

**Town of Lyons Public Responses
2024 Budget**

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Yelena Hughes	Yes	142 Stone Canyon dr	An inclusive ADA playground, A pool and weight/ exercise room, Sidewalks around the school area		Yes
George Cope	Yes	340 Vasquez Rd	Savings for ballfield lights and additional sport court GoCo matching. Small dog park.	Sidewalk / Streets/stormwater needs a bond. I'd support a tax for paying that back over 10 years or more.	Yes
Greg Lowell	Yes	411 raymond court	The Town needs to budget for a full-time parks "ranger." This uniformed person would have the authority to write tickets and would work on summer weekends. When not patrolling the parks, this person could double as the code compliance officer. This position would prevent having to hire BC Sheriff's deputies for weekend duty and would do away with the private security service currently used in the parks.	Regarding the above question, it is shameful that a town that prides itself on its river and the economic benefit it provides allows untreated stormwater with road salts, automobile oils, fertilizers and dog waste to drain directly into the river during rain events. Treatment swales and holding ponds should be used to dampen the effect of these pollutants. i would support a separate tax that provides for these stormwater improvements.	Yes
Patricia Appelfeller	Yes	427 Stickney Ave	Storm drainage in north old town.	I would like to send you photos/video of the most recent storm and what it looks like on my property when we get these heavy rainstorms. Hopefully this will help in your planning.	Not sure, would need more information
Tanya Mercer-Daty	Yes	623 1st avenue	More money for sidewalks and stormwater improvements More money for affordable housing projects, such as one-bedroom units		Yes
Megan Kram	Yes	211 Welch Dr.	Big question! Thanks for asking. I'm not sure if this is a Town budget item or CDOT or other, but it would be great to see safety improvements asap especially at (1) the crosswalk across Hwy 36 at 2nd Ave. and (2) a slower speed limit going into and out of town because turning out of the gas station is really dangerous. More broadly affordable housing & paving the way for businesses to stay in business and come to town are priorities.	Food for thought - how about providing prompts or options for survey respondents moving forward based on the comp plan? The survey could thus be used as a way to develop priorities for the implementation strategies in the comp plan. For example, a survey could ask respondents to identify the most important 5 (or however many) goals from the Implementation Plan (all the goals would need to be listed) and then for each of the top priority goals, all of the implementation strategies would appear and a respondent would prioritize each using the criteria in the comp plan.	Not sure, would need more information
Sandra Haber	Yes	423 Reese st	Proper storm sewers for Sticky, Seward, Reese, 4th & 5th streets. Plus mitigation, repairs and covering of the un named alley between Reese & Seward and the open air ditch that is deteriorating that runs north south through old town.	I would support a new tax for storm sewers and ditch repair but not for sidewalks.	Yes
Lee Hall	Yes	920 McCall Alley	I have no additional requests or suggestions at this time.		No

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Beth Abbott	Yes	137 Stone Canyon Drive	<p>We live in Stone Canyon. Over the past 2-3 years, we have noticed an increased amount of drivers speeding and running the red light at Stone Canyon/Hwy 66. It's to the point where both my husband and I wait a few extra seconds to cross (either on foot or bike) when we have the signal. We have also had 3 near misses this year in our car when making the left-hand turn from Stone Canyon onto Hwy 66.</p> <p>I have stood at the corner right near Den Rec and have witnessed drivers literally speed up to make the light when they should be slowing down. They have plenty of time and space.</p> <p>I/we realize that some of this behavior is reflective of people's values and attitudes, and that can only change from within. Is there any consideration for a red light camera or increased police patrols near that light? Red light cameras and additional police patrol are likely very costly, but there will be a massive accident there very soon which could be much worse. We would like the Town to consider these options, especially since Lyons and RMNP continue to see an increased amount of visitors.</p>		Yes
