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# Summary

The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open-ended question included on The NCS 2020 survey for Batavia. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about how to make Batavia more attractive in the following question:

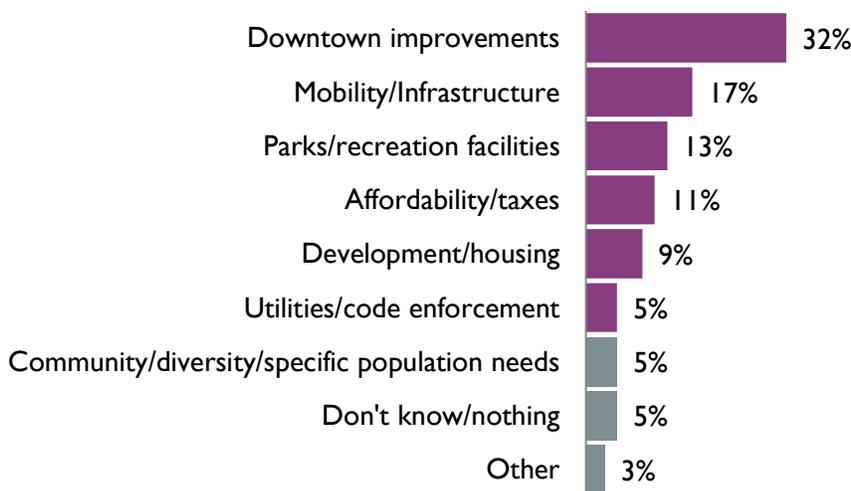
- If you could change or add something to the City of Batavia to make it more attractive, what would it be?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 1,159 surveys were completed by Batavia residents; of these 725 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question. About one-third of respondents mentioned Downtown improvements were the most important thing to change to make Batavia more attractive. The next most commonly cited themes had to do with mobility, infrastructure, and parks and recreation facilities. About 1 in 10 respondents mentioned issues related to affordability and taxes. Fewer than 1 in 10 cited utilities and code enforcement, the community, diversity and specific population needs.

**FIGURE 1: MAKING BATAVIA MORE ATTRACTIVE**

*If you could change or add something to the City of Batavia to make it more attractive, what would it be?*



# Verbatim Responses to Open-ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as written on the survey or entered in the web survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

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## **Downtown improvements**

- A Greek style restaurant. I want to be able to take guest out to dinner.
- A more diverse shopping experience downtown.
- A more vibrant downtown.
- A restaurant like Verita was a big loss; a destination restaurant would be a plus for overall community.
- A vibrant downtown- shopping & dining. Health club with a pool.
- Add a business or venue to the downtown area that is unique to the Tri-Cities and No. Aurora. Something that will draw people into our downtown from other communities. High end restaurant, comedy club, etc.
- Add more business/ more things for children.
- Add more consumer-driven shops/businesses, such as the Batavia boardwalk shops!
- Add more shops & restaurants to downtown area.
- Add restaurants/ shops to downtown.
- Add- service commercial development and shops.
- Add-> inexpensive coffee shops, restaurants, waffle homes, seafood cafe, etc.
- Adding more businesses to downtown-Mayor does not want to grow Batavia... Major downfall. Not to mention taxes- horrible resale! Hurting residents!
- Addition of better dining & shops in downtown area. Higher quality shops (small) better parking in downtown.
- Additional inviting shops and restaurants downtown, improve the Brianna's Pancake house strip's appearance. The color is dreadful along there.
- Additional shopping options.
- Aesthetics - keep building design to match historic - downtown is ruined by 1960s & 70s style building between historic 100 y/o bldgs.
- Affordable restaurants more variety of restaurants. Hardware store east side.
- Attract high quality of restaurants- Enlarge downtown area.
- Attract more businesses in downtown area.
- Attract more diverse (and exciting) retail & restaurants to downtown. River Street should be at restaurants & bars on a closed street.
- Attract more restaurants, stores and entertainment to revitalize the downtown similar to surrounding towns. Look at options to provide more park district facilities and programs for all ages.
- Attract whole food. It's a superior store to anything in all of Kane Co., would bring many people outside Batavia and their money to town. The 2 nearest us are in Wheaton & 75th St in Naperville.

- Batavia lacks really good restaurants. Having traveled & moved around, Geneva, Naperville, St. Charles have better quality restaurants as well as better restaurant locations (such as views on the water & outdoor seating space at restaurants) & we want to support restaurants with neat food & area atmosphere.
- Beautification of business downtown & a group that helps neighbors beautify their bones. Being I'm from California I love the flower & plants that the business on Randall Road has. But businesses are closing so it looks pretty bad.
- Benches for everyone downtown, extra parking.
- Better downtown area. More shops/restaurants, etc.
- Better downtown businesses- parking.
- Better downtown i.e. 3rd street in Geneva on Naperville.
- Better restaurants downtown.
- Better restaurants.
- Brewery shops and restaurants to allow only unique offerings and look at ways to layout downtown. Do not allow any more people or Asian restaurants. Need offenders/wages and restaurants to attract people. Lack of success of Geneva.
- Brewery would attract more commerce introduce others to Batavia.
- Bring in more diverse restaurants, maybe another brewery to the heart of downtown. Wilson Ave. is totally dead.
- Bring in more evening restaurants and activities like family friendly night life.
- Bring more small businesses for shopping downtown. More variety of stores, unique shops, less big box stores. Also, consider the "Skyline" when buildings on the "Shodeen apartment" site! Fix the traffic flow through town!
- BUILD AND MAINTAIN COMMON ARCHITECTURE THEME- ALIGNED WITH THW HISTORIC LOOK OF THE TOWN- ATTRACT MORE CULINARY BUSINESSES AND THE ARTS.
- Build up downtown Batavia and Bring new buildings to Wilson street.
- CHANGE THE FACADE ON THE STRIP MALLS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO BE MORE VINTAGE.
- Clean and update downtown.
- Community focus on fine arts. Expand on Wall Street schools, fine art. Center, music buffs, etc. as a creative destination.
- Continue buildings River St. into a restaurant, nightlife, and shopping destination. Close noise of River Street to car traffic.
- Continue economic dev. downtown. It has a lot of potentials to be even more vibrant place to eat, shop & recreate.
- Continue to add shopping restaurants to downtown.
- Continue to support quality businesses in downtown area and bring in more business.
- Continuing to attract new businesses to invest in the downtown of Batavia.
- CRAFT BREWERIES, STARBUCKS, COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG KIRK ROAD, MORE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT DOWNTOWN.
- Create a vibrant downtown, spend money wisely.
- Cultural Festival
- Demolish ugly building on Houston & Water Aliano's strip mall is ugly too.
- DEVELOP THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO DRAW MORE VISITORS & SHOPPERS BY ADDING MORE SHOPS & RESTAURANTS. MAKE IT EASIER TO WALK AROUND.
- Develop the downtown area. More shops, festivals, etc.
- Different restaurant options. Italian and Mexican are over played here!
- dining on the fox, and shop on the fox

- Diversify dining opportunities.
- Do away with the abandoned buildings and gas stations on Main Street near the Elms. This is a complete eye sore.
- Do something more welcoming in downtown area to encourage shops, small restaurants- beautify.
- Downtown area would have shopping for clothes, shoes, gifts, restaurants.
- Downtown major improvement.
- Downtown- more shops & restaurants.
- Downtown needs help! The Shodeen project is a disgrace. Is it time for a new mayor? Taxes are way too high!
- Downtown- shops & higher quality restaurants.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN DOWNTOWN AREA.
- Energize historical district to attract more retail & restaurants.
- Enhance the attractiveness of the downtown area to promote more foot traffic. Examples: more parking, more trees along sidewalks, promote businesses that would attract foot traffic.
- Entice 1 non-chain, upscale, non-sports bar-restaurant. Entice 1 national chain upscale, non-sports bar, restaurant.
- (1) Farmer's market- the cones look unattractive to block turn lane on Wilson. (2) More quaint streets like River St.
- Fill Randall Road with local businesses!
- Fill the vacancies in the downtown buildings, attract different types of restaurants other than Italian or Thai
- Fill Vacancies, more path/sidewalks.
- Fill vacant stores/ buildings with business.
- FIX CLARK ISLAND- PLANT FLOWERS.
- Fix things that need to be fixed & fill storefronts that are empty. Plus beautify w/ landscaping. And add sidewalks on Wilson!
- Fix up the downtown. Buildings look short.
- Focus on downtown development. Find a niche that St. Charles and/or Geneva does not have. No gambling!!
- Focus on improving the downtown area. More business, better traffic flow, etc.
- Focus on the west side of the river instead of the east side. It needs more work. We love the hanging floral baskets. They are beautiful!
- Fox River- a great asset. Look to utilize the River even more, ex- strip mall with ice cream & buildings- no entries over river??
- Fun activities & vibrant downtown.
- GENTRIFICATION OF NON-"HISTORICAL", BUT OLD, OUTDATED HOMES. BUILDINGS AND AREAS. ALSO, TOO FEW SIDEWALKS IN SOME NEIGHBORHOODS.
- Get downtown with some variety places, or houses of some kind.
- Get more restaurants and businesses in downtown area.
- Get rid of old limestone buildings. Bring more businesses to Eastside.
- Get rid of strip malls downtown or make them look period to the original buildings of downtown and more business options downtown.
- Get rid of the abandoned gas station on W. Main Street that has been there for 20 years. An OSHA problem and a terrible eyesore interfering w/ property values.
- Get rid of the vaping, tattoo, piercing shops, classier shops & restaurants, please. Actually quality, not necessarily "fancy".

