13 and older.. side walks all over town therefore things that can be accessible by walking
- We need to find ways to invite new businesses like antique stores and create a more Fairhope type shopping experience. We also need to clean up and beautify the area maybe with updated awnings and maybe paint some of the brick buildings. Get some large art pieces like the painted clamshells in Mobile area. Maybe get an artist to do some murals on the sides of some of the buildings and/or fix up the ones that already exist.
- Our customers stay in newer hotels with more amenities in Daphne and travel back to Bay Minette. Does Bay Minette have an easy way to work with local people on starting new business? I've been told the process of getting help could be easier. I don't have specifics.
- More nice places to sit down and eat.
- A "sit down" restaurant
- A real clothing store.
- Restaurants! I dislike the idea of more hotels. I think our town is worth driving to, and not putting a ton of hotels around here will help keep our small-town atmosphere.
- Chick Fil A, Target, Starbucks, Movie Theater.
- Another sit down restaurant similar to our Ruby Tuesday's.
- More restaurants and locally owned shopping would be wonderful.
- Place to go with friends for social time that is upscale. Better lodging. Rouses grocery store.
- .more varieties of restaurants open on the weekends and nights, nicer grocery stores
- More restaurants and stores
- A good hotel definitely. Restaurants just don't last..
- Businesses to replace the jobs lost from Standard
- better restaurants
- Publix, Fresh Market. Volleyball court.
- A good steak house, a BBQ and a Dairy Queen. We need more retail shopping - Home Store, Ollies or Big Lots.
- No more big box stores
- More restaurants, no more fast food places.
- Restaurant that are open past 8:30-9pm, nice sit down dining. Clothing store, shoe store and coffee shop. Ice cream shop.
- OMG is is very lacking when we have to go to Mobile Foley or Pensacola to shop
- More real restaurants not fast food.
- D. All of the above. We must attract a "chain" hotel of some type. Not many people at all want to stay here when visiting town. We need restaurants with courteous and dependable staff as well as shopping.
- More sit down , non fast food restaurants are needed. Also, it should be restaurants that are open at night and not only during lunch hours. A nice Hilton or Marriott would be a wonderful addition. Socially, a movie theater should do good. Many people go to Spanish Fort, Daphne, or Atmore regularly to attend movies.
- Restaurants with regular city hours would help.
- I would like to see a place like Gather in Atmore come to town to provide a nice quality meal.
- Restaurants, Chick-fil-a, Wendy's, etc. More retail stores
- any would be great and properly train employee's .. restaurants speak for their community when tourist stop in bad food bad service bad town
- Nice places to shop and good restaurants that are open at night.

- We need more places to eat and nicer hotels for people to stay in. It is a shame when people come to visit family and they have to go stay in daphne or fairhope to have a decent place to stay. The motels here are awful and i would not want animals to stay there. We need places to eat. We all drive out of town to eat somewhere. There is nothing here that is a nice place to eat. The drive through here are nasty and the people are rude. We need more stores to shop at. When baseball season or any sport season comes around we have to go out of town to get the things we need for our kids to play. We loose a lot of revenue because there is no where to eat sleep or shop.
- Additional name brand restaurants, Capt D's, Popeyes, etc
- See #7 answer.
- Significantly more food options. More sit down, nicer fast food options, chain hotel
- Chick-fil-a, STIX, Bath & Body Works, KOHLs, venues for weddings and events
- Anything!
- Chick-Fil-A and What-A-Burger. Also, get some of the stores that are leaving the Eastern Shore Centre to come here as a stand-alone store - maybe something like Old Navy or Ross' or even IHOP.
- Restaurants seem to have a difficult time surviving here. I'm unsure what's going on. I understand around the courthouse is difficult because it's feast or famine and depends on the court schedules. I think maybe not being that near the courthouse might be a plus and catering to everyone.
- WHATABURGER
- Chick fil A Target. Holiday Inn Express. Out door shopping area such as Eastern Shore Centre. Cracker Barrel. Amphitheater
- We need more family restaurants and more shopping. I have to go to Spanish Fort or Foley any time I need to shop.
- People don't help local business.
- Better choices of shopping and eating.
- As much as I love local shops, mom & pop type places, we need some name brand restaurants. People know and trust name brands when it comes to food & lodging. We need a Zaxby's or Whataburger, maybe Wendy's. We need a nice sit down, family restaurant... even renovations to our local Chinese Buffet or Mexican Restaurant would be nice. We NEED a name brand hotel. We also need a well-rounded clothing store that men, women and children will benefit from. I think a store like Ross would absolutely kill it here... it's affordable, they carry anything you need from clothing to home goods and it's a name brand that everyone loves.
- Chic- fil- a more selection like Daphne or Malbis has even a Starbucks
- Absolutely need quality, clean, restaurants. In desperat need of quality retail stores and clean respectful hotels.
- Restaurants, Retail Stores
- Better dining- not just drive through. Just newer options. Foosackley's, Wendy's, Dairy Queen. McAlister's, Starbucks, Chickfila. There is so much traffic driving through BM. Cracker Barrel, Panera, etc.
- I am 200% convinced that a small Red or White in that brick building next to the courtyard, in the square (I heard it was a movie theater) would be a great addition. If Atmore can have a Gather restaurant, we should be able to do something like that as well. And we need a cool coffee shop and a cute boutique in that square.
- More hotels, restaurants and retail stores. There's way too much traffic that comes through Bay Minette but there's nothing for people to stop and spend money on
- Retail store, restaurants and YES a decent hotel. Tear down the trash/vacant buildings as your enter Bay Minette from the South.
- Drive in movie theater
- INDUSTRY, HOUSING FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS- RESTAUARANTS
- Chick-fil-a, upscale clothing stores for children, youth and teens, shoe store, anything to keep us shopping and eating in Bay Minette instead of traveling to Malbis/Daphne.
- Department stores --- or something similar like a family clothing store, there is no where for a man to buy a suit or rent a tux; Women's clothes shopping is also limited, kids clothes almost non existent. A few nice branded sit down restaurants. Branded hotels -- Hilton or Marriott. Shoe Store.
- More shopping centers and food choices. We only have a few food options on a night out if you want to stay close to home and half of the food options aren't worth the money or time.
- More restaurants for sure, and things to do. Maybe ice cream shops, places to shop downtown. The dog park that's coming is awesome! It would be awesome to add a doggy pool to the park as well. it would make it unique and it being so hot where we live very beneficial!
- We need restaurants!!! We need a nicer grocery store. There are hardly any shops to shop at. Southern Gyp is nice, but sometimes it doesn't meet what you're specifically looking for. A chik fil a would be nice. We could catch some beach traffic with that. Course if Al doesn't stop putting a quota out for daily tickets we won't have any beach traffic (yeah word has got around to outsiders that Bay Minette is a speed trap and as soon as the beach Express gets finished we can kiss any beach traffic and their money goodbye). I've not gotten a ticket, I just know word has gotten around. That's just some friendly advice.
- A shoe store and better restaurants.
- Publix,chic fill A,target,sams,more sit down