Stuart Schnabolk	Yes	355 McConnell Drive	<p>I think we should charge more for parks and rec reservations etc (nothing crazy but 5% more for instance) so the department can break even or make a little bit of money which can go into building out further resources for the community.</p> <p>I feel like the town has two parades in the fall/winter and then a little sparse in the spring/summer. I recognize the concerts but perhaps could we have one or two large events vs lots of small ones?</p> <p>I love when the holiday lights go up - can we keep them up longer - they always make me so excited and proud of the town.</p>	<p>I would love to see more detailed billing on the water/electricity bills (which may need more resources added to it) or perhaps a second page showing how each charge is calculated (fixed vs usage and how its calculated). Right now we just see water used and electricity used but no details on the individual charges on the right on the bill.</p>	Not sure, would need more information
maureen arthur	Yes	127 Longs Peak Dr	<p>More activities for middle school and high school students. a community pool? driving range// More than one tennis court.</p> <p>A cool game type place for older kids etc....</p> <p>better restaurants.</p>	<p>I think a community pool could provide swim lessons, jobs and a meeting spot for tweens , teens and younger kids and families. I think there are still areas available to build?? Why do we almost pay same property taxes as Boulder and have to drive 20 min one way for a pool??</p>	Not sure, would need more information
Danielle Lynn	Yes	423.5 Reese Street	Stormwater improvements please! Curb and gutter and proper stormwater inlets, in neighborhoods north of Main Street.		Yes
Amber Revoir	Yes	107 Noland Ct	<p>Adding a rattlesnake proof fence to the dog park. Dividing the dog park into two sections. Keeping the code compliance officer. Storm drain maintenance (our street has flooded twice this summer because the storm drain clogs). Revitalizing Main Street (old Moxie/Redstone location, fire-damaged area). Fines for folks who don't secure trash or food waste (bear mitigation). Having Bohn Park bathrooms open more often (not just the porta potty by the dog park). Does Crystal need a raise? She does so much for the town and had a GoFundMe because she couldn't pay her bills :(.</p>	<p>Thanks for all you do!!</p>	Yes
Theresa Brighton	Yes	322 Evans St	Improved sidewalks for pedestrian safety and access.		Yes

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Walter Alex	Yes	329 Evans St.	To help generate some revenue for the town's budget, a license and fee should be required for all golf carts using city streets and operators need to have proof of a valid Colorado drivers license and proof of liability insurance. The number of carts using the streets in town has increased dramatically. Most municipalities that allow city street use to golf carts DO charge for a required license or at least an annual fee.		No
Juli Waugh	Yes	1104 4th Ave., Lyons CO 80540	Street, sidewalk and DRAINAGE improvements to old town Lyons - specifically 3rd to 5th Ave. between Main Seward. These improvements were slated prior to the flood, then flood improvements took priority. I recently heard that they were again being delayed for improvements elsewhere in town. Please do not continue to neglect old town! We have serious drainage problems issues causing water damage to our streets and homes. We also have a lack of sidewalks, particularly around the elementary school.	My answer is yes, only if the tax will support improvements in old town as a priority.	Yes
Jim	Yes	806 Mountain View Dr.	Fix upper 2nd and Mountain View Avenues. Upgrade Street Lights to LEDs.	Seems like street / sidewalk improvements have always been an integral part of the general fund and should not require additional taxes given the recent escalation in property and sales taxes. Maybe the focus should be on asking if there is support to absorb budget creep in other areas such as the arts, social welfare, street beautification, economic vitality, etc.	Not sure, would need more information