- Get tenants for vacant commercial buildings along Randall Rd. Improve Fabyan & Rte. 31 intersection.
- Grow the city enough to be a nice quaint town, it doesn't have to out do what Geneva has in their downtown. I think many things going on around town are perfect and we don't need to get to much more. Keep it a small town feel with nice things to do and a neat little visit into our downtown area.
- Hold landlords accountable for their run-down houses, tall grass, too many vehicles. Overgrown bushes blocking sidewalks.
- I believe it is really important to continue all of the festivals/ events we currently have (October fest, Bat fest, etc.). I would also make the railroad crossings on the East side more safe.
- I believe the city sometimes thinks in an old manner. The ability to have marijuana sales here would increase revenue for the city and keep property taxes down.
- I know this sounds harsh, but I would demolish and rebuild the creamery strip mall, etc. The rebuilt strip mall would face the river. It's Batavia's best asset, and the only place to take advantage of it is closed down (old Pal Joeys). In general, it should be nature or stores/shops facing the river.
- I like the small-town feel of Batavia. Maybe add some more cute little shops in the downtown area to attract more shoppers to the area.
- I love the downtown efforts with flowers & seasonal decor! Keep it up! The strip mall buildings downtown are pretty ugly. Would love more vibrant restaurants/ bar scene... like Geneva.
- I saw the mini shops on 25 and Western, that's a good idea. We should consider doing some of those as low cost residences, or more shops.
- I would add more restaurants downtown.
- I would add more to the variety of shops and restaurants in the downtown area.
- I would encourage businesses to maintain their property esp. in the downtown corridor - esp. E. Wilson St.
- I would like a more lively downtown with more food options & shopping.
- I would rather have more restaurants over more shopping, but don't want to drive out restaurants that have been there for years.
- Improve downtown area, add a "vonn" center for use for Kios activity (e.g. pool fun).
- Improve downtown area. Need a dessert/ cupcake shop.
- Improve downtown Batavia business district. Attract more restaurants, open during, outside cafes with live music. Also boutiques & shops. Create a social environment that brings people to Batavia to drive out, socialize, and enjoy music.
- Improve downtown by increasing entertaining restaurants & better restaurants Riverside has been a major draw to Batavia. Attract more restaurants & entertainment.
- Improve downtown commercial variety.
- Improve downtown shopping and dining.
- Improve look of Wilson St.
- improve publicity of events and attractions
- Improve the downtown area.
- Improve the downtown- more quality restaurants & shops. Improve the architecture & appearance of the downtown- too much signage & neon. An indoor pool!
- Improved downtown. Add fitness center downtown along with more shops and restaurants. Improve look of downtown buildings as now it looks like a hodgepodge of different buildings. Keep River Street closed on Sat after Farmers Market and bring our bands/entertainment to the street.

- Improved retail entertainment & restaurant options downtown; while also improving the traffic on Wilson.
- Improving residential & business aesthetics near downtown, especially along Wilson Ave.
- In the small shopping strip in downtown, rent to more restaurants or small businesses to keep shopping local instead of having everything on Randall Road.
- Increase business presence downtown- restaurants, shopping, outdoor activities.
- Increase commercial retail business in downtown-river area, also a commercial strip on Rte. 31.
- Increase variety of business/ shopping opportunities downtown.
- IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE DOWNTOWN WERE MORE QUIANT- HAVE A GENEVA/ ST. CHARLES FEEL.
- Juried fall art festival
- Keep all historic bldgs. repair etc. Keep the hometown feel.
- Keep the focus on improving downtown.
- Keeping Batavia clean.
- Keeping retail business downtown. Or something more to attract people downtown.
- Keeping the current aesthetic (limestone, brick street, etc.) and fill empty storefronts would be most attractive. River Street, north of Wilson, where the industrial-type buildings are would be a GREAT and unique place to attract boutique shops and dining. That would maintain the aesthetic while adding modern and upscale options to keep competitive with 3rd street in Geneva and downtown Naperville. Also, LOVE the additional patio seating at bars and restaurants during COVID-19. Would LOVE to see that continue for all downtown businesses post-COVID.
- Less liquor stores and tattoo parlors in downtown area and more community places, like movie theaters, plays or restaurants.
- Less tattoo and vape shops.
- Lighting, trees.
- Love the boardwalk shops going up soon! With that said, I'd say more shopping opportunities versus antique shops. Creates more time spent in downtown before or after eating at our favorite local spots!
- LURE HIGHER END RETAIL LINE IN NAPERVILLE, IL OR CREATE THE EXPERIENCE OF 3 RD. ST. IN GENEVA.
- Maintain downtown appearance, activities to avoid "Ghost town" feeling so Randall Rd. being only an extension of the surrounding towns.
- Make downtown Batavia attractive (shops & restaurants) like Geneva. You don't need a second bridge or hotel to achieve this. When traffic is so bad then add the bridge.
- Make downtown more attractive to shopping opportunities.
- Make our downtown area some place that people want to go to and visit. Add more restaurants, wineries, breweries. The coffee shop should open earlier. Fill the vacancies with places people would like to shop at.
- Make permits for new businesses easier to get- i.e. Marianos- which would have been way better than raising cane- seriously.
- make sure abandoned buildings are kept up or destroyed.
- Make the downtown more attractive. Something like Geneva.
- Make the downtown more desirable. The new Batavia Boardwalk Shops are a great addition. Add some restaurants, like Potbelly (where Gaetano's used to be), a bakery, etc.
- Make the Fabyan Pkwy bridge more aesthetically pleasing, lights, flowers, etc. More downtown than practical.

- Many downtowns, businesses have very different stored rent styles. Entire business revamps should look more stabilized to complement each other with a home town. Looking perhaps to [?].
- more activities or shopping to bring people to the downtown and restaurants
- More attractive commercial/retail/dining opportunities between Wilson and Riverwalk (west of Wilson St. bridge).
- More availability of services on the east side, for example, postal (buying stamps, mailing pkgs.), hardware store supplies, yard waste stickers, gas station, department store (shoe store) downtown.
- More browsing & eating places downtown.
- More business downtown.
- More cultural sites/destinations. Theater, art, science. Pull the Fermi connection. More stem opportunities @ schools. Not just partnering w/ the Aurora stem school. Idea: Public Garden w/ Native Plants... mixed w/ sculpture (like Major Gardens).
- MORE DEVELOPMENT ON THE EAST SIDE I.E. RESTAURANTS, GROCERY, HARDWARE STORES.
- More dining on the river. Keep Depot pond.
- More downtown business. Library is great but should have offered curbside pickup during pandemic. Remove debris blocking culvert in Island Park.
- More downtown revitalization.
- more downtown shopping and restaurants
- More downtown vitality.
- More emphasis on downtown (between Washington and Lincoln).
- MORE FAMILY DINNER RESTAURANTS. MOST ARE OPEN BREAKFAST & LUNCH ONLY.
- More good restaurants. Want Red Bridge. But property tax is already very high!
- More "Historic downtown" fire. Better East/West side connection. Less vacant buildings.
- More independently owned restaurants/ shops.
- More open air dining, remove the dam, more sidewalks
- More outside art, sculpture, etc.
- More quality restaurants, like Geneva.
- More restaurant options on Randall/downtown to fill empty spots
- More restaurants & cute stores.
- More restaurants & shopping downtown. Fill vacancies.
- More restaurants & shops in our downtown! We wish we had more variety. We have to stay with local.
- More restaurants and parking to make the downtown area more vibrant and happening.
- More restaurants and shopping in downtown area
- More restaurants downtown and fill vacant spaces (businesses) on Randall.
- More restaurants downtown and updated architecture of the strip malls downtown.
- More restaurants downtown. Maintain open space fields- attract younger couples & young families.
- More restaurants- similar to downtown Geneva.
- More restaurants variety & arts support. (Movie theatres showing Ind Films) inclusive gathering spaces welcoming LGBTG & POC. Bring back art shorts.
- More restaurants/bars. I know that some have been added in the past few years, but that's just a start, I think that should continue to be the focus. I also think that more care should be taken in deciding what restaurants/bars to bring in. For example, I think that Brianna's Pancakes was a poor decision. It's right across from an already classic Batavia diner, and came in when

the city was in desperate need of lunch/dinner/bar locations. Also, the BMO Harris Bank is in a horrible location. That spot is where the city should have instead a restaurant/bar. Also, I think that priority should be taken to fill the old Pal Joey's location, as that would help River Street continue to grow. I would love to see River Street continue to extend north with exactly the character it already has. Also, I think that Riverain Point of LSSI is a horrible misuse of real estate, but I understand that that likely can't change anytime soon.