resteraunts,burkes outlet

- We need more lunch places. I'm not sure what kind of retail would survive in town.
- Restaurants coffee shops
- Anything but a Walmart
- Need better fast food, if possible. A chicken place, a firehouse subs, etc. or if someone could open another Frosty Treat ... We need to hold our others to a higher standard. We shouldn't eat it so much, but for busy families with small children playing sports it is what we do. Now that we have our softball fields we are going to need hotels and restaurants. If tournaments will be hosted. Everyone it seems is loving the boutique, if we had a few more retail store maybe we could save everyone a trip to Malbis all the time. A small movie theater?
- Restaurants, and retail stores can't survive here because rent is too high and the people don't support small business here. They set out to destroy the new business instead
- Shopping and food industries
- restaurants
- More retail shops and restaurants.
- Definitely nicer and better restaurants. The few we have is getting old. Make the strip mall areas where piggy wiggly and tractor supply place better clean it up!! It's so broke down and hood rat looking no one wants to come around. The Parking lot areas too!! If we fixed it up maybe nicer stores would come in.
- Bay Minette has no nice restaurants. Downtown should be attractive for boutiques and nicer stores Nicer hotels or bed and breakfasts for those here for softball or baseball tournaments
- Foosacklys DQ Coffee Shop- not necessarily Starbucks Movie Theater Target Chicken Salad Chick
- Restaurants more shops like Southern Gyp
- More restaurants. Sit down and fast food. Someplace other than Mexican and ruby Tuesday. The community takes all their business to Spanish fort because there are so many options comparatively.
- Restaurants that are not fast food Retail store to buy clothes and shoes
- A restaurant like Gather in Atmore, cute boutique shopping
- More restaurants/upscale hotels.
- We need more nice restaurants like a steakhouse that clean and is open for hours other than just lunch. A BBQ restaurant that also opens for dinner hours. A Hilton type hotel would be great. Our family stays in Atmore when they visit due to the lack of nice hotels here. A Starbucks, Chick-fil-A would do great here. I am happy to see we may get the riches car wash. I use the one in daphne quite a bit.
- Sit down restaurants open in the evening (not chain restaurants), coffee shop, book store
- Any NICE restaurants, NICE hotels that are welcoming and clean. Any NICE retail store.
- Hotel downtown within walking distance of courthouse, etc. It would be so cool to duplicate one of the original hotels on RR street. I can see Bay Minette becoming a city such as Oxford, Mississippi or Dahlonaga, Georgia. Attract artisans to attract tourists. Families of bass fishermen coming to the River would spend money and increase our tax base.
- More sit down restuarants and more fast food restaurants, more clothing and specialty stores.
- Restaurants and hotels
- Experience my guests have had at local hotels is not good, dirty, unfriendly; good coffee shop is needed. Grocery stores in town are very low quality- meats, produce
- Hotels
- It would be awesome if we had a steak house , or even a place that made home made ice..
- A good Italian restaurant and a good steakhouse
- We NEED more sit down restaurants!! More popular fast food chains like foosackleys and Chick fil a would be great too. More options than burgers. Would love to see a good steakhouse like Logan's or something like Olive Garden. We also need chain shopping that will keep our tax dollars in our community instead of going to Malbis and Daphne to shop. Recreational things like a trampoline park or putt putt golf would be great.
- Pretty hard to compete with Eastern Shore Center and Daphne shopping this late in the game. They are to close and convenient for Bay Minette shoppers. Could use more fast food competition if franchisees would build new facilities
- Restaurants that offer a variety of foods and are open in the evening as well as at lunch. A variety of retail shops.
- Chick-fil-A, whataburger, Popeyes, target,
- Shop local...when you can. We need resturants that will stay in business.
- Family restaurant, clothing store other than Walmart
- A coffee shop would be nice. Not starbucks, but a coffee shop.
- We need more big name restaurants. All we have are fast food, Ruby Tuesday & Streets. The small restaurants don't thrive here, especially on the square...they open & fold up quickly! There are no retail stores here except Walmart. Everyone does their shopping in Spanish Fort, Daphne or Mobile.
- More healthy choices and extended hours. Fast food - Chick-fil-a
- The city just needs to grow at a rate that the community can support it. If downtown could

become full of quaint little shops for people to walk from one to another would be nice, but once again these places need to be able to be supported.