John Petrey	Yes	1024 4th Ave	Far more money needs to be allocated to undergrounding electric. The current budget allocates \$100k per year which is absurd. Above ground electric is arguably the single biggest risk to a disaster in Lyons, particularly now that Lyons has mitigated flood risk. The budget allocates \$264K for the solar farm which is nice but does nothing to mitigate the risk of a major disaster from above ground electric causing a wildfire. You need to have a 3 to 5 year plan to eliminate all above ground electric, not a token \$100k per year. I realize that would require substantial supplemental funding. You should be aggressively pursuing this including seeking taxpayer support for funding including the issuance of municipal bonds, tax/fee increases, as well as grants. The streets in old town Lyons are in need of major repair. You similarly need to do more to address this.	You question about supporting a tax or fee for more robust street/sidewalk/storm water improvements is a good question, but fails to include undergrounding all above ground electric - arguably the single biggest risk to a disaster in Lyons.	Yes
Kate Schnepel	Yes	721 4th Ave	funds for a second tennis court or a set of dedicated pickleball courts		Not sure, would need more information
Texas Teten	No	1262 Steamboat Valley Td	Pickleball Courts		Not sure, would need more information
Amy Teten	No	1262 Steamboat Valley Road	Pickleball. Courts		Not sure, would need more information
Mystie Brackett	Yes	119 Eagle Canyon Circle, Lyons 80540	Designated Pickleball courts! For the size of a tennis court, 3 Pickleball courts would fit. We have 44 people on our Pickleball roster and routinely fill both courts and then some MWF. for 2 hours. Some folks don't show up anymore due to volume. Thank you!!		Yes

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Gail Frankfort	No	1388 Rowell Drive Lyons, CO 80540	Pickleball has become one of the leading recreational sports in the country. Towns along the Front Range are adding courts. Lyons pickleballers currently share a court with basketball and tennis players. The pickleball group currently numbers 44 members but we have capacity for only 8 at a time. The demand for another court is there now and growing. Please consider allocating funds in the 2024 Budget for another court alongside the current one.		
Susanne Willey	Yes	211 2nd Ave, Lyons, CO 80540	Please consider adding more Pickleball courts. This sport is growing by leaps and bounds and the current court set up (sharing with basketball and tennis) is just no longer sufficient for the number of Lyons folks wanting to play. We have 44 people on our roster now, of all ages, and we add people every week !!		No
Holli Hoskins	Yes	638 2nd Ave	Drainage, sidewalks, paving of 2nd Ave, upper I see street improvements to new neighborhoods. I've been paying taxes since before those streets were even here, I believe. Second Ave is a mess. No improvements have been made in over 30 years.	Did Stone or Eagle Canyons have to pay extra for their street improvements? Now that they have their improvements, I doubt they would be interested in a new tax--until they would be the beneficiaries. Right?	Not sure, would need more information
Bonnie Mann	Yes	532 Prospect Street #4	I live on Prospect Street and HWY7 and when I try to cross the street I noticed how FAST drivers are coming and going on 7. We do have a cross walk although very few cars stop to let us cross the road. Several of my neighbors in the area are worried that either a person, golf cart, dog or deer will get hit because how fast everyone is driving on that road. Can we have one of the crosswalk lights that is like by the Dairy Bar shopping center. I would hate for someone to either get injured or killed before something is done. It's very scary to cross that road		Not sure, would need more information
Mike Karavas	Yes	900 2nd Ave	2nd Ave and 3rd Ave North of Main road and storm drainage replacement. Per your roads study the roads are far beyond their intended replacement and are currently washing away in larger chunks after each rainstorm. You were provided plenty of funds to begin the process of which you spent those dollars on superficial improvements for show. We have critical high pressure water lines under 2nd Ave that can be severely damaged with even a modest road failure. Additional taxes are not needed with the extremely large property tax increased revenues you are receiving.	Immediately get started on the upgrades to the WWTP with the funds that we have now secured and begin plans for the options available for when the WWTP approaches its end of life date. Major fire mitigation by TOL is a must for if we lose the town or even a part of it there will be no sales tax for a minimum of three years if not longer. What do our books look like with 3, 5 or 10 years with a 30%, 50% or 100% loss in sales tax revenues? Property tax loss revenues should be included in that scenario. Stop wasting time and money on frivolous social issues and start spending time on the hard issues of what Lyons will be like 10, 15 & 20 years by dealing with the hard issues if you continue ignoring all parts of our basic infrastructure.	No