- More retail. Stay local support local.
- More shopping and restaurants things to do.
- More shopping downtown and parking is essential!
- More shopping. Stop the one Washington place projects.
- More shops available. The summer flowers are holiday decorations are always beautiful. Make me proud.
- More shops- downtown.
- More small businesses and restaurants to attract visitors from other towns.
- More stores on Kirk Road, especially a grocery store across from Walmart. (Dominick's was going to be built there).
- More streetscapes downtown! Open up the river banks downtown for restaurants/poor establishment seating! Better storm water drainage for residences!
- More variety of stores - many businesses are exact same lower property taxes.
- More viable businesses and commercial opportunities
- More vibrant downtown experience.
- MORE VIBRANT DOWNTOWN. MORE SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS- IN 6-12 WHO WANT TO PLAY SPORTS FOR FUN. \* PRIORITY TAXES CONTINUE TO RISE FOR SAME SERVICES.
- More vibrant downtown, with more and better shops and restaurants.
- More well-known companies in our downtown, Starbuck, potbellies, etc. Nice business like dance, fair as restaurants.
- Move police station & Government officers from building near Peg Bond Center. Convert that to retail & condos. Make pedestrian-Houston Street. Demo building at 31 & Houston. Make pedestrian preserve views retail/lot free.
- Move village hall and make that commercial. Farmers market should be on Island St. instead of River. The flow of traffic wouldn't be disrupted Company Factory is an eyesore, should not be a historical site Washington corner is a poor site for apartment building.
- Name-brand stores in downtown to draw more business. Better traffic movement on Wilson.
- Need more businesses - unique ones.
- Need more downtown businesses & shopping.
- Need more restaurants downtown also parking. Leave the dam it's a piece of history of Batavia.
- NICE RESTAURANTS (LOW MALNATI) DOWNTOWN. THE CITY HAS TO ADDRESS & RESOLVE THE FLOODING PROBLEMS IN CRESTVIEW MEADOWS.
- Not allow a monstrous mass of masonry to be evicted downtown (one Washington). Even smaller places of business along with Wilson and State Streets with easy and ample parking. More like Geneva.
- Of course River St. North of Wilson. Great with farmers market & new shops in Boardwalk. Empty property on Route 25 where apts. were to be could be used for temporary parking for events. It cleans up & plants?? Trolley on weekends for downtown stops, then to other shops areas. Trolley would make it fun for kids & adults & seniors. I don't know cost-effective? Also to library!! Opinion of a 69 years old lady Riverain is my home. Great place to live. Lived in Wheaton & saw change. Lived and worked CDH. Saw growth there. Carol Steam.

- Put a Blue Goose Market in downtown area. More variety of eating in downtown area. Make River St. a one way street. Bring back the Art Show in the summer
- Put in Business downtown that people will go to on a regular basis (no more second hand or craft stores).
- Randall Road is dreadfully behind in terms of retail and community experiences. I've moved from the northern suburbs which have all been much more successful in revitalizing retail developments.
- Recruit busing to fill empty buildings.
- Redevelop City hall/ police station into restaurants/shops. Move city hall (new building) near waste water treatment plant.
- Redevelop the ugly strip malls downtown- the Batavia creamery building & the Duncan building. They are the problem.
- Remove strip malls and re-build downtown. \* Don't hurt image of downtown w/ high rise apt/condos.
- Replace the strip malls downtown to give a more charming, timeless look.
- restaurants and shops downtown
- Restaurants that are open for evening meals.
- Restaurants with outdoor dining along the river. The old Pal Joey's space needs to be filled with a family friendly restaurant.
- restaurants, bars, and shops along the river
- RETAIL & DINING DOWNTOWN.
- Revitalization of Randall Rd. and downtown.
- save the small business owners.
- Several of the strip malls downtown are ugly.
- Space between sidewalk & the streets could be planted with some sort of vegetation requiring low maintenance.
- Stop removal of old trees. I don't understand the dollars \$\$ of the empty storefronts. High rent?? Stop building more homes. Later to the residences we already have. Taxes??
- Take inspiration from downtown Naperville & downtown Geneva.
- The Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry & Clothes closet is a lifeline (501C) for our neediest residents. The volunteers are outstanding, but the run-down building is shameful. Surely our civic leaders can find ways to provide donors funds to rebuild or relocate it.
- The downtown area has very little upscale anything. Most of our restaurants are Italian restaurants. The downtown is really not a destination for dining, drinking, entertainment, or shopping.
- The downtown area we need more stores & variety of restaurants.
- The downtown business district and adding a rec center also annoying the Genev Park district residents that have Batavia addresses on the Westside so they can help improve the Batavia Park District.
- The Downtown strip malls are not attractive. They are a big part empty & need more business that are viable options to shop. The one East of McDonald's looks shabby.
- The two shopping complexes in downtown (which include the Creamery & Brianna's) are an eyesore to our downtown. The parking lots are large & unattractive, the buildings both outdated needing more attractive updates. The work being done on River St. to maintain & update shops, roads, walk-ways, Planters, etc. is fabulous.
- There is a completely dilapidated manufacturing building in my block that the planning commission approved for rehabilitation. After 2 years that building still sits in the same

disrepair- holes in the roof broken windows, part of the buildings falling down- nothing is being done!

- There needs to be a reason for people to come to Batavia- festivals, restaurants, shopping, conventions.
- Try and fill the vacant businesses that are downtown. More retail would be awesome.
- UNIFORMITY OF ARCHITECTURAL DESGN IN DOWNTOWN AREA.
- Update downtown buildings, a non-sand community pool.
- USE OPEN LAND IN BATAVIA TO GENERATE TAX REVENUE. MOVE & REPLACE CHURCHES, MUNI-BUILDINGS WITH TAX GENERATING BUSINESSES.
- Vibrant downtown with shopping & restaurants (other than Italian sports bars), better pedestrian crossing of Randall Rd., hold Shodeen accountable/ no more Shodeen; cultural opportunities (park concerts, theatre, cut experiences) /more \$\$ support for library.
- WE NEED A BETTER LEVEL OF RESTAURANTS - A FINE DINING EXPERIENCE, PERHAPS A NICE STEAK HOUSE- SOMETHING BESIDES ITALIAN OR BAR FOOD.
- We think updating the downtown area- dining, shopping, boutique, hotel or B & B. Focus on River- dining over the river etc.
- When I drive west on Wilson from Raddant, I envision something like an historic district being put in place so that there's some incentive for homeowners or developers to remodel/rebuild/revitalize the properties that lead to our downtown. The houses have so much character, but they are in poor condition. The yards are also a mess. This area is a stain on our community. I'd love to see the city create a 'cottage district' or something like that where there is a vision for the blocks leading into town from the east side. Maybe tax incentives are put into place to give people the motivation to fix up their properties. I like to see houses renovated, front porches, gardens, picket fences lining the sidewalks, and some low-level street lighting with some character. The City has offered gateway improvement grants, but I don't believe any of that is available for homeowners. With all that said, there has to be a vision for that stretch of Wilson so that people who buy/renovate the houses know what the City hopes to see come to fruition there. If local builders each bought one house and got things started, I believe others would follow suit. Homeowners wouldn't mind living on Wilson if they were on a beautiful block of cottages.

### **Mobility/infrastructure**

- (1) A second bridge and /be commercial development on the East side of the train. Half the people live on the East side but face a challenge to get across the river at high traffic times for almost all their needs. (2) The project taxes in Batavia are outrageous- much higher on similarly priced homes than [?] other communities. Property taxes are the # 1 reason we will probably move away from Batavia.
- 150 years or so ago. Built Wilson St. wider.
- 2nd Bridge & more downtown parking - multi tour?
- 2nd BRIDGE, MORE PARKING, MORE QUALITY EVENING RESTAURANTS MOVE FARMERS MARKET ON RIVER PAST STATE STREET OR PUT IT OVER AT PARKING LOT PLAN DR BRING A STEAKHOUSE OR CHEESE TAKE FALTORE HERE.
- 2nd bridge/ City Wi-Fi utility.
- A contiguous river trail would be nice.
- A second bridge
- A SECOND DOWNTOWN BRIDGES.
- A y-way stop at van Van Buren & Laurel Street. \* Enforce traffic rules for cyclists.

- Add (safety stations) such as first aid stations in several areas around town especially since Covid-19 should contain masks, wipes, etc.
- Add 2nd bridge and further develop downtown area
- Add a bridge to help traffic flow on overwhelmed Wilson St. Bridge.
- Add a second bridge but at a site that does not increase traffic back ups. Traffic flow on Wilson St in the downtown is poor at best. Makes a difference in how I get around in Batavia and Kane County.
- Add a sound barrier wall along Kirk road. Every other major town has that for its residents. Furthermore- Kirk road needs a median. It is such a dangerous road with many accidents. The school boundary lines make no sense either. Make the short programs less cult-like & more fun laid back.
- add additional sidewalks and walking paths
- Add resources to Randall Road vs. down town.
- Add sidewalks where they end, like connecting sidewalks where they end in Morton St to Millview because highschoolers have to walk in street. Revitalize downtown. Make it more attractive to people from other towns to come spend money here. Bring in a dispensary, the tax dollars could really help revitalize our downtown. We need fresh minds running our government with new ideas, perhaps a term limit on our mayor???? Encourage the young demographic to VOTE VOTE VOTE in ALL elections
- Add the second bridge; public pool used by High school for athletic competition; tear down unsightly assembling buildings in Main St.
- Additional bridge, Recreation Center, attract more retail downtown.
- All residential areas should have sidewalks & street lights for safety.
- Along Kirk Road on the Eastside, and along Randall Road on Westside, at the North and South borders of the city, build a stone & timber entranceway in the median of the road, so that people know they have entered Batavia.
- Batavia needs to decide where the 'action' is going to be and invest in it. Are we going to try and revitalize downtown or make Randall road the main attraction? If downtown, then we need to adjust the traffic flow around 25 and Wilson. Light timing needs to be adjusted and the stop signs replaced, specifically at Prairie and Wilson. It can be a flasher at off times, but it's a nightmare during rush hour. Either way you pick, get a plan and go with it. Stop waffling!
- Better parking downtown so we can have more restaurants, shopping, etc. Affordable child care options.
- Better parking downtown. Better support for small businesses.
- Better planning for all infrastructure.
- Better police protection near Riverside apt. Too many speeding vehicles in parking lot.
- Better roads. Less government.
- Better timed traffic signals.
- Better traffic flow downtown.
- BETTER/ UPDATED ROADS- MORE \$ STATE/ FEDERAL!!
- Bike lane of the road or sidewalk on McKee from Van Nortwick and Western - Dangerous without one and it is right next to a school.
- Build 2nd bridge, improve downtown area.
- Bus or pickup services to and from hospitals and health clinics.
- Clean up South Rt. 25.
- Close River street to car traffic, incentives to develop 14th on showing across from river- great location for shops, restaurant on bars.
- CONGESTION DOWNTOWN WOULD BE MITIGATED BY A SECOND BRIDGE.