- More franchise restaurants
 - Cracker Barrel, or Olive Garden restaurants. Better grocery store like Publix.
 - Chick-fil-A, Whataburger, Longhorn, Zaxby's, Popeyes, Something that stays open at past lunch. Clean up highway 59 through town so it looks presentable. It is embarrassing to drive through town on Highway 59 and see the condition of the business. At least Coastal College is doing their part to improve the looks of the city. Junk yards and auto repair does not belong in the middle of your town.
 - Chick Fil-A, Texas Roadhouse, Whataburger, Nice Clothing stores
 - Downtown has become nothing more than office spaces. Revitalize downtown to attract small retail. Make it walkable for families.
 - Foosacklys or a Chick-fil-A something that isn't a fast food chain that doesn't care about its customers like McDonald's and any other fast food place here
 - Chick-Fil-A Zaxby's Whataburger Family places that aren't only open for lunch, but dinner as well.
 - Leave it alone.
 - Restaurants that are open at night. Clean up the business on HWY 59.
 - A nice restaurant more retail stores like a shoe store
 - Better restaurants, not too expensive. Italian restaurant. Chic Fil A
 - Restaurants and shopping for sure. I was just telling my husband it is sad how much money drives out of Bay Minette everyday and gives to Spanish Fort and Daphne. Chick fil a, Moes Southwest, foosacklys, Dickey's, five guys, Panda Express, shoe station, ulta, dick sporting goods, academy,
 - Target, Cracker Barrel, Whataburger, Chic Fila,
 - Better quality dine-in restaurants and clothing stores.
 - A hotel is needed to provide for the events or the visitors will go elsewhere to spend the night.
 - The entire stretch tourists from the 4-way along 59/31 still needs work, especially from the viaduct to the other side of the college. You cannot even get gas without getting hemmed in while the other drivers socialize and hang out. It's like many of them have made it a thing to keep middle class drivers/ anyone different from them from the pumps. They're getting power kicks off it. It's bad for business. The entire stretch is poverty. The beautiful flower baskets on the viaduct are just a tiny band aid. They don't change the people or the rundown low-end businesses. So, the businesses here need to continue basic spruce up. They also need to continue to work with employees on dealing with the public.
- Publix
 - More businesses, but nothing that would put the small town business owners out of business. We do need more places to shop.
 - Chick-fil-a, Wendy's, and I could mention some larger restaurants, but they wouldn't make it in town unless out by the interstate.
 - Restaurants with decent food. Ruby Tuesdays is awful! And you have either Streets or Mexican to choose from. We need retail other than walmart. We have two clothing stores to choose from and they are only for women
 - Dining options are limited. We often drive to Spanish Fort and Daphne because of the variety of options and quality of food/service/cleanliness compared to here in town. Would love to see more sit down and fast food places here in town. Also, would love to see a Planet Fitness open here in town. Their facilities are top notch and their rates are significantly cheaper than the Fitness Center.
 - All mentioned above
 - book store children's toy store
 - More food options, shopping, movie theatre-
 - Zaxby's, steak house or another sit down restaurant ... I don't mind fast food chains, but something that offers more than just burgers.
 - Better selection of restaurants, stores, and hotels. Include some nightlife attractions
 - The selection and options for place to eat.

Workforce Development & Education - (training programs and educational opportunities for all ages) What could be improved?

- Coastal Alabama is doing a phenomenal job and offers a variety of programs to all ages. The community should encourage their kids to go there and learn the many trades that are available. There should be more communication between high school advisers and college alike to transition high school kids to coastal.
- Our school systems in Bay Minette need assistance...we have many hard-working, but low socioeconomic status families who cannot afford to stay home with children or who do not possess the knowledge for raising strong families. We need education for parents and students outside of the K-12 environment. As of right now, even if my husband and I had children, we would not send them to any school in Bay Minette. Additionally, many of the movers and shakers in Bay Minette send their children to private schools in Mobile and Baldwin counties to avoid the local public schools.
- not sure
- Make it known better what bay Minette has to offer
- No comment
- Better access to technical programs. Start a trade school technical college here instead of an hr away.
- I'm not sure on this.
- Bay Minette appears to have this in control with the business there.
- Nothing
- The high school. This is Year 6 with at least one child there (and more years to come) and I'm so unhappy with the decline in teacher quality, and overall education that I've witnessed. Very happy with all the trade school opportunities though!
- STEM camps for kids, science related camps, music stores that teach music lessons.
- Better advertisement of jobs available in Bay Minette.
- Maybe a skilled labor job with a training facility.
- There can't be too many classes and workshops for all ages
- Programs for first time youth offenders to
- Very few people know that the Tech school offers free carpenter classes or welding.
- Arts training
- More training in the school levels.
- I think we are doing a great things around WFD however I think we need to have more of a buy in from the business community and have more internships for high school aged kids. We also must put into our school system what we would like to get out of it.
- I am not very familiar with what is already available, so my answer may not be appropriate. If the city could partner with Coastal Alabama to offer computer classes, either free of charge or reduced cost for citizens, the possibility of functioning in office type positions will increase. I realize the classes at NBCT are for high school students, but what about the possibility of partnering with the Baldwin County Board of Education to offer some of the trade classes either nights or weekends in the facility that is already available?
- Keep pushing what we are doing in this area.
- Additional workforce training, internships, etc.
- teach them to count without the damn phone, shows up to work, how to talk and act
- Better paying jobs where people can actually work and make enough money to live.
- We need more places for people to be gainfully employed. There is no where for young professionals to work or for high school kids to work. They all have to drive miles away from home to work.
- Ok for now.
- I am not informed enough to answer this.
- unknown
- Work with Coastal Alabama Community College to offer training programs for any new businesses in the area; Coastal already offers several certificate programs; CNA and CMA are offered on the Fairhope Campus throughout the year and online
- We have Faulkner, maybe a trade school of some sort?
- Coastal community maybe offer a trade department
- Develop educational/training programs into a manufacturing/employment type situation
- Schools are not as good as other parts of the county.
- As far as education goes, I think we're doing pretty well. We have nice schools, the faculty and staff are wonderful and we've come a long way in scores. We're getting a brand new elementary school and we have a great community college right in our backyard. I would love to see some night-time classes held at the technical school for adults, though. Pay per class and learn heating & air, gardening, cosmetology, first aid classes with EMS or whatever.
- More business like the restaurants means more jobs more learning to figure out what to go to school for or college and extra money to pay for it and responsibility the most vavable thing to learn
- Workforce development would be a huge plus. I believe educational opportunities are out there, just not valued!
- No comment