Andrea Oetting	Yes	1006 Steamboat Valley Rd	I would love to see money designated for storm water improvements. Our yard gets flooded after storms!!		Yes
Doug Darcey	No	107 county rd 69	Safer streets to school funds. Main Street re-vitalization.		No

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Chastidee Bolkovatz	Yes	308 Seward St.	<p>Please build in funding to fix 2nd and 3rd Avenue from Hwy 36 north. Its absolutely atrocious the state of these streets and its beginning to feel inequitable the attention the north side of Lyons receives.</p> <p>The school zone of Lyons Elementary is on 3rd Avenue and is desperate for safer streets! It is in the mission statement of the TOL to keep our citizens safe and I'd like to see our board make this area of town a major focus of the upcoming budget.</p>	<p>We already pay a storm water fee and surcharge on our utility bill. No more additional taxes until our utilities come down! It's absurd how much we pay for water/sewer and electric.</p>	No
Bonnie Mann	Yes	532 Prospect Street #4	<p>. I was walking at Bohn Park and a lady had trash in her hand. She was looking for a bin to put the recycle trash in. I told her it's one of the bins in the triple trash/recycle bins. She said she couldn't read which one was recycle because the writing had faded so much.</p> <p>Here is a picture of one of the bins and most look like this one and need the letters darken so people can read them. Maybe they might throw away their trash instead of leaving it all over the park.</p> <p>Just a thought..</p> <p>Bonnie Mann</p> <p>Tried to share picture of what I'm talking about and it won't paste</p>	<p>Also, I live on prospect street and 7. The cars fly up 7 and down 7 and to cross the street to get to the park is scary at times. If a police car could park at the corner or a flashing cross lights so no one gets killed, a golf cart hit, or even a deer I would hate that something bad would happen for something to be done. Please!!</p>	Not sure, would need more information
Mark Browning	Yes	633 1st Ave	<p>1. Fix 2nd Avenue.</p> <p>2. I'd like not only see the BOT include in the 2024 budget a drainage study for 2nd Ave, I'd also like to see the drainage study actually get done. This was budgeted for by the BOT in 2022 and 2023. Why hasn't it been done, since two separate Board of Trustees budgeted for it?</p>		Yes
Ellie Graeden	Yes	645 1st Ave	<p>Drainage and replacing with added sidewalks for 2nd avenue. Sidewalks extended in all directions from the elementary school for safety</p>		Yes
Steve Wratten	Yes	PO Box 553	<p>Make and begin to fund plan to repave 2nd Ave, including the needed drainage improvements, sidewalks, etc.</p> <p>I suggest that once the water loan is fully repaid (2024?), most of the \$29.10 water base fee need not be collected into the water fund any longer. You should create a street repair utility, and redirect the ca. \$28 (guesstimate) monthly into that street repair utility. By creating a utility and designating through ordinance a set dollar amount from each household monthly, we will have a growing capital pool for street repairs that has a defined purpose and cannot be redirected for other uses.</p> <p>And put 2nd Ave at the top of the list please. It's really an embarrassing mess. How can we have an array of million dollar homes that are accessed by a street in such disrepair that it wouldn't pass for an alley in most municipalities.</p>		Yes
Lisa Corwin	Yes	649 1st Ave	<p>I would like to see 2nd avenue fixed. The deterioration of the road is becoming dangerous for residents who walk down the road (excess gravel is a hazard causing falls for walkers runners and bikers) and also for cars that park far into the street blocking traffic when the road is eroded after storms.</p>	<p>The sidewalks and road conditions are a serious safety concern for children in Lyons. I would also support addition of another stoplight at the bottom of 2nd Ave.</p>	Yes

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Ann Obenchain	Yes	639 1st Avenue	Please do something to fix 2nd ave. It's severely degraded and continues to deteriorate with every rain storm. The fill the town keeps shoveling into the holes runs off after each storm. In July after one of the big rainstorms, the runoff debris at the bottom of 2nd by Mojos was so thick, I could barely drive through/over it. Thank you for your attention to a growing town hazard!		Yes