- Do not build a second bridge. I drove across town for 33 years and did just fine. One taxes are too high!
- DO NOT CHANGE THE OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN!
- Do not remove the dam, build a second bridge.
- Do not remove the dam. Don't build a second bridge.
- Do something about safety on route 31. It is a hazard for anyone wanting to cross. Make it a 2 lane road with a turning lane in the middle and bike lanes on the outside. Patrol to keep speeds to 30 mph. Cars constantly fly at 50+ on their way through Batavia to Geneva and St. Charles. Those communities have solved this - why haven't we?!?! Too many people have been hit. How many more does it take?
- Don't build at the bridge. It will just impend traffic to East to West to Randall Road.
- Easier bike access on path below bridge. Better traffic signals when trying to turn left from Rt. 25 on Wilson. It is a nightmare with people crossing street dining the entire light.
- Easier to get between east & west sides but don't raise my taxes.
- Eliminate all above ground cables/ wires!
- Enforce laws on bike riders who do not stop at traffic lights or stop sign & pass cars & trucks when they are stopped at traffic lights or stop signs.
- Enforce rules of the road for bicycles. They pass on the side of vehicles stopped at stop signs and never stop at stop signs.
- Every street has sidewalks on both sides of street & all have street lights!
- expand river access in the immediate down-town area- like the old pal joey's and other assorted buildings down there- clean it up, open it up
- Fewer traffic signs (Rt. 31) so many they block each other. - Traffic signals that revert to flashing yellow & red at about 7 pm.
- Fix boards in floor of cross-River Bridge (I lost South of [?] Bldg.) and supply Riverwalk with additional refuse/recycling containers.
- Fix Rt. 25 & Wilson St. jog in the road.
- Fix safety issues: deep pits at Randall/Main; align street lights with crosswalks; move high school bus lane- asphyxiation risk.
- Fix the flow of traffic downtown & more parking. I do not visit the downtown much in colder weather due to parking. And crossing the bridge for my job [?] torture.
- Fix the quality parking lot. Add something to the Batavia. Arboretum to encourage people just to see it. Community formats?
- FiX THE ROUTE 25 MESS IN THE DOWNTOWN.
- FIX TRAFFIC ON WILSON ST. WHEN HIGH SCHOOL IS LET OUT.
- Forget about the second bridge, terminate the city's involvement with one Washington (terrible plan), and terminate city's dealings W.C. Winston, River econ development consultancy.
- Get the flow of traffic thru downtown improved.
- Have second bridge to ease congestion in downtown & use tax \$ from schools to pay for it. Not increase taxes!
- I live at Holmstad- Keep Randall Road areas across from us free from noisy or Bubby traffic.
- I would get rid of the public bus routes & the massive fuel-guzzling buses used; replace the buses with vans and do public rideshare as the city of Arlington (TX) does it.
- I would improve Randall Rd. & other access roads to the city with more trees and improved appearances of some property.
- Improve image and traffic flow downtown (similar to Naperville or Geneva).

- Improve streetscape on North side of Wilson by McDonald's to Wake Street at bomb. Improve streetscape on Island Ave.
- Improve traffic downtown & parking. Bad idea about Washington project & too much traffic. I try to avoid driving downtown on weekends.
- Improve traffic flow downtown, Wilson is always backed up, bikers also always taking over roads in spring/summer. Need better bike lanes & more of them.
- Improve traffic flow downtown.
- Improve traffic flow on Wilson in the downtown area.
- IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, NOISE REDUCTION (MOTORCYCLE, INDUSTRIAL, AFTER MARKET EXHAUST SYSTEMS). TRAFFIC PLANNING IMPROVEMENT (BOND DR.).
- Improve traffic flow.
- IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW. DO A BETTER JOB MAINTAINING STREETS/ SIDEWALK!
- Improved pedestrian crossing/ access to River bike path from 25 & 31. Monitor speeding in the Highlands.
- Improved walking access. Bike path dangerous for walkers on weekend & during summer.
- INCREASE THE AMOUNT & VISIBILITY OF PEDESTRIAN PATHS ACROSS MAJOR THRUWAYS LIKE RT. 31, RT. 25 & RANDALL.
- ENFORCING WALK YOUR BIKE ON THE RIVERWALK.
- Installation of curbs gutters on all streets- These were removed on Woodland Hills Road last year. This has led to deterioration of front lawns.
- It would be helpful to know regarding item # B- "Where is the bridge going".
- Keep the dam.
- Lower property taxes.
- Maintain walkways on Kirk.
- Make it legal to roller skate downtown.
- Make the Riverwalk a destination- like San Antonio- with businesses along the river. Attract - businesses to downtown.
- More activity & street downtown. Easier access, traffic is bad.
- More parking close to downtown. Update some of the building facia downtowns. Fill & open vacant buildings.
- More river Riverwalk- south of bridge.
- more sidewalks
- More sidewalks on the East side of town- not downtown.
- More sidewalks- particularly in older areas of town where they don't currently exist.
- More sidewalks.
- More trees on parkways.
- No parking on the bridge. Keep downtown parking lots w/ no new apt. buildings.
- No traffic on Water Street.
- Parking on one side only on Prairie St. Extend commercial opportunities on 25, 31 & River St.
- Pave Lory Ln subdivision, which hasn't been repaved in 25 years.
- Please allow overnight street parking in neighborhoods. Need to attract more nightlife- Oak & Swine great addition- need more places like this breweries upscale bars/restaurants, build up River Street area!
- Please make the carriage crest parks a drainage basin so it stops flooding during heavy rains.
- PLEASE, PLEASE BATAVIA, DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS ON A SECOND BRIDGE OR DAM REMOVAL. THIS HAS BEEN A DEAD ISSUE FOR YEARS. WITHOUTS A MAJOR INFLUX OF GENERAL AND STATE FUNDS, IT WOULD BE FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE. THE PERIFERAL COSTS WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE.

- Police bicyclist, they don't follow the rules of road.
- RE-ENGINEER INTERSECTION OF RT. 31 & FABYAN PKWY TO MAKE IT SAFER BY ELIMINATING MID-INTERSECTION TURN.
- Remove curbs that just out into the street. They are a driving hazard.
- 1. Remove arch on River Street. 2. Develop Furnas property. 3. Route 25 area by runway needs to be upgraded.
- Renewable/ Green Energy.
- RESIDENTIAL STREET REPAIR & AIRLIFT BATAVIA TO A DIFFERENT STATE. STATE GOVT. IS GOING TO KILL THIS TOWN EVENTUALLY.
- Road diet on Rt 31 through downtown area
- Second bridge downtown.
- SECOND BRIDGE, DEV. BOTH SIDES OF WILSON FOR 3RD STREET TYPE WALKING W/ EASY CROSS FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER; PARKING MUCH MORE.
- Separate bikes and pedestrians on prairie paths
- Strict enforcement of speed limits and stop signs & lights to reduce accidents and injuries. Plant and maintain flowers along major routes to beautify city.
- Take parking off bridge, increase number of quality businesses downtown.
- The horrible streets and vacant buildings.
- The One Washington project is a huge disappointment.
- The second bridge and a few more shops/restaurants downtown. Downtown has come a long way and these two things it would really complete the picture.
- Too unsafe to walk across Randall Road.
- Traffic @ prairie & Wilson could be improved w/ turn lane or roundabout. All-day Kindergarten is a must!
- Traffic backs up at certain lights (Rt. 25 & Fabyan). Lower taxes- mine have doubled since 2002 and the values of my house. Certainly has not! Expedite bridge [?]. That [?].
- Traffic control on Wilson/ Downtown during morning & evening rush & school start & end times- use traffic cops to improve traffic flow during these high traffic periods.
- traffic flow through downtown needs to be improved.
- Traffic in downtown Batavia
- Trim all the trees over hanging, fix roads.
- Vitalize River and Houston streets. Bring in more diverse restaurants (other than pizza, Thai and Mexican (although we love all three)) as well as some eclectic shops. Make the area a destination! By the way, great idea placing dining tables around downtown - kudos!!!!
- WE HAVE 5 GAS STATIONS IN BATAVIA BUT ONLY 1 HAS MECHANICS WHO WILL MAKE SMALL ADJUSTMENTS, WIPER BLADES, LIGHTBULBS, AIR IN TIRES, TOW TRUCK! TO GET A SECOND BRIDGE THE CITIZENS WOULD DO FUND-RAISERS TO HELP PAY FOR IT - LIKE WE DID FOR THE RIVERWALK.
- We need a second bridge but watch the cost. Taxes are quite high already. Spend the money collected prudently.
- We would update the entrance signage for Batavia. In the block defined by Route 31, Houston St., Water St. and Wilson St., create a high quality, multi-story commercial/residential/parking complex to encourage people to live, dine, and work downtown. Encourage new development in old buildings such as the Challenger building -- e.g. Micro Brewery, loft living etc. Add unique, affordable, attractive senior living along the river.
- Wilson Street needs to be maintained. Some of the houses need to be either rebuilt or code enforcement looked at. It is a major street in Batavia, and it looks very economically depressed. Also the down town area NEEDS more quality restaurants. People from Batavia end up going

to Geneva and St. Charles. We need to keep our residents local with some good dining options down town. Also utilize the riverfront for this purpose. Maybe add kayaking to one of the waterfront parks