- Better public schools.
- Machinest/CNC training is a must.
- New Jobs, manufacturing...etc
- These things have to start at home. These are values instilled by your environment. We are all products of our environment. Can't fix these things in the school.
- COUNTY CLASSES-TIE IN WITH COLLEGE AND SCHOOLS FOR ADULTS-HEALTH CARE HOSPITALS
- A learning center for students. Tutors to help struggling readers and math students.
- Educating the community on what DOES exist and HOW to utilize the resources available. We don't lack resources, we lack communication some where in the pipeline.
- More training for our police officers so they have the training they need for their job.
- I'm not really sure on this one. The high school works with Coastal and that is helpful.
- A Trade School for adults.
- More job opportunities so we don't have to travel to mobile to work. Bringing more businesses will help contribute to this need.
- We actually have pretty good educational opportunities. Racist attitudes result in people not taking advantage of our public schools.
- Health and prevention programs
- JOBS
- Every level of those. Standard Furniture closed manufacturing and many lost their jobs. We need more jobs for the people of Bay Minette and the surrounding areas need skilled workers
- I think we have a lot to offer educationally
- our schools
- More skill related training for our middle and high school students. We need plumbers and electricians in BM.
- Promotion and education for jobs. We're in bay Minette in order to keep our young people in the community rather than moving for better opportunities Education needs to be top priority. While schools have improved, we can only attract families if they are top notch. We lose families to Spanish fort and daphne area too often.
- The trade school go into the community and be involved with business to prepare students better
- Top notch trade school teaching more trades and not just the same ones taught for 50 years. New state of the art trade school. Why is t the aerospace training available in our area and not just Fairhope and Mobile?
- I am not sure what but something that would draw businesses to town.
- Glad to see a new elementary school
- Arts programs, dance lessons for adults
- Continue developing a work force for the businesses in the Baldwin/Mobile areas.
- ??
- Public trade school
- I'm not sure
- Many available to those who really want to attend.
- The attitude of the community about work in trades..... training programs for trades.
- School activities
- Training for kids in high school
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- The work here is mainly IP or Quincy. Most people work out of town. There is no work here for young adults.
- Workforce training and classes for all ages to attract business to the area.
- I haven't had to use this service much so don't feel like I could answer.
- N/a
- Jobs for teenagers with training
- Are there any now? If someone was trained where would they work anyway in Bay Minette?
- The market is in need of trade skilled people. With BM's current population, trade schools could benefit a variety of people all ages.
- Education is good being that we have a strong community college
- NA
- None.
- Do we have training programs????
- Job placement, job fairs, on the job training
- More Pre K classes, interactive for smaller children
- More jobs in bay Minette that could support a household.
- Trade school Fire academy and law enforcement academy. Trade school EMT training, Trade school hospitality entertainment
- Business recruiting events. Instead of having job recruits for businesses in other areas we need to have an event to invite those companies to hear what our little town has to offer for their business in Bay Minette.
- Schools need to have vocational training in dealing with the public such as cashiers would have. Of course, that should be done at home from a young age, but it is not. The complete lack of respect for

others is rampant in this town whether the leaders want to see it or not. The racism from the poverty/ low-working class is skyrocketing. We've got to start at the bottom and do more with early intervention, socialization at young age instead of right into school all day. People aren't learning how to get along, how to respect themselves or each other. Drug and crime rates will continue to climb as well as poverty levels as long as nothing is done early enough. No training program in high school is going to change what is already so ingrained by the time they get there.

- Better communication between Career Center and High School
- We are getting a new school so that's a great start.
- I believe we have a good handle on this.
- High school students have to choose between academics or job training. There should maybe be summer internships with local businesses willing to train people to get them ready for careers or jobs before they get ready to apply it in the "real" world.
- More jobs
- We are lucky to have Coastal Alabama, North Baldwin Center for Technology in our community. They need to be more integrated in our community and raise awareness about the technical and training programs they offer.
- This category is doing pretty well. There are a lot of opportunities to get education. We could use more training programs and advancements in careers with higher education/training.

Housing - What housing challenges/needs does Bay Minette face?