Susan Vargo	Yes	627 1st Avenue	Please repair 2nd Avenue--it is a mess and needs to be resurfaced.		Not sure, would need more information
Erin Michelle Besen	Yes	625 1st Ave	Fix the roads north of main including 2nd Ave!!!! They are terrible and quite unsafe for residents and elementary school kids!		Not sure, would need more information
Jonathan Matthew Schimek	Yes	622 Overlook drive	Can we get some sort of concrete reinforced piping along 2nd so the blacktop doesn't wash away every rain-storm or so ICE doesn't collect at the bottom of a hill such that my car will slide onto 36. Similarly a crosswalk near the elementary (sidewalks?) seems appropriate. The intersections of 3rd and Stickney and 3rd and high are sorta crazy and blind for drivers and students... especially with rain/snow. Finally lets get lights on those ball fields. The adult league is awesome but makes scheduling field time tricky.. I believe they would prefer a later start time to accommodate work, which would open up time for kids leagues.	Thanks for all the hard work and effort. Really appreciate the concert series and thoughtful effort that keeps this town running.	Yes
Laurie Miller	No	1701 Rowell Drive	Repainting of pickleball court striping in current court and new courts. The need and popularity is only going to increase over the next years. Today, we have a consistent group of people joining and it's growing daily.		Yes
Taj schimek	Yes	622 Overlook Dr	Please please consider 2nd ave as a serious issue and consider a safer way for children to access the town! Let's make Lyons town a safer place to live!!		Yes
Dawn Weller	Yes	212 welch drive	Welch Drive is very nicely paved this summer. The street is used by residents, kids walking to and from school, parents attending sporting events, and people from all over the county visiting the dog park. Unfortunately many drive too fast for a residential area. there are many young children, bicyclists, pets, etc. on the street also. After discussing with several of my neighbors I am requesting that the Town install some seasonal speed bumps in one or two places on the street. This would slow drivers down and make the street and neighborhood safer for all of us.		Yes

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Kathleen Spring	No		<p>Good Old Days. == We were told that nothing was in the budget last year because no one asked for it, not because "the town" was against it. == I realize that it would be bigger and better if we could find a leader or co-chairs, BUT it would be helpful if the Town Recreation Dept. was part of it, and planned at least a "children's zone" with rides or bouncy gyms, and vendors or tents could fill in the rest of the park area (either Bohn Park or elementary school playground). Other nonprofits like LEAF could have tents.== The Museum will have its own traditional event with historical information, awards, and hosting alumni, and called it "History Day" in 2023; but could change it back, if there is a town-wide event. == I've asked the recreation people if they could move the Artisan Fair back to the last full week of June, so it will be on the same traditional day, as the old decades long art/craft fairs were that accompanied Good Old Days. == There use to be a staff person (Marissa ...and Dave) who was dedicated to planning the event, along with staff from the museum. == a live band on High St. for dancing and a bar (to bring in money) would bring people out at night to mingle (either by Moxie's or in front of the elementary school; but the school may not allow alcohol, or on the shelter in Bohn Park, after the kids program and/or art show -- or have the kids zone and music at Sandstone Park). I bet you could sell some booths there, like food trucks, and t-shirts. == I put a post on Lyons Happenings, and all the comments showed support for the event (and good memories). ==I could set up a Volunteer page on Facebook, but could not run the event, as I already work 50 hr/week. But could help with brainstorming, and a little with publicity. I use to promote the old festival to the local Front Range newspapers.== the Chamber showed some interest about 2 years ago of helping to bring it back in 2023, but they had some changes in the administration and that didn't happen; but we could try again to get them to work on it; it would be a good publicity benefit for their members (as they need more members).</p>	<p>in conclusion, please put Good Old Days 2024 as a "line item" in the budget, and discuss it at the meeting (before and after). == this started 47 years ago.</p>	Yes