### **Parks/recreation facilities**

- A city swimming pool.
- A community center with indoor walking track - but not with an increase in taxes. Other towns are able to have one on a budget less than Batavia's.
- A new community center.
- A pool for kids (the skate park is a great idea!!) in general, more recreation for young families.
- A rec center - all residents need this. If a bridge & a rec center increase costs the same... then a rec center!
- A Rec center that is comparable to the Vaughn Center in Aurora with an indoor pool that has opportunity to host team events. Also have a field house which could host outside athletic tournaments, and also have workout and fitness class opportunities.
- A rec center- with outdoor pool.
- A Rec Center.
- A recreation center.:
- A stronger park district with a quality recreation center with an indoor pool & gym amenities.
- A town pool!
- Activity center.
- Add a mini golf course
- Add a Rec Center and updated pool like many of our neighboring towns.
- Add a Rec Center in Batavia- across from the High School in the vacant area.
- Add a Rec Center with pool.
- Add a Rec Center, has more economic development downtown. Fill up empty stores on Randall.
- Add a recreation/fitness center. Preferably in town, not on Randall Rd.
- Add more public swinging benches like the one behind city hall on the river.
- Add Rec Center- poor at High School.
- All parks updated, more community activities; more Randall Road restaurants (outback house store) more hotels for family's (Olive garden).
- Another dog park area, either as part of an existing park on the east side or as a new green space.
- Batavia needs a recreation center indoors. Pool, courts therapy etc....Too many old people no relief. Also, need new mayor.
- Batavia needs improved or new recreation facilities for adults and children. An indoor pool is expensive but should be part of our facilities.
- Better playgrounds more up to date.
- Better public golf courses. Settler's Hill has great potential, but is always in poor condition. Also, the downtown area is a mess. Poorly layout and construction. However, adding another bridge, raising taxes and construction for several years doesn't seem to be the answer...
- BETTER QUALITY BLDGS & LANDSCAPE IN CITY'S DOWNTOWN PLAZAS- NOW LOOK CHEAP/ UNATTRACTIVE.
- Better recreational uses for Fox River- remove dam and make river easier to use for kayaking/consuming.
- Better swimming for kids- quarry is quaint but too cold, deep, dark, sandy. Recreation center needed.

- Build a community fitness center!
- Build a Recreation Center like the one on the preview ballot!!!
- Build a recreation facility with an indoor pool.
- Bushes- flowers- lights. People pick up after animals!
- Change Quarry in 'Ravinia-lite'. Build indoor/Outdoor pool complex. Add Brewery/attract beer businesses to Eastside vacant buildings. Add splash zone areas to Eastside. Create pro soccer park & fields- add futsal courts. Turn Braeburn Park into a small dog park.
- Community rec center with indoor pool. Replace strip mall areas in the downtown w/ more attractive buildings.
- Create Family Park along the Fox River. Sidewalks in all neighborhoods. Stop wasting money downtown!
- Due to the current covid-19 pandemic, open space and areas where people can walk and spent time is important.
- Facilities for more workout.
- Fewer strip malls, more nature areas. More community gathering spots downtown Batavia... local cafes, restaurants, etc.
- Find a way to clean the river?
- FITNESS CENTER IN THE DOWNTOWN OR WEST SIDE AREA- WE DESPERATELY NEED A QUALITY, WALL-RUN CENTER!!! AND A 2ND BRIDGE!!!
- 1. Fitness center - weights, treadmills. 1 east, 1 west side. Something on a smaller scale/less expensive than the one recently voted down. 2. Offer an annual cleanup day. - Our Alderman at our prior residence offered this and it was a great service for getting rid of junk.
- Fix Downtown Park- Bring in more shopping- Better restaurants.
- Frisbo golf course.
- Green space.
- Have a small skate pond's large wetland prairie at depot pond.
- Have Parks Dept. clear the sidewalks bordering the parks. Unsafe for walkers kids biking to school. Home owners need to do it- why are they exempt?
- HEALTH CENTER WITH A POOL & WARM POOL.
- Help prevent the death of old trees from disease and Beetles.
- I feel that adding more public parks with splash pads would be attractive! Also, adding lighting to Randall St would be great!
- I like the idea of the fitness center. I'm sorry I can't think of anything else at the moment.
- I really wish the recreation center would have passed. I think that the vote was taken during the beginning stages of the covid 19 pandemic, and that may have effected the vote. Any chance to put it on the ballot at another time? I also would like to see the downtown area continue to improve. Geneva's downtown looks even better than ours.
- I would add a recreational facility for the park district to add programming and attract new families. I would also focus on the development of the downtown area to attract residents from outside Batavia to shop and dine as a destination spot. Expand river street etc. There are too many strip malls in our downtown.
- I would add less expensive and closer access to an indoor swimming pool / rec center for families. The Park district has tried and failed, I believe because the location was still not good for families. I think a rec center is more important than a second bridge.
- Improve downtown. Add Rec Center on property abandoned by Siemens Plant.
- IMPROVE PARK DISTRICT FACILITIES OR INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN PARK DISTRICT & SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPROVE/ FULLY UTILIZE FACILITIES.
- Indoor swimming pool.

- It's very important to protect the health of people, pets, and wildlife by stopping the widespread city use of herbicides and pesticides in our parks, natural areas & neighborhoods.
- I've always thought it's a shame that Police Station, City utilize that beautiful bldg. Add recreation center which includes indoor pool.
- Local fitness center with swimming pool.
- Mejorar las areas verdes, más eventos culturales, más vías para ciclistas en la ciudad.
- More information from park district.
- More open spaces like the Riverwalk area - develop land South of Wilson along the river with paths, gardens, outdoor picnic areas, maybe another playground (but Natural - like Lippold Park).
- More opportunities for working families to participate in the park district.
- More parks.
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- New recreation center, downtown apartments but not 6 stories high- 2 or 3 stories, more retail, better signage for downtown area- all the same format- shingles that attend from bldg.
- OUTDOOR STATIONARY EXERCISE FACILITIES.
- Park & Rec facility (Vaughan Center Quality).
- Park District Fitness club/ equipment.
- Park District is so lacking in facilities and the downtown needs such focus. Don't believe our landlord(s) have vision-- Geneva and St.Charles are so far ahead of us right now with development it is very frustrating. Just moving too slow. so little has really changed in 30 years as compared to those around us. Mooseheart land, Siemens, 2nd Bridge, Park Facilities, Redevelopment. BATAVIA DESERVES NICE THINGS! It is such a good hearted wonderful place to live- and MAYBE the lack of those things is part of the charm- BUT lost opportunities over time driven by a small minority of anti-growth anti-tax residents has stopped us from having many things we 'wish' we now had but much higher cost now!!!!!!
- Park district multi-sport complex I.E. wheeling.
- Preserve the nature and Batavia history.
- Previous referendums that would have improved the city over the long term get voted down. We don't need a second bridge for purpose is to pass people through town. It's not the ideas that have been bad its voters and residents don't want higher taxes. Lots of great things have been done like the library. We need a rec facility with a pool, hast ref should have passed!
- public pool, recreation center with an affordable gym, indoor walking/running track, additional stores and parking in the downtown area.
- Put trash cans in the parks & trails & be sure they're emptied on a regular basis.
- Rec Center with pool & tennis.
- Rec Center.
- Recreation Center w/ pool (indoor and out) like other same size cities. Also better vibrant downtown like St. Charles.
- RECREATION CENTER WITH INDOOR POOL.
- Recreation facility, younger leadership to bring in fresh ideas, electricity contract/cost is ridiculous.
- Recreation/ fitness/ year-around swimming.
- Recreational Center.
- Recreational facility with a pool for year-round us.
- Social activities Batavia parks, bike trails.
- Something to do in Batavia. I go outside Batavia for nearly everything

- Splash pad for kids, more outdoor dining along Wilson and vitality of downtown storefronts and restaurants
- Swim Center, more nature preserves.
- The city needs a better outdoor pool and fitness center. I would also recommend more restaurants/retail in the downtown area.
- Trees- the downtown area used to be rich with trees. Now we have cement- no charm!
- Vibrant downtown- state of the out indoor recreational facility- not some half-hearted attempt w/ 1 basketball court.
- Workout center w/ pool.

### **Affordability/taxes**

- Batavia is a beautiful, welcoming small town in the midst of often suburbia cities. It is a good place to live. What do I not like? High property taxes to live here in Batavia & in Illinois, the fact that there are public school fees per child- not [?] states. Love living here for new, but not open like to retire here. Too much \$.
- Batavia needs to figure out a better source of income than increasing homeowner property taxes every year. I'm now one of the many homeowners laid off from COVID-19, living in a residential area primarily composed of older, retired homeowners who are at risk of contracting this illness. If my neighbors contract COVID and pass away and I can no longer afford to pay my mortgage, you're going to lose a significant amount of tax revenue. Do you realize my entire neighborhood is at risk of being rows of vacant homes? Remember Detroit during the Great Recession? If you do nothing to help residents here, that could easily be Batavia soon. Then you'll see these vacant homes purchased in bulk by slum lords. What do you think that will do to the quality of the community? Batavia, Geneva, and St. Charles have had a large rental disparity for a very long time. You cannot claim to be diverse and welcoming when you intentionally restrict your rental development plans to high-income Shodeen properties. My salary was in the \$50k range and I've balked at the astronomical rents in this area. Citizens in this town need to use more logic and stop being terrified that all folks who need HUD housing are criminals. Rather, consider that good people need assistance with housing. Our current economic situation should now make that more evident. If our community wakes up and realizes that HUD housing is a guaranteed revenue stream from the government, it will not only help out folks who need a safe place to live and give their children an opportunity for a good education (as I hear Batavia's schools are good), it will help keep residents in homes and also in the city of Batavia. The trajectory of this city can only go so far by pandering to corporations and the Jenny McCarthys of this world. Eventually, the money's going to pull out of here. You need citizens if you want a community, and you need people from all walks of life for an authentic community that will attract more people. Don't build a hotel before you build an interesting community. No one's going to book a room at Whitewashed, USA unless there's no more space for the family reunion at the Prairie McMansion. And we don't need a second bridge when most of us have no jobs to commute to right now, since most of the remaining office workers are privileged enough to work from home. Also, could you please stop wasting money on the Batavia Neighbors Magazine? I don't care about recreational classes I cannot afford. I just want to know when my brush will be collected the one time of year I use the service I have to pay for annually. While you're at it, change your priorities to improving our existing infrastructure before you build more garish monstrosities we cannot afford in the community that you'll spend upwards of a decade to finally complete (\*cough One Washington Place\*). I've lost count of how many times my entire neighborhood has lost electricity, and the number of hours we've waited for it to turn back on. It was also very

frustrating to lose my Internet connection while I did have a job and was working from home. If you think the bourgeois newcomers need excessive rec centers and other frivolous structures, then get your funding from corporations and jack up SSA taxes from the people demanding these items. Prioritize funding on improving overall infrastructure and necessities for the entire community. Make sure your existing citizens can afford their homes, feed themselves, have access to utilities that work and affordable healthcare during a pandemic, can find jobs so they can sustain themselves, and have access to a good education—children and adults alike. Fix our crumbling infrastructure before hemorrhaging money on developers who can't even complete new projects. After you have all that under control, THEN you'll be able to attract new people in our community. Are you going to take me seriously, or should I just go ahead and run for office now?