- Housing should be focused around the square. Dilapidated buildings should be turned into studio apartments. Revitalizing downtown is key to growing the community overall. Apartments that are within walking distance of downtown are crucial. With people living near downtown, restaurants and businesses would begin to flourish and actually stay.
- We do not have any affordable housing options for those who want to lease or rent. We do not have enough housing for low socioeconomic families or affluent families. Bay Minette will continue to grow. I think new, decent, SAFE housing will encourage that growth.
- Nice developments are a plus, but are market driven. As positive changes are made, more demand for upper scale housing will come.
- We need more affordable single family and multifamily dwellings. Rents are so high newlyweds and singles can't afford to live here.
- Prices are too hard not enough jobs
- Need new subdivisions. Need new and affordable apartments. Clean up current housing areas.
- Houses which are eye-sores because of overgrown grass/trees. Run down buildings.
- Cost of houses or apartments is much higher than the jobs pay locally unless it is section 8 and we don't need a town full of section 8 housing.
- Not sure on this
- Depends on above questions.
- Clean up and annex outlying communities.
- More nice places to rent.
- I don't think building apartments & condos is the answer. Maybe some revitalization incentives for older existing houses?
- Homeowners yards need cleaning, exterior of their homes need improvement, we need more newer neighborhoods.
- Few houses in the range of \$100,000
- Affordable apartments that are actually nice and live-able and inexpensive starter homes that are affordable.
- Not enough rentals. Higher end homes not selling well.
- Affordable small apartments
- We do need a higher end apartment complex or townhouses for those looking to rent.
- The housing market definitely needs to up its game. Houses are hard to find in the right price range.
- Affordable housing
- Low cost housing for the single mothers.
- More moderately priced housing. More \$300 and \$400,000 homes to bring people from Fairhope and Mobile or even Pensacola.
- Better apartments
- Tear down the dilapidated houses. Restore more of the historical homes. Extra incentives for citizens to clean and upkeep their yards.
- Apartments that are not based on income or income restricted, or that are not age specific.
- Not enough housing for more residents to move here
- There is no housing or I should say very little. There is land to be developed within the city limits however there is no one willing to take the gamble of placing nice, \$175K - \$300K homes in this area.
- It would be nice if Bay Minette had more affordable housing in areas that are not run down. Low SES should be a concern for all citizens, not only those directly affected.
- zoning enforcement would be a start. I don't think we need to go too far but we do have dilapidated buildings, unkept lots, junk cars scattered all over the area. The efforts to beautify downtown and the bridge are awesome improvements. Now let's clean up the surrounding area.
- Cleaning up lower income to try and give those people a sense of pride. Also need to make sure we have opportunities for nice housing in case something happens at the mega site. It would be good to keep as many of those people as possible instead of losing them to Saraland or Eastern Shore area.
- More affordable, decent housing
- there is not enough to grow a community.. business first or housing first? chicken or the egg
- Not enough decent affordable rental property.
- We need nicer neighborhoods that are affordable and not so high that no one around here can afford to live in. We need more street lights on all the roads around subdivisions. Yards need to be cleaned. I know this is a law but it is not enforced. Side walks would be nice on every road with street lights.
- Condos, townhouses for adults to purchase. Single family homes available for seniors only.
- I am not informed enough to answer this.
- unknown
- Affordable house in safe areas for college students and young professionals
- I am unsure. We've built a house on 225 and we love it up here.
- Plenty of housing
- Maybe an upscale apartment complex with nice pool and amenities

- Need more nice subdivisions and less government assisted housing
- Don't know
- More affordable housing should be available especially for seniors.
- We need nice apartments!!! There is one complex that I would trust in town... the others are run down and sketchy. We need affordable, newly built or renovated apartments for all ages. It would be super nice to renovate some of the old office space in the downtown area into little AirBnB type places that lawyers/visitors could stay in. We also need student housing!
- Keep up what's going on try to keep neighborhoods clean and safe
- Too much government housing.
- Housing, 1-4 family dwelling, reasonable price range for rental and purchase, nice area, not Section 8 housing.
- A lot of lower income housing. Needs nicer homes.
- I don't know.
- We need more apartments built
- Clean up the rundown houses through code enforcement. Stop the road-side yard sales
- COLLEGE STUDENTS-MILLENIALS-AFFORDABLE
- Upscale apartment complexes.
- Apartment complex -- not low income, not retirement. Something for a family, couple, student. Planned neighborhood developments.
- I would like to see some of the run down areas cleaned up!
- I think this part isn't too bad. We don't need to keep building those apartments everywhere though. It appears to be some more being built out on Rabun Rd next to the others. Those bring our property values down out that way when y'all keep letting them put those up.
- We need lower rent for rental houses.
- High cost
- Not familiar with the housing market in Bay Minette. It's more affordable here than further south.
- Retirement patio homes
- More affordable apts
- The old, dilapidated houses need to be addressed. If people are going to have multiple houses all over town, they need to be maintained. Also, there should be some type of ordinance about junk in a yard... or is that possible??
- We need more upscale neighborhoods. Not many of the professionals that work here and make their living off BM people actually live among them
- None
- not alot of government housing we need less of them
- Need new construction of housing in neighborhoods with curbing and drainage.
- There is one really nice subdivision inside of the city limits. Bay Minette will never grow unless there are nice subdivisions for families to move into.
- Trashy yards in areas. Should be stipulations like a regulated neighborhood. Issues with pets in areas-not staying in their yards.
- Available lots. Most building is outside of the city limits. People outside of our area need to know what great houses they can buy for much less money in a great place to live.
- New home options. More apartment living .
- Development with 3-5 acre lots
- More rental properties.
- We need subdivisions like what the eastern shore has. Homes that can be rented and purchased
- None that I can think of
- Build a nice housing community in low income neighborhoods. Tear down Standard Furniture and build nice houses.
- Some of the slum lords need to tear down the inadequate housing and build duplexes or such. The small houses in the community which are being flipped are a huge improvement. Fees on properties not upkept should be collected. A camper sitting within 2 blocks of the courthouse doesn't add much to neighborhood development.
- No enforcement of current policy in regards to unkept yards and homes; neighborhoods that devalue the one or two nice homes
- Rent is very high for someone who isn't on government assistance
- Our community needs to be cleaned up. There was a lot in town I wanted to buy and build on but the neighbor to the back of the lot had a horribly junked up yard. There are yards like this all over town. We need enforcements to clean up our community within the city limits. I did not make an offer on that lot because of that persons yard.
- New housing is slowly appearing. Building costs are lower but home prices are still cheaper than Eastern Shore so a contractor would rather build where he can get a higher price for the same building costs. Empty lots are still a bit high and lenders don't like to finance empty dirt. We have one subdivision that has streets, curbs, underground utilities and is ready for contractors to begin building however the lots are too expensive for spec housing market in Bay Minette and no houses are being built. The land owner needs to come off the lot prices before any building can begin.
- Reasonable family housing for rent and sale, nice apartments that are affordable for young singles

who are just staying a career.