- City and school district- Stop wasting tax dollars.
- City of Batavia stops spending taxpayer's money wastefully. Wallington Project poor planning did not do your homework like that stupid River Street ring no real business came. Susan Stark said we will build they will come stupid! Think Batavia's focus point is the river build around the river. Susan Stark nobody has really come. That has welcomed less than 10 businesses on River Street.
- Cut expenses and taxes.
- Decreased property taxes.
- Decreased property taxes. I will not buy here, only rent, due to property taxes being too high.
- 1. decrease property taxes significantly (> 50%) 2. reorganize the boundary lines to align all in Batavia to use the same (schools, libraries, parks, etc.) For those near the borders, it is as if we do not belong to the city 100%, because we do not.
- ENOUGH MONEY HAS BEEN USELESSLY SPENT ON CITY NEED TO LOWER EXPENSES NOT ADD- TAXES HAVE FORCED BATAVIA BORN RESIDENTS TO MOVED TO MORE SFFORDABEL STATES/ CITIES.
- Fair taxes.
- Getting help to citizens who cannot afford to keep their homes in good condition.
- Give tax breaks to new business's. We should have a brewery downtown. We should have more places to eat. We should have a centrally located Rec Center where the entire community can benefit from it. Plenty of space in between 31 and Randall. Close down River street more often for festivals.
- If you choose to send your child to private school, you should get a tax break. More parking and stores.
- If you could change or add something to the City of Batavia to make it more attractive, what would it be. 1) Lower taxes, fees (home rule added) , this will attract business. Business will generate revenue 2) Divert ALL Home Rule and gas tax monies to build a new bridge. 3) Referendums for projects, 1E. Washington for example, should be put to the taxpayers/voters NOT alderman to vote. Alderman should discuss and city should not only have online access, but at least provide a door to door MONTHLY mailer with 'links' to where the information can be provided. Allow people to online 'opt-out' if they want it electronically, same way banks do or credit card statements 4) Low scores on this survey is primarily a reflection of the tax payer money management whether it's the city or the park district. Neighboring communities, Geneva/St. Charles, have lower or equivalent tax rates and get SO MUCH MORE for the dollar. 5) No more TIFs, homeowners (taxpayers) have to make up the difference, that TIFs give. 6) No connection to city officials for any projects, whether it's the spouse of a highly paid city official that independently owns their own business and a former employee of Shodeen, that acts as a go-between IS a CONFLICT OF INTERESTS. 7) Identify individuals associated with

land ownership and any ties to Batavia or businesses owned, these individuals SHOULD NOT be able bid through other business relations on city projects 8) School district is fiscally irresponsible (spent over \$1,000,000 for turf field), yet fees continue to increase for students, because funds were diverted for sports. Do these things, establish and open(transparent) and HONEST (spend tax dollars as you would spend your own) and it will make Batavia more attractive.

- Less costs of living/ Batavia used to be an affordable town to live in.
- Less taxation. Lower taxes.
- Less taxes.
- lower property tax for homeowners
- Lower property tax- we need bridge, however, we need to cut budget in areas we can.
- LOWER PROPERTY TAXES, ELIMINATE RIVER ST. ARCH & COLOR DISC SCULPTURE ON BRIDGE. NO 6 STORY APARTMENTS BUILDINGS!!
- Lower property taxes.
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- Lower property taxes. The school board increases taxes every year, they need to work with their budget. They can't keep coming with their need out to get more money whenever they want.
- Lower real estate taxes and City fees/taxes.
- lower taxes
- lower taxes
- LOWER TAXES - It is the most unattractive thing about this town....
- (1) Lower taxes. (2) Better variety of non-credit classes for adults: art, crafts. Thank You!!
- Lower taxes (property).
- Lower taxes and a better development plan for downtown. Sell the village hall so it could be developed into retail and restaurants.
- Lower taxes for existing entities & build 2nd bridge.
- Lower taxes so housing is more attractive. Try and encourage an anchor establishment for downtown to attract customers and other businesses. Sports bar- fix that ugly strop space just East of McDonald's- so many empty spaces close to water but at west. Don't put Shodeen anymore \$ to do nothing and tear down places [?] for 8 pm & did nothing!
- Lower taxes- we are getting taxed out of Batavia and Illinois- will be moving to a new state.
- Lower taxes- we pay way too much for the meager services we receive. Batavia government is poor- every time they make a decision, it's the most expensive way to do things and the least efficient. I wouldn't let people who run Batavia run a lemonade stand.
- LOWER TAXES!!!
- Lower taxes, lower school tax, more elderly assistance, parking & fill empty buildings.
- Lower taxes.
- Lower taxes. Have Metronet repair their dangers.
- Lower taxes. Lower utility bill electrical.
- Lower taxes. Our taxes are too high and drive folks to move to another town or out of state.
- Lower taxes. Too much spent on pet projects, City vehicles, buildings without general benefit.

- Lower taxes. We are retiring at the end of 2020. We cannot afford to retire in Illinois due to high taxes and will sell our home and move out of state!
- Lower taxes. We pay too much for what we get. Stop trying to force a Recreation Center and other expensive projects down our throats. Batavia's government will mess up the project and do it at good expense.
- Lower the cost of taxes and utilities overall, while increasing the number of restaurants and downtown attractions (One Washington Place is not the answer).
- Lower the property taxes! Why to high for the services we receive.
- Lower the property taxes!!! Batavia Property Taxes are out of line. I talk to people about Batavia and when they ask about the property taxes, they are no longer interested in Batavia.
- Lower the property taxes. Additional property tax breaks for seniors.
- Lower the taxes! And work on attracting more businesses!
- Lower utility rates & property taxes. Add more nightlife, and more recreational things for the kids to be entertained in town.
- Many taxing bodies = high taxes.
- More affordable
- More affordable property taxes. It's too expensive to buy a home here, it's either elderly people or renters. Not ideal.
- My home is located in a subdivision that is paying high taxes (property). I support a second bridge but do not support increasing my property taxes. We cannot afford to increase our taxes at all.
- No recreational vehicles allowed in driveways. Ridiculous taxes.
- Please don't adding to property taxes.
- Property taxes impact is major cause to leave Batavia/Illinois Poor drainage/flooding in neighborhoods on eastside.
- Property taxes prevent young adults from continuing in their home town.
- Reduce overall tax load.
- Reduce property taxes.
- Reduce property taxes.
- Reduce property taxes. Require police officers/firefighters to have bachelor's degrees in field. Don't give Shodeen everything. We don't need rec center.
- Reduce taxes! Real Estate taxes are to high. - Combine police & fire departments with Geneva & St. Charles. - Combine Batavia schools with Geneva & St. Charles. Admin costs very high.
- Reduce taxes, change retirement age to 67 to get full pensions. Paying a pension @ 30 yrs. while less than 67 is just good business. I noticed on my latest tax bill that pension cost almost canals cost of all city cost. You have to change it.
- REDUCE TAXES, REDUCE TAXES, REDUCE TAXES, YOU GET THE PICTURE.
- Reign in school spending! It's out of control and will end of driving older residents out me included.
- Send out marketing info (% off, coupon, explanation of new business or restaurant) to residents. Taxes are high & cause concern over being able to retire in Batavia.
- Shift \$ from schools (68%) to other services (fire, police, etc.) instead of always raising taxes.
- START USING TAX DOLLARS RESPONSIBLE BEEN THRAUTING AWAY MONEY ON BULLSHIT AND BURDENING TAXPAYERS.
- 1. Street surface maintenance seems underfunded. Ellen's drive, for example, was more patch than pavement before you finally resurfaced. 2. Taxes are absurdly we'd be fools to stay here for retirement.