- Not enough nice affordable homes
- Rental property that is reasonable
- The fact that the majority of the city seems to be low income, try having some mid income neighborhoods.
- Does not have decent housing for young adults. The apartments here are crappy. Our daughter moved to Spanish Fort because we didn't want her living here or living in a trailer!
- Clean up of unsightly housing
- I do know that people have a terrible time finding affordable rent all over Baldwin county. Bay Minette has the room so it might be nice to build the low income housing like I think either Robertsdale or Summerdale has. They are nice little houses, you do have to work and not be on assistance and rent is income based.
- N/a
- We need Bay Minette to clean up trailer parks and falling down buildings
- Clean up the junky yards and run down houses and trailers.
- Emergency Housing for Homeless
- Bay Minette will never grow it's tax base with the current housing trend. Partnering with developers to build high end housing on larger lots is a must. Outside of Canterbury, this type of development does not exist.
- I don't think there is a lack of housing it's more of a lack of maintenance on roads and yards
- NA
- N/A
- Abandoned trailers, abandoned junk that needs to be hauled off
- Housing is affordable in Bay Minette
- A lot of run down homes, businesses
- None
- Downtown NEEDS some of the empty buildings converted to lofts or condos so that "life" is happening downtown. Overall we need condos for people
- Higher paying jobs result in higher real estate prices which means more taxes for our city. This starts with our city jobs.
- Just clean up what we have
- Mid level housing and college apartments
- Not sure
- There doesn't seem to be a middle ground. There is low income and section 8 that most working class

don't qualify for or there is property that the working class can't afford. It's easier to not work and live in section 8 for almost free!

- We need medium income housing. We have low, we have high but that medium household income property is elusive. We need rental properties that are decent, as well.
- Nice apartments or small rental houses for the younger generations.
- Nice apartments and new housing.

What's missing from Bay Minette? What would you like to see in your community? What have you seen elsewhere that you wish you had in town?

- We have a great deal going for us as mentioned above. We have many things that individuals would move to this city for because we do frankly, have mostly everything. To keep this brief, for starters, we should have a large park that everyone can enjoy. This would encourage people to get out and enjoy and be active. Montgomery has a very nice large scale park right off the interstate that has walking paths, lake, workout equipment etc. We have woodlands and cleared land nearby that would be ideal for hiking, biking, archery etc. Take a minute to research Britt Gardens in Jacksonville, Oregon. This would be an excellent moderate sized example for our town. There's biking, hiking trails and an outdoor grass seating amphitheater where multiple concerts, comedy shows, etc are held throughout year. Red hill Road extension would be a great location. I believe the dirt pit is county owned. Beautiful sunset views and elevation. Lets make it happen! Thanks for doing this survey. I'm sure the community has a ton of great ideas.
- Recreation around the natural resources (i.e. Rails to trail bike path, river activities such as kayaking and paddle boarding, a safe road bike path) Eateries that are not filled with grease (even a food truck court with limited menus would be a great addition... tie a green space to that for children to play, and I know locals will come out) New identity for the city for those who live in south Baldwin County (hate being known as South Dakota) Let's promote as the small, intimate town for those workers who work in Mobile and Pensacola! In fact, so many people spend longer drive times commuting from other parts of the county due to traffic congestion alone (Bayway and Causeway are always slammed). From Bay Minette, you can jump in I-65 south and be in Mobile in 35 minutes.
- High paying industry jobs. This would create demand for all types of needs and result in improvements.
- Movie theatre
- Bay Minette is a small community and it's a great place we just need more jobs so the people will stay here
- Clean up areas in town and coming into town. More retail shopping. Better grocery stores. Local farmers market. Maybe an outlet mall similar to Tanger in Foley. This would provide local jobs and would attract people from other small communities located in the North Baldwin area.
- Glad to see the new carwash coming into town. As I've said, would like to see a wider variety of eating establishments.
- More programs that are tween/teen focused.. my daughter always attended Kelly's kids then she aged out and there was nothing for her to do during the summer while im at work she is home bored.. she is on the BMST swim team but after morning practice there is nothing more for her to do for the day..
- I would love to see more access for members of the community to get involved. Maybe a community group of volunteers that can do things like identify people who may need help with lawn work etc due to disability. Maybe create a food bank (since coastal didn't bother to open theirs). Have a list of resources available for service providers to list their services even if they aren't members of the business association. For example we have been looking for a surveyor for two years now. We had to search for an ac person. We still can't find pest control....everything is in Daphne Spanish Fort and they hem and haw about coming here to work.
- Start at Chuck Stevens Chevrolet and drive North to the Baldwin County High School. How much curb appeal do you see. What is there that makes you want stop. Shrimp basket, peanut man, Churches Chicken, liquor store and Streets. Then, cross the tracks. There becomes some variety but it is only so exciting. Any new venture like a mall with nice restaurants, clothing stores, a movie theater, a water fall and novelty shops would rob from these few small businesses. We can only buy so many cars.
- More restaurants, more entertainment venues.
- More young couples.
- A soccer complex!!!
- Target, Chick Fil A, movie theater, Starbucks, Popeyes
- More community activities such as a farmers market weekly, outdoor ice rink in the winter, a free day for the pool once a week.
- New parks
- More arts. Sidewalk dining. Downtown looks so nice but there is one eyesore on Hoyle that needs to have something done to it. Love all the planters, flowers, and thanks for taking down the pear trees.
- Restaurants that have music at night,
- Restaurants and entertainment attractions
- I wish the Main Street you come through in Bay Minette wasn't so commercialized. The flowers on the bridge coming in are awesome. Once you top that hill the business are not very eye appealing!
- A walking trail
- more restaurants
- Upscale restaurant. Nice car car wash
- My number one would be a Theatre - a play house group. Some form of entertainment other than church, Concerts at the college as we had before.
- Bike trials
- A nice nonsmoking nightclub. A movie theater.
- Something to do. Festivals, out door markets. dining SHOPPING! :)
- Better restaurant choices
- Entertainment