- Stop bringing up the Bridge, Dam, and Rec Center. We already voted it down multiple times! Taxes too high. Schools don't need Astro tire. You are forcing me to sell my home when I retire. Enough!
- Stop ignoring the residents. Stop shoving Shodeen down our throats and giving them everything. Lower taxes, fees (home rule added) , this will attract business. Business will generate revenue Referendums for projects, 1E. Washington for example, should be put to the taxpayers/voters NOT alderman to vote. Alderman should discuss and city should not only have online access, but at least provide a door to door MONTHLY mailer with 'links' to where the information can be provided. Allow people to online 'opt-out' if they want it electronically, same way banks do or credit card statements Low scores on this survey are primarily a reflection of the tax payer money management whether it's the city or the park district. Neighboring communities, Geneva/St. Charles, have lower or equivalent tax rates and get SO MUCH MORE for the dollar. No more TIFs, homeowners (taxpayers) have to make up the difference, that TIFs give. 6) No connection to city officials for any projects, whether it's the spouse of a highly paid city official that independently owns their own business and a former employee of Shodeen, that acts as a go-between IS a CONFLICT OF INTERESTS. Identify individuals associated with land ownership and any ties to Batavia or businesses owned, these individuals SHOULD NOT be able to bid through other business relations on city projects 8) The school district is fiscally irresponsible (spent over \$1,000,000 for turf field), yet fees continue to increase for students because funds were diverted for sports.
- Tax breaks.
- Taxes are getting too high for me. Don't let Shodeen build here.
- Taxes are too high!!
- Taxes are way to high \$ 5,400 is way to much for a 2 bedroom Ranch. Nearly impossible for an average income individual or family to afford. No opportunity to grow into a new home. Struck getting by check to check.
- taxes... I'm ready to move away. If taxes were like our neighboring states, i would love to stay here.
- We are retired & the taxes are awful.
- We need to get property taxes down to a more realistic level. Too high now for sure!
- We think property taxes are way to high. We are senior citizens that had no children, don't use library or park district. Yet we pay for everyone's pension. No one help pay for ours.
- Work to reduce electric and real estate taxes.

### **Development/housing**

- A more attractive solution for One Washington Place- it is too big for its elevated location and will tower over the quaint beauty of the downtown. Add/ attract more destination type shops- bakery, reams like a meat market.
- A unified plan for downtown that connects thee area from Island Park to the dam with walkways, paints of interest, small kiosk, maps of business locations, to promote walking/shopping, viewing around the entire area of downtown.
- Add lower-income housing access to healthcare for low income & mental health.
- Additional housing options downtown.
- Affordable housing options for retired people/ empty nesters.
- Affordable housing. Good-paying jobs. Responsible government.
- Affordable Sr. housing.
- ALLOW LESS SHODEEN PROJECTS IN BATAVIA OR HAVE THEM PAY FULL COST FOR OVER PROMISING AND UNDER DELIVERING ON THEIR PROJECT PROPOSALS.

- An attempt to reverse gentrification and urbanization that'll inevitably force out lower-income residents and spoil nature.
- Apartment Housing downtown , to help revitalize main street. A public indoor pool, public indoor soccer field. Its a great place to live!
- Build more affordable housing. Invest in alternate forms of transportation other than cars/trucks.
- Building upon the riverwalk area.
- Change the decision to allow Shodeen Development. Not enough seems here to write all the negatives.
- Continue developing and making the downtown area more vibrant, attractive, and a nice place to go day and night.
- Continue to develop river street for several blocks north of Wilson. Provide patio/ river seating for restaurants along river on the west bank. (El Sazon, buildings, Batavia creamery).
- Definitely don't build that badly conceived development at 25 and Wilson.
- DEVELOP DOWNTOWN.
- Develop riverfront: Islands with bridges but no enjoyable, clean space to enjoy riverfront and relocate smelly sanitation water treatment facility every from downtown Batavia riverfront.
- Develop the riverfront behind strip mall on west side of river, north of Wilson. It's prime real estate that is too underutilized.
- 1. Don't allow [?] have businesses right next to residential. 2. Relieve traffic congestion on Wilson St. downtown.
- Do not add more residential to increase school involvement- No more condos- No more increases of taxes- too high already.
- Do not build a 6 story apartment building downtown. Develop the area along the river. The river should be an asset to be used.
- DO NOT BUILD APARTMENTS AT WILSON & RT. 25.
- DO NOT BUILD HUGE APARTMENT COMPLEX AT WILSON & WASHINGTON.
- Do something about the mini strip mall looking buildings. they look so out of place (and McDonalds) and take away from the charm of the downtown. Take more and better advantage of the real estate on and along the River.
- Downtown development.
- Drop the idea of that monstrosity on 25 & Wilson.
- Encouraging more commercial business opps both on Kirk Road and Randall. the mayor chased one away several years ago and has blocked other ventures, like Mariano's, from coming to Batavia due to his relationship with Jewel-Osco. It is ESSENTIAL for Batavia to focus development opps on new restaurants and business in the downtown area. There are too many empty spaces in opportune spaces. ie - old Pal Joey's.
- Especially in the older sections offer low-cost loans to help homeowners reside or fix their home. The outer appearance of some homes hurts property values. Or worse may become tear-downs.
- Fill the empty properties on Randall!
- FIND A WAY TO FILL THE COMMERCIAL VACANCIES ON RANDALL RD. THEY ARE BECOMING AN EYESORE.
- Find more upper echelon of communities along Randall Rd!!
- Further investment in development of downtown area, more local businesses.
- GET RID OF POP ART BUILDINGS.
- Give up on the Shodeen building. It was a bad plan from the beginning and hasn't improved.
- I would NOT add apartments at the corner of 25 and Wilson.

- Improve affordable housing options, fill vacant properties for commercial tax income to reduce tax burden on homeowners.
- Increase economic/ commercial opportunities on the east side& Kirk Road (Dead zone).
- Increase expectation for rental units: more education for landlords and better/ more frequent inspections!
- It would be nice if you could remember there are people that don't live west of Randall. We have streets, potholes and needs.
- Location for local theater and/ or concerts.
- LOWER COST HOUSING.
- Maintain the charm of downtown Batavia by not adding big apartment/condo buildings. Also, add more shopping in downtown Batavia.
- Mixed-income apartments downtown with shuttle to/from metro stations.
- More affordable housing.
- More boat rentals. A local bait shop!
- More development and more attractions to bring in visitors from other towns- and even out of state!
- More senior housing
- NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG ADULTS & EMPTY NESTERS TO DOWNSIZE IN DOWNTOWN NOR OUTSKIRT OF TOWNS MORE EITHER DIVERSITY, A REAL COMMUNITY CENTER/ PLACE FOR OLDER HOME ADULTS TI CONTRIBUTE & LIFE LONG LEARNERS.
- New apartment complex similar to North Aurora and other nearby towns. Satellite college campus in downtown to attract new residents to stay after completion. Removal of old stressed trees throughout east side and replace with fast growing varieties.
- No large- scale developments.
- NO RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OVER THREE STORIES, (GROUND FLOOR, ONE, TWO); WATER/CELL TOWER, [?] STEEPLES EXCLUDED/// OBSCURE SPRAWLING APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITH TREES, SHRUBS, EVERGREENS.
- Not allow Shodeen to build on the corner of Wilson & RT 25 in downtown.
- Not build the multi-unit apartment building on 25 & Wilson. Bring the indoor pool/activity center up for another vote. Refine the plans.
- Providing more sources of low-income housing to bring more residents of Batavia in from a diversity of backgrounds.
- Put in a mall would be nice.
- Re-do West side of downtown (McDonald's & strip mall & Batavia Creamery area) to include a pedestrian area with better design.
- Remove anti-conservative bias. Build affordable single family homes. Get rid of Shodeen. No more tiny lot subdivisions. No more TIF. Stop subsidizing downtown art businesses with tax dollars. Reduce number of city council members to six. End chorny government back channel deals with city council members. New mayor. End historic preservation at the cost of modern development. Enforce bicycle laws and stop giving cyclicsts preference to motorists. Get rid of McKee and 31 crosswalk. Get rid of downtown midblock crosswalks. Stop trying to raise taxes to pay for projects that should be budgeted. Stop raising taxes and inflating property values.
- Remove corporations from downtown.
- Residential expansion to the west.
- Scale down the planned Washington Pl. project to keep it from dominating the landscape. Proposed plan is ugly and out of character with the rest of downtown as well as too costly to taxpayers. Restore old buildings instead, to maintain charm of Batavia.
- Sidewalks on McKee St.

- Stop development along the river and monitor stormwater runoff to improve water quality and bring back more wild life.
- Stop plans for one Washington place- need setback for pedestrians, architecture not keeping with historical area, adding strain on infrastructure- not appropriate for location. Keep green space.
- Stop the one North Washington project. Waste of time and money. Taxpayers assume all of the risk and no benefit other than increased traffic and reduced parking.
- Stop with the strip malls downtown, McDonald's and Walgreens should not be in downtown  
ugh! No river town harm like Geneva and St. Chas.
- UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED IN 207 TO 2021 AND BEYOND, INVEST IN RENOVATING BUILDING STOCK OF DOWNTOWN BATAVIA. WE NEED BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN, SPEND 20M THERE NOT ON A 2ND BRIDGE.
- Upgrade certain properties (commercial) like the 7/11. Strip mall.
- Use our open commercial spaces wisely - i.e. raising cane instead of Mariano's - yikes.
- Utilize/ redevelop downtown buildings better including city hall. Continue development of N. River St.
- We love concerts in the park during summer. I would enjoy more downtown activities, especially during summer.
- Weekly email on city/ bus development.
- Would like to see development of a 55+ community west of Randall Rd. - ex. Ranch townhomes.