- Better schools, a more updated BASEBALL park. (NOT SOFTBALL). You have 4-5 times the kids playing baseball here than you do softball but the city just spent over \$3 million on a softball complex. Soccer, we need to develop our soccer programs for recreational league kids. Parents/kids travel to Daphne, Spanish Fort, and Fairhope for soccer because the Bay Minette soccer support is non-existent. If we can "up or standards" for sports, education, and social attractions we could attract more residents to this area. Until we become more known for this those that move to this area will continue to work here and live elsewhere.
- I wish more public transportation was available. I think the community as a whole would benefit.
- More entertainment and more job opportunities
- anything is a good start.. sports bar, restaurant,
- Market on the Square. Decent restaurants and sandwich shops with available parking. Decent places to shop. Jobs that actually pay people enough to survive. Better upkeep on the property that is here.
- Places to eat, nice places to stay a mall would be great. Maybe one that the rent is not so high people can afford to keep the store running. A movie theater would be awesome and place like urban air would be great. We need more things that families can do without having to go out of town.
- Men's clothing stores.
- Since we are the County Seat, it would be nice to have more attractions here for people to stay here . Clean up the city. It's a disgrace to see our shopping centers worn down. Don't compare us to Foley or Fairhope when it comes to charging high rent. We are far from looking like them.
- More food & arts options. I also would love to see downtown revitalization. Maintain the small town feel always. That's my favorite part about Bay Minette. It's a wonderful place.
- movie theaters, variety of restaurants
- Unfortunately, we have to have better job opportunities so people make more and can support more. The people that have more income are the ones leaving - moving, sending kids to other schools, shopping and supporting other retail. That leaves lower income people which just do not have the means to support boutiques, goat yoga, health food stores and more that you can find in Daphne and Fairhope. Even medical providers are looked down at like they are not as smart as providers in Mobile or Daphne because they are in Bay Minette. The people who say those things are the ones that have the pocketbooks to support and keep our options open. They are also the ones who say we don't have anything here. They City has done a wonderful job! The flags, planters, softball field, dog park and pool - right up there with Fairhope. We just need better retail, more high paying jobs and the support from the people who have the money to keep these things going.
- Everything!
- Bay Minette needs to work on making the city look clean. There are lots of old (some abandoned buildings) right on Hwy 31/59 that people see and think this is a ghost town. Flowers on the overpass are nice, but we need to re-build the infrastructure of the city and make it look attractive and inviting.
- My husband would like a larger, better organized Walmart. I'm not a Walmart lover. I like the small town local folks.
- Krystals
- Higher paying employment positions
- Our high school needs a new athletic director and baseball coach. These coaches don't even live in our city therefore I feel they don't care about improving the sports. We need more places to shop other than Walmart. I would rather give Bay Minette my tax dollars than Spanish Fort and Foley. Also need more fast food and restaurant options. My family gets tired of the same thing every time we want to go out to eat so again we usually choose to go out of town. I would love to see Bay Minette start holding travel ball tournaments considering the nice facilities we have here. These tournaments bring in a lot of revenue for restaurants. The only problem I see with this is that Bay Minette doesn't have any nice hotels for the teams to stay overnight.
- New leadership.
- Older buildings torn down or replaced to make our town look better as people enter the city limits.
- We're missing community support. I don't know how you fix it... but as long as I've lived here, the same group of people participate in everything. We try super hard to make Bay Minette beautiful, fun and enjoyable... but if you don't have community support, it's hard. The people of Bay Minette want bigger, better, more... but won't support what we already have here or help to fix what they're complaining about. We constantly have events and educational/networking opportunities available, but the same people show for them. I've never understood, in visiting other small communities, why our events aren't well attended like theirs, or why some local businesses can't stay open because they don't have support like some do, or whatever. I feel like we can't thrive and reach our full potential without more support.
- Chic- fil- a more things for kids to do especially teenagers they have to go elsewhere or bunch of them end up in trouble because of nothing to do
- Holiday recognition (AMERICAN FLAGS) throughout town and Christmas decoration could be greatly improved. Businesses should be strongly encouraged to participate in beautification and holiday recognition!
- New Industry, better jobs
- More restaurants, a better downtown, coffee shops, gift shops, a reason to actually stop - not just drive through it. Downtown could be so cute! Nicer hotels.
- I am 200% convinced that a small Red or White in that brick building next to the courtyard, in the square (I heard it was a movie theater) would

be a great addition. If Atmore can have a Gather restaurant, we should be able to do something like that as well. And we need a cool coffee shop and a cute boutique in that square.

- Better Restaurants choices and Retailers. That's where the economic growth is at. Malbis is taking all of Bay Minette money
- Things I mentioned above.
- MORE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING-MAYOR DOBBINS-WE SAW PHYSICAL CHANGES-YOU DO NOT SEE THAT ANYMORE
- More food choices and more things to do with children. Maybe a live theater, so parents can go on a date in Bay Minette. Bay Minette has come a long way the past several years. You guys are doing an awesome job. Thank you for loving the place you live!!
- A greater sense of service to community from a wider variety of people.
- Like I said before, better and more restaurants. Ice cream shop (something sweet to eat other than Sonic)
- We need more restaurants, we need some sort of entertainment. We could very well bring back a theater, but you need something else with it. Whether it be like Windcreek and have the arcades, or like Eastern Shore and have some shops. We could definitely use some shops.
- More community fueled activities.
- More attractions
- What's missing is a middle class. We have a few professionals (teachers, doctors, lawyers) and a large population of people barely hanging on financially. This is not unique to Bay Minette and I sure don't know what the solution is. But we will never have support or money for arts, restaurants, retail, etc. as long as this is the economic breakdown of the city.
- More meeting places
- A activity park like putt putt golf
- At this point, I can't think of anything. Our community is thriving thanks to some amazing people who are making it happen!!
- We need arts, entertainment, restaurants and more small businesses to come into town
- better schools and more entertainment for kids
- Community activities quarterly at Blackburn park.
- I want Bay Minette to have it all like every other town/ city in Baldwin County! We are BALDWIN COUNTY and our town deserves to have it all like everyone else and we deserve to drive on 59/31 and see the beautiful stores full of people wanting to come hangout and shop in Bay Minette.
- A nice downtown area with unique shops and boutiques. Nicer restaurants. More business opportunities Something for teenagers to do:

theater, arcade, container park, go kart park

- Recycling cans at houses. Something to help with our trash and littering problem. Remodel fronts on shopping center signs and buildings- looks run down. More opportunities for local shops.
- I love Bay Minette! Christmas fest isn't as nice as it used to be! The tradition is gone!
- More shopping other than discount stores.
- Things to do on weekends. A movie theatre and more places to eat would open up a lot.
- Movie theater Boys' baseball park with better parking and no tree roots to trip over
- Excited about the dog park The new flower boxes are fabulous
- Outside community concerts.
- More restaurants, a movie theater, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks. The community leaders need to reach out to the current fast food places and let them know the community expects better service. I was embarrassed at McDonald because a lady was treated badly at our McDonald I walked out behind her family and they were from another state. It embarrassed me to think how they thought of our town because of how poorly these fast food places are. They need to be shut down if they can't do better.
- Nothing other than what I listed in previous questions
- I would like to actually see my community evolve. I love this small community but Bay Minette needs to improve as far as building! We are extremely behind out of all of the cities in Baldwin and Mobile County. We need to build this place to be a place that your children's children would love to live. So many people my age are moving because of the lack of improvement. We have so much land and so many vacant buildings that needs to be taken down and built back up. Something needs to change in order for money to come in and citizenship to rise.
- Scouts, Key club, etc. putting actual sceduled work in with elderly, single working mothers, veterans. School credit for work done in fields which are being sought out.
- A nice 10 to 15 acre park
- Dog park, which I see were getting!!!
- Clothing stores,
- I wish we could have a community hangout kinda like the Fort in Spanish Fort! More than just a bowling ally and skating rink, it just gets so aggravating having to go all the way to Spanish Fort or Daphne just to do something fun
- Bring in big industry
- Shopping, restaurants and recreation. We've come a long way but we still have a ways to go to keep from falling behind our neighbors. We need restaurants in the heart of town that are open with hours that allow people to have dinner in the

evenings or weekends. We need shopping that meets needs for clothing and gifts that is open on weekends and evenings as well. We have Southern Gyp (love it!) and Cato but that's about it for clothing. It's wonderful that a couple of restaurants have opened near NBU, but the location doesn't allow visitors to find them and the hours don't allow a lot of people to visit. I want to see new businesses that provide competitive wages with Mobile. I work in Mobile but would love to work in/near town but the wages aren't competitive enough. I am anxiously awaiting the mega site to be developed in hopes of those wages.

- PRIDE in our community. We don't enforce our ordinances. Vehicles are allowed to park on lawns next to the front door of a home, RV's, boats and disabled vehicles are in front yards and some are even being lived in by the homeowner.
- Nice eateries..... coffee shop, restaurants that are open in the evening.
- More community support
- There is nothing for teens on weekends. Skating rink has been taken over by "thugs" or kids who get dropped off with no supervision.
- Culture. Art, books, decent restaurants, actual entertainment for children and teens
- Shopping & restaurants
- Publix grocery and better restaurant choices
- Bay Minette has so many programs for children available and so many great amenities. With available housing and advertising of amenities and crime rates and such I feel for people moving to Baldwin county, I feel Bay Minette could grow quickly.
- More places to eat
- Better use of tax dollars. Make sure all city streets are paved and maintained. We are on the edge of city limits and our streets haven't been paved since they made Rabun Road four lanes. More entertainment for children. Take away high fees for pool.
- An improvement to the park at the old scout cabin. Better streets. More police presence on the roads. A rails to trails with the old railway land. A nice movie theater. Shops like on the eastern shore.
- Growth is missing. BM has become stagnant. BM needs leadership willing to take risk to provide economic opportunities for development and industry. Over the past five years, BM has seen a tea company come to town...what else??? A new strategy to bring economic development to BM need a to occur. Current leadership seems content... light a fire...get energized. The Chamber needs new management. Bring in an experienced person willing to get the community of local businesses more involved.
- Definitely better food options like previously stated, Chick-fil-A, foosacklys, Popeyes, places like that.
- I think we should have things that will draw our

surrounding cities to come to us. Bay Minette always goes to Daphne or Spanish Fort for entertainment. Daphne and Spanish Fort should come to us. A container park would be amazing with weekly or monthly movies. A drive in theatre would be so family oriented and unique.

- Don't change it! Stockton might look even better!
- Movie theaters, restaurants with bands (family friendly)
- More for kids to do, bowling ally needs to be open on Sunday and holidays
- More discounts for first responder events to show appreciation
- A variety of restaurants that are clean.
- Condo's, bike and pedestrian lanes , large sports venues or entertainment venues Progressive city planning for long term future "build and they will come "
- Movie theater,
- We go to other towns to eat out and shop. So a shopping center with restaurants and shopping available.
- Stronger code enforcement. Need to clean up houses that are not kept up.
- I feel we have no where for our teens that are in school to work. Everything requires you to be 18, so our kids are having to drive to another town to work. Wish there was something offered for high school kids here in Bay Minette.
- See #6 and 7
- More festivals other than just Christmas Fest.
- Food, Places for kids to go have a safe place to go!!
- Some retail and dining opportunities and things to after dark ...
- To have stores, restaurants, etc. in the "downtown area" near the courthouse square. There are a ton of available buildings that need to be filled. We need more activities or places to go at night.
- Jobs, shopping and grocery store options.