#### **Utilities/code enforcement**

- Adding electric source of supply issues. Keep property taxes as reasonable as possible.
- As an "Energy City" and arriving to be more green, environment-friendly, from could we invest in a "clean coal" plant to provide our electricity! Without in out from constituent.
- better code enforcement of trash on parkways, provide affordable housing
- Better drinking water. Currently too much residual minerals in the water leaves white film on pots and pans and not good for the coffee maker and not good to drink
- Better water and electricity suppliers.
- City-wide put all power lines/cables underground. Remove old phone line and electric posts that are no longer used. More plantings parallel to Randall Road along the outside areas of parking lots.
- Cleaning up neighbor who love 1 or more autos in single-family residents. Also, good left in driver, etc.
- Different electric utility. More shops & restaurants downtown & parking.
- Down by River, there is extensive power infrastructure. Would be nice if this could be moved away from River Frost. Looks very industrial.
- electrical power grid is somewhat unreliable.
- Extend biking access to include Kane country cougars Stadium (I realize this is in Geneva). Decrease utility costs \$\$\$.
- I LOCAL ORDINANCE ADDRESSING OVERLY LOUD TRUCKS, AUTOS, MOTORCYCLES.
- I WOULD CHANGE/ LOWER COST OF WATER/ SEWER/ ELECTRIC COSTS. TOO HIGH!
- Improve power grid. Improve downtown area amenities to attract more small businesses.
- Improve the quality of the drinking water.
- Increase the quality of the water, add more restaurants and pubs to downtown Batavia-utilize the water front property, add water rentals for the river. Add sidewalks to BOTH sides of the road. Currently live at 936 Woodland Hills Rd. and we do not have a sidewalk or CURB on our

side. Issues with water collecting in front of house/our side of the street, snow plows also ruin grass.

- LESS CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY, MORE RANGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
- Less chlorine in the water.
- LOWER ELECTRIC COSTS!
- Lower electrical rates.
- Lower utility bills.
- MAKE ELECTRIC SERVICE MORE AFFORDABLE & RELIABLE.
- Making private properties more better maintained thru out the neighborhoods.
- Mandatory fines for people leaving their grass cutting in the street. Fining people for leaving their dog poop in other people's yards or sidewalks.
- 1. More reliable power during peak usage. We have done better as of late, so keeping that consistency is essential. 2. Enhancing the downtown commercial/recreational areas with NO increase in taxes. Property taxes are high enough, and they are only get higher. It would be nice for commercial properties to offset residential property taxes and give us in the community a tax drop.
- More windmills!
- Need to have better leadership for electrical services.
- Noise ordinance needs to be updated to ensure residents are not subject to prolonged and continued music which currently is not restricted by current ordinance.
- Patrol peoples yards and loud animals (dogs). Need to be strict on noise and bad looking lawns and houses.
- Provide affordable electric; water; and sewer services. Stop polluting the atmosphere at the coal burning power plant. Make the fast food restaurants clean up the trash their customers dump. Shovel the snow that blocks crosswalks on Randall that impedes the safety of students walking to the High School and workers for the fast food restaurants and stores on Randall.
- Reduce or prohibit open burning in thickly populated areas.
- Reliable electricity.
- Too many vehicles always in driveways- Never in available garages- looks are attractive!
- Utility costs.

### **Community/diversity/specific population needs**

- Add a second middle school on Westside and attract some more fine dining restaurants.
- Affordable senior housing.
- Affordable, easy-to-use, door-to-door transportation thru-out tri-cities for seniors neighborhood support services for seniors.
- Be like downtown Naperville. As a University student, I've noticed a strong lack of diversity in the area, would not want to return after school.
- Deep senior citizens w/ taxes, utilities, etc. So they can remain in their homes.
- Fill commercial vacancies on Randall Road. Provide more senior living units provide more jobs for diverse individuals.
- I believe we need to encourage the "connectivity" between old Batavians & recent residents- He & they- The recent black lives matter Batavia protest brought out issues I as a long time Batavian was unaware existed. Inclusion is imperative!
- I HAVE NOT LIVED IN BATAVIA LONG ENOUGH TO SAY AT THIS TIME. BUT, I WISH THERE WERE CLASSES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS & OTHERS TO LEARN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING RE: i.e. APPLE IPHONE, INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA ETC. FOR FOLKS WITH NO KNOWLEDGE AT ALL... VERY BASIC BEGINNERS UNTIL THEY KNOW ALL.

- I love Batavia!! I grew up in Aurora. We are a white family of 6 and I definitely notice the lack of diversity in our town. My grade school children have literally 1 person of color in their grades (out of 65+ kids) and no teachers of color. And, we were very disappointed when the Rec Center got voted down.
- I would like to see once a month all Batavia Res come together at a park to talk hear music eat made home food and be part of a great community. I LOVE BATAVIA.
- Love to see in nice weather outside by City Hall (once a month) a program for children 1/2-hr.? Our wonderful city personal including fireman & police officer.
- Middle-income one-story housing so the seniors could stay in Batavia after retirement. Add enough parking so that Wilson can be 4 lanes to more traffic through town.
- More appeal for young adults.
- More attention to needs of senior citizens. Voted against rec center because it seemed to free as more of same seniors already available.
- More diversity amongst businesses. We have minorities here, it would be great to have someone helping to fill out application, criteria.
- More senior activities. Senior center with longer house and availability.
- More services & programs for disabled.
- Park District should offer non- exercise services for senior citizens, like same day, chess, bingo.
- Pre-school for everyone & a full-day Kindergarten. Put a round-about at prairie & Wilson, the 4-way Stop is inefficient.
- Preschool or all. This is a service we desperately need!
- Quality, luxury senior housing either in reach style homes, complex or townhomes. Small development, not large complexes. Seniors living in Batavia wanting to downsize & stay in Batavia don't have a lot of quality options. What's happening with moose burnt property?? In terms of development?
- Simple, senior-friendly outdoor swimming pool "(no loud music, water slides, etc.).
- Since you are adding more senior housing- How about some social events geared toward them. Accessible crafting events to buy & sell, gardening. Holiday decorating tips & competitions.
- Social Justice Organization.
- treat all residents fairly. there is a strong 'its who you know' culture in Batavia.
- Upgrade education curriculum especially in writing, U.S. history problem-solving math, economics many students need education, leading to job opportunities after high school. Not all need collage.
- Valur diversity- hire more minorities in positions of leadership. Reduce property taxes. No reason to stay in Batavia once kids are out of the school system.
- You need a diverse police and safety board!

### **Don't know/nothing**

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- Attractive as is.
- Batavia is a beautiful town & I couldn't think of 1 thing to change. We love Batavia.
- Batavia is a very nice & safe place to live & raise a family. I've lived here 22 years & now have remained here in my retirement.
- Been here 5 years and absolutely love it!
- Can't think of anything.
- Don't know.
- Everything is fine.
- Fine as is.

- General updates but don't change the quaintness of Batavia. It has the spreading small town home town feel.
- I have only lived here for 6 months as these questions are hard to answer.
- I have only lived here for a year. I'm still learning my way around. But I enjoy this town.
- I like city of Batavia.
- I love Batavia!
- I love Batavia! Please preserve all the beautiful forest visible area: It makes this place so special.
- I'm still new to the area and learning a lot about it. Nothing I can think of at this point.
- It is very attractive as it is.
- It's fine! Don't let it grow anymore!! Thanks for asking.
- It's great just the way it is.
- It's nice enough were I think.
- Love Batavia as is 1.
- N/A.
- New resident! I like Batavia very much! Beats Chicago any day. TY!
- No change needed.
- No ideas.
- Not sure.
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- Nothing. I like Batavia just the way it is now.
- So far all O.K.
- We love it here!

### Other

- Alderman/woman to be more forthcoming with until information.
- Batavia needs a local news daily newsletter paper or website- communication daily- Magazines good- very little in TV- weather or news ([?] Batavia).
- Create City of Batavia Facebook page and link that to city council meeting minutes, media, news of city departments, etc. If it already exists, publicize it better, since I have not seen it.
- Elected officials should have term limits. Especially the Mayor & Council members.
- Geneva & St. Charles are far superior to us. We need to become at party w/ them or we fall short & get grouped w/ a "Aurora=Negative".
- Hold teachers accountable for the performance of their work. Stop wasteful spending such as private contractors mowing the firehouse grass.
- I love the mayor's involvement in community. Keep visible. It is difficult to become involved if you haven't been here for generations. Give newcomers a chance! I've lived here over 30 years & I'm still treated as a new family.
- KEEP IT SAFE BPD + BFD ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.
- Limit city government to running the city; not building apartments and power plants, respect taxpayers and their money; use referendums.
- LOYALTY DAY
- Make sure you are above regrowth on all decisions. Don't be the one to profit from a decision. Don't be the one to get richer for your decision, remember the little people, don't pick on people who are trying.
- MAKE THIS SURVEY SHORTER!!

- More honesty & responsiveness- including honest surveys.
- More ways to get information out about projects - much of my direct information gathering came from platforms like Nextdoor which alerted me to things that I was not aware of from the information sources noted here
- Nasty people ruining city image on social media city groups. Educate bikers & pedestrians on proper sidewalk trail use. Scary to be a driver in downtown on a nice day!
- New leadership. Mayer has been around too long.
- Note: I am retired & in ill health. Seat know I did not answer questions correctly.
- Online and In-person Town Hall sessions.
- Quit worrying about 2 bars on River St.! So much other and better places to be. Focus too much on River's ease that is disgusting and wouldn't pass on inspection.
- Regarding the above question, it would be helpful to make the upcoming Council agendas more easily accessible without downloading it from the City website. More detail in the minutes as well as agenda would be quite helpful in keeping open communication.
- Re-open the Quarry.
- Require Aldermen to visit with residents inward they are representing.
- SELL LIQUOR BEFORE 9:00 AM LIKE ST. CHARLES. BATAVIA HAS TO REMEMBER ADULTS LIVE IN THIS TOWN TOOL! NOT JUST KIDS, I DO MY GROCERY SHOPPING IN ST. CHARLES BECAUSE OF THE POINT. ALSO, GET RID OF THE MAYOR HE HAS BEEN AROUND TOO LONG!!
- Some of the social media is mean rude and not a good representation of who Batavia is.
- We live in the Holmstadt Retirement. We are not involved in Batavia.
- When I was in the service, we were fighting against the spread of communism. Now young people who don't know sacrifice are trying to force it on us. City governments need to do more to stop it.
- Work harder to institute State employee pension reform and attempt to pressure the school district to cease and desist their out of control spending.
- Can't think of